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August--September

LOOK! THIS IS WHAT WE  
ARE COOKING UP FOR  
FUTURE "OPEN HOUSE"  
PROGRAMS!

(Thursdays, 8:30 P.M.)



August 3--A report from  
our first extended trip,  
the canoeing group who  
braved the waters of Al-  
gonquin State Park. The trip-lead-  
er will show slides and discuss  
the success of the expedition.

August 10--Back from his Colorado  
vacation, Hugh Gilmour will lead  
the folk dancing, reviewing the  
new dances learned last month and  
highlighting a new one.

August 17--Pamela Jewitt draws on  
her vast collection of slides to  
show us "Hosteling in Tasmania and  
Australia." Mention of Nepal for  
a later showing.

August 24--Coffee hour, hot or iced,  
depending on the temperature, sets  
the conversation going. Headed  
back to school? Got a new job?  
Want to stay in shape? Talk up a  
trip!

August 31--Winifred Roensch takes  
us to England and Sweden via the  
slide projector. Sail vicariously  
down the Thames, and up the Klar  
Elf.

Back from your vacation with a box  
of slides? Arrange a program, you

# PITTSBURGH COUNCIL SALUTES BETTY BIERER

Many will say that it's about time that  
we got around to saluting Betty Bierer,  
one of our veteran members, and now say-  
ing farewell to the Pittsburgh area.

Betty, former president of the Pittsburgh  
Council for three terms and present sec-  
retary to the National Council, has hiked,  
cycled, canoed, skied, climbed, crawled  
with the best of them and stayed out in  
front.

Betty has said farewell to her teaching  
position at Reserve Township to take an-  
other at Silver Springs, Maryland. Ironi-  
cally, she recently purchased a pair of  
snowshoes for an area where she may not  
encounter snow.

During World War II she served in the  
U.S. Wayes, repairing airplanes in Hawaii.  
Since then she has traveled all over the  
United States and Europe. Two years ago  
she visited Spain and Switzerland on a  
Krick Scholarship, taking a course in  
mountain climbing during that session.  
Last year she attended the International  
Rally in France.

An enthusiastic hiker, she walked from  
Oakland to Troy Hill daily during the  
street car strike, carrying a bag of cream  
puffs to tide her over until dinner.

Her friendliness has never played second  
to her stamina, as those who know her can  
testify. Already we are at work, planning  
a weekend to her new quarters at Christmas  
time. That traditional cookie feast cannot

*Post Office Center*  
*head level Fifth Grade*  
*exhibited*



Scorekeeper:

Hugh Gilmour

# CHARI- VARI

The summer months have brought out a rash of old faces, (and in some cases, a face of rashes)... Open-house programs have been jam-packed, and the Monday night cycle sessions on two occasions boasted eighteen cyclists. Many of us are threatening to leave town; others are arriving; many are just apathetic.

"Fled the country"--Our membership chairman, Lolly Sandeval, is off to Europe on a national six-week trip. Ellen Cook is studying oriental art at the University of Tokyo.

"Packing their satchels"--Dick Lohmeyer will be yawling around Cape Cod with Ramona and Armand Panson. Sally Hutton, a school counselor at Monroeville schools will recuperate on the sands of Miami Beach. Dick Friday and his brother will cycle in New England. Jim Barnwell also plans a pedaling vacation, but in the vicinity of Lake Erie. Susan Weeber, a rather earthy individual "may" be studying earth science at Oklahoma State. Blaine Steele may answer the call of Uncle Sam for a two-week stay at some out-of-the-way army camp.

"Just back..or almost"--Clara Herron spent a week camping at Keystone State Park with Bud Horne and his family. Jessica Matoka is back in Pittsburgh after a year of teaching with the U.S. Army at Munich, Germany. She returns in August for another year. John Clayton is still reminiscing about his Mardi Gras vacation in New Orleans. Betty Bierer hiked back into town after leading the extended trip on the C. & O. Canal, and then flew off to Nova Scotia with Liz Saffer.

