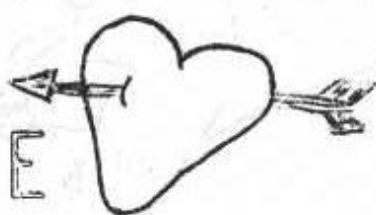


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February , although a very short month, is a very important one. What would happen to Valentine's Day if there were no February? And what about the birthdays of those two famous Americans, Washington and Lincoln? It is also the month of another important birthday. This month A.Y.H. celebrates its 15th birthday. Help to make the celebration a success by attending the Open House Programs -- all four of them!

Feb. 7 Although the cold prevented Ivan Jirak from telling us about his camping trip to South America on Jan. 24, he will be with us tonight.

Feb. 14 Have you ever been to the Chestnut Ridge Hostel? Bring any slides you have and add them to the slides of a recent trip there led by our own Mr. President, Lee Hayden. Information will also be given concerning a trip there next weekend.

Feb. 21 Just what were the first hostel trips of the Pittsburgh Council like? This question will be answered to night via slides and films. These will be presented by Mr. Jos. Edolstein, one of the original members.

Feb. 28 Tonight is do it yourself night. Just to prove that we really do hostel in winter, slides will be shown of our winter activities. If you have any slides that would be of interest, bring them with you.

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FAVORITE TRIPS

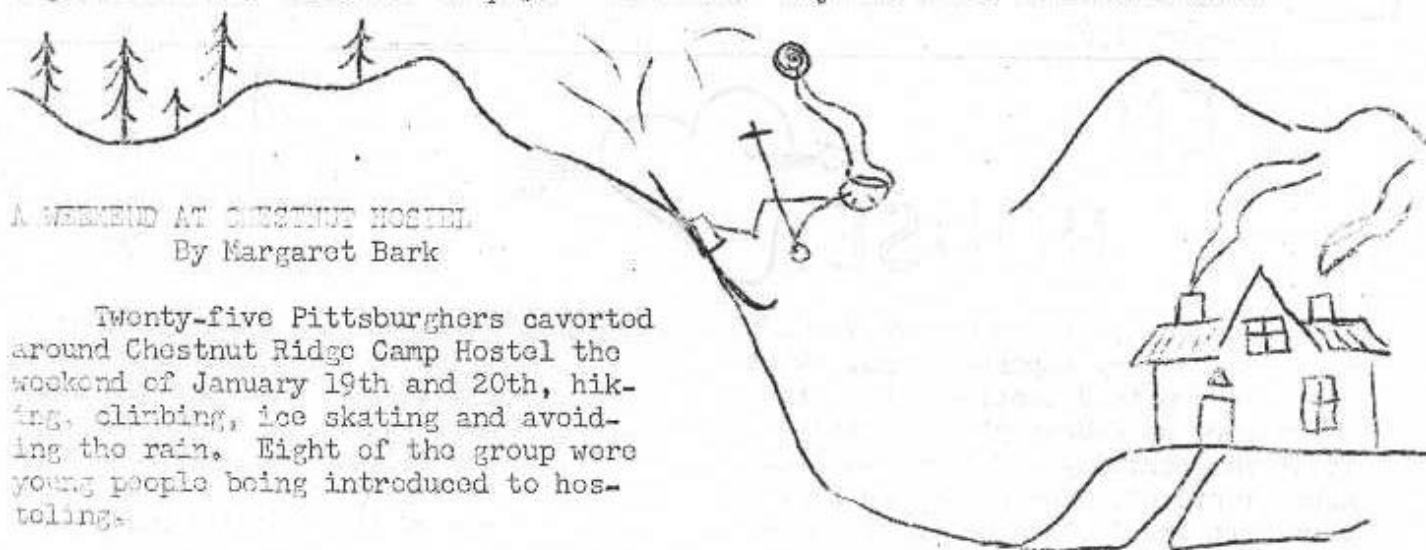
NO. 1

The "Golden Triangle" this month starts a new monthly column called "Favorite Trips", in which we will present a rather detailed description of a weekend trip that is particularly popular. The purpose of this column is threefold.

The trips described every month will be numbered so tear out the pages and save them. The result will be a booklet (suitable for framing!) of trips. Secondly, if you are interested in leading a trip but are at a loss for ideas, the "Favorite Trips" booklet should provide lots of good suggestions. Finally, if you are going on a trip that has been written up, you will know something about what to expect and what equipment to take.

