

THE PITTSBURGH COUNCIL.....

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GOLDEN TRIANGLE

January 1963

6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

OPEN HOUSE programs:



January, the start of the New Year is the time for resolution. Why not resolve to attend the Thursday night meetings? "It's so cold," you say? Remember, January is the time for thaw! The canvas curtain has been hung and the stoves work. This should add up to warmth with enjoyment.

January 3 What better way to start the New Year than by dancing? Hugh Gilmour has the perfect way to keep everyone warm!

January 10 Hosteling in other nations is of interest to all. "Hosteling in Poland", a land noted for musicians, will be the subject of Margaret Bark's slides.

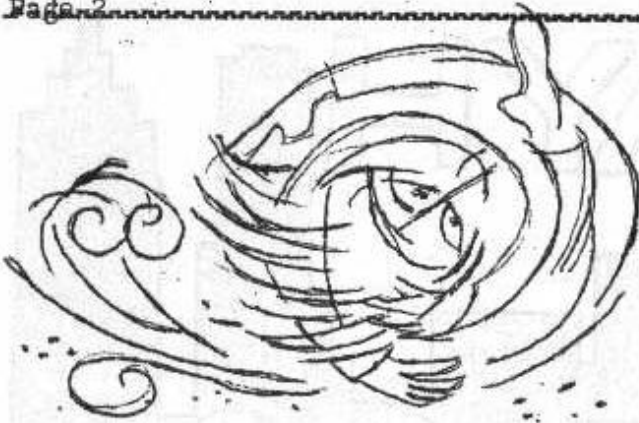
January 17 Mr. William Nelson, National Field Director of A.Y.H., will be here to tell us of some interesting aspects of hosteling.

January 24 It's not too early to plan your summer vacation! How about a camping trip to South America? Ivan Jirak will be on hand to give details on this trip scheduled for the month of July.

January 31 Should auld acquaintances be forgot? Come one, come all to the first "Koffee Klatch" of the New Year. Coffee, hot chocolate and other goodies will be the feature program to-night. Old friends and new will be there to make this a truly warm meeting.

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Young people of Providence United Presbyterian Church were introduced to Hosteling during Christmas vacation when Service Committee Chairman Margaret Bark led a snow shoe trip in the Chestnut Ridge Hostel area. The group explored rock formations in hopes of finding a cave near by and plans to accompany the January Council trip to the same area are being made.



STATE OF THE COUNCIL MESSAGE

FROM PRESIDENT LEE HAYDEN

Before the holidays are forgotten, I'd like to extend the thanks of Pittsburgh Council to Lois Ann Wagner and her Golden Triangle staff and artists. December's beautiful issue certainly was a credit, and fit in well with the holiday season. Now that the holidays are over and the New Year's resolutions are made (and broken, perhaps!), we might take time to look at what Pittsburgh Council may resolve.

We have a choice. We can sit back and wonder why our friends haven't heard of AYH, we can simply maintain ourselves as has been done since 1948, we can continue enjoying our weekend trips alone, or, by contributing more we can reap more, broaden our activities, introduce hosteling to more people, and offer something to the community.

The program being developed will require much planning, organizing, and work if it is to be executed successfully. Some of the activities for 1963 include: a large selection of extended trips including doubling last years Canadian canoe trips; a rebirth of the Baker Trail which involves re-blazing the Trail, building a third shelter, an lengthening the Trail; developing the hostel facilities near Zelienople; canoe and cycle leadership and training courses; a weekly calendar of swimming; ice skating, and later, cycling events; service projects such as neighborhood bike safety and maintenance rodeos; and, hopefully, a school bus to ease the transportation problem. The necessary money has been budgeted and is available, the rest is up to us.

