

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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## *B. Bierer Elected to Board*

L. Betty Bierer, Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Council, was elected to the State Board of Directors at a meeting held Saturday, October 21, in Philadelphia. The Pittsburgh Council was represented at the meeting by Chairman Tony Franses, who has been our only representative on the State Board. He reported on the progress of the Council, and, at the Philadelphia Annual Fall Rally, Saturday evening, showed a collection of slides of Pittsburgh activities.

On Sunday, representatives of the Pocono-Susquehanna, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, and Baltimore Councils held an all-day meeting under the chairmanship of Justin Cline, National Field Director. It was essentially a workshop conference, with the members breaking up into small discussion groups. Tony was chairman of the committee on local council establishment and operation.

The participants voted to support a national workshop to be held early in December.

## DEITT WINS CROSS COUNTRY

Now Sgt., Jim Deitt of the U. S. Army has two trophies to keep him company at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Already employed by Uncle Sam, he was the last entry to start in the September 9 twenty-eight mile cross-country cycle race and finished 50 seconds before the time of the second-place Tony Franses. The winning time was 1:23:25. Ted Jeannette came in third, even after having to take time out to repair a flat tire. These cyclists finished in the same positions in the August track races. Jack Stein and Bruce Merritt finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Betty Bierer finished first in the ladies' division, with Jean Rach second and Grace Kriner third.

## *Election to be Held Nov. 16*

The second annual election of the members of the Activities Board of the Pittsburgh Council will be held Thursday, November 16. The Chairman of the Board and chairmen of nine committees which now comprise the Board will be elected. The Election Supplement of The Golden Triangle is being sent to all passholders. Careful study of the qualifications of the officers is urged so that the best qualified individuals will be elected.

On election night, the following amendments to the Constitution of the Pittsburgh Council, which have been passed by the Board of Directors, will be presented to the membership for ratification:

1. The members of the Activities Board shall be elected by a plurality ballot. (The present system is by preferential ballot.)

2. The Chairman of the Board must have held office on the Board of Directors in at least one full term during the three-year period terminating with the election year. (The Chairman may now be any two-year passholder.)

3. The area over which the Council has jurisdiction can be extended or modified on the basis of the National Charter. (We originally claimed only 11 counties in Pennsylvania but have recently been chartered to handle four more in West Virginia.)

## ALL INVITED TO BOARD MEETING

The fourth quarter meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, November 11, in the fourth floor conference room of the Community Chest Building, 519 Smithfield Street. All interested individuals are invited to attend and observe the workings of the Board and meet the members of the Advisory Board.

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## ADVENTURE

What is hosteling? What does hosteling have to offer Mr. Average Citizen? It is axiomatic that people feel the answers to these questions far more readily than they can state them. In gatherings of leading hostel representatives, these questions invariably lead to long but inconclusive argument. Despite this lack of agreement, we feel that hosteling is best defined by certain one-word terms such as Experience, Companionship, Travel or Exploration, but better than any of these and a summation of them all is ADVENTURE. This is what you seek and what you get in AYH. -- alp

## BUTTON UP YOUR JACKET

With Fall, the real hiking year begins, but with Winter, hiking clothes become a serious problem. Footwear is most important. A sturdy boot of at least ankle height is excellent for support, while a cushion of a pair of wool socks lined with light cotton or silk socks makes for real walking pleasure. Rubber galoshes are bad since, in keeping water out, they also keep moisture in. Rather than one heavy jacket, most hikers, like skiers, find several layers of sweaters with a light windbreaker most satisfactory for changes in temperature. Red flannels cannot be beat, while close knit gabardine or bluejean slacks are more resistant to the wind than tweeds.

