

# THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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NAT'L HOSTEL WEEK MAY 1 TO 7

## SYMPATHY

Horace Forbes Baker, who was instrumental in founding the Pittsburgh Council, passed away February 24. The Baker Trail will be a memorial to his great influence in hosteling.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Grace Kriner and her family on the death of Grace's Father.

## THREE NEW OFFICERS

Appointed to the Executive Committee were Louise Pranses and Edith Caporali. Louise was appointed Historian and will keep all the historical records of Pittsburgh Council. Edith's title is Registrar and the mailing list is her main responsibility. Since March 15, George Cohen has confined his activities to cyclecraft and merchandising. George's membership duties were taken over by Larry Cohen who was appointed to the Board of Directors as Membership Chairman.

## HOSTEL CLUBS

BY TONY PRANSES, CHAIRMAN PGH AYH

If you live in a reasonably large community, enjoy hosteling, yet are too far from the nearest AYH Council to be as active as you would like, form an AYH Club. There should be such clubs in Wheeling, Washington, Uniontown, New Castle, Butler, etc., and on college campuses away from the city such as Allegheny, W and J, or Waynesburg. Have your own officers, sponsor your local trips, sell your own passes and merchandise so you can have a treasury of your own. The Pittsburgh Council stands ready and willing to assist in the establishment of Hostel Clubs anywhere in its area. Write in and ask us about it.

## CENTURY RACE FEATURE

The First Annual Invitational Century Race of the Pittsburgh Council will be held April 29 as the opening event of National Youth Hostel Week in Pittsburgh. The Trips and Trails Committee and the Program Committee have scheduled nine days of programs representing AYH varied activities for an all-out celebration. The detailed program is enclosed with this bulletin.

Starting at AYH Headquarters at 6 A.M., Saturday, the racers will cycle a distance of approximately 105 miles through Rochester, Zelienople, Evans City, Butler, Freeport, Oakmont, and back to the starting point. Appropriate trophies will be awarded to all those completing the run in twelve hours or less.

With a good tail wind, the winners might return by 2 P.M. The hikers will be on hand to welcome them back and serve refreshments. The evening will bring a supper at the hostel and square and folk dancing.

The following week will find hostellers on the trail or at headquarters every evening, finishing with a weekend overnight for both hikers and bikers at the farm of the Pullen Family, Allison Park.

## MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

If six or more are interested, Tony Pranses will conduct a four-week course in mountaineering during the month of May. The first two sessions will be lectures on mountaineering fundamentals, while the last two will be field exercises actually practising scaling and rope work. The cost (to buy training ropes) will be approximately \$2.00 per person. Reservations must be in by May 6.

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## AYH SPEAKS

BY JUNE REDMAN, CHAIRMAN

Since December 1, 1947, AYH has sent speakers to a dozen interested groups of Church Young People, YM and YW clubs, one college assembly, social agencies, and several scout troops. The speakers report that they are overwhelmed with questions and requests for propaganda. We think we have quite an interesting program to offer and want each of our members to advise program chairmen of groups to which they belong that we would be happy to supply a speaker, a good selection of slides, and some movies for a program. Talks scheduled for the near future:

Perry High School Assembly - April 28 - Tony Franses will speak.

Homewood-Brushton YMCA - dinner meeting of their co-ed group - 2nd or 3d Wednesday in May.

South Avenue Methodist Church Young Adult Fellowship Sunday evening program - May 14.

The Speakers' Bureau has arranged to secure from National Headquarters their new Kodachrome movie on Hostelling in the Detroit area, primarily for the May speaking engagements. It is also planned to show the film to the members during Hostel Week. It should be of particular interest since it shows some of the area to be covered in our Pittsburgh Council-sponsored Great Lakes trip in August.

### DO YOU HAVE CLASS?

Eating gear, sleeping sack  
Put together in a pack--  
What a sight, think you're right  
For a happy overnight--  
You're in style; you've got class--  
If you have a '50 pass.

