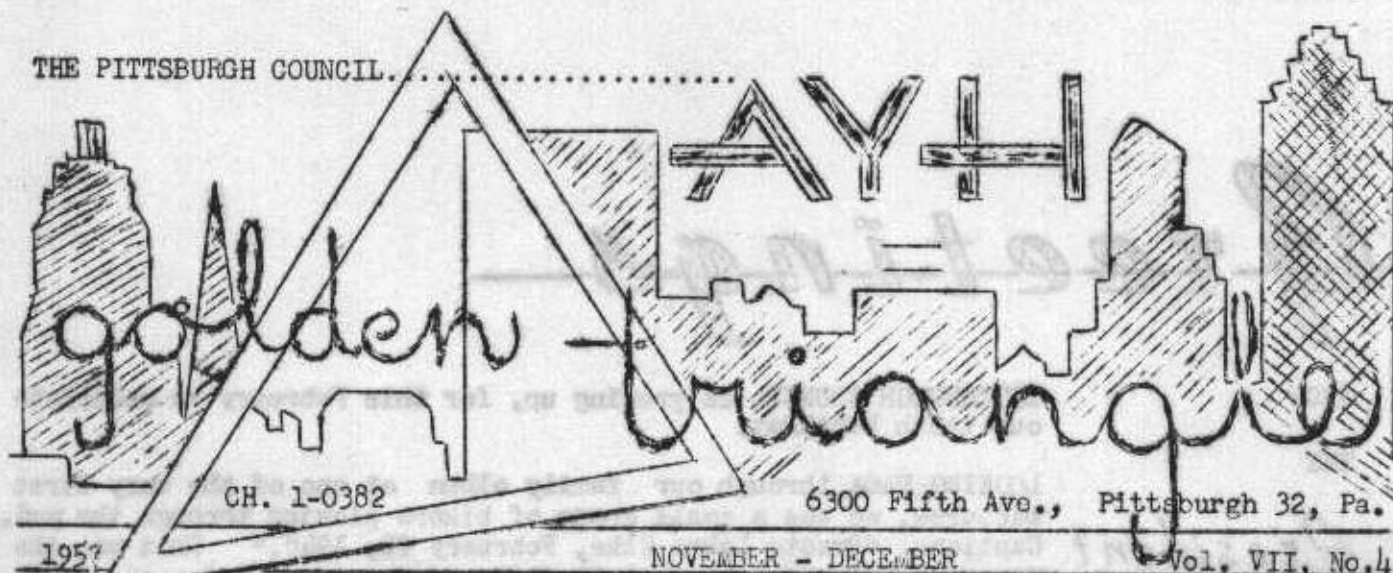


THE PITTSBURGH COUNCIL.....



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## Keystone Trails Assoc.

What could the Keystone Trails Association do for the Baker Trail and A.Y.H?

Quite a bit, as several Hostellers discovered at the K.T.A.'s second annual meeting at Camp Michaux, near Pine Grove Furnace, Pa. on September 28.

Organized in 1956 by a group of hiking clubs in eastern Pennsylvania and nearby territories, the Association acts as a clearinghouse for the exchange of information. The maximum benefit is thereby derived by all members of all the clubs that belong. Most of the eleven associates are also charter members of the Appalachian Trail Association and maintain hiking trails of their own. (cont. on P.5)

### 1 OPENHOUSE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1st. Thursday - Square Dancing

2nd. Kaffe Klatch

3rd. (Slides  
rd. (Speakers)

4th. Conversation  
Mill

Doors open at 8:15 P.M.

## NATIONAL PLANNING MEETING

This year ~~Pennsylv.~~ Council will be hosts at the National Workshop and Council meeting on December 5 to 8.

Already, a carload of Pittsburgh Council hostellers has expressed interest in this interesting and informative event, which features a square dance on Saturday night, in addition to giving us a look at what other hostellers are doing all over the country. It's not necessary that you be an officer; everyone is welcome.

