

# The Golden TRIANGLE

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- Decorative flourish*
- We are telling our guest speakers that their eager-eared audiences are assembling at 8 o'clock....
  - We are expecting our open house audiences to pay these speakers the compliment of their on-time attendance and attention.
  - We are sure they are willing to comply with the schedule as follows:

7:30 Opening the Doors  
 8:00 Program Begins  
 10:00 Everybody Leaves  
 10:30 Locking the Doors

"At meetings of clubs, by an effort of will,  
 I always contrive to keep perfectly still,  
 For it takes but a word of annoyance or pity  
 And wham! there I am on another committee."

(Saturday Evening Post)

*Decorative flourish*  
 WELL.....IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN THAT WAY.....

Our Board members are usually recommended by previous officeholders and elected by the "carefully selected, outstanding citizens" in the Pittsburgh Council who make sure they have the finest representation available.

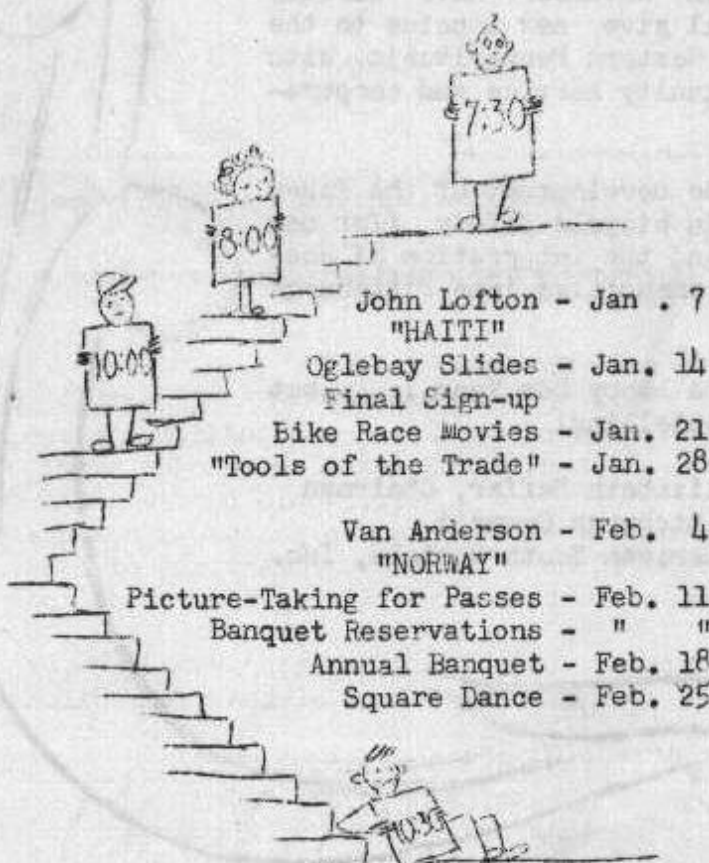
Ladies and gentlemen, may we present the new Executive Board for 1954-----at your service:

