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Here are the Standard AYH New Year's Resolutions which we keep throughout the year:

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The Golden Triangle staff (all 2 of them) hopes you had a Happy Holiday Season. We had presents for all of you, but the Board of Health found them first.

TRIANGLE DEADLINE
January 23, - Thursday

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Without alarmisting, it might be good to look around for a good location, house or real estate, for a good spot for a future hostel. Our tiny shack is not big or warm enough, and in a few years the "rts and Crafts" will expand. Although we have an excellent location, we can't have it forever. It's city-owned. So look!

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Party for Victor Sorokin!

On Saturday, January 25th there will be a party in honor of Victor Sorokin who will be leaving Pittsburgh. Get together

at 8:00 P.M. at Rhonda Newcomer's house: 7611 Tuscarora Street, Pittsburgh 21 (Wilkinsburg). Reserve with Rhonda: Tel. Pa. 1-4199. Dancing! Joy!

From The Editor's Desk - Dave Maygram



Criticizes

Today + the AYH,
Tomorrow the World".

I have been accused of getting a little too fiery in my editorials, but to quote an old folk song "you may think it wrong, but I mean no harm..." The song goes on to describe the heartless renters "Down on Penney's Farm." For us the heartless members!

Hordes of eager people who invariably live forty miles away and work on Saturdays have come through with offers of (and some real work) but we still need more. We need a production manager, already!! All he has to do is gather up some people once a month and run off the paper. Just drop your name and phone number in the Golden Triangle envelope.

Marc Dodd —

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we come to the end of another year's activities each of us recognizes that we have learned a great deal and have had many experiences, many of which were laughable, weird and enlightening, and most of which were completely unpredictable. I, therefore, cannot help feeling that in the coming year we are going to have many more experiences which we cannot even dream of now but which will come with a little effort as great surprises and wonderfully enjoyable. Our techniques and our facilities are gradually improving and we have every reason to believe that out of these assets will spring viable experiences. We will, of course, find new places to hike, to cycle and to camp, and better ways of enjoying these activities, and we will also "meet" people that we have long thought that we knew while, at the same time, meeting new people, all of which will produce stimulating activities and excitement. Who knows, we may all end up by being Melvin Tobiaes. (Ed. Note: ?)

In any event, observe that life is here with all of its variety and all of its possibilities. All you have to do is reach out and take it and make it your own.

At our Activities Board meeting we discussed the finances and budget. We thought it a bit odd that our Treasurer left town that night....

1963 TRIP REPORT - - - - - January 1 through October 31, 1963.

Hiking Trips - 30.

Participants - 295. Miles - 2,720.

Cycling Trips - 40.

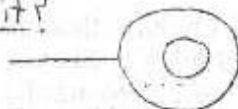
Participants - 204. Miles - 3,601.

Canoeing Trips - 39.

Participants - 395. Miles - 6,386.

During these 10 months another 51 trips were cancelled. Teh-Teh!

What is it?










(A Mexican Riding a Bicycle)






Words of Wisdom

The citizen of today does not encounter the same obstacles that his grandfather did. Today obstacles are well-made and efficient. D.M.

JANUARY TRIPS and TRAILS

-  Sun. 5 Afternoon hike. Leave HQ at 1:30 P.M. Reserve with Mark Dodd, Ch. 2-2781, Jean Barr, 441-7710. \$1.00.
-  Sat. 11 Gil Milstein leads a weekend at Cook Forest. Sleeping bag, mess kit, warm clothes. Reserve with Gil, Fo. 4-2979 (around 6 P.M.)
-  Sat. 18 Betty Dell leads an easy afternoon hike in Fox Chapel. Lv. HQ 1 P.M. \$.50.
-  Sun. 19 Ruth Stacklin leads combined hike and ice skating party at Panther Hollow. Meet at HQ, hike around to park. Reserve with Ruth, Mu. 2-9575. \$.50.
-  Sat. 25 Wow! Boy! Free! Exciting trip to office. Bring machetes! Come to office 12 Noon. Join the party! Bring food!
-  Sat. 25 Bob Fewkes take us out on the Baker Trail to inspect the new shelters. Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m.
-  Sun. 26 Martha Montag hosts a Sunday morning swimming party. Meet Martha at YM& YWHA in Oakland 10 A.M., about \$1.25

OPEN HOUSE

-  Jan. 2 Armand Panson ~~swaps~~ ^{schusses} down upon us with a skiing show.
-  Jan. 9 Betty Brown, naturalist, will give a valuable talk on clouds.
-  Jan. 16 Gil Milstein oils up his fishing rod for this show. The Golden Triangle staff will try to persuade him to show "Snow Casting".
-  Jan. 23 Lloyd Gertz paddles thru the drifts to present his "Canoeing, Paddling and Swimming".
-  Jan. 30 Come for free food and farewell for Victor Sorokin, longtime member, at this Koffee Klatch.


In Memoriam

"...All America will mourn these days of tragic history. One day a shot rang out and our President slumped over in his car. "Oh no. Oh no!" sobbed his wife as his head fell in her lap...Now all we hear is the echo of the dull muffled thud of the drums and the loud click-clack of the hooves of seven white horses as they pulled the caisson with the body of the late President down the long streets to Arlington Cemetery where his body now rests. We see the shadow of the spirited black horse behind the coffin. He was the symbol of the great and spirited man now dead...I wonder if in the next ten years we will be able to carry out the work of our late President, if we can carry on where he left off, to make America the great country she is and must be. Let us strive to reach out helping hands across the lands and seas. Let us strive to end race prejudice and race hatreds and religious prejudice. Let us all work for a better America and a better land."

From a memorial written by Connie Flackiner.

CONSTRUCTION OF LEAN-TO #3

By Don Woodland

 Lean-to #3 is almost finished. The asphalt shingles for the roof have to be installed as well as some minor carpentry work. One more day should see the shelter finished. The construction of Lean-to #3 began in August with the pre-cutting of the framing members. This proved to be a time-saving method and the pieces fitted well in the field. On November 16th the concrete footers were installed. We used a post hole digger to sink the holes and made the forms out of cardboard boxes that were secured from a local A & P Store. Saturday, November 23rd, was the big day for the erection of the platform and framing. Harry Rhule delivered the pre-cut lumber and the oak lumber for the platform to the site in his red truck. It rained all morning so that the dress for the day was ponchos. In short order the crew, that included Mark Dodd, his daughter and 2 girl scouts, and Bruce Sundquist, had the heavy oak platform timbers cut and placed into position. 40 penny nails were used to nail the members together and this was an exceedingly difficult job that required many blows of a heavy hammer to penetrate the timbers. The girls did a superior job of nailing down the oak flooring. What a beautiful sight to see the rain running down their faces and the hammers pounding away. The framing of the back and side walls and roof was relatively easy because these members were pre-cut and marked so that it ^(over)

Lean-To #3 continued.

was only necessary to nail them together. Saturday, December 7th, was the day that saw the general completion of the carpentry work. The sides were installed, as well as the roof. The final work party will be scheduled pending a break in the weather. More of our members should be taking part in the construction of the lean-tos. This is a good opportunity to develop some building skills. The skills will be needed when the Pittsburgh Council of AYH undertakes the development of a ski hostel several years from now.

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