There will be an informal general discussion on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM for those who arrive early; a planning meeting is scheduled for Friday the 6th. The National Workshop meetings are from 8 P.M. Friday through Saturday, the 7th. Sunday morning at 9:45 the general Council meeting will take place.

Make all arrangements through Gloria Fisher, Export 132-R-2.

## PITTSBURGH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL ELECTION

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# Greetings

FROM  
THE

*President*

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL is growing up, for this February we celebrate our tenth birthday.

LOOKING BACK through our family album at one of the very first pictures, we see a small group of hikers plowing through the mud. Caption: "Presto Lakes Hike, February 22, 1948." That was the beginning; we still repeat the hike every year. And although it remains the same muddy hike, Pittsburgh Council has changed and grown up around it, retaining it for old times sake.

FROM ONE HIKE A MONTH, the scheduled trips grew to two, then to one every week-end of the month. As membership increased new ideas and activities were inaugurated---cycling, canoeing, spelunking, mountain climbing, skiing---until, today we have interests ranging from armchair travel (via slides on Thursday evening) to actual cycling through quaint New England, standing atop a mountain peak in Wyoming, to flying abroad.

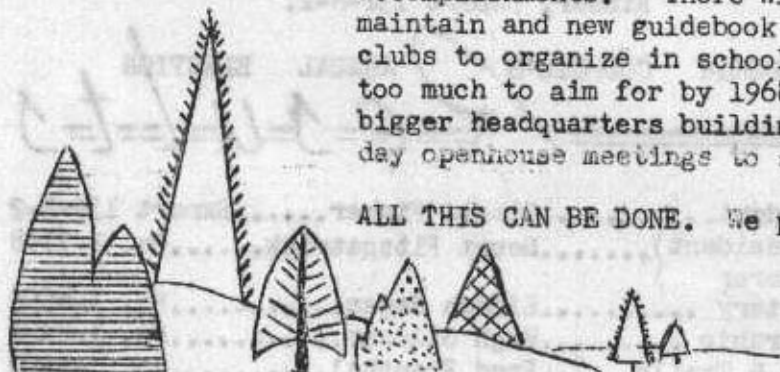
THROUGH THE YEARS we've seen the Baker Trail materialize from a pencil mark on the topo map to a 137-mile trail from Aspinwall to Cook Forest, with two shelters, hand-built by our own members. A very active and enthusiastic canoeing group in our midst led to the purchase of two canoes, giving us the thrills and spills of white-water travel. The cyclists, not to be outdone, built two trailers to take us out of the City into the lovely Pennsylvania hills, making the sport available to everyone through new rental bicycles purchased every spring.

FINANCIALLY, we are in the black, and new members keep joining in the fun. We can close the album on a successful first ten years.

NOW TO ENJOY THE NEXT TEN YEARS with increased fervor and added accomplishments. There will be the Baker Trail to re-blaze and maintain and new guidebook to publish/ shelters to build; hostel clubs to organize in schools; membership to increase (1000 is 'nt too much to aim for by 1968) hostels to establish; a newer and bigger headquarters building to acquire; weekly trips and Thursday openhouse meetings to suit all tastes.

ALL THIS CAN BE DONE. We proved it in the first ten years.

---Gloria Fisher, President  
PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
American Youth Hostels





# INTERNATIONAL NEWS NOTES



INDIA - The Rajah of Vizianagaram has offered one of his palatial bungalows on the east coast for a youth hostel.

GERMANY - At the opening of the new 160-bed youth hostel at Littenwald in the Bavarian Alps, the head of one of the well-known violin makers' schools presented the hostel with a guitar built by one of his pupils.

SPAIN - The newly-established Spanish Y.H.A. was conditionally admitted to probationary membership. Full membership will take effect as soon as evidence has been provided that certain conditions (e. g. no age limits for foreigners visiting Spanish youth hostels) are fulfilled.

TUNIS - Dissolution by the government of the Federation's member association here was noted with very great regret.

HOLLAND - The 18th. International Youth conference this summer was attended by Richard Schirrmann, the father of the youth hostel movement. (He founded the first youth hostel in 1909.) He is now aged 84, and still able to take lively part in the proceeding. He presented a poem which he had specially written for the occasion, entitled, "Youth Across the Frontiers."