--Fred Mauk

# TRIPPING AROUND

Boston to Elizabeth - 15 miles of cold, windy hiking... 35 hostellers limped home after what Tony claims was the roughest hike ever.... Only nine showed for the 17 miles from Kingo Creek to Thompsonville the next Sunday... Vannie Noodle's first trip-- "I'm not brave; I just didn't realize that 17 miles was considered difficult"..... March 11-12, Old Economy... Sleep? Naw-- too warm... the floor of the N. Sewickley Twp. firehouse was radiant heated... Wes Bannelle's "coffee"..... Jan Reel led a leisurely ten miles from Bridgeville to Thompsonville... 12-inch snow drifts... perfect snowballs... Jack Stein found a swinging vine-- Tony Franses, Helen Deitt, Chuck Forbes rode it, but Larry Cohen was too much for it.....

Sam Shaw's Hoof and Mouths never rest... Terry and Don Bole and Louis Soos always in the lead... Marian and Stewart Freeman opened their house wide... slides, dancing, etc... very beautiful hiking Sunday along a creek... splash, splash-- just Stewart Freeman coming down the middle of the creek-- tired of trying to keep dry... Bruce Merritt didn't like a muddy hand and left one of the Pantelis sisters of Wheeling fall back in the mud.... Apr. 2 - Hermie - 16 for the first cycle trip... 40 miles... Mary Comensky's first trip-- wasn't even sore Monday... Joan Walczak's New Lenton Sports looked sharp with her perched on top... eleven hikers for lunch... Stan Baston led them over his old home grounds... a hill with wild garlic-- phew... a hill with wee small flowers and trillium... at the top, a knob with a view on all four sides... but his long legs never want to rest.... North Boros-- the hikers came out of the woods into a backyard-- a lady emerged from the house and asked them to wait while she went in for her camera!!! campfire supper finished by dark and then an hour and a half of singing.....

WE HOLD OUTINGS REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER



# HOSTEL WEEK MAY 1-7

## EXHIBITS

Saturday, May 13, will find some strange and interesting sights in St. Joseph's Hall at Mount Mercy College. For the Pittsburgh Council along with other groups will put on demonstrations of their prowess at the Allegheny Camp Council Show.

Tony Pranses will speak at the luncheon, and representatives of the Council will attend the sessions on Programing for Older Girls and Boys and Adult Camping. Cycling methods, types of bicycles, square and folk dancing, slides, and movies will make up the well-rounded program the Pittsburgh Council will exhibit. Members have been asked to ride their cycles to the Show as the best demonstration.

The show is open to the public.

## JOIN BIG SWITCH TO CYCLING

Harvey Hindin has joined the big switch to cycling. "There's nothing like it," he reports. "It's my way from now on."

## INSURANCE

National AYH Headquarters offers a Youth Hosteler's Medical Reimbursement Policy which insures one against "bodily injuries, sustained while on or participating in Hosteling activities through accidental means, independent of all other causes, while holding a pass of the American Youth Hostels, Inc., and not otherwise." The policy costs \$2.50 for 30-day coverage, \$4.50 for a 60-day period, \$6.00 for 3 months, and \$18.00 for the year. Contact Treasurer Betty Bierer for further details.

## DON'T FORGET!

Buy a 1950 Pass!

Square Dancing - 1st and 3d Tuesdays,

Lightweight Cycles for rent.

Send in your applications for leading and participating in Summer 1950 extended trips.

National Youth Hostel Week!

## AYH T-SHIRTS ON SALE

Pittsburgh hostelers have adopted an unofficial costume. Topped by a black beret, it consists of a yellow T-shirt, blue shorts, and a kerchief. The yellow T-shirt has a large blue AYH triangle on the front with Pittsburgh Council printed underneath. They will sell for \$3.00 and will be available by the middle of May.

## DEMONSTRATION GROUPS

Swing your partner - Do-si-do - Left hand to your partner - What's that? You don't know how? Let A.Y.H. show you how. We have demonstration squares who will go almost anywhere to show your group how. Experienced callers are also available. Or if you prefer, come to the Square Dances at Headquarters, the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

Contact Bruce Merritt at Federal 1-3857 for further information.