Bill Nelson, National AYH Field Director, is visiting Pittsburgh January 17 & 18, and is going to speak at the open house meeting on Jan. 17. Why not come out and meet our Field Director and learn more of hosteling nationally? If Mr. Nelson appears tired at the meeting, it is with good reason. He wrote a month ago of his visit and volunteered his services for two days. As you know, the list of things to do is all ready quite lengthy.

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"ATTENTION"

Nationally sponsored AYH trips abroad and in the U.S. are being offered as prizes in the 37th annual high school contest on the United Nations. Additional prizes will be college scholarships, and U.S. savings bonds.

Materials for the examination are available in Pgh. from Mrs. M.J. Esman, UN association of Pgh., Rm. 207, Webster Hall Hotel, Pgh. 13. They may be ordered by one teacher from each school before Feb. 1, 1963. The examination will be held on March 7 at each high school participating. Local winners will be announced in May, and national winners in June.

Additional information is available on the bulletin board at AYH HQ. Interested high school members are urged to promote the contest in their local schools.

What's
the
outlook
for
'63?

There are many nebulous ideas floating around in the minds of local hostellers about the coming summer's extended trips. Would you like to spend your vacation paddling through the Canadian wilderness, or cycling the Potomac River Valley, rich in it's history, to Washington D.C.? Or maybe hiking or climbing in some Western mountain range, or cycling around Niagara Falls area, or maybe Canada or the New England Coast?

Now is the time to start laying your plans to arrange vacation time, rounding up the needed gear and saving your pennies.

There is someone who is interested in hearing what kind of trips you would like to go on or lead. The extended trips chairman would like to know everyone's desires by January 31st, 1963. Please let us know by filling out the following questionnaire and mailing it to:

Extended Trips Chairman
A.Y.H.
6300 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

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1. Circle Type of Trip:

A. Cycling B. Canoeing C. Hiking D. Climbing

2. Area of Country (State or Location): _____

3. Number of Weeks: 12

4. I _____ am interested in leading a
 _____ (Your Name)
 _____ trip to _____
 _____ (Activity) _____ (Location)

Please sign your name and address. And look for the results in the "Extended trips Bulletin, March 23, 1963.



Ring out the New Year's Bells for the newest members of Pittsburgh Council. A warm and hearty greeting to:

Lynda Salov
Fred Mauk
Mr. Robert Snelsire Family
Karl Kruger
Cristy Willier
Adria Greenberg

CANOESTS CORNER

By Ed Coleman

Canoests, especially extended canoe trippers, are receiving many fine compliments from Pgh. Council 'policy makers' and the older members of the hostel these days. From some, the praise emerges in a deep appreciation and sincere understanding of the accomplishments over the past 2 years. At no previous time in Pgh. Council history has such an impressive record been set in extended Canoe Tripping.

Other leaders, inspired by the equally impressive accomplishments of Fran Czapiewski's hiking expedition to the Cascades and Lee Hayden's extended cycle trip to Washington D.C. are diligently making preparations for the coming season.

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IT ALL ADDS UP TO A GRAND YEAR COMING FOR ALL HOSTELERS !

Much of the success of the canoeing program must be given to Abbie and Lloyd Geertz, Leamon Gilbert, Harry Rhule and to Betty Lu and Ben Dell for their fine leadership in pre-trip preparations and training for this years extended canoe trips.

I am sure I speak for all the other instructors in the hostel in expressing my appreciation to the Buck Ridge Ski Club instructors, Bob Rusher, Bob and Eddie McNair, Jack Heckleman, and the Rupp twins to mention only a few, who taught us the River Canoeing techniques which we have passed on to our membership.

The final credit must be given to the Activities Board. They are the devoted hostellers who are responsible for the day-to-day business of the Hostel. And further up is our fine Board of Directors with far-sighted members such as Lloyd Geertz, Gloria Fisher, and Bob Snelsire to mention only a few.

If you live too far out to drop in and see them personally, why not drop them a letter to express your views on the fine job they have been performing in steering the Hostel and shaping policy?

