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HIGHLIGHTS FROM PITTSBURGH COUNCIL'S SIXTH ANNUAL A.Y.H. BANQUET, February 18, 1954 at Penn-Shady Hotel in East Liberty:

---Having tried for the last few years to feed Gilbert Love of the Pittsburgh Press, we were finally able to entice the man to our banquet. (Liz, Mistress of Ceremonies, by-the-way'd that he'd always written such nice letters of refusal, it was a pleasure to be turned down by him.) He asked for help in his pet project of beautifying the city's hillsides with rock gardens.

---Among the 44 Hostellers-in-Disguise sat Mr. Kneeland of our Exec. Adv. Board. He never missed the big feed.

---Chief Hosteler-husteler, Betty Bierer kept her everready passbook within easy reach. She proved her facility with the thing by quoting membership figures of 178 passholders signed up for 1954. It was 164 last year.

---"You'll be delighted to know I approve of your Baker Trail. Some day I'm going to hike it, too" said George Swetnam our guest speaker. "But, I hope, by gosh! I never start out together with Gil Love. Because about the time we thought we were heading for Cook Forest, we'd probably wind up in Wheeling."

Then came the hilarious account of how they had landed at the Penn-Lincoln Hotel, Wilkesburg instead of the Penn-Shady.....where we waited for half an hour till they "came dashing back in the spirit of the immortal Damon Phinney," to broiled, young, Maryland chicken and us, hungry Hostellers.

---"History and Legends of the Baker Trail Region"....that was the subject of George Swetnam's main speech....entertainingly presented, complete with folk songs..... fine finish to a matchless evening!

Yodel
PROGRAMME

"La Puce," Puppet Show - Mar. 4
"Where Do You Think You're - Mar. 11
Going?"- Extended Trips
Legislative Routes - Mar. 18
-Fred Freuthal
Stu Reynolds - Mar. 25



NO!!! You Don't Have to Know How to YODEL.

Eight lessons and a bit of practice are all you need to be eligible for joining our mountain climbing experts. Classes started on Tuesday, February 23; they will continue every other week.... Join 'em. It's not too late. Cost, \$5.

If he were alive today, Henry Thoreau would probably be the holder of an A.Y.H. pass. Here's what he says in his essay on 'Walking':

"When, sometimes, I am reminded that the mechanics and shop-keepers stay inside, not only all the forenoon but all the afternoon too, sitting with crossed legs, so many of them.....as if the legs were made to sit upon and not stand or walk upon.....I think that they deserve some credit for not having all committed suicide long ago.

"I confess that I am astonished by the endurance, to say nothing of the moral insensibilities of my neighbors who confine themselves to shops and office the whole day, for weeks and months, aye, for years almost together. I wonder of what matter of stuff they are made."

WE TRIED TO SQUEEZ IN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE-

but find four pages not enough for all the stuff that could have been included.....The next issue, for April and May, will contain the usual 8 pages.

How come?.....On account of Christmas, of course!

(You know....holiday hustle, choking of the mails, editors too busy writing greeting cards, hostellers too busy reading greeting cards to notice the Golden Triangle.) So, juggling the schedule will bring the last issue to you on December 1....Okay?



"Why do farmers paint their barns red? Is there some practical reason, or is it just tradition?..... Anybody know?

(Some sneaking scribe surreptitiously scribbled in this smart sally while our backs were turned: ...Because when their chores are all done, they 'get out of the red'.)

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WHOO-DO

this guy remind you of?.....

"Well, hello there! come on in and join the conversation...." many a time and oft cries the mystery man. Smiles and laughter usually wreath his face, but he also has a serious side that makes him an interesting conversationalist.

The project he sweated over last summer, working or 'wasting' at Westinghouse,-- may be a revolutionary type of new jet fuel. Only time will tell whether Pgn. A.Y.H. has a Nobel Prize Winner within its ranks.

Mr. X is a widely traveled hosteler..... Last year he journeyed to sunny Florida and had a wonderful time drinking in the scenery. No 'square'.....but he does go for the downtown Y's Friday Square dance. (See last page for the guy who...)

1. 35 MM SLIDES

Wanted: Donations of new or used slides of any hosteling trip. Needed to complete slide library for Speaker's Bureau. Contact Bill Comensky, Pl. 1-0260.

2. SWAPS

Anxious owner of one small hammer will swap with anxious owner of two pairs of pliers for tools lost in shuffle of Dapper Dan Show preparations. Call Roger Protas, Mu. 3-1893.



The Poxg Bush

--It's so nice to have new people along on hikes. Bill and Ann Henry and Jan Poland came on Fran's Aspinwall Trip (they're some of the friends we made at the Dapper Dan Show). Ben Dell is another one we'd like to see more of (hosteled in New Jersey, now lives in New Kensington.)

---Montefiore is Ronny Anatole's middle name... that's what he gets for being the first baby born in that hospital.

---What a disappointment no garbage disposal unit in the cabins at Oglebay. We did have a few luxuries though, Simmons beds, hot water showers, gas furnace and electric refrigerator.