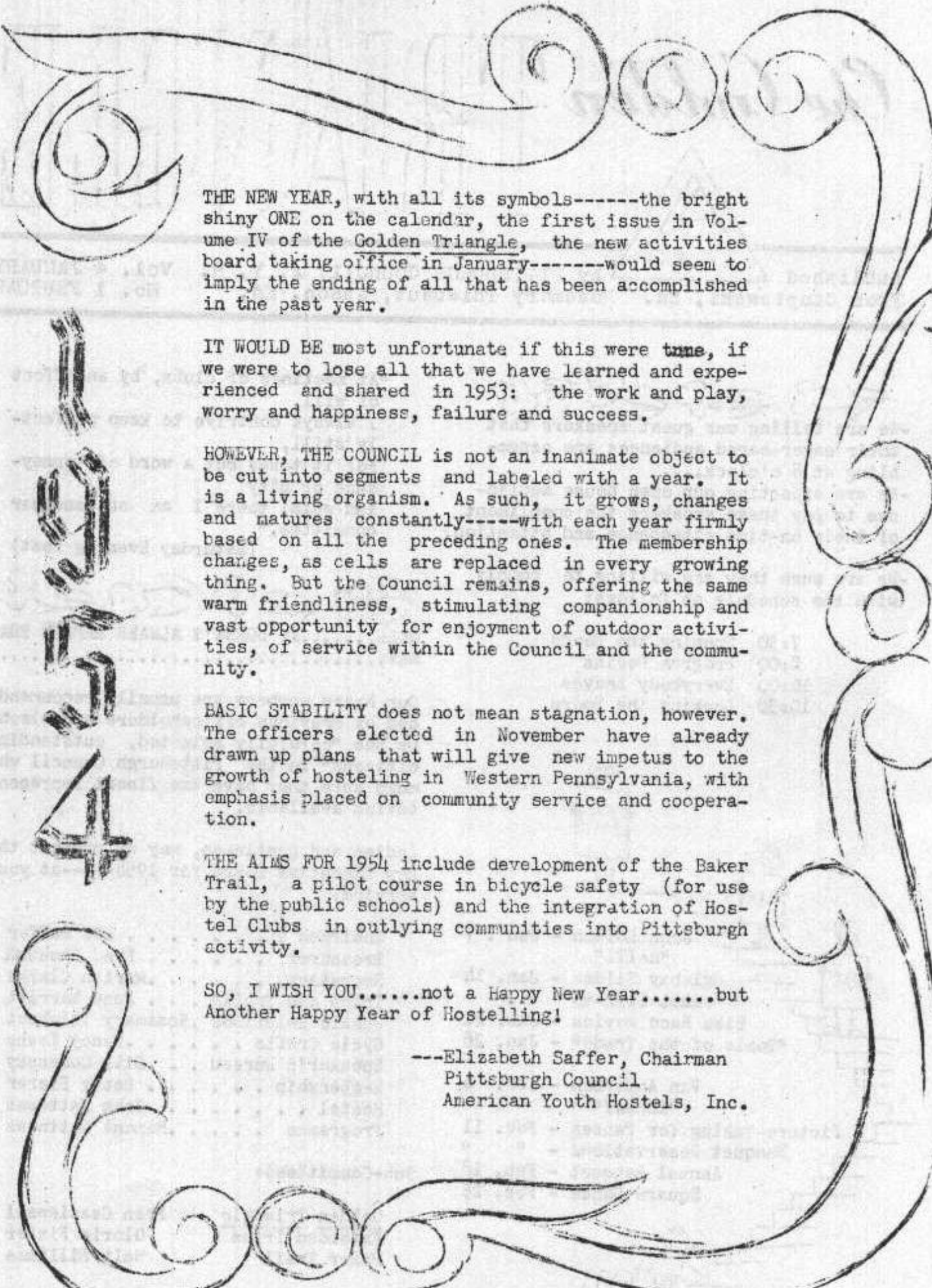
Chairman . . . . .	Liz Saffer
Treasurer . . . . .	Fred Freuthal
Secretary . . . . .	Marian Clarke
Trips and Trails . . . . .	June Merritt
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Membership . . . . .	Betty Bierer
Hostel . . . . .	John Matthews
Programme . . . . .	Ramona Matthews

## Sub-Committees:

Golden Triangle  
 Extended Trips  
 Baker Trail

Fran Czapiewski  
 Gloria Fisher  
 Walt Williams





THE NEW YEAR, with all its symbols-----the bright shiny ONE on the calendar, the first issue in Volume IV of the Golden Triangle, the new activities board taking office in January-----would seem to imply the ending of all that has been accomplished in the past year.

IT WOULD BE most unfortunate if this were ~~true~~, if we were to lose all that we have learned and experienced and shared in 1953: the work and play, worry and happiness, failure and success.

HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL is not an inanimate object to be cut into segments and labeled with a year. It is a living organism. As such, it grows, changes and matures constantly-----with each year firmly based on all the preceding ones. The membership changes, as cells are replaced in every growing thing. But the Council remains, offering the same warm friendliness, stimulating companionship and vast opportunity for enjoyment of outdoor activities, of service within the Council and the community.

BASIC STABILITY does not mean stagnation, however. The officers elected in November have already drawn up plans that will give new impetus to the growth of hosteling in Western Pennsylvania, with emphasis placed on community service and cooperation.

THE AIMS FOR 1954 include development of the Baker Trail, a pilot course in bicycle safety (for use by the public schools) and the integration of Hostel Clubs in outlying communities into Pittsburgh activity.

SO, I WISH YOU.....not a Happy New Year.....but Another Happy Year of Hostelling!

---Elizabeth Saffer, Chairman  
Pittsburgh Council  
American Youth Hostels, Inc.



THE QUESTION: IS MOUNTAIN CLIMBING A HOSTELLING ACTIVITY?