## PHOTOS WANTED

Louise Pranses, newly appointed Historian, is looking for black and white photos of Pittsburgh Council outings and activities. Lou would also appreciate the hostelers in the towns around Pittsburgh sending clippings about Pittsburgh Council from their local newspapers.

Louise is making a scrap book and needs your help, so let's get those pictures and clippings in.

## SALES SKYROCKET UP

George Cohen reports bicycle sales ahead of expectations. Ten Raleigh geared bikes have been sold since the first of the year.

Pass sales are also up. As of April 15, 130 passes were sold, as compared to 150 for the entire 1949 year.

## FOR SALE

Raleigh and Humber Lightweight Geared Bikes  
\$59.95 - \$85.00

Bicycle Accessories and Parts  
Carriers, Kick Stands, Saddle Bags, etc.

Pins

Beret

Pennants

T-shirts

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MAY-JUNE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Week-end outings open to 1950 passholders only. One-day affairs are open to all, but nonpassholders pay 25¢ additional registration fee. Costs listed are approximate but cover total expenses and will be collected by leader at meeting place.

On overnight outings, bring eating and sleeping gear. On one-day outings where AYH provides meals, bring eating gear. Private cars permitted only when authorized by leader.

Details of meeting places, times, and exact cost are listed on bi-weekly postal cards sent to 1950 passholders. Others phone leaders for details. Reservations accompanied by one-half the listed cost must be made in person or by mail at least 48 hours prior to outing.

April 29 - May 7 - NATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL WEEK - See attached schedule.

Sunday, May 14 - BEAR CAVE, CHESTNUT RIDGE HIKE. Distance 12 miles. Through one of Western Pennsylvania's few caves. Bring lunch, flashlight. Private transportation desired. Cost \$1.40 Leader Helen MacMurdo (HI 1-6069)

Saturday, May 20 - MOON RUN HIKE AND CAMPFIRE SUPPER. 7-mile hike in afternoon through Robinson Township. Cost \$1.10 Leader Fred Mauk (EM 1-6299)

Sunday, May 21 - UNITY-NORTH BRISSEMER CYCLE TRIP. Easy ride for beginners - 20 miles. Bring lunch. Cost 15¢ Leader Stan Lintner (WA 1-3531)

Sat.-Sun., May 27-28 - MOUNT DAVIS WEEKEND. Back to Pa.'s "Roof Garden," one of 1949's favorite trips. Bring Sat. lunch, WARM clothes, etc. 10-mile hike each day. Private cars a NECESSITY. Cost \$4.30 Leader Mary L. O'Callaghan (MA 1-9907)

Tuesday, May 30 (Memorial Day) - COCHRAN'S MILL HIKE-BIKE. Pleasant 10-mile hike along Peters Creek. Cost 80¢ Leader Kay Walczak (SC 1-8147). Cycling distance 50 miles. Cost 15¢ Leader Joan Walczak (SC 1-8147) Bring lunch.

Saturday, June 3 - NORTH PARK HIKE-BIKE AND CAMPFIRE SUPPER. 10-mile hike from Bakerstown. Cost \$1.25. Hike leader June Redman (LO 1-3249). Cycle distance 30 miles led by George Cohen (EM 1-0869). Cost 60¢. CYCLISTS RETURN AFTER DARK.

Sat.-Sun., June 10-11 - BAKER TRAIL OVERNIGHT HIKE-BIKE. Good training for summer extended hike trips. 15 miles each day with packs over Freeport to Aspinwall section. Cost \$2.80 Leader Tony Franses (PE 1-2556). Cyclists will meet hikers for camp out. Distance 45 miles each day. Cost \$1.80 Leader Buddy Edlis (MO 1-3229) Bring Sat. lunch

Sunday, June 18 - BUSHY RUN HIKE-BIKE. 12-mile hike. Leader Al Buchholz (Millvale 3109). Cycle 40 miles. Leader Martha Wood (MA 1-5669) Cost 15¢ Bring lunch.