"Miscellany"--Billie And Don Woodland announce a new addition to their family pass, Winifred (6lbs, 3 oz.), who hosted in on May 22. Myron Marks, now selling real estate, is taking a summer course in physics at Duquesne University. Pat Vaughan is quite pleased at making advanced placement in history and English in her senior year at high school. Danny Paransky has declined to give her any assistance. Abbie Geertz has resigned her position to devote her time to being Suburban housewife of the year! George Hughes is teaching a course in contemplative relaxation to anyone interested...address unknown. Lois Ann Wagner, now working in Cleveland, wants to sell her bike. If interested, get in touch with Fred Mauk. Mavis Walker has proven that you can ride a bike while wearing a sheath dress.

"Recipe of the month"--Pamela Jewett and Janet Brady, two new versatile members, offer directions for Mustgo. On the day before you defrost the refrigerator, everything must go! Someone has questioned the source of our "flag"...the Golden Triangle at the top of page 1. Diane Dimon designed it for the December issue of 1956.

And now we are off to brave the wilds of Colorado on what is going to be the best "durn" camping trip ever!



# **TRIP FEES AND RENTAL RATES** (effective May 1, 1961)

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>		
Regular trips -- per day	\$ .25	\$ .40
Extended trips -- per week	2.50	not eligible
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
Medical -- per day	.10	.10
(Minimum total of \$1.00 per trip)		
<b>HOSTEL FEES -- per night</b>		
Bittering Hostel	1.00	not eligible
Brockhurst "	1.00	"
Chestnut Ridge Camp	1.00	"
<b>RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT</b>		
<u>Bicycle Trailer</u> -- per day(per person)	.25	.25
-- per week	1.00	not eligible
<b>Canoes -- per day(per canoe)</b>		
quiet water trips	2.50	3.00
White-water trips	3.50	3.50
-- per week	10.00	not eligible
<b>Bicycles -- per day</b>	1.50	2.00
-- per week	7.00	not eligible
--Monday evening rides	1.00	1.00
(before Daylight Saving)	.50	.50

## **DAMAGE AND LOSS OF AYH PROPERTY**

On scheduled trips, the person responsible for damaging a canoe or bike must arrange for its repair and pay 25% of the cost of repair; or the full cost of repair if the damage is caused by gross negligence.

On private trips, the person responsible must pay the TOTAL cost of repair.

FULL PRICE must be paid for lost paddles, life jackets, etc.

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

Fee to AYH: One quarter of a cent per mile per person, up to 100 miles (or max. of 25¢). This is not charged on extended trips.

Fee to Drivers: One cent per mile per person, or sufficient to provide at least five cents per mile total for cars carrying trailers or canoes.

## **LEADER'S FEE:**

The Leader's expenses, MINUS the registration fee, divided by the other members of the group.

## **EMERGENCY FUND:**

An amount sufficient to cover accidents or breakdowns; to be refunded at the end of the trip, if not used.



Mile 200, Alaska Highway  
Trutch, B.C., Canada  
April-May

The former Jimmi (Johanna) Mead, past member of AYH and folk singer-dancer, has been homesteading for about two years in western Canada with her husband. She writes:

"(To warm the earth in our cold.... frame)...we buried an old stove on its side at one end, running the pipe along the rear and out the other end. This reduced the planting area considerably, and presented the possibility that the plants far from it wouldn't be warmed and those too close prematurely cooked. Things are already peeping tentatively thru the ground.....The really annoying thing is that we have to get up in the middle of the night to feed the fire, a disruption of our usual habits that makes it hard to get up in the morning (try getting up at 3:30, dressing after a fashion, going out into between 25 and 30 degrees, lighting a fire, and then going to sleep with the light of dawn only a little more than an hour away) The cold frame was later written off as a learning experience.....

It is amazing how perceptive one's senses become in this kind of place--especially the sense of hearing. There is the constant roar of water, the crackling of the stove, the whistling of the wind-charger.....yet let a bird cry out, let something move thru the nearby bush, and one of us looks up questioningly, the sound not really heard but rather sensed.....

One afternoon we heard voices. And lo! there on the island in the middle of the creek and not even looking wet, were two Indian boys about our own age! We all 4 danced, jumped and shouted and grinned in mutual delight at discovering each other.....They'd been working on the micro-wave installation and were home for Easter vacation.

