

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

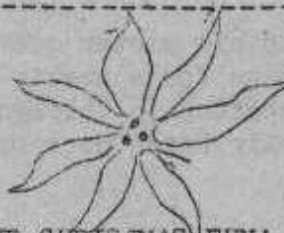
December 1961.....

.....6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh 32, Pa. •

OPEN HOUSE!!!

with emphasis on

CHRISTMAS CHEER AND CHRISTMAS FUN!



CONTEST

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL OFFERS OPPORTUNITY
FOR ORIGINALITY

Don't forget that our doors open on Thursday nights at 8.00pm, and there will be one or two of the Membership Committee around to see that newcomers get acquainted - and to take Applications.

Thursday, December 7: Hugh Gilmour will lead folk-dancing with a Christmas flavor...dances from other lands that fit in to the spirit of the season.

Thursday, December 14: "How to get more Fun in your Wintertime Outdoor Activities" ---- tips on how to use Snowshoes and Skis - with on-the-spot demonstrations of the equipment. Skiing and snowshoeing slides will illustrate the point.

Thursday, December 21: Most of us like to lift our voices in song in December, even if we can't carry a tune. Lois Ann Wagner will lead a program of Campfire and Christmas song - with guitar.....

Thursday, December 28: Elizabeth Saffer has invited all AYH members to her Traditional Christmas Gathering -- with Tree (LIVE candles) - Cookies - and Good Fellowship. Go direct to 4735 Maripoe Street, Oakland; or come to AYH where there will be someone to direct you.

We have had several comments on our "flag," which is just another name for the three- and a half inch coverage at the top of the page. Many have felt that since the Pittsburgh skyline has changed considerably in the past few years, perhaps it would be a good time to appraise our own cover and perhaps design a new one.

Our staff was speechless for a moment, and during that moment of silence, the idea of a contest was born. We thought to appeal to our members to design a new "flag" for the GT.

The requirements are simple. We should like to have something that reflects the "Golden Triangle." We thought perhaps a more rural or woodsy background would be more appropriate. It should retain the space coverage that the present one maintains-- $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 7 inches.

Does the title suit the newspaper? Or perhaps a better title would be more appealing? If you have any ideas for a title or flag, please send them to the editor: Hugh Gilmour, American Youth Hostels, Inc., 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pgh.32.

Naturally a masterful suggestion such as this will not go unrewarded. With the banquet coming up in February, we thought a free ticket to this affair might be it!

CHARIVARI

by Hugh Gilmour



"Deck the halls with boughs of holly," and also "Do something with that page," we were told. So here we go with a lot of tidbits gleaned from the backs of desk drawers, cutting room floors and backs of napkins from Cappy's.

For those of you who are in a giving mood at this early date, may we request that if you have any old chairs that you may be planning to discard, please call us. We are desperately in need of extra chairs to accommodate the crowds that have been coming out for open house programs. This also applies to any fragments of old carpeting; the stone floor at headquarters can get rather cold in the winter.

The first wintry gale sent Don Reed to his winter quarters in Florida and MARGARET BARK flew off for the Caribbean for a week's rest. LIZ SAFFER attended the American College of Surgeons Convention in Chicago and "baby-sat" the Pittsburgh exhibit. Her comment on Texas Air Force doctors sounds a little less clinical.

LOIS ANN WAGNER is currently strumming her folksy guitar and warbling to the patrons of the University Grill in Oakland on Wednesday nights. A former hosteler, EDITH HOWE, flew in for the weekend, interrupting her work as airline stewardess for United Air Lines. RAMONA PANSON is busily working on a brochure that will acquaint our members with the delights of the Brockhurst Hostel. ANN MONTGOMERY vacationed in Georgia and Tennessee in the last month and came back with some rare accounts of whisky stills. Too bad she didn't take some pictures. DICK TAUSEN, our local Karati expert and possessor of the hardest backhand in many a moon, is buying a Jaguar.

JOYCE KOPLOS can really say she has savoir faire now! On the Brockhurst Hostel weekend hike, she wore her red-striped long johns around her neck and everyone commented on her chic neck scarf. At the recent Christmas fair, DON and BILLIE WOODLAND were buying some of their Christmas gifts and also discussing possibilities for later winter camping trips. DICK McNAMARA donned a white apron to serve as host for the opening of a new Thorefare in Somerset and learned the fine differences of meat cuts.