Thus, for example, if you have never been to Chestnut Ridge Hostel and are contemplating going this month, you will get some idea of what to expect from reading "Favorite Trips #1".

Everybody has some spot, trip, or activity of which they are particularly fond. It's up to you to suggest new places, new trips, or old favorites. Who has a good idea for "Favorite Trip #2" in March? Why not share it with us all?



A WEEKEND AT CHESTNUT HOSTEL
By Margaret Bark

Twenty-five Pittsburghers cavorted around Chestnut Ridge Camp Hostel the weekend of January 19th and 20th, hiking, climbing, ice skating and avoiding the rain. Eight of the group were young people being introduced to hosteling.

The camp is owned by the Consolidated Recreation Commission of Morgantown and Monongalia County, West Virginia, and has been made available to hostellers by James Shepherd, director, now on leave of absence. He is in Italy as a recreation director for the Air Force.

The Klaer Lodge accommodates about 35 persons with bunk beds, bottled gas cooking stove, running water in the kitchen and spacious dining and common rooms. Open fireplaces and a pot-bellied stove make the lodge habitable in all weather, and it is particularly popular during the ski season.

Two ski slopes are operated evenings and week ends. Tow fees are \$1.25 daily. Equipment (including skis, poles,

and boots) rents for \$3.00.

Pittsburgh Council exploration of the area has only begun. Many trails cross the forest near the camp, but none are marked, and few are mapped. Hiking down a dirt road through Darnell Hollow is the shortest way to Lake Lynn, a popular swimming and boating area. Cooper's Rock State Park adjoins the camp property. It is 85 miles from our Headquarters.

Reservations must be made in advance through Miss Virginia Nekoranec, Secretary, P.O. Box 590, Morgantown, West Virginia.

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Because of our expanding mailing list and the increase in postal rates, the "Golden Triangle" is using bulk mailing for the first time. This will amount to a 60% saving in postage, but there is one drawback.

In the past, if you moved the post office would provide us a forwarding address -- assuming you were foolish enough to leave it. Thus, the "Golden Triangle" could always track you down. Such is not the case with bulk mailing. It is up to you to send us your new address if you move and want to continue receiving our earthy little publication.

PITTSBURGH BACK ON MAP? NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

In spite of proposed by-pass canals, prohibitive grain freight rates, railroad mergers, and labor difficulties, Pittsburgh Council may put our city back on the map - singlehandedly. How are we proposing to do this?

During the recent visit by Bill Nelson, National AYH Field Director, arrangements were made for Pittsburgh Council to invite the National Organization to hold the National Council Meeting here in Pittsburgh this November. Mr. Edwin L. Peterson, prominent faculty member of the University of Pittsburgh, and advisor and member of our Council, requested the use of the University's facilities for the Meeting.

Liz Saffer, our member who sits on the National Board, submitted our invitation at a Board Meeting on January 26th. If the National Board accepts, in November we will be the host of approximately 125 delegates from the 22 Councils all over the United States.

It will require much work on details, car pools, printing and distributing programs and reservations, room assignments, and a Saturday night program to entertain the delegates, but the rewards will be greater. Our members will meet



and exchange ideas with leaders from other Councils. We will learn that some of our problems are unique and some are universal.

At last year's National Council Meeting we received a certificate and congratulations on the 27% growth in our membership. This year our whole Council can be present in person to receive recognition for even greater and more varied accomplishments.

MANUAL CHANGES

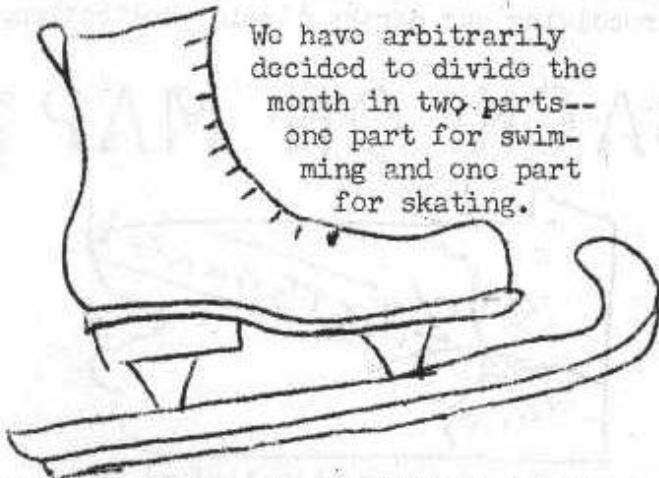
By John Schuster

While looking through back issues of the Hosteling Manual, I discovered that up until the present Handbook, underslung handlebars (drop bars) were frowned upon as unnecessary for hosteling. In the present Manual, the drop bars are recommended for comfort and endurance. Times and ideas change, don't they? See you next month.