I assume all who have participated in Hostel trips during the past year have written or called George Thomas of the Pittsburgh Press to tell him how you liked the trips which you learned of through him many fine articles. If not, I am sure he would enjoy hearing from you.





Ski Lingo

Traveling on snow trains or buses, you gradually become aware, to quote Goldsmith, of a tempest of "words of learned length and thundering sound." Such expressions as "Gelande Sprung, Schuss, Slalom, and Langlauf" are heard and you must learn to speak a strange language. Below you will find a list of terms which, at least in the evening 'round the open fire, will make

you an expert skier.

- BASHER - A skier who comes tearing down the windy trail with a prayer on his lips as the only means of stopping.
- BATHTUB - Hole in the snow where a skier has fallen.
- BEGINNER - What nobody wants to be.
- BINDINGS - The metal and leather parts that secure boots to skis.
- BOTTLENECK - The narrow part of a trail.
- CANONE, KANONE - An expert skier.
- CHAIRLIFT - The easy way up a mountain.
- CHECK - Any method to decrease speed, to brake or turn.
- CHRISTI, CHRISTIANA - A fast control turn characterized by the parallel position of the skis during most of the turn. There are at least 3 variations: Stem, Open, Parallel.
- CONTROLS - Flags that indicate the course and direction of a trail.
- CRACKER - He who has difficulty learning but never gives up.
- CRUST - Snow surface after thawing and refreezing.
- EDGES - Steel strips set into the bottoms of skis.
- FALL - Involuntary contact of skier with snow.
- GATE - A pair of flags through which a race course runs.
- GELANDESPRUNG - A jump over an obstacle with aid of poles.
- GROOVE - Slots on bottom of ski; prevents unwanted side gliding.
- HERRINGBONE - The pattern made in snow while using the climbing step known as the Herringbone.
- J BAR LIFT - A lift for one person in the shape of a "J".
- LACQUERS - Liquid and near-solid products applied to ski bottoms for protection and improved gliding properties; manufactured largely to keep skiers arguing.
- LANGLAUF - Cross-country running, used in competitions.
- NOVICE - A graduate of the Beginner Class.
- NOVICE TRAIL - A trail usually more difficult than you think.
- PASSGANG - A method of skiwalking on practically level ground.
- POLES - Rods used as an aid for walking, climbing, balancing.
- POWDER SNOW - Light, freshly-fallen snow.
- RING - The round disk at the bottom of each pole.
- RUADE - An expert turn executed by doing a parallel christie on the front part of skis. Thus, the back of the skis is lifted entirely from the ground.
- PLATTERPULL - A hoist using a circular disk as a support.
- SCHUSS - A straight fast ski run.
- SIDE STEPPING - A climbing step used in deep snow and on steep slopes.
- SIDE GLIDING - a Downhill motion perpendicular to the skis.
- SKI-MEISTER - An excellent all-around skier - sometimes the teacher.
- SKI JORING - A sport on fairly level ground whereby the skier is pulled by a horse or vehicle.
- SITZMARK - See Bathtub.
- STEM TURN - A turn controlled by the shifting of body weight.
- T. BAR LIFT - A lift for two people in the shape of an inverted "T".
- TELEMARK - A turn usually used in deep powder snow only.
- TOW - Any lift which takes the work out of up-hill skiing.
- TOW ROPE - The rope which, if you hold onto it, will get you to the top of the slope.
- TRACK - Warning cry of all skiers to clear the trail.



personality OF THE MONTH HUGH GILMOUR

By Liz Wolfskill and Sally Hutton

"DANCE ALONG WITH HUGH"

Once a month you have the opportunity to be led in folk-dancing with a master of the art. Hugh has been in the business (?) for quite a long time. He's danced in four of the folk festivals here in the city, and who knows where else???

Teaching English could be prosaic, but surely not with Gilmour. At the Franklin Area High School he has directed twenty-five plays, and has done four children's productions. And, besides that, he wrote a one-act play which was produced at Carnegie Tech along with Williams and an obscure Norwegian playwright.