The farewell weekend party at the Brockhurst Hostel for MARIE GARRET was most successful, with twenty-three hostelers arriving for Saturday dinner and twenty-one of them staying overnight for the next day's hike. Marie assures us that anyone hosteling in the vicinity of Paris can expect to receive the royal treatment from her. JANET BRADY, now teaching fifth and sixth grade at Winchester-Thurston School, informs us that one of her bright-eyed students astounded her with the fact that "exports and imports are the chief ports of Brazil." And another of our members, TOM GABOR, a research chemist, used to wash Venitian blinds in a department store in Sydney, Australia.

LIZ SAFFER will be entertaining with the usual traditional spirit with cookies and coffee and real candles on the tree. The date is December 28 and Liz's address is 4735 Maripoe Street, Pittsburgh 13.

Hope you have the merriest of holidays and the love of all your friends.



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MONDAY NIGHT SNOWSHOEING ANYONE?

Now that the cyclists have closed up the cycle shop and the Monday night trips have been temporarily halted, it might be a good idea to start something new.

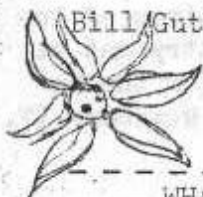
The Council has just recently purchased six pairs of snowshoes to be available for rental to members at 75¢ a day. For those individuals who find their weekends crowded with winter chores, etc., but who yearn for something delightfully new, why not a Monday evening snowshoe hike through Panther Hollow or Frick Park? The popularity of this sport should soon make six pairs of snowshoes merely a starting investment. Anyone who might be interested in this can call Helen Van Wyk at MU 3-0297.

Christmas Card List? Add these!

Betty Bierer Falkland Apartments #194
 8303 Colesville Rd.,
 Seven Springs, Maryland

Marie Carret 40 rue des Missionnaires
 Versailles, France

Bill Guth c/o Robert Terry
 Peace Corps Project Dir.
 U.S. Consulate
 Dakar, East Pakistan



WHAT DAY IS IT?

If you're having a problem keeping track of your dates, appointments, hikes, ski lessons, etc., why not invest in a beautiful AYH calendar. Containing thirteen photographs, it makes an elegant gift! Ask Rhonda Newcomer about it.



We hope that you will join in on the chorus. Sign up today.

YOUTH PASSES: (helping to put the "Youth" in "Youth Hostellers"):

David L. Worstell
 Walter Brody
 Michael Riley
 Ted Preisser

ADULT PASSES:

Shirley Pugh:

Mary Alice Webb ; Ruth Shaw

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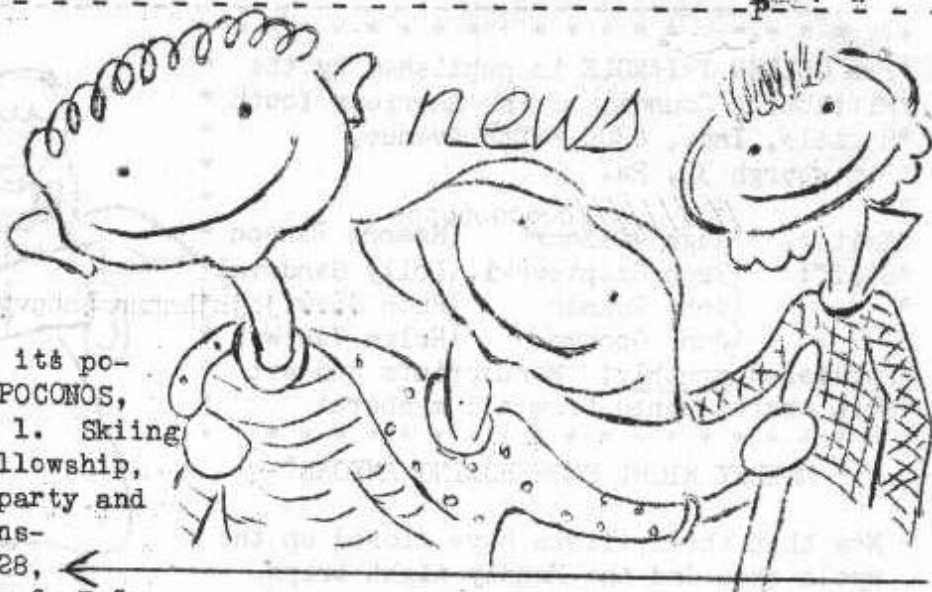
URGENTLY NEEDED!!! TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE!!!!!! Surely - in our membership of over 200 people - there is someone who would know of a volunteer to answer the phone for AYH. We are looking for a homebound person - with a pleasant telephone personality - and who has some interest in what Youth Hostelling stands for. Sally Hutton - (our hard-working secretary) would be delighted to hear of such a person. Call MU-4542.