A lunch under your arm or in a paper bag gets very heavy but the same lunch plus extra socks and an extra sweater on your back is negligible. For heavy loads a rucksack or a pack-board can expand to carry any weight comfortably (especially with foam rubber pads at the shoulders and waist.) For lighter loads on a one-day hike, a  
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# SUPER CYCLE

BY HARVEY HINDIN

"This model," the salesman continued, "also comes equipped with a 4-speed Sturmey-Archer gear plus a 4-sprocket rear and a 3-sprocket front derailleur unit. The gears range from 253.9 in high to 12.3 in low. Other equipment on this model is a dual purpose Rocket-Launcher-Jet Unit. By depressing the special trigger-flick control, a rocket is launched through the front of the cycle utilizing the horizontal crossbar as the launcher. Two types of units have been designed for use with this launcher. The smaller one may be used to remove small obstacles such as car doors from the cyclist's path. The larger type removes larger objects and may also be used to teach nasty motorists not to pick on cyclists. By closing off the front and discharging a rocket-power unit, the jet effect is obtained. This is used mainly to gain enough momentum to allow use of high gear on a slight down grade. An ingenious contrivance devised for people who dislike pumping tires with a hand pump is our CO<sub>2</sub> compressor collector. This device collects carbon dioxide exhaled by the rider whilst cycling. The CO<sub>2</sub> is compressed and collected in a special superlightweight container with special valve that automatically keeps tires inflated to proper pressure. Our Verry-Flare attachment should solve the problem for cyclists who become lost. The flare is launched through the seat post, shooting the flare several hundred feet into the air. This model," the salesman concluded, "is known as the SUPERCycle and will be on the market in a few years."

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC

"AYH" means something to more Pittsburghers every day, and the Roto Section of The Press and the radio are big media for publicity. The Roto Section carried a full page of pictures about the Baker Trail on Sunday, August 27, while George Cohen, Bruce Merritt, and June Redman spoke on the 15-minute Congress of Women's Clubs program on Station WJAS, Saturday, September 30.



## OPEN HOUSE EVERY THURSDAY

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

Nov. 2 - Harold Huckins, pictures from the National Parks taken on his trip west during the past summer.

Nov. 9 - Report of officers for 1950.

Nov. 16 - Election of officers for 1951.

Nov. 23 - Slides, pictures, etc.

Nov. 30 - "Mountain Climbing in the French Alps," moving pictures from the French Embassy.

Dec. 7 - Program on Skiing

Dec. 14 - Square and Folk Dancing

Dec. 21 - Slides, pictures, etc.

Dec. 28 - Earle C. Herring, "Shepherd Pipes: To Make and To Play."

## AYH SPEAKS

Speakers' Bureau schedule:

Nov. 7 - Turtle Creek DeMolay Mothers' Club - upstairs of Bank Building in Turtle Creek - 8:30

Nov. 26 - Sunday Night Supper Club - First Baptist Church, Oakland - dinner at 6:00, program at 7:00

Jan. 8 - Trafford Women's Club

## FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP BEGUN

A folk dance workshop began a six-week session Monday, October 9. Held on alternate Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. at AYH Headquarters, each member of the group takes his turn to teach a dance which he has perfected authentically. No longer are the Scottische and Hot Pretzels the popular folk dances, but one must know "Down the Lane" and "The Irish Waltz to be "hep."

## CLOTHING (cont.)

musette bag is sufficient but the rucksack will still serve. You will need a sleeping bag for overnight trips. The big sack is 60 x 20 x 10 and of 100% cotton is an excellent buy. Take your hiking clothes and gear out seriously for more fun and adventure.

"Cruck" Forbes and Moresah Joyce were married in Chicago, Oct. 14. Congrats!

## SALES BY CONTRACT ONLY BASIS

Bicycle sales have been put on a contract basis as of September 8. A cash-on-delivery sale, with or without a down payment, will be honored with the issuance of a free pass. All other sales must be accompanied by a third down paid on delivery or before, with the remainder paid in two equal payments due in 30 and 60 days. Such a sale must have a contract signed by the individual or his parents, if a minor, which will permit the Council to relieve them of the merchandise if payment is not made.

The sale of 19 bicycles thus far in 1950 has made the work too involved to keep the business on a haphazard basis.

## NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND AT THE HOSTEL

Plan now to welcome the New Year in at AYH's big, festive 3-day New Year's weekend party at Brashear Camp Hostel. Winter sports, unlimited hiking, big folk and square dances Saturday and Sunday evenings, and song fests will assure a wonderful time. We plan to invite hostellers from other Councils. See June Redman with your suggestions, offers to serve on committees and your reservation.