UNITED STATES - A singing and folk dancing group of eleven American Troubadors completed a nine-week tour of youth hostels in Europe. Led by Dr. Robert Wolfe, a member of the Nat'l. AYH Board, the group gave performances before many appreciative audiences.

THERE ARE NOW 3,111 Youth Hostels, spread over five continents.

## BAKER TRAIL NEWS

	LEADER	SECTOR	MILEAGE	TOPO	QUAD'L.
A good jolly way to remember friends and relatives on Christmas is to give them A. Y. H. passes--they keep on reminding. You can buy a full year of real pleasure for only five dollars.	Betty Bierer	Aspinwall-Springdale	12.0	Pittsburgh	N. Kensington
	Hugh Gilmour	Springdale-Birdville	9.5	N. Kensington	Freeport
	Stu Reynolds	Birdville-Schenley Hotel	9.0	Freeport	
	Jack Paskind	Schenley Hotel-Route 66	10.0	Freeport	
	Gloria Fisher	Route 66-Cochrans Mills	10.0	Freeport	Elders Ridge
	Fran Czapiewski	Cochrans Mills-Route 422	11.0	Elders Ridge	
	Mount Fitzpatrick	Route 422-Plumville	13.0	Elders Ridge	Snicksburg
	Ralph Ludington ) Liz Saffer )	Plumville-Milton-Rt.839	12.0	Snicksburg	
	Chas. Richardson	Milton-Rt.839-Pine Run-Rt.839	13.0	Snicksburg	Rural Valley
	Nancy Evans	Pine Run-Heathville	11.0	Snicksburg	Brookville
	Eileen Haran	Heathville-Corsica	9.5	Brookville	
	Ralph Weaver	Corsica-Cook Forest	16.0	Brookville	Marionville

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# (or) ...What a Rhode Island read at Plymouth Rock NEWS

Martha Montag rated a 19-line column(with picture) story in the U. S. Steel News, October issue. It described her cycling trip this summer in New England.

Colored slides of Yugoslavia, recently provided one of the most interesting showings on a Thursday. Martha & Bertha Evosevich, whose trip last summer took them as far as Istanbul, Turkey, offered temporary shelter for any international visitor coming through Pittsburgh.

Did Somebody say Bill Comensky has given up salesmanship for teaching?

Dick Crum is the new instructor for the folk dances the first Wednesdays and the third Saturdays at the "Y". Coming up soon: A weekend Institute, for learning Dick's newest Balkan acquisitions. December 6, 7, and 8., 203 Wood Street.

Spain and the World's Fair in Belgium are on the itinerary for Mary Alice Low's 1958 trip...Several other local hostellers are also making European plans.

## HAMPTON HIGH HOSTEL CLUB NEWS

A crisp, clear Saturday evening, a waxing moon, a group of teen-age boys and girls—all the elements for a romantic episode were present!

Some soap, a bag of corn, and an over-abundance of Halloween spirit, however, connected the Hampton Hostel Club's night hike into an adventure. It was five miles of hiding behind bushes, running across fields and ducking into ditches to avoid possible police cars.

After an angry farmer fired four times with a shotgun, and searched with a spotlight, the group fled to the woods and returned to Martin Leeper's home for hot dogs and ciders (Ed. note: Wanna bet? Nancy Evans had the biggest bar of soap?)

**WRITE:** Fred Mauk  
1959A Sabine Street  
Austin 5,  
Texas

Before coming to Pittsburgh, our Swiss visitor, Toni Portmann, was laid up with the mumps in Washington, D.C.

A retiring postman in Denver estimates that he walked 104,000 miles in 40 years. Ralph Weaver, our hosteler postman, may not match that record, but he can claim the distinction of doing the Baker Trail from top to bottom, all 137 miles of it. He and Eileen Hagan completed the entire Trail on weekends and holidays.

