



Men and women of all ages enjoyed the June 21-27 adventure in celebration of the "Year of the Yough."

smaller sections of the river "a long time ago," said one member of the party struck a pier at the Smithton Bridge putting a small dent in the canoe, but otherwise the trip was "going well."

Among the excursionists were former Rostraver Township resident Angus Hamilton and his 9-year-old granddaughter, Sharee Hamilton of Chambersburg. It was a first-time experience for Sharee, one of the youngest members, who enjoyed the boating but wasn't permitted to tackle rafting the white-water at Confluence. According to grandpap, Sharee pulled her weight in the water by doing her share of the rowing.

It was also a first-time adventure for Hunter, a 4-month-old weimaraner whose "family" mem-

accordian, entertained the travelers camping out at the firemen's fairgrounds.

Jack Cusick, a member of the Regional Trail Corporation and the Westmoreland-Yough Trail Chapter, said the final leg of the journey from Boston to McKeesport was canceled due to severe thunderstorms, but sojourners found other means of transportation to arrive at their final destination, where they enjoyed Dixieland Band at the Palisades in McKeesport.

The Youghiogheny Sojourn was the eighth river trip sponsored by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resource and the first coordinated by the Regional Trail Corporation. The DCNR named the Youghiogheny River the "1998 River of the Year."