The Brashear Camp Hostel has been moved from its summer quarters of two large tents to the farm house which houses the camp counselors during the camping season. This can readily develop into a model hostel with its many bedrooms and varied opportunities for hosteling activities.

## 1951 AYH PASSES NOW ON SALE

1951 AYH passes went on sale October 1 and will be honored until December 31, 1951. Renew your 1950 pass now, or if you are not yet a passholder, buy yours now and enjoy 14 months of fun and adventure for \$3.00 if an adult and only \$2.00 if under 21.

## CHARTER AREA EXPANDED TO W.VA.

The original Pittsburgh Council charter included 11 counties in Pennsylvania. The 1950 charter expanded the Council to include four counties in West Virginia - Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, and Marshall.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.  
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Weekend 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 the leader at meeting place. Private cars permitted only when authorized by the 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.

Saturday, November 4 - HAMPTON FARMS AMBLE. An easy fall hike north of Pittsburgh, with supper and square dancing at the Pullen's. Bring mess gear and \$1.25. Leader, Marge Collins; call Tony Frances, PE. 1-2556, for info.

Sunday, November 5 - CYCLE TRIP TO OLD CABIN. Weather permitting, we'll cycle out Pleasant Hills way to Large and Bedell's cabin, 85 years old. The trip will be definitely on the short side, 35 miles, so let's have everyone come out. Leader, Ted Jeannette, CH. 1-3875. Bring lunch, 15¢

Sunday, November 12 - DULANY CAVE CRAWL. We need no sales talks for this one, for this will be the third return to Dulany Cave for AYH. Leader, Wes Bunnelle, CO. 1-5820. Cost, \$2.00 Private cars needed.

Weekend, November 18-19 - GRAND CANYON OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. For once a hike only to Pollack's at Avella. Here's another trip we will need cars for, but there will be lots of hiking and singing at the Pennsylvania-West Virginia State Line. Leader, Bud Horn, EM. 1-4369. Cost, \$3.85

Friday, November 24 - FERN HOLLOW NIGHT HIKE. <sup>BIG SNOW!</sup> This is the hike to bring all your friends on. First, we'll walk along the trails in Frick Park, then eats and entertainment at AYH Hostel Headquarters. Call Joe Palka, PE. 1-5373. Cost, 50¢

Sunday, November 26 - MON-TOUGH RIDGE TRAIL. An all day 10-mile hike along the ridges surrounding the Youghiogheny and Monongahela River Valleys. We'll be able to see those trails that Pagels led us on at night last July. Leader, Fred Freuthal, JA. 1-1095. Cost, 15¢. Bring lunch (cold turkey sandwiches!)

Saturday, December 2 - BAKER TRAIL TIME. This one overlooking New Kensington, with a campfire supper directly above the Aluminum City. Be sure to bring \$1.45, mess gear. Leader, Mary Ellen Timberlake, LO. 1-2333

Weekend, December 9-10 - BRASHEAR CAMP HOSTEL WORK TRIP. We now move our open-air quarters indoors, and fix up the hostel for a future trip. Leader, Grace Kriner, MU. 1-5407. Bring \$4.80, Sat. lunch, mess gear and sleeping gear.

Saturday, December 16 - REINDEER RUMPUS. Come to AYH Hostel Headquarters prepared to sing carols and do-si-do, and have all your friends come. The admission for everyone, 50¢. Reserve with Mary Louise O'Callaghan, MA. 1-9907

Saturday, December 23 - ANOTHER HIKE TO CARNEGIE PARK, where 35 people had a wonderful time square dancing last February. This time we'll walk the 7 miles from Pittsburgh. Call Jan Reel for reservations, Carnegie 2056. Cost, 60¢

Friday, December 29 - YEAR'S END NIGHT HIKE AND WEINER ROAST. With lots of warm clothes and eating gear we'll take to the hills bordering West End for a short night hike and weiner roast. Leader, Ruth Chapieski, MA. 1-8970. Cost 40¢

Sat.-Sun.-Mon., December 30, 31, January 1 - NEW YEARS AT HOSTEL. Let's close off 1950 with a wonderful bang! At our winter quarters at Brashear Camp Hostel, we'll tear the lid off the old year and welcome in the new. Winter sports, local hiking, square and folk dancing, song fests, and anything else you want. Just to make sure, see June Redman and reserve yourself a place for \$6.50 (LO 1-3249).