CONSERVANCY NEWS

Efforts to keep PENN'S WOODS GREEN have been boosted recently by gifts in excess of \$112,000 to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. These funds will be used for land acquisition, educational activities and membership recruiting....also to underwrite the publication of a series of booklets to be known as "Conservancy Pocket Guides" describing many of the beautiful park areas of Western Pennsylvania.

hostelling news

From here
and
there.....



Potomac Council

is repeating its popular WINTER WEEKEND IN THE POCONOS, December 30, 31, and January 1. Skiing, hiking, good eating, good fellowship, and a bangup New Year's Eve party and dance. Cost \$13.00 plus transportation. Reserve by Dec. 28, at 1914 N St. N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

Hartford, Conn. Council

uses a hike code of A, B, and C. to designate the easy, average and rugged walks.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

A.Y.H. membership shows an increase of six per cent over the preceding year.....total, 15,899.

Ed Coleman's canoeing trip in the Canadian woods received a 20-line write-up in the Newsletter; they described it as a "howling success."

Minnesota Council

has plans for a special Troubadour Group to travel in Europe in the summer of 1962; for those who can play an

instrument, sing, or dance, or entertain in any way. Traveling mainly by bicycle and train, the group will be prepared to present a 2-hour show, inviting persons in Hostels in each city to join the program as guest performers. The cost will be about \$695 for 31 days. Write to George M. Colarich, 615 East 22nd. St., Minneapolis 4, Minn. for information. Tentative dates: August 5 to September 5.

ENGLAND

The ever-resourceful publicity workers of the English YHA drew attention to National YH Week with a "Bed-Pushing Race," in which two teams of six hostellers pushed a hostel bed from Derby to Ilam Hall youth hostel, a distance of some 15 miles.

Philadelphia Council

Members recently took six blind people for an outing in Fairmount Park; the hostellers took the front seats on six tandem bicycles, the guests riding behind them.

Wisconsin, A.Y.H.

Representatives of local councils across the country met at College Camp, Williams Bay for the Annual National Conference on November 17.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL

The Great Smokies, Cape Cod (in conjunction with a trip to the White Mountains) a canoeing trip in the wilds of Canada or Minnesota, led by Ed Coleman....are on the list of extended trips for 1962. Watch for details.

A
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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 six dollars.

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WINTER CAMPING



Camping is possible even in the winter. It need not be forgotten just because the temperature falls down below the freezing mark.

Camping never loses its charm the year round, yet camping in the wintertime offers additional advantages. In the first place, the woods are free of other campers, which is most refreshing after a few weeks at Yellowstone. The foliage takes on an added beauty and the trails with their various animal tracks are a fascinating nature course.

However the techniques of winter camping are quite different from those used in the summertime, and a nonobservance of these rules can bring on serious consequences.

One thing you will have to remember is that your most earnest problem is moisture. Not only does the snow offer a moisture problem, but the body moisture itself is in a state of change. During a normal night, the human body passes off several pints of moisture, most of which is passed through the pores as perspiration.

To offset this, dress in layers of clothing that can be removed as you warm up. Most campers dress to be comfortable in their dormant state. Then after a few miles of hiking, the body temperature is raised, and the moisture resulting from perspiration is absorbed in the under-clothing. Stopping to rest only makes it worse as you end up with a chill that stiffens the muscles or you catch cold.

Fish net or mesh underwear next to the body is a good beginning. You can then add long or insulated underwear. Atop

this wear a good woolen shirt and trousers a long sleeved sweater, a jacket, cap and boots. At night, never sleep in your walking clothes. The perspiration they have absorbed (no matter how little) will chill you and also be absorbed by your sleeping bag. It's best to undress completely (within your bag, of course), for you will sleep snugly and avoid danger of cold.

On the roof of your tent you will find tiny ice crystals formed from the moisture you breathe out throughout the night. unless you ventilate the tent. Don't be fooled by the so-called tents that breathe. If you plan to use any sort of a heater in your tent, you must ventilate, for no breathing tent can replace the oxygen that is consumed by any kind of tent heater.