Your mailing list problems should be referred to Ruth Stacklin, now doing the job handled before by Liz Saffer

Bob Snelsire and Linda Coburn will be married on November 23, at 2:30 P.M. in the First Methodist Church, Center Ave.

It's good to see their funny faces again department: Vince Roelf and Harry Rhule just back from the service; Jim and Ida Zimmerman, on their way back home to Detroit, inviting visitors to stop in.

Why don't we department: Re-activate our mountain climbing program; have swimming parties in the wintertime; explore that extension of the B.T. to Tionesta?

Sob story department: Work on the new ice-skating rink near South Park's main swimming pool is being delayed for a year. Silver lining department: Panther Hollow improvements are going as scheduled. LARRY COHEN (he wanted his name mentioned) that's all.

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## LOST AND FOUND

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In the back of somebody's car or attic, there are two, light blue aluminum ski poles misplaced by Elsie Kuzilec on a trip some two winters ago. Should they turn up in your vicinity, notify Abbie Madie.  
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**WRITE:** A/3c Norman Rabinovitz  
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Keesler AFB, Mississippi



# Keystone Trails Assoc.

(Cont'd. from p. one)

The groups (150 attended) were generally older even than the A.Y.H. members, but they offered no apologies for their advanced age and needed none. Their social program included a five-mile hike on Saturday; a ten-mile hike on Sunday, (with Eileen Hagan upholding the honor of the Pittsburgh Council up front and the rest of us bringing up the rear.)

Saturday's highlight, at the long social meeting after dinner, was an illustrated talk by the Hon. Daniel Hock of Reading, on the founding of the Blue Mtn. Eagle Climbing Club. 91 years old...and his movies are not much younger...Mr. Hock still shows an active interest in hiking, the outdoors, and the opposite sex. We are hoping he will repeat his talk at our tenth anniversary banquet next Feb. 22.

The Association appears to offer many advantages, well worth the \$5-a-year membership dues we pay. Its most active committee is comprised of a representative from each participating club.

The Committee's chairman, George Kimmel, has maps of all trails and can answer almost all queries. Any question he cannot answer is referred to persons representing the Trail concerned.

The most direct, indirect benefits were the invitations of other clubs to participate in joint hikes on their trails. No commitments were made, but our Trips and Trails committee is busy now with plans for the spring.

Perhaps the least obvious, but the most important, benefit is the example the Keystone Trails Assoc. sets in efficiency of operation. With only two meetings a year and an annual budget of \$74, they maintain a service of value to hundreds and perhaps thousands of hikers in Pennsylvania. Their business meetings are models of despatch and efficiency, maybe because one of their officers is a Legal Advisor who nips in the bud any wrangles about constitutionality, legal form, etc. If any of this know-how rubs off on the Pittsburgh Council, our \$5.00 investment will multiply manifold.

---Ralph Ludington



## Skiing—

doesn't have to be a Dangerous sport."

says the chief of the Cranmore, N.H. ski patrol. "If people would only adhere to five simple rules accidents would stop."

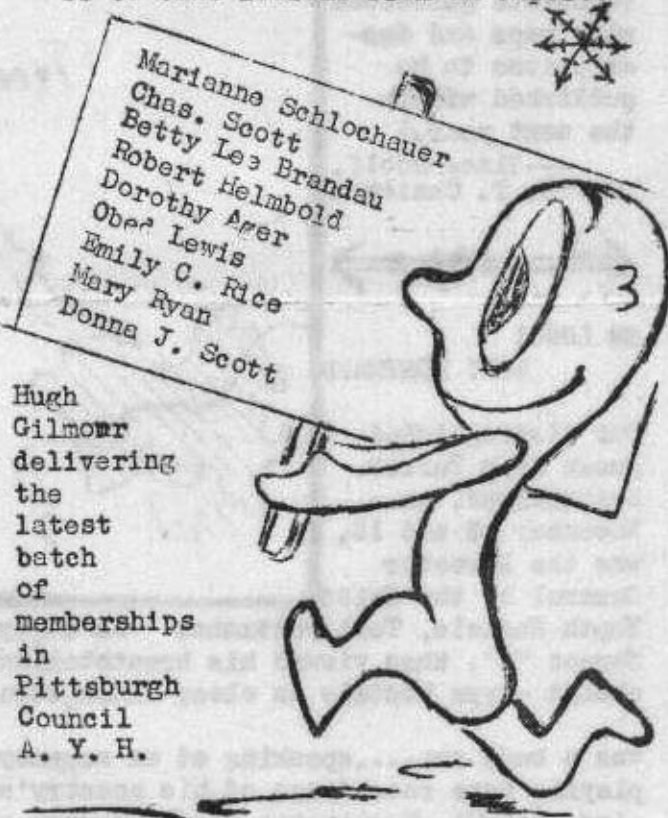
**KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN** - You have to watch where the other guy's going too.