Sat.-Sun., June 24-25 - CARNEGIE PARK OVERNIGHT HIKE-BIKE. Join cyclists on first extended trip of summer on first night out. Hike 8 miles each day. Cost \$2.25 Leader Claire Booher (HA 1-0577). Cycle 30 miles each day. Leader H. Hindin (Br-1790)

THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS - 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

May 11 - "South Pacific," Jack Newkirk

May 18 - "Color Photography Made Easy," Agfa Ansco

May 25 - "Topo Map Reading"

June 1 - Pittsburgh AYH Extended Trips for 1950 - details by the leaders

June 8 - Color slides for the first quarter of 1950 - EVERYONE WHO HAS TAKEN ANY

June 15 - Old Time Cyclists, Bill Snell

June 22 - "Cuba," Bill Snell

June 29 - "Scenic Pennsylvania," movie by Esso

July 1-8 - LAANNA YOUTH HOSTEL IMPROVEMENT TRIP, Pocono Mountains. Sponsored by the Pocono-Susquehanna and Pa. State Councils. To make this hostel into a truly model hostel, they wish particularly to repair the 90-foot stone swimming pool on the property. The building is a beautiful 15-room rustic lodge with a large dance floor, ping-pong and other recreational facilities. An Independence Day square dance with local music, hikes, and side trips to neighboring hostels are planned. Pittsburgh Council members are invited to participate. Contact M.L.O'Callaghan (MA 1-9907) details



## RECORDS

It is time to start thinking about and practicing for AYH "Record Night." No cross-country record, this --but a program for Thursday night, July 20. Just bring a record (to play on the record player) for which you have worked up appropriate gestures and possibly a costume. Let the vocalist do the singing (or talking), and you go through the motions. See June Redman for suggestions, special arrangements, and to sign up your act.

### FOR SALE--

Everyone is pleased with his yellow AYH T-shirt--but finds he needs two. Get yours for \$2.00 - small, medium, or large. -- Do you have a pennant, pin, shoulder patch, beret?

### CYCLE RENTALS

C. Stanley Lintner, Jr., has been appointed chairman of a special committee to handle rental bicycles. Starting immediately, individuals who wish to rent bikes must reserve by the Thursday preceding the scheduled bike trip, with the rental cost paid at that time. If one must cancel his rental, the cancellation notice must be in at least 24 hours before the trip in order that another person can rent the bike. Rental money will be refunded if the cancellation is made in advance; otherwise, the charge will be forfeited. Bikes will be rented on a "first come, first served" basis, so if you want to rent a bike, please phone Stan at Walnut 1-3531 or see him on Thursday evening at headquarters.

Individuals who are renting bikes must be present at headquarters at least one-half hour before starting time, in order that adjustments can be made to the bike for that particular rider.

Rental Rates (slightly higher for non-passholders)

1 - 4 hours -- 25¢ per hour

4 - 24 hours -- \$1.00

for each additional day -- 60¢

## SUMMER TRIPS

Leaders for the extended summer trips have been appointed, and at a recent Thursday open house they gave the final details of their itineraries. The leaders are as follows:

Adirondack Mountains - Tony Pranses  
Pennsylvania-New York - Harvey Hindin  
New England - George Cohen  
Western Pennsylvania - Jack Stein  
Great Lakes - Betty Bierer

Horseshoe Trail (dates changed to August 26-September 3) - J. D. Myers

Eleven hostelers will leave Friday, June 30, for a week in the Adirondack Mountains. Leaders for subsequent trips will be very glad to answer your queries and sign you up. Don't delay any longer - make your hosteling plans now for a glorious summer!

### A.Y.H. SPEAKS

Sometime in the next two months most groups schedule their winter programs. We believe AYH can provide interesting talks for most any type of group and urge our members to offer our services to clubs to which they belong. It will be possible to send speakers at most any time, for we have quite a number to draw upon. There is an ever-growing collection of colored slides for illustration of these talks, and by the end of the summer we shall have a collection of movies available for speaking engagements. There will be a demonstration square available to illustrate and teach square dancing.

