

## 1975 HISTORICAL TOUR

THE Ohio River was the scene of the Historical Society's forty-sixth annual summer boat trip. A sudden thundershower drenched members and guests as they boarded the *Gateway Party Liner* at Three Rivers Stadium shortly after 4:00 P.M., July 24. The boat, hampered only slightly by a lost propeller, backed away from the wharf and began the journey down the Ohio. Three hundred passengers listened attentively while Director Joe Smith described points of historical interest along the way. Old Allegheny, the magnificent West End Bridge, Brunot Island, McKees Rocks, Bellevue, Avalon, and Ben Avon slid by as the vessel neared the Emsworth Locks and Dam. Intermittent rain dampened those who remained on deck to watch the fascinating process of "locking through," after which everyone settled down to a delicious dinner served buffet style.

Emerging from the locks, the *Party Liner* continued beyond Neville Island and the Dravo Corporation's shipyards. Glenfield, Haysville, and Sewickley successively came into view until the boat turned to head back upriver at the Sewickley Bridge. A band provided entertainment on the return trip, but the main attraction for sightseers was a beautiful twilight view of the Golden Triangle and Point Fountain. A full vista of the city unfolded on the short jaunt up the Allegheny to the Highland Park Bridge. Lightning illuminated the skies to the northwest when the *Party Liner* docked at Three Rivers Stadium around 10:00 P.M. The happy crowd disembarked for more conventional land-bound transportation, well satisfied at the conclusion of another successful river tour.