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1951 Activities Board Elected

AMENDMENTS

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Pittsburgh Council were passed by the voting membership at the November 16 meeting:

1. The members of the Activities Board shall be elected by a plurality ballot.
2. The area over which the Council has jurisdiction can be extended or modified on the basis of the National Charter.
3. To be qualified to hold the office of Chairman of the Board the person must have served on the Board a minimum of a continuous year during the three-year period ending with the date he would assume the office of Chairman.

The motion by Norman Schwarz that each issue of The Golden Triangle carry a supplement, to be sent to passholders only, summarizing the action of the Board meetings held since the last edition, was also carried.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY

February 22 will mark the third anniversary of the first hike of the Pittsburgh Council. The trip was to Presto Lakes with 10 attending.

To mark the anniversary, another Presto Lake trip has been scheduled for February 17 and the Third Anniversary Banquet will be held February 22. Details of the banquet will be mailed at a later date, or phone Grace Kriner, MU. 1-5407, for information.

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Square dances, held on first and third Tuesdays since last Spring, have been cancelled. Attendance has fallen off with the onslaught of winter.

L. Betty Bierer, Treasurer of the Council since its inception in 1948, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Council at the annual meeting of the passholders, November 16. Forty-five passholders, not even one-fourth of those holding passes, voted.

Tony Franses, who was the stimulus behind the establishment of the Council and who was appointed Chairman by the original Steering Committee, was appointed Materials and Processing Engineer at the Lima Works of Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Lima, Ohio, effective December 4.

The election was marked by the re-election of only one officer to his 1950 post. Jack Stein will continue to head the Trips and Trails Committee.

The 1951 Activities Board is as follows:

Treasurer - Elizabeth Saffer

Secretary - June Redman

Public Relations Chairman - Mary

Louise O'Callaghan

Trips and Trails Chairman - Jack Stein

Hostel Chairman - Bruce Merritt

Cycle Crafts and Merchandizing Chairman - Bud Horn

Speakers' Bureau Chairman - Wes Bunnelle

Program Chairman - Grace Kriner

The Election Board consisted of Edith Canorali, Janet Reel, Henry Eckhardt, Joe Palka, and Ray Tucker, chairman, all members who were not eligible for election since they had not held a pass prior to 1950.

Committees are being organized. Associate yourself with some phase of hostel work and you will become a more avid hosteler. Do you have some time for typing or ability to draw posters, to mention only two needs.

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THE FUTURE

The departure of Tony Franes from Pittsburgh will be a real test to the structure of the Council. He was always the "brain" behind each new venture. However, with the extensive Activities Board, enough individuals were kept active in the organization that the Council should be able to continue to progress. Tony will be missed many times, but by recalling his attitude in other matters, he will still be helping to guide the thoughts of the present board.

He has always advocated this same cooperative spirit on the committees so that if anything should happen to the chairman, an extended vacation or moving away, the committee could continue to function. In this way successors to the Board will always be groomed.

When Tony announced to the Board that he would not be in Pittsburgh for 1951, he gave them some advice about the signs of deterioration that he has seen hit other councils:

1. Councils develop from a hosting group to a social group. The answer is to make trips and travel more attractive so that people will be participating hostellers.

2. Eternal vigilance is the price of success in hosting as in anything else. Under no circumstances live beyond your means.

3. Another reason councils deteriorate is that they grow big quickly and lose the personal atmosphere. The family feeling is important and should be kept as the council grows.

4. The establishment of hostels is not an end in itself. The spirit of group participation and fellowship

IN THE RAIN

JEAN RACH

Seventeen hardy hostellers, undaunted by a heavy downpour, met at the Harmony Terminal in highest spirits. They scurried for packs and raingear and shoved into the packed bus, which deposited them on a branch road. Following a swirling stream, they regrouped at a pool where bubbles of natural gas winked and proved their impishness by blowing out a lit match.

They fought against sliding embankments and slippery leaves and slithered across a mossy log to reach a waterfall thrashing its way over the rugged rocks. At the top of this, a stop for donuts; then on to follow a pipe line and a country road. They were bobbing up and down hills when a shot rang out, recalling the famous last words, "Be sure to wear red." Garbed in drabs, they quickened pace and paused on a ridge to see themselves outdone by a puffing locomotive outlining the valley beneath.

Their stop at the highway drugstore, supper time, and the well-soaked stage coincided neatly! They had reached Allison Park where leader Marge Collins bought supplies, assigned duties, and marched them out into a cold wet blackness which they penetrated to the Pullan Farm.

They square danced the numbness out of their feet, while the fire revitalized oozing shoes and carthy socks. Substantiated by a hearty meal, they managed to cram in all the entertainment possible in a few hours, then took off through the noisy city traffic fully appreciating the worth of the slogan, "We hold our outings regardless of the weather."

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of other hostellers is as important to each individual as the travel. The development of the hostels should not surpass the development of hostellers.

Louise Franes' friendly hospitality, Randy on the back of a bicycle, and little Terry will also be missed.

In the Service

Five active hostellers have entered the Armed Services during the past year. They are all missed, but the staff of The Golden Triangle especially misses Harvey Hindin who used to do all the drawings for the paper. Stan Lintner was home for the Reindeer Rumpus, and John Furchak spent Christmas week in Pittsburgh. Following are their addresses; they would appreciate hearing from you:

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Lowry A.F.B.
Denver, Colorado

Sgt. C. Stanley Lintner, Jr.,
AF 13191357
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Greenville A.F.B.
Greenville, S. Car.