...Eric's been working on the guns, putting on good sights and

refinishing the Enfield...we'll probably get in some shooting practice before the bears are expected---about the beginning of May. Bears will be the best game till fall (besides fish and rabbit) because they are considered a sort of pest; there is no bag limit.....This sort of life, with the necessity of procuring one's own meat, doesn't result in a hardened attitude toward life at all. The little killing we do being necessary, isn't a matter for squeamishness, but that duck, rabbit, the fish--all seem marvelously beautiful and delightfully formed, and it would take a hard heart indeed to live in all this and remain a wanton killer, or even to kill more than is necessary for the table.

.....Have just completed a new banjo case---something I've always wanted. It's out of the half a caribou hide that was given to us. Used it raw, with fur on, so it is thick, bouncy, and water-shedding. Sewed it onto the canvas case I'd been using, since some of the leather isn't too strong by itself. Looks most impressive-various shades of white, gray and brown. As Eric noted, it would make quite a splash in NYC.

...I suddenly realized one day the enormous, but subtle difference between living here and in the town or city and working. In the usual routine of life, existence is punctuated by a series of highlights--a good time over the weekend a some-day improvement in status, etc. Always one is living for some purpose; now is not so good as some later moment will be. But here, one day is as good as the next. Nothing needs to be looked forward to or longed for---what is wonderful is here already, every day. Even if something goes wrong it is fun. There's no boredom, no mediocrity; time doesn't need to be made to pass. Before we came here, it seemed logical and fitting to ask occasionally what the purpose of life was, or of living. But here it is plain that life or living doesn't need to justify itself with a purpose. Life IS, and it is good.....





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Out for a WHALE of a good  
 time, the following people have  
 bought  
 passes!



-Jeff Buckwalter -Mavis Walker  
 -Tom Bryson -Don Davies  
 -Hiromi Niki -Joyce Koplos  
 -Janet Brady -Paul Friday  
 -Walser Daub -Joan Heike  
 -Eileen Hagan -Pamela Jewett  
 -Gerald Hagan  
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 -Martin Bailyn  
 -Jessica Matoka  
 -Helen and Bill Kavalkovich  
 -Jane Goodman and son  
 -Fred Freunthal and family  
 -Miller and family

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Dear fellow hosteler:

In June you were mailed the new six  
 page AYH newsletter published by Na-  
 tional AYH. It presented our National  
 plans to expand AYH program and services.  
 The National goals outlined include our  
 own local council plans. AYH Councils  
 across the country have joined the 1961  
 National Finance Campaign and will bene-  
 fit directly from it.

Needless to say I am firmly behind this  
 campaign and urge each hosteler in our  
 area to contribute and to give AYH at  
 this time the support it needs to meet  
 our goals for 1961 and the next five  
 years. The National contribution goal  
 is \$67,500, of which \$40,000 is for  
 hostels, \$10,000 is for regional work,  
 with \$10,000 for a program to bring  
 hostellers to the U.S.A., and \$12,500 for  
 for National operations. Our Council's  
 quota is \$1,000.

Will you please join me in sending your  
 check to National Headquarters. Make  
 your check payable to American Youth  
 Hostels, Inc., and mark your council's  
 name in the upper left hand corner.

Thanks a million!

Sincerely,

Lloyd Geertz  
 President  
 Pittsburgh Council

(clip and send)

National Headquarters,  
 American Youth Hostels, Inc.,  
 14 West 8th Street, New York 11, New York

As an AYH passholder, I wish to do my part in promoting a richer, fuller  
 existence for us all. The hosteling way is unique in its benefits, and  
 I should like to help to best of my limited ability.

I am enclosing a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_, which will indirectly come back to  
 me in services offered to me. It is the best investment I can make.

signed \_\_\_\_\_, Pittsburgh Council

# BIKE INSPECTION CHART!

**SADDLE:** Adjust to body and tighten all nuts.

**HANDLE GRIPS:** replace when worn; cement them on.

**LIGHT:** should be visible for 500 ft.

**FORK BEARINGS:** Keep lubricated.

**SPOKES:** replace broken ones promptly.

**TIRES:** Inflate to correct air pressure. Remove imbedded metal, glass, cinders, etc.

**REFLECTOR:** Must be visible for 300 ft.

**PEDALS:** lubricate and tighten pedal bearings and spindle. Replace worn pedal treads.

**CHAIN:** Check for damaged links. Secure snug fit. Clean and lubricate frequently.

**CRANK HANGER:** Keep clean and greased. If it wobbles have serviceman make adjustments.

**WHEELS:** Eliminate wobble. Tighten wheel nuts and oil bearings.

**TIRE VALVE:** inspect frequently for leaks.

**BRAKES:** replace loose ones immediately.

**HANDLE BARS:** Adjust to body. Tighten and keep stem well down in fork.

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## ANOTHER EXTENDED CANOEING TRIP PLANNED