Kind of ironic it is that someone should try to write a personality profile in the Golden Triangle on one of its former editors. For doesn't everybody in Pittsburgh (and all over the country for that matter!) read the Golden Triangle? In addition to being editor of this illustrious (or is the word notorious?) publication for two years, Hugh has also been President, Vice President, Membership Chairman, and Publicity Chairman of AYH. After all, he has been a member since 1956.

Outdoor activities occupy Hugh's spare time. His hobbies of gardening produced pumpkins for the first time this Fall. And then there are the trips, especially hiking and canoeing. In 1958 he led a six-week cycle trip for National, and a two-week cycle trip in Wisconsin for the Pittsburgh Council in 1957. He may soon earn the title of World Traveler. His beginning? U.S., Hawaii, England, and Europe. In this latter trip he hosted one night at Koblenz, Germany, where the lodging was 48¢ and the breakfast 25¢. Perhaps our trip leaders should take notice!

Both his B.S. and M.A. are from the Univ. of Pittsburgh. Hugh went to the University



of Hawaii too, but, unfortunately only for a summer. He ushered his way through Pitt at the Nixon Theatre.

Noteworthy things experienced (name-dropping?) include sleeping outside of Eleanor Roosevelt's home in a parked car; wishing Sylvia Sidney luck, and eating corn with Carl Sandburg.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Lastinger Ski Boots; Excellent condition - used one season; Golden Eagle Style; Size 12; \$30; Contact Bob Kaubic, FR 1-6505.

WANTED: Loan of percolators and hot plates for Open House, Jan. 31st. Talk to Marianne Kissanne if you have one available. JA 1-3849.

trips and trails

TRIPS & TRAILS CHAIRMAN
Fran Czapiewski 621-8970



- January 6 Sunday afternoon hike on the So.okin Estate, vicinity of Murrys ville. Bring a lunch if you like, though you'll be returning by 6 o'clock. Victor will meet all hikers at Fifth and Shady at 12:30 P.M. Cost: \$.60
- January 13 Sunday * The Baker Trail crosses through a lovely Christmas tree farm near Elderton (Rt. 422). Harry Rhule leads a hike on this stretch, on of the more unspoiled sections. Wear warm clothing (no sneakers), bring a lunch and about \$1.50. Leaving time: 9:15 A.M. Harry is at 621-8486
- January 19 and 20 * To Chestnut Ridge Hostel for skiing, skating, and tobogganing--at only \$7.00 for the week-end! (Ski equipment can be rented.) Bring your sleeping bag, A.Y.H. pass, moss gear, warm clothing, skates, etc., to H.Q. at 8:00 A.M. Leo Hayden is taking reservations at 621-8486. Note: Last month's trip was postponed because we couldn't reserve the place.
- January 27 Sunday * A day of ice skating at the Connequenessing Hostel in Evans City, featuring a bang-up hockey game! Don't worry about sticks--Leo knows where to get some. Remember, there's always a toboggan for people who can't skate. Cost is \$1.75. Bring your lunch.
- February 3 Sunday * South of Claysville, which is slightly past Washington, Pa., there's a beautiful rural section of the state which is still unspoiled by billboard clutter. It's ideal for hiking because of numerous unpaved roads and covered bridges. Joan Henke has scouted a trip here of about 8-10 miles. Call her at 341-0147 for starting time. Bring your lunch and \$1.00.

*EXTRA!

In addition to the above trips there are the following weekly trips:

Regular Sunday hike led by Armand Panson (call 682-1054)

Monday night ice skating trips 7:00 at headquarters

When IDEAS
haunt you



TELL US - - - about trips you would like to lead.

HARK!

The 1963 A.Y.H. calendars have arrived! You may purchase one at headquarters from any of the officers for just \$1.00.