Sgt. Jim Deitt, 23735240
28th Signal Co.
Camp Atterbury
Edinburgh, Ill.

Stanley Baston, AA 365-51-44USN
Barracks No. 77, 1002 3rd Ave.
NATTC, Memphis 15, Tenn.

NATIONAL MEETING

The Pittsburgh Council was represented by Betty Hierer at an AYH convention of the National Board and council representatives, December 1 and 2 in New York City. The purpose of the meeting was to present the national plan of action for 1951: the concentration of hostel activities in major centers of interest. It is planned to polish up the already existing chains of hostels in the areas where there is a large group of potential hostellers and concentrate on interesting people to travel along these chains. One such area is the Connecticut River Valley.

Returning from New York, Betty visited briefly with the Philadelphia Council.

Open House Programs

Grace Kriner, 1951 Program Chairman, announces the following programs for Thursday Open House during January and February.

Jan. 4 - "Hosteling in Austria,"
by Mr. Frank Buchwald
Jan. 11 - Square and folk dancing
Jan. 18 - Sunda Cornett's pictures from her European trip.
Jan. 25 - Slides from recent trips
Feb. 1 - "Appalachian Trail," by
Mrs. Timberlake
Feb. 8 - Square and folk dancing
Feb. 15 - "The Road to Gaspé"
(movie)

Open house is a popular feature of the Pittsburgh Council, even drawing 25 or 30 on the coldest nights. Held from 8 to 11 p.m. at the headquarters building at 6300 Fifth Avenue, the program usually takes the second hour.

BUHL SHOW

The Hiking and Biking Show at the Buhl Planetarium during the entire month of December was sponsored by the local AYH Council. Headed by Tony Pranses, the committee got together a very professional looking exhibit. Included were a collection of out-dated and modern bicycles, a camping scene (courtesy of Sears, Roebuck and Co.), cycle parts and accessories, hiking equipment, Fol-bot and photographic display boards showing both local and extended activities. Colored slides were shown nightly, and a square and folk dance demonstration was given on the weekends.

BAKER TRAIL

Phil Dwald has been put in charge of the extension of the Baker Trail. The trail has been blazed to Mahoning Dam. A brochure will probably be issued this spring so that other organizations can travel it. The trail will extend from Aspinwall to Cook Forest.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Weekend outings open to 1951 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 1951 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, Jan. 6 - WALK TO WALKERS MILLS. An 8-mile hike that includes a slide down a grand coal pile. Bring eating gear for campfire supper. Leader Edith Caporali, AT 1-8260. Cost of \$0.90 includes dinner and transportation back to Pgh.

Friday, Jan. 12 - PITTSBURGH FIREWORKS. A walk through Arlington Heights viewing the J. and L. furnaces. Bring your eating gear and 60¢. Leader Jack Stein, AL 1-0381

Sunday, Jan. 14 - HIKE AT LARGE. Along the course of Beam Run, passing the old Bedell cabin, Large, Pa. Bring your lunch. A 10-mile hike. Leader Bill Carper, WE 1-1074-R. Cost 85¢

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 20-21 - LIGONIER SKI WEEKEND. Come up to Linn Run for skiing or just plain winter hiking (There's snow this winter!). Reserve with Martha Wood: MA 1-5669. Bring warm clothes, mess and sleeping gear, and your skies. Skies will be available for rent. Cost \$4.20 plus slope and rental fees.

Saturday, Jan. 27 - FOX CHAPEL CAMERA OUTING. Let's have all the shutter bugs bring their cameras for a trip slanted at the photographer. This Saturday trip will start in the morning, so bring your lunch. Leader Eva Reinkraut, EM 1-4793. Cost 15¢

Friday, Feb. 2 - AU RESERVOIR. A la Highland Park. A night hike to bring your friends on; lots of song and food for everyone. Cost 60¢. Leader Bob Berger, LI 1-0476. Bring eating gear.

Sunday, Feb. 4 - GOLDBRICKING ALONG THE BAKER TRAIL. A 10-mile hike and a visit to the brickyards in Freeport. Bring lunch. Leader Field Curry, FR 1-1646. \$1.55

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 10-11 - WINTER WEEKEND AT HOSTEL. Hiking, skiing, skating at Brashear Camp Hostel. Bring eating and sleeping gear. Cost \$3.70 plus hostel fee. Leader(s) - Joan, Kay, Betty Walczak. For info. call B. Bierer, MA 1-2080

Saturday, Feb. 17 - THIRD ANNIVERSARY HIKE. A repeat of the first AYH hike from Mt. Lebanon to Presto Lakes. Be sure to have warm clothes and your eating gear. Cost 90¢. Leader Betty Bierer, MA 1-2080

Friday, Feb. 23 - JACKS AND JILLS UP NEVILLE HILL. A campfire supper overlooking Neville Island in Stowe Township. Cost 60¢. Leader, Henry Eckhardt, MO 1-5525. Bring eating gear.

Sunday, Feb. 25 - OLD ECONOMY. Turn tourist for the afternoon after a morning hike at the old Harmonite Buildings in Ambridge. Bring your lunch. Leader, Elsie Mudie. For info. call B. Bierer, MA 1-2080. Cost 85¢

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