A wet tent caused by snow tracked in or brushed from the clothing and then melted can be eliminated by simply carrying an ordinary whisk broom. Brush those tiny ice crystals from the top of the tent before the sun's rays cause them to drop down your neck.

As for food, remember there is nothing better than a hot meal. A small gasoline stove inside the tent will serve the purpose and also heat the tent to a cosy degree when it is time to enter the tent to eat. Another meme: In a small tent, it is best that a minimum of cooks be involved.

One final warning--Sun glasses are a must. The reflection from snow is even stronger than the reflections from water. You can easily damage delicate eye tissues in a short time unless you wear sun glasses.

So don't huddle around the stove in your apartment this winter. Get out and try at least a weekend of winter camping. The possibilities for picture-taking are almost undreamed of, and the delight of winter camping is unlimited.

CHRISTMAS FOLK DANCE PARTY

The Downtown YWCA invites anyone interested in having a tolerably good time to their annual SUPPER DANCE, Saturday, December 9 with supper at 6:00 and dancing at 8:30. Make your favorite supper dish and bring it along. Contact Jo Martin, JA 1-5539.

THIS MONTH'S

CHARACTER

SKETCH

JACEK JEDRACH, one of Pittsburgh Council's most cosmopolitan members, was born in Warsaw, Poland, and has lived, studied, or traveled on several continents. Very eloquent in English and Polish, he also understands Russian and German.

Jacek, as he is known to most of us, lived in Warsaw with his family until World War II. His father, an officer in the Polish army, was a German prisoner of War. Jacek finished trade school and then joined the Polish underground. When the Russians imprisoned or killed Polish freedom fighters after the war, he and a young brother managed to escape to West Germany. There, he attended school at a camp for displaced persons. But this was interrupted when the Americans closed the school to discourage refugees from remaining in the West.

Jacek then went to Italy, joined the Second Polish Corps, fought in North Africa and Italy with the British forces. Later, when the group moved to England and demobilized, he finished secondary school there. Because of the large number of Polish exiles in London at this time, a Polish University College was organized. Jacek applied for a scholarship, received a grant, and attended the College for one year. Then he and his brother got permission to join their parents in America, where they now lived in Boston.

YOUR IDEAS - WE WANT THEM!

Without your personal experiences and ideas in our paper, the bulletin will become a sterile news sheet.

We not only invite, we implore your donation of newsprint plasma to keep us a vital, pulsating paper.

Gift Shop

The best gift of all is a useful gift.

And our gift shop has the useful gift for you. Select something from the list of items included.

PLAID MONEY BAGS \$1.50

AYH MONEY BAGS \$1.25

PENNANTS .20

DECALS .20

AYH pins .80

AYH patches .35

USED SLEDS

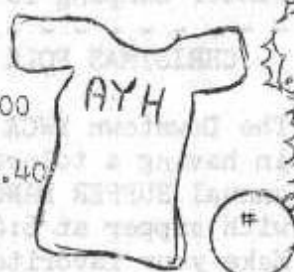
USED BIKES

YELLOW T-SHIRTS \$2.00

BERETS red, blue \$1.40

Call Rhonda Newcomer

PE 1-4199



Transferring to Northeastern University in Boston, Jacek graduated in 1956 with a B.S. in Mech. Engineering; received an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering from M. I. T. A position with Westinghouse Atomic Power Div. brought him to Pittsburgh in 1958.

In New England, he had belonged to the Boston AYH, so it was inevitable that he should take up hostelling here. One of the most active members of Pittsburgh Council (Membership and Hostel Development Committees) he now heads Trips & Trails for the current year, as well as being Vice President of the Council.

His other activities include photography, spelunking, and a great deal of reading.

---John Eckman

FOR AN EXCITINGLY DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S, AWAY FROM THE MAD CROWDS....

The Caribbean calls with its easy living, Latin rhythms, and balmy breezes.

The destination: Puerto Rico and the Isle of St. Thomas. The trip: Only \$170, starts December 24, returns January 1-is sponsored by Metropolitan New York Council. (Price above does not include \$5 a day for meals.)



Introducing - - -

BROCKHURST YOUTH HOSTEL

ONE HOUR FROM PITTSBURGH

Ideally situated in the Allegheny Mountains and one hour from Pittsburgh, Brockhurst Hostel offers quality overnight accommodations to members of the American Youth Hostels. Skiers staying at Brockhurst, located on the western slope of Laurel Ridge, are practically a snowshoe trek away from Seven Springs and Hidden Valley slopes. In addition, the rustic log cabin, open year-around, houses hiking, cycling and swimming groups during other seasons.