Yes! the Activities Board decided.....at a special meeting called a few weeks ago to determine the status of the sport enjoyed by so many of the local council's membership.

Main points covered in the discussion were as follows:

---Climbing should be made an officially sponsored, Council activity, much as hiking, cycling, canoeing and spelunking are.

---Participation should be open to all members.....subject to training, age and other qualifications.

---The Council should conduct climbing classes.

Famous Last Words:---Alternate trips for non-climbers should be offered in conjunction with climbing trips.

A series of eight climbing classes will begin early in 1954. The Board will establish standards for instructors and trip leaders. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of group equipment and instruction.

Members who complete the classes successfully will be eligible to participate in sponsored climbing activities. Climbing trips will observe all the usual A.Y.H. rules and customs.

---John Matthews

Hunt Armory

February 5 to 14, 1954

We made it! We're in it!

THE DAPPER DAN SPORTS AND VACATION SHOW

NATURE DID IT FIRST.

For most modern inventions there already exists a counterpart in nature. Here is a list of animals and the inventions they utilize. Try matching the animal with the invention.

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bat             | ( ) Parachute      |
| 2. Armadillo       | ( ) Snowshoes      |
| 3. Chameleon       | ( ) Anesthetic     |
| 4. Fish            | ( ) Helicopter     |
| 5. Flying Squirrel | ( ) Suction Cup    |
| 6. Squid           | ( ) Hypodermic     |
| 7. Hummingbird     | ( ) Radar          |
| 8. Scorpion        | ( ) Camouflage     |
| 9. Snake           | ( ) Electricity    |
| 10. Abalone        | ( ) Tank           |
| 11. Caribou        | ( ) Jet Propulsion |

Answers are on the last page.

--Audubon Magazine

LETTER TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Plans are now underway for the 1954 Midwest Area Conference Workshop..... Included in the program will be a slide contest, workshop sessions and a square dance, the nicest gang of AYH'ers ever assembled, and all in the midst of Green Lake's magnificent scenery.

The total cost for all this, including meals and 2 nights' lodging will be \$11. It will be held from Friday, April 30th through Sunday, May 2nd, at the National Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

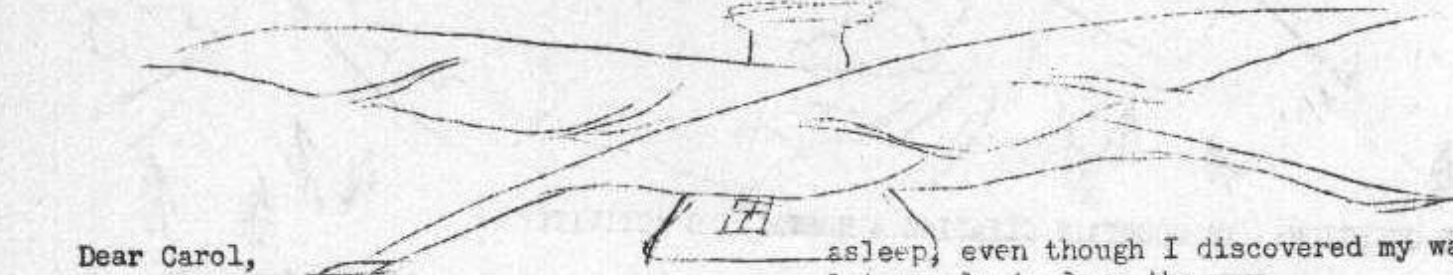
Make plans now to attend and better yet have a whole delegation from your Council.

--Arthur J. Lusty, Jr., Chairman  
Midwest Area Conference Workshop

Look in my hands!!



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Dear Carol,

I'm just recovering from my first real A.Y.H. hike from Birdville to Coopers-town.

It was raw and cold when we started out, and by the time we had gone 3 miles, I was already worn out. "Only eight more miles to go." Ruth called out gaily. "Isn't this a wonderful day for walking?"

The others seemed determined to reach a temporary hostel for lunch. I had visions of a leanto, carelessly built against a tree. I couldn't see why they were pushing on..... My shoulders ached from a too-heavy knapsack. When Jean exchanged packs with me, it felt better. But soon, my toes felt as if they were going to fall off. And every time I sat down to rest, I could hardly get up again.

Imagine my surprise when I saw a neat, little cottage instead of a leanto at our lunch stop. After eating, I fell

asleep, even though I discovered my wallet was lost along the way.