## ANNUAL AYH REUNION COMING UP

A few spots remain on this year's second extended canoe trip into Algonquin Provincial Park. This trip will be taken into the best area of the park for fishing; and will be a warm-up for a three to four week expert canoe trip next year, which will include one week of "white water" canoeing. Only intermediate and experienced canoeists will be accepted. Approximate cost \$30.00, plus transportation. Leader Edward Coleman MU 2-9786

The Thursday night open house programs have been so crowded that we are in need of more chairs. Anyone possessing a chair or two that you might have thought to give to Goodwill Industries, your Aunt Minnie, etc., can do us and yourself a good turn by donating it to AYH. You may need the seat yourself some evening if you arrive late.

National announces the summer AYH reunion to be held at Bantam Lake Youth Hostel, the weekend of August 25-27. The cost of \$9.75 includes two overnights and five meals.

The program will include nature hikes with Gordon Loery, Conservation Director at the White Foundation, dancing, swimming, canoeing and a presentation of national awards. The traditional Saturday night slide show, composed of the ten best slides from each council, will be shown.

You can make reservations by writing directly to: Mr. & Mrs. William Nelson Bantam Lake Youth Hostel, Lakeside, Conn. The telephone number is Litchfield-Jordan 7-9258.



# TRIPS-TRAILS

## Saturday, August 5

Weekend at Brockhurst Hostel near Donegal on Laurel Mt. Cycle and go sight-seeing in Ligonier Valley or hike on the ridge. Bring swimsuit, sleeping bag or sheet sack, AYH pass, mess gear and about \$5.00. Depart at 8 AM. Reserve in advance with Pam Jewett MU 1-3351

## Saturday, August 5

Canoe, swim and relax on Slippery Rock Creek above McConnells Mill, followed by a cook-out on the rocks. Load canoes at 9 AM, bring lunch and about \$3.50. Led by Ed Coleman MU 2-9786. Canoe instruction if desired.

## Sunday, August 6

Hike on Laurel Mt. to Kooser Fire Tower depart at 8 AM with lunch and about \$2.00. Led by Ben Dell, EM 2-0953.

## Saturday, August 12

Two-day cycle trip into Eastern Ohio, led by Margaret Bark PO 1-4475.

## Sunday, August 13

Hike North of McConnells Mill followed by swimming in a newly-discovered spot on the creek. Leave 9 AM with swim suit, lunch and about \$1.50. Led by Marie Garrett MO 1-9192.

## Friday, August 18 to Sunday, August 20

Weekend campout on South Bass Island in Lake Erie (west of Sandusky) jointly with the Columbus and Detroit Councils of the AYH. Canoeing, swimming, cycling and sightseeing in the Ohio grape country. Depart at 7 PM on the 18th with about \$10.00. Reserve in advance with Winifred Roensch EM 2-5533.

## Friday, August 18 to Sunday, August 20

Weekend shakedown trip for the Canadian canoe trip (Aug 26-Sept 4) camping, swimming, canoeing, hiking, portages, campfire cooking, baking. Bring camping equipment, about \$9.00 and load canoes at 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome. Leader: Ed Coleman, MU 2-9786

## Saturday, August 19

Cycle or hike from Murrysville to Bushy Run followed by campfire and a delicious vegetarian dinner, especially prepared by Victor Sorokin. Depart at 9:30 AM with about \$1.75.

## Saturday, August 26

Weekend at Bittering Hostel near Deep Creek, Maryland. Cycle or hike and swim. See the summer theater or county fair. Leave Friday evening or Saturday morning 8 AM with \$7.00, sheet sack AYH pass and mess gear. Reserve in advance with Fred Freuthal JA 1-5765

## Sunday, August 27

Hike near Ohiopyle from Sugar Loaf Firetower to Ramcat Hollow. Depart 8 AM with lunch and about \$2.00. Led by Bill Guth PE 1-2505