The warm furnishings of the log cabin include oriental rugs, a baby grand piano and a magnificent stone fireplace.

Mr. William V. Brock, naturalist, has generously offered the cabin for use by organized groups of AYH who reserve with him in advance.

Details: - Location: Route 31, 4.2 miles east of Donegal Turnpike Interchange; 52 miles east of Pittsburgh. Available to: Individuals, groups and families who are members of AYH. Recreation: Winter - Skiing at Seven Springs (approx. 7 miles away); Skiing at Hidden Valley (approx. 3 miles); Snowshoeing in area. Other seasons - Cycling and hiking in area; swimming at Kooser State Park (3 miles). Facilities: Indoor toilet, kitchen with cooking utensils, sleeping cots. Stores: 1.4 miles and further. Bring: AYH membership pass, sleeping bags, mess kits. Overnight charge: Winter - \$1.25, Summer - \$1.00. Transportation: Somerset Bus from Pittsburgh stops on Rt. 31 several hundred yards from Brockhurst Hostel (see schedule on bulletin board at AYH Headquarters, Pittsburgh Council, 6300 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa.)

TRIPS TRAILS

DIG THIS HIKE!

Saturday, December 2--Something definitely new for AYH'ers...come hiking to New Paris (near Bedford) with archeologist, Richard Hoffmaster, for a sink hole digging. Bring lunch, dress warmly, leave HQ at 8 AM. Cost: \$2.00

Sunday, December 3--Hike along Slippery Rock Creek south of McConnel's Mills with genial host, Dick McNamara. Lunch on your own goodies, Leave HQ at 9 AM with about \$1.25. Call Dick at HI 1-5218.

Dress warmly on all trips!

Saturday, December 9--Overnight hostel trip at Morgantown Hostel with twin hostesses, Janet Richardson and Joyce Koplos and help scout ski slopes and cross country ski trails. Leave Friday night at 7 PM or Saturday morning at 8 AM. Bring sleeping bags, mess kits, dish towel and AYH pass. Total cost approx. \$7.60 Call Joyce at CO 1-2655 or Janet at MA 1-8781.

Sunday, December 10--Soup supper hike from Margaret Bark's home near Riverview Park to the Snelsire's in Perrysville. Meet at Margaret's home at 3511 Campus Street, Pgh 12 at 2 PM or at HQ at 1:30 PM. Cost about 50¢. Call PO 1-4475.

Saturday, December 16--First ski trip of the season! (we hope) Winifred Roensch leads this one with skiing at Seven Springs or Hidden Valley. Leave HQ at 8:30 AM with lunch and approximately \$1.50

Saturday, December 16--Cave crawling and hike with Pat Weidner in West Virginia. Explore Cinnot Cave, New Trout Cave, Mystic Cave with National Speliological Society folks and stay overnight at their field house. Hike to Spruce Knob, highest point in West Virginia. Bring two changes of old clothes, two flashlights and spare batteries, sleeping bag, air mattress, lunch and matches. Leave HQ at 8 AM, approximate cost \$7.00. Reserve with Pat by calling 343-2700 Extension 257 or with Jacek Jedruch at CH 2-8610.

Sunday, December 17--Gloria Fisher leads a pleasant hike on Laurel Ridge, crossing the turnpike over Laurel Hill Tunnel. Bring lunch and approximately \$1.60. Leave HQ at 8:30 AM. Call her at FA 7-1138.

Friday, December 22--Sally Hutton leads a night hike up to Mt. Washington. Ride the incline to top of hill where you can admire the downtown festive lights. Stop for hot coffee at one of Pittsburgh's quaint restaurants. Leave HQ at 7:30 PM. Bargain at 25¢.

Saturday, December 30--Reunion of Canadian canoe trip participants at the Brockhurst Hostel. If weather permits, ski, skate and toboggan at Seven Springs or Hidden Valley. Led by Ed Coleman, approximate cost \$5.00. Call MU 2-8508. Ski rentals or lift charges are additional.

Now that winter is here, why not take advantage of the new ice skating rinks at North Park and South Park (let's not forget Panther Hollow). Rhonda Newcomer and Ellen Cook are planning Monday night sessions this winter.

DRESS WARMLY ON ALL FUTURE TRIPS. Those beautiful fall days have gone and we are blessed (?) with true Pennsylvania wintry days.