AYH supplied one of the features of the recent Allegheny Camp Counselors' training program at Raccoon Creek Park. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Myers and their two boys not only talked about but lived a life in the out-of-doors that weekend. The Myerses lectured on equipment and food for extended trips and planned the Saturday lunch, a meal which could be served on the third day of a hiking expedition. And more about this later --for Mr. and Mrs. Myers are going to give us the same talk for one of our programs soon.

### RALEIGH AND HUMBER LIGHTWEIGHT CYCLES

Sturdy-Archer Geared - \$60 to \$80

Join the Trend! You, too, will do a century!

Twenty sold so far this year!

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✓ Sunday, July 2 - MON CITY-ELIZABETH BIKE TRIP. 50 miles - bring lunch - cost 15¢ - leader Rege Moser (no phone - register preceding Thursday).

✓ Friday, July 7 - McKEESPORT NIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE SUPPER. 3 miles - bring eating gear - cost 95¢ - leader Walt Pagels (SC 1-8975)

✓ Sunday, July 9 - RACCOON CREEK HIKE-BIKE. Hike 12 miles - cost \$1.40 - leader Harold Huckins. Cycle 80 miles - 15¢ - leader Ted Jeannette (CH 1-3875 for all reservations). Bring lunch.

✓ Sat.-Sun., July 15-16 - CAMP TREES HOSTEL OVERNIGHT. Hike 8 miles each day - cost \$3.25 - leader Wes Bunnelle (SC 1-9162). Cycle 40 miles each day - cost \$2.30 - leader Grace Kriner (MU 1-5407).

✓ Saturday, July 22 - ABERS CREEK HIKE-BIKE AND CAMPFIRE SUPPER. Hike 8 miles - Leader Gloria Fisher. Hike 35 miles - cost 60¢ - leader Anne O'Neill (LE 1-7395 for all reservations). Bring eating gear.

✓ Friday, July 28 - GRAVEYARD SHIFT CYCLE TRIP. 50 miles (between midnight and 7 a.m.). Leader Bill Snell (HI 1-7053)

✓ Sunday, July 30 - ECONOMY HIKE-BIKE. Hike 10 miles - cost 80¢ - leader Chuck Forbes. Cycle 50 miles - cost 15¢ - leader Art Ellis (Call Jack Stein - JA 1-0381 - for info.)

✓ Sat.-Sun., August 5-6 - 14-MILE ISLAND ROBINSON CRUSOE OVERNIGHT. Camp out in tents. Leader Bruce Merritt (FE 1-3857)

✓ Friday, August 11 - TROY HILL NIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE SUPPER. 4 miles - cost 65¢ - leader Betty Bierer (MO 1-4997) - bring eating gear.

Sunday, August 13 - RACES AT SCHENLEY OVAL. Hiking and cycling events. Leader Tony Frances (PE 1-2556)

Saturday, August 19 - PINE CREEK HIKE-BIKE AND CAMPFIRE SUPPER. Hike 8 miles - cost \$1.20 - leader Claire Booher (HA 1-0577). Cycle 35 miles - cost 60¢ - leader Jim Deitt (WA 1-6752). Bring eating gear.

Sat.-Sun., August 26-27 - LIGONIER OVERNIGHT. Hike 10 miles each day - cost \$3.50 - leader Jan Reel (Carnegie 2056). Cycle 55 miles each day - cost \$1.80 - leader Jack Stein (JA 1-0381)

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THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE - AYH Open House is observed every Thursday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There is no charge, and this is an excellent time to learn about hosteling, meet the gang, and take part in the excellent and diversified programs. The programs begin at 9:00 and last for about one hour.

SQUARE AND FOLK DANCING - First and third Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.

SUNSET CYCLE TRIPS - Every Monday evening leaving headquarters at 7:00 p.m.