The others were getting ready to go when I wakened so I put on my overshoes, coat sweater and scarf and set out. The last few miles were torture. If it weren't for everybody taking turns and staying back to keep me company, I don't think I could have stood it.

But, thinking back, it was a beautiful trip..... There was snow on the fields, deer in the woods and a little stream running through a deserted orchard. And somebody found my wallet near headquarters and gave it to Lynn to return to me.

----I wonder when the next trip is?

(signed) Sincerely,

Marcia McLain



To Chief Martian Observer, X-13,

Since you've left us for little old New York, hosteling just isn't the same! The gourmet touch is gone. Nobody else appreciates a whisper of garlic in the salad..... And I might as well use ordinary vinegar; wine vinegar goes unappreciated.

And nobody else ladles sour cream over peaches and makes 'em like it. Nobody, but nobody, discusses ectomorphs with me. Nobody recognizes upper Bohemian tendencies in hostellers..... And you went back to New York, because all things center there; to wit you told us all the engineering societies have headquarters and meetings there.

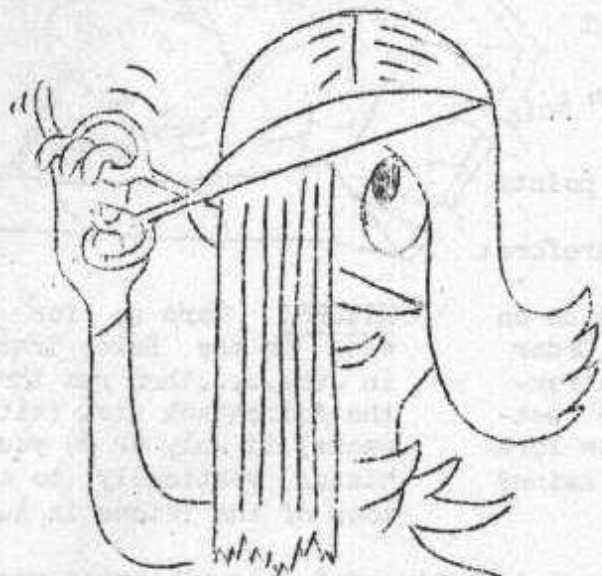
Now Pittsburgh has news for you. Even before you get settled in New York, the afore-said societies are planning to move to Pittsburgh..... yes, en masse to Pittsburgh.

So---to borrow from Bea Lillie, why not, "Come, oh! come, to Pittsburgh."

----June Merritt



REDUCTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED IN 1954 IF PASSES ARE RENEWED BY THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY EXPIRE:.....



National	\$2.00
National Hostel Development	.20
Trip Bulletins	.10
Special Mailings	.28
Postcard Notices of Trips	.52
Renewal Notes & Membership Cards	.15
Survey	.04
Six issues <u>Triangle</u> & Postage	<u>.71</u>
Total	\$4.00

	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Regular</u>
Adult Pass	\$3.00	\$ 4.00
Senior Youth Pass	2.00	3.00
Youth Pass	1.00	2.00
Youth Organization Pass	4.00	5.00
Adult Organization Pass	9.00	10.00
Family Pass	5.00	6.00

OTHER FACTS WORTH MENTIONING:

- Hostel rates for adults are changed from 50¢ to 75¢. This is to avoid the necessity some house parents have felt for charging additional fees for showers, gas, etc.
- National pass sales were up 16% in October and November.
- Pittsburgh Council, believing good hostels are necessary to increase their usage, voted to send 10% of their gross pass income to National for their Hostel Improvement Fund. Now, each hosteler here can say he is giving financial support to Hostels development whether he is in a position to use them or not.

-----Betty Bierer, Membership Chairman

PASS APPLICATION

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different) \_\_\_\_\_

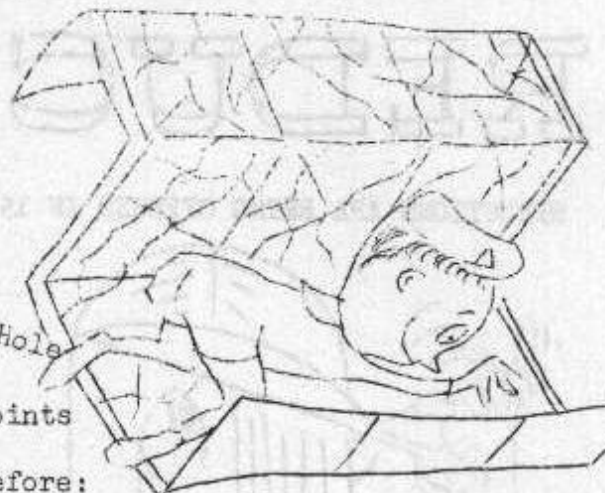
I have \_\_\_\_\_  
I have not) held a pass before. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth if under 21 \_\_\_\_\_

Inclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash, check or money order to cover the cost of the A.Y.H.  
pass checked below.