**DON'T OVERESTIMATE YOUR ABILITY** - "Most new and weekend skiers think they're better than they are."

**NEVER SKI ALONE** - Even the best skier can break a leg through no fault of his own, and even freeze unless somebody finds him by accident.

**STAY OFF CLOSED TRAILS** - "There's always a reason for closing them.. Somewhere along the line, a bare patch or solid ice creates a hazard that you can't see."

**TAKE LESSONS BEFORE YOU SKI** - "The only right, safe, sensible way to learn is to take lessons from an expert."



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with maps and des-  
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the next year.)

---Vince Roelf,  
B. T. Chairman



SO LONG!

TONI PORTMANN

Our distinguished  
guest from Zurich,  
Switzerland, on  
November 12 and 13,  
was the Director  
General of the Swiss

Youth Hostels, Toni Portmann. We enjoyed a delightful dinner with him at the Spahr Street "Y"; then viewed his breathtaking slides of Switzerland with its castle and chalet -type hostels on clear lakes, steep mountains...this at Betty Bierer's.

His next day was a busy one....speaking at an assembly program at Hampton High, showing movies, playing tape recordings of his country's folk music; a quick tour of Pittsburgh, stopping atop Mt. Washington for pictures; appearing on WQED's Children's Corner (his 1st TV show); spending the evening with relatives, the Martin Schiblers; then leaving by morning plane for a visit with the Detroit Council hostellers.



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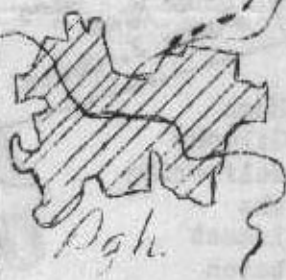
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Trips for

December

# All I Said.....

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NOV. 15, Fri. - NORTHSIDE NIGHT HIKE: A short, evening trip followed by a campfire snack if the weather permits, or at the home of the Weavers if it doesn't. Ideal trip for newcomers to meet the group. Ralph Weaver leads it. Call him at Po. 6-6895 - Cost: 30¢ + transp.

NOV. 16, Sat. - SCOUTING MCCONNELL'S MILL AREA for trails as part of its development as a State Park. Betty Bierer, leading the bushwacking.

NOV. 17, Sun. - SECTOR LEADERS (see page 3) can use help on the Trail. Join a work party, or spend the day scouting a future trip of your own.

NOV. 23, Sat. - BAKER TRAIL HIKE, Aspinwall to Springdale (closest sector to Pittsburgh) Supper will follow. Reserve with B. Bierer, Ma. 1-3741, meet at H.Q.