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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# *The* GOLDEN TRIANGLE ELECTION SUPPLEMENT VOTE NOV. 16

On November 16, the Pittsburgh Council will hold its annual elections to determine who will serve as Chairman of the Board and chairmen of nine committees which now comprise the Activities Board of the Board of Directors. On November 9, the incumbents will briefly describe their functions and relate the progress achieved by their committees during the year in which they have held office. This will enable you, in part, to decide if they are qualified to continue in the positions they occupy and if you feel that their progress is consistent with the requirements of a growing council. While any person holding a 1950 AYH pass who has also held a pass for at least one previous year is eligible to hold an office in the Pittsburgh Council, the membership may not be fully aware of the unique qualifications each office requires. In an effort to present the membership with all the information it needs to reach a sound decision in the election of officers for the year 1951, a review of desirable qualifications is listed below. REMEMBER: No organization is better than its leaders. An AYH election must not be permitted to degenerate into a mere popularity contest. The need is for capable, experienced, conscientious persons with plenty of time to devote to AYH, who believe in the organization and its future, and who, without financial compensation, will work unselfishly toward its goals.

1. Chairman of the Board - Basically, the Chairman coordinates the activities of all committees, calls meetings, appoints special committees, fills officer vacancies between elections, and makes general policy decisions between meetings of the Board. Actually, the Chairman is the driving force of the organization. It is necessary that he be intimately acquainted with every phase of hosteling from the simplest menial details of hostel kitchens to policy forming phases of international youth hosteling. As local AYH leader, he is a member of the National Council; the State Council; the Allegheny Sector, American Camping Association; the Committee for Parks, Conservation, and Recreation of the Allegheny Conference for Community Development; the White House Conference for Youth Recreation; and other groups at the state and local levels which may be formed from time to time. These organizations are made up of civic and recreational leaders and the AYH Chairman must, as a representative of the local council, be able to deal with them as a convincing equal. He will have frequent occasion to negotiate with members of local governmental, civic, and recreational agencies, and must be able to sell AYH and its needs to these people. Needless to say, the Chairman must be aggressive, imaginative, diplomatic, inspirational, and a capable administrator. He must have considerable free time. Constitutionally, he must be an adult passholder. Incumbent: A. L. (Tony) Pranses

3. Treasurer - The treasurer is chairman of the Finance Committee and is responsible for the securing and handling of AYH funds. In this connection he must be competent to deal with National and State treasurers, banks, insurance companies, and, within our own organization, with trip leaders, Cycle Crafts Chairman, etc. He must evolve sound fiscal policies and hold the check reins on the purse strings. He must police budgets approved by the Board of Directors, maintain and periodically

*Handwritten notes:*  
Add program  
Chairman of Board  
Finance Committee work

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audit satisfactory books and be generally familiar with bookkeeping methods. Regular attendance at AYH functions is necessary to accomplish the above. The treasurer must be unquestionably honest, possess high integrity, be meticulous, frugal, an introspective and careful negotiator, and farsighted. Constitutionally, he must be an adult passholder. Incumbent: L. Betty Bierer

3. Secretary - As chairman of the Office Management Committee, the Secretary is responsible for the provision of all clerical effort necessary for filing, addressing, mailing, typing, publication of cards and bulletins, etc. He must be well acquainted with office procedure and special AYH office methods and requirements. As a committee head, he must be able to supervise and coordinate the work of many people. The Secretary should be reliable, hard working, persistent, attentive to detail, and inventive. Incumbent: Mary Louise O'Callaghan

4. Director of Public Relations - In this most essential activity, the director must, together with his committee, accomplish the tremendous task ranging from disseminating routine trip news releases to securing feature coverage of AYH in newspapers, periodicals, and radio. The full range of activity should include poster campaigns in schools, libraries, bicycle stores, etc., to sell not only interest and membership in AYH but also fullest possible participation in its activities. The Director must be able to deal with editors, reporters, and writers to assure desirable publicity calculated to achieve maximum results at minimum cost. The office requires a knowledge of publicity methods, salesmanship, aggressiveness, tireless effort, personality, literary and advertising ability, and organizational foresight. Constitutionally he must be an adult passholder. Incumbent: Wesley Bunnelle