( ) Youth Pass for those under 18  
( ) Senior Youth Pass for those under 21  
( ) Adult Pass for those 21 & over  
( ) Family Pass No. children \_\_\_\_\_

# what's new in

DISMAL SWAMP  
FREEPORT  
Washington  
KEENE  
BLUNDLEY  
MARCY  
Williamsburg  
Haystack  
DENVER  
TENNIS  
Lancaster  
FOREST  
COOK  
Jackson Hole  
MAHONING DAM



.....Unscramble these and you'll have the high points of this summer's proposed trips.  
"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient,".....therefore:

**CYCLISTS!** Get your bikes ready for a 2-week trip thru Williamsburg, Va. to Cape Hatteras, N.C. Then a boat trip back to Washington....or tour the Pa. Dutch country in late Aug.

**CANOEISTS!** Brush up on your paddling. Order that supply of citronella and mosquito netting...Canada? New York State? Michigan? Maine? Wisconsin?

**HIKERS!** Warm up for a week on the Baker Trail in June....then run thru the Adirondack Mts. (with packs) in July or do your hiking vertically to the tops of the Tetons in Aug.

Let the Extended Trips Committee know what other interesting and unusual trips you'd like to take. If you're leading, start planning your trip now. Send your application to Gloria Fisher, Chairman.

Are you:



Eager, keen, burning, fervent, ardent, agog, breathless, and impatient — to learn to ski?

Why, then, you probably have the desire, and all the more you need is 1) equipment (skis and things, which can be rented),



and 2) the place and the occasion - which is comin' up (see li'l ol' Back Page).

Not to wear:

Dress to stay cool rather than warm; youse



will find out when you get going. Wear light, loose clothing...especially in the case of hands and feet, several light layers are usually more effective than one or two heavier ones...that kind of thing - you get the idea.

Not to do (rules of the road):

Stand still, don't dodge an oncoming skier (bury your head in the snow).

If you fall, get out of the way as quickly as possible (or ensmall yourself as far as possible).

Mark any worn or dangerous spots, and fill in any "bathtubs".



Now that your collective appetite is thoroughly whetted down, kids, you'll find additional info in your AYH Handbook on pages 96 and 97.

Track!!!

- Roger Brotas



One of the Wonders.....

## We Wanna See:

STAINLESS STATUE.....In the heart of San Francisco's Chinatown stands a 20 foot statue of Sun Yat-sen, renowned scholar and first president of the Chinese Republic. Head, hands and pedestal of the statue are of rose granite, but for the statesman's flowing robes, the sculptor, Beniamino Bufano, used stainless steel.

## Miss the Banquet?



## Heavens, No!

### ANNUAL BANQUET

Penn-Shady Hotel      February 18, 1954  
Guest Speaker  
(to be announced)  
Cost - \$3.15  
Reserve with Ramona & John Matthews

Answers to NATURE DID IT FIRST:

1. Radar   2. Tank   3. Camouflage, 4. Electricity   5. Parachute   6. Jet propulsion
7. Helicopter   8. Hypo   9. Anesthetic
10. Suction cups   11. Snowshoes

## The Party Book

John Ferchak's trophy display has a new addition---he played on the winning team in the Vestinghouse, Division Soft Ball Tournament....Lucky girl, Marcia McLain, spends her spare time during the summer months sailing her very own boat on Chesapeake Bay. Talented girl, also plays a marimba.

--Joke: The night June and Bruce walked in on Chas. Richardson (confined in West Penn Hospital for a week) wearing polaroid glasses---They wanted to see the man in 3-D. (his room)

--If you want to get in touch with Jean McDowell during office hours after Jan. 4 just dial Thereseo's old number,..... Gr. 1-8200, Ex. 406. Mr. Hannah, (that's the boss) will now get a complete orientation on mountain climbing. He'd be lost if he didn't have a member of A.Y.H. around to give him the latest on trips.