---We hike, regardless of weather conditions. But does the weatherman cooperate with us?.....No snow for a ski week-end!

---Liz is one of our most feminine hostelers and this confuses her mother. One day it's blue jeans, etc., the next it's a black velvet suit for the Banquet..... She didn't get out of the house with her exotic earrings.....her mother thought them too extreme.

---Marjorie finally was rewarded for her long hours of study.....it's now Doctor Collins.

Save your I.H.O.-O-GRAN'S....the ones that came national in the mail....
/from

Betty Bierer can use any extras, in case you're not renewing your pass right now.

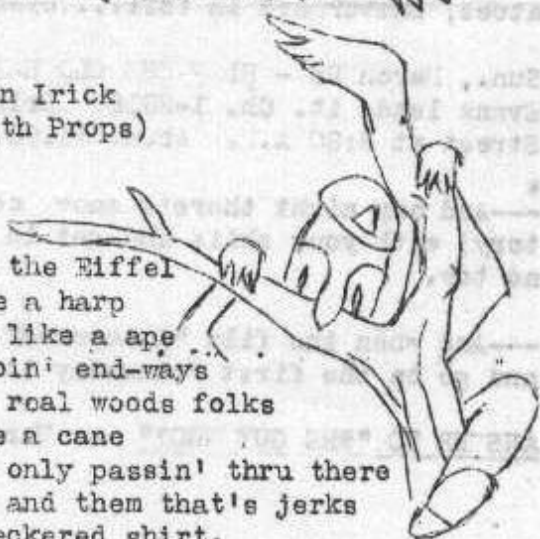
The Driftwood Saga

-----by Lynn Irick

.....or.....I Posed For Bruce For My Pass Picture (With Props)

Which was you?

Them as holds it like a rifle, them as leans it like the Eiffel
Them as hangs hard to the bark, them as plays it like a harp
Them as holds it while they sleep, them as climbs it like a ape
Them as likes it goin' side-ways, them as likes it goin' end-ways
Them as chins and them as chokes, them as looks like real woods folks
Them as spreads out like a crane, them as use it like a cane
Them as looks like they just grew there, them that's only passin' thru there
Them as smiles and them as smirks, them that's gents and them that's jerks
Them as glare and them as flirt with cameraman in checkered shirt.



L I O N -ish or L A M B - ish
whatever March is.....

We hold all tries
regardless of
weather!



---All costs are approximate. Bi-Weekly postal cards to members give final details.

Sat., Sun., March 6 and 7 - WEEKEND PACK TRIP IN ZELINOPLE AREA. Preparation for coming summer pack trips. Bring camping equipment. Meet at 326 N. Neville St. to leave at 5 A.M. Saturday, return early Sunday. Reserve by March 2 with Betty Bierer. Call her on Ma. 1-3741.

Sun., March 7. ALL DAY SKI TRIP TO LAUREL MOUNTAIN. Check weather conditions Saturday night, be ready to leave from headquarters at 7 A.M. Bring lunch. Cost about \$2.00 plus slope charge. June Merritt, Mu. 1-2893. Back home in time to take in French movie at "Y."

Sun., March 14. Remember Bob Chemis's talk on evergreens just before Christmas? Well, meet him at the Nature Museum in Schenley Park at 1:00 P.M. and we'll EXPLORE THE AREA FOR THE SIGNS OF SPRING. Even if you've spent half your life in the park, it'll look entirely new when Bob points out the sights. And we'll end with a bang-up cook out. Bring eating equipment and 65¢. Reserve with June Merritt, Mu. 1-2893. We can square dance at A.Y.H. that evening, too.

Wednesday, March 17. Gloria Fisher (Ma. 1-3741) will be waiting at Forbes and Braddock at 6:50 P.M. (64 or 67 cars from downtown about 40 min.) HIKE THRU TRICK PARK and back to headquarters for square dancing.

Sat., March 20 - LET'S GO SKIING WHEREVER THERE'S SNOW. Bring lunch and equipment to A.Y.H. H.Q. at 7:00 A.M. Cost around \$2.00. June Merritt, Mu. 1-2893.

Sun., March 21 - LUNCH WITH LIZ AT BAKER TRAIL SHELTER and hike to next site. Call Elizabeth Saffer at Ch. 1-0382.

Fri., March 26 - BRADDOCK HILLS NIGHT HIKE. Bring your own roastables (wieners, potatoes, hamburgers in foil....even steak, Honeychile) and we'll supply the coffee.

Sun., March 28 - HIKE THE OLD HARMONY RIGHT-OF-WAY, Wexford to Keown Station. Nancy Evans leads it. Ch. 1-2916. Bring lunch and meet at Harmony Short Line Depot. Tenth Street at 8:00 A.M. About \$4.00.

---And any night there's snow, come to Flagstaff Hill (between Tech and the Conservatory) with your skis and get in some practice and have fun doing it the hard way.... no tow.

---And when the film "Annapurna" comes to the local theater, we'll round up a party and go on the first Wednesday it shows.

ANSWER TO "THE GUY WHO?" - Warren Young (Personality Sketch by Tom Bryson)