5. Trips and Trails Chairman - Since AYH is an organization devoted to the educational, physical, and cultural benefits of travel, the chairman of the Trips and Trails committee fills a very important office. Under his direction falls the responsibility of planning a complete calendar of local and extended trips which will best suit the requirements of the membership. He must also concern himself with expansion of modes of travel and development of trails. He maintains a file of maps, timetables, bulletins of other councils, and related information. This officer must have unlimited imagination, ability to discern the desires of the membership, administrative ability, and a fundamental knowledge of leadership and organization. Incumbent: Jack Stein

6. Hostel Chairman - Charged with planning, locating, erecting, and maintaining hostels in the Pittsburgh Council Area, this officer must meet with representatives of numerous agencies interested in the work of AYH, raise funds, organize hostel committees, and cooperate with other councils in the establishment of hostel chains. In addition, this officer is responsible for building maintenance and inventory control of all non-saleable material assets. He must have a planner's vision, personality, ability to deal with outside persons and agencies, and administrative know-how. Incumbent: Bruce Merritt

7. Membership Chairman - This officer heads a committee responsible for promoting maximum passholding membership and maintaining a file on passholders, interested non-passholders, and individual activity. Incidental duties include the welcoming of new people and organizing promotion campaigns to stimulate pass sales. Passholders are the backbone of the organization; hence competence in this position is essential to the success and expansion of the Council. The Membership Chairman must be aggressive, a promoter and organizer, congenial, persistent, very active in AYH affairs, and diplomatic. Incumbent: Larry Cohen



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8. Cycle Crafts and Merchandising Chairman - This officer is responsible for cycle rentals and the sale of bicycles and accessories and all saleable AYH equipment. He must also organize cycle training courses and instruct in safe cycle practices. Incidental requirements include maintenance of inventory records, sales accounts, planning of advertising and promotional efforts designed to stimulate sales. This officer must have a first-hand knowledge of cycling and its mechanical aspects. His honesty and integrity must be beyond question. He must be highly active in AYH. Other required qualities include salesmanship, ability to keep accurate records, and a fundamental appreciation of sound merchandising principles. By Board of Directors' resolution, he must be an adult passholder. Incumbent: George Cohen.

9. Speakers' Bureau Chairman - It is the responsibility of this officer to maintain a roster of persons competent to speak about various facets of AYH activity to any organization or group desiring this service. A file of motion pictures and colored slides augmentative to the speeches must also be available, and contacts with other groups must be established. To fill these requirements, this officer must have a basic knowledge of public speaking, a salesman's knack of establishing contacts and developing them into desirable engagements, and ability to determine what programs are most likely to succeed in selling hosteling to groups previously unfamiliar with the activity. By Board of Directors' resolution, he must be an adult passholder. Incumbent: June Redman

10. Program Chairman - Upon this officer rests the responsibility of organizing and guiding a committee to plan and execute suitable programs for Thursday evening open houses, arrange and manage the annual banquet, and sponsor a successful program of square and folk dances. The organization of training courses also falls under the direction of this officer, but aid is obtained from other committees in this instance. To execute his duties adequately, the Program Chairman must contact numerous outside agencies and persons which may be able to fill AYH program requirements. This officer must have imagination, personality, diplomacy, ability to plan far in advance, and an awareness of the desires of AYH members. Incumbent: Elizabeth Saffer

Another important aspect of an officer's job is that he is automatically a member of the Board of Directors, and as such must constantly have a clear picture of the needs and wants of AYH. He will be instrumental in selecting and guiding policies which may affect many phases of hosteling other than that which is his immediate responsibility. This has been a long paper, but it is presented secure in the knowledge that reason will prevail with the membership at election time, and their choices will be of persons most competent to fill their obligations and perpetuate a thriving organization designed to make the world a better place in which to live.