NOV. 29-DEC. 1 - THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AT COOK FOREST; Repeat of last year's wonderful trip. The trails here are enjoyable the year 'round. Pleasant, warm cabins await the hikers on their return each day. Those not having Friday off may make arrangements to come later. Cost: About \$11. Leader, Abbie Mudie, Lo. 1-2738

DEC. 8, Sun. - SOUTH CONNELSVILLE AREA HIKE on one of the wilder areas of Chestnut Ridge, overlooking the Youghiogheny R., never explored by us before. Joan Schewe, leader, Ch. 1-2289. (about \$2)

DEC. 13, Fri. - ALL LIT UP FOR CHRISTMAS...the city, that is, and this evening hike takes us to see the dazzling decorations (excellent for night pictures) Carol-sing and snack at Emma Schulte's-Call her at He. 1-706

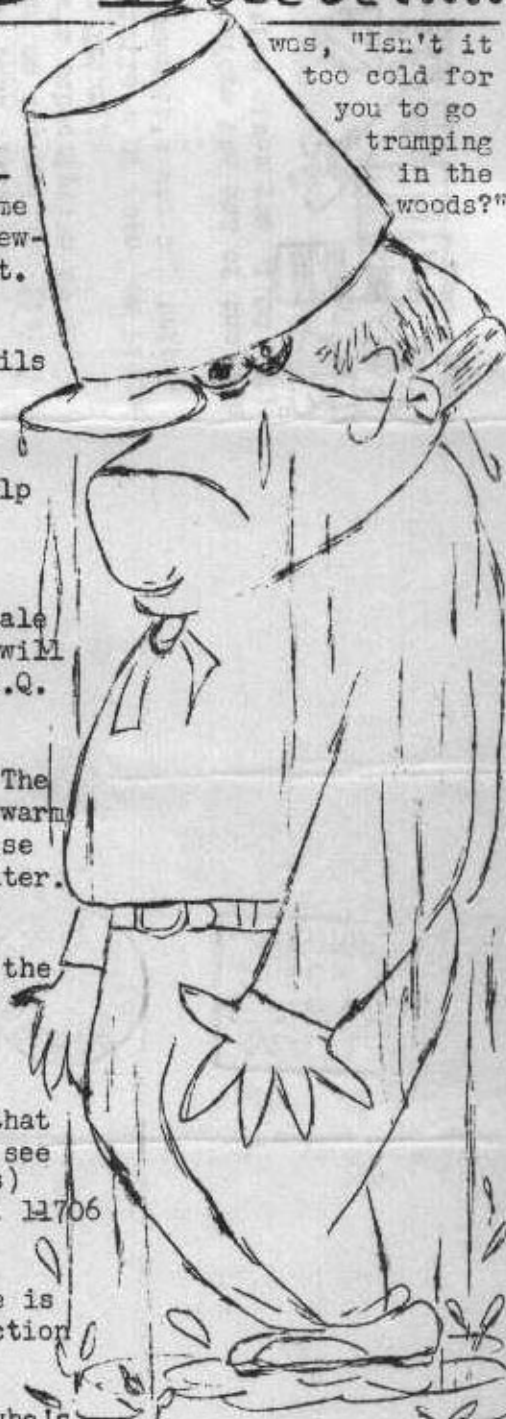
DEC. 15, Sun. - SNOW(we hope)HIKE, exploring another area seldom visited by AYH. The place is lower Washington County, in the sparsely populated section near Dunn's Station. Leader: Shu Kao, Mu. 1-5455.

DEC. 21, Sat. - HEATHVILLE TO CORSICA, with a leader who's an expert on the B.T., on one of the northern sectors which are their best in the wintertime. Eileen Hagan is the leader. Call her at Ho. 1-4556

DEC. 25, Wed. - MERRY CHRISTMAS (Keep in mind the traditional openhouses at B.Bierer's the Thursday before, and at Liz Saffer's the Thursday after.)

DEC. 28-29 - SKI,HIKE TRIP being planned for walkers and shussers. Postal card will inform you when all arrangements are made. Fred Freuthal, Ja. 1-5150, can give you all details.

was, "Isn't it too cold for you to go tramping in the woods?"





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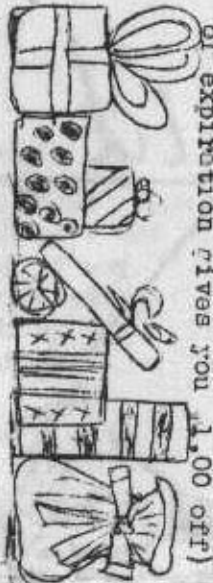
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