--Add a new address to your list: Mr. & Mrs. Bud Edlis, 1302 Second Ave., Kileen, Texas.

--Phil Ewald has decided to share his love for the Smokies with Ruth Z. If you have never been to the Smokies, you probably can't understand why Phil loves them so. They are like a beautiful lady hidden in a mist who casts a spell over you. You find pleasure and happiness under this lady's lovely veil.

--Stu Reynold has been made VIP of the National Jugglers' Association. He also edits their monthly publication.

--Tom Bryson is a prestidigitator.

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### PERSONALS

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PERSON who lifted my wallet at Penn and Shady. Keep the cash but please return my A. Y. H. card. Need it for sponsored trips...saves me 25¢.

ANGEL: Your proposal is attractive but hosteling is more so. Am saving for extended trip. Have given you up 'til summer is over.

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### HELP WANTED

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This Is Definitely Not For You if you are content to sit on the sidelines while others get satisfaction and fun from helping on a committee. All kinds assistance required. Apply in person.

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# *lil ol'* BACK PAGE

-----trips 'n stuff

Sunday, Jan. 10 -- UP HILL, DOWN DALE ON SECTOR III. -- Winter hike on the Baker Trail near Birdville and Freeport. Led by Harry Rhule, Ch. 1-3528. Bring lunch--Cost \$2.

Sat., Jan. 16 -- ONE FOR THE BIRDS. Flit through the Aviary on the North Side; Hike back to the Merritts' for informal supper. Leave after noon, cost 85¢. Ma. 1-2893.

Sun., Jan. 17 -- THROUGH NONONGAHELA--YOUGHIOGHENY VALLEYS. -- Fred Freuthal has a great trip planned. Bring lunch, warm clothes, \$1.15. Ja. 1-0195.

Fril., Jan. 22 -- RIVERVIEW PARK NIGHT HIKE. -- Ruth Zimmerman (Ma. 1-3741) knows all the twists and turns of this really spectacular spot. Cost 40¢. P.S. Bring some money for hot chocolate stop at the end of the twisting and turning.

Sun., Jan. 24 -- LET'S SHOOT OUT TO THE CANNONBURG LAKES by inter-urban, then hike past three - (count 'em) - three lovely little lakes. Bring lunch, cost about \$1.25. Bruce Merritt, Ma. 1-2893.

Fri., Sat., Sun., Jan. 29, 30, 31 - OGLEBAY PARK, HERE WE COME! Yes, by popular and insistent demand, Bill Comensky will make the arrangements for us again at this Wheeling showplace. Gas heated cabins, indoor plumbing, a surprise Saturday evening that "will be the biggest, best, and most collos... ever." Cost \$9.85, leave hdqs. 6:00 P.M. Reserve by January 15. Pl. 1-0260.

Sun., Jan. 31 -- One-day trip planned; see Elizabeth Saffer for details. Ch. 1-0382.

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Wednesday, yes really, Wednesday, Feb. 3 - THREE MILES ON NINE MILES TO SQUARE EIGHT Meet Forbes and Braddock at 6:50 (64 or 67) from downtown - about 40 minutes) Bring tennis shoes and some spending money for milkshakes. Gloria Fisher, Ma. 1-3741, for more information. Cost 15¢

Feb. 6, Sun. -- VIA OLD HARMONY RIGHT OF WAY, WEXFORD TO KEOWN STATION - an old trip that everybody has said, "Why don't we do it again?" Led by Nancy Evans, Ch. 1-2916 Approximate cost \$1.50, bring lunch.

Feb 14, Sun. -- SASHAY DOWN HEART'S RUN ROAD, but natch. Fran Czapiewski leads it, ends it with warm drink in front of fireplace. About \$1.25 & your lunch. Ma. 1-8970

Feb. 20, 21, and 22 - Sat., Sun., Mon. (Holiday!) LEARN TO SKI WEEK-END -- You can rent equipment, snow guaranteed, great place - Seven Springs Slope; Big opportunity to try out your skill on flattened barrel staves. Cost depends on rentals, days you stay. June Merritt for details. Ma. 1-2893.

Feb. 21, Sun. -- If you don't care about trying to ski, there will be a good one-day hike arranged for those of similar sentiments. Watch bulletin board.

Feb. 28, Sun. -- PRESTO LAKES ANNUAL, but in reverse, with a hot supper and warm place at the end. Elizabeth Saffer leading (maybe even in reverse), Ch. 1-0382 Cost \$1.30.