ANNUAL BANQUET

SKATE or SWIM

We all recognize that it is an exceedingly technical age we live in. In an effort to keep pace with our times we have devised an exceedingly technical schedule of Monday night activities.



We have arbitrarily decided to divide the month in two parts--one part for swimming and one part for skating.

If you like to swim you may be interested to know that on the first and third Mondays of February (Feb. 4 and Feb. 18) we will meet at Headquarters with \$1.00, a swimming suit, and a towel. Young, irrepressible Melvin (Low Gear) Tobias will lead the group to the Shadyside Boy's Club where we may avail ourselves of their 75 foot pool from 8:30 to 10:00.

The second part of the month we designate as ice skating Mondays and they are defined as all Mondays not spent swimming. Our weather prophets, using Telstar data, assure us cold weather is here for the whole month so we will skate at Panther Hollow, which offers some economic and temporal advantages. Now, if you understand what's happening in February you're a better man than I!

The 15th Annual Pittsburgh Council Banquet will be held March 23. Banquet Chairman Liz Saffer announced that the Banquet will be held at "The Arlington" on the corner of Aiken and Centre Avenues. Guests must be seated by 7:00 P.M. when the dinner will be served. After the meal there will be an interesting program of speakers and entertainment.

Liz also announced there will be a bonus to people making reservations early. Those reservations made in February will be \$3.25 per person and those received in March will be \$3.50. Please send your checks to Miss Liz Saffer, 4735 Mariposa St. (Apt. 3), Pittsburgh 13, Pa.



NEED A BABYSITTER???

Ten years experience. Never kidnapped a child. Call Veronica Anderson at Mo.1-2384.

PERSONALITY of the MONTH

Lloyd Geertz

By Sally Hutton and Liz Wolfskill

Doggone! If you're in Pittsburgh, you can't help knowing of A.Y.H. The organization has done wonders for Lloyd Geertz. What has it done for you?

Lloyd, who was raised in Chicago, attended the University of Illinois at Urbana where he received a bachelor's and masters degree in mechanical Engineering before arriving on the local scene in 1955.

Whom did he work for? ALCOA. Whom did he meet there? BEN DELL, ardent A.Y.H. er. Through Ben, he got to A.Y.H. in 1959.

And (yes, all searching souls, read this...) on a canoe trip in 1959, he met Abbie Mudie. The trip must've been great, for before the year was up, the two had bought their own canoe and were Mr. and Mrs.

Already a Young Geertz (now almost a year old) is becoming a hosteler. She rides through the plush and rising suburb of Monroeville on the back of Abbie's bike. The Geertz's, once happy Shadyside residents, are now dissatisfied landowners in suburbia.

Lloyd plays the marimba, accompanied by Abbie at the piano. During working hours he can be found designing telescopes for J. W. Flecker.

Following his and Harry Rhule's co-chairman of Trips and Trails in 1959-60, Lloyd was elected president in 1960-61, a year of increasing memberships for A.Y.H. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors.

For obvious reasons, Lloyd and Abbie are interested in family hosteling. If you have any inclinations along this line (either hosteling or family-ing) call the Geertz's.



AYH MEMBER STUDYING IN MUNICH

By Veronica Anderson

We have finally received a letter from Jim Taylor, a well known AYH'er who is furthering his studies at the University of Munich. He tells us that besides the usual subjects of physics and German, he is also pursuing skiing and Bavarian beer!

He has been cycling and hitchhiking all over Copenhagen and Europe. A few of his stops include Paris, Venice, Rotterdam, skiing in Austria and Switzerland, and even catching a ride with Prince Emmanuel von Liechtenstein in the principality of Liochenstein.

Jim is also a philanthropist. He broke a window on a Swiss train, thus contributing 50 francs, about \$12.00, in fines to the railroad system, he lost his passport (another \$10.00) and lastly paid the University \$20.00 by accident.

But as we can see, Jim is really enjoying himself and we'll all be waiting for his next letter.

STATE OF THE COUNCIL

February 20th marks the 15th anniversary of our Council's founding in 1948. During those 15 years we have always been a Class "D" Council. For those not familiar with the vernacular, that means we are low man on the AYH totem pole - - the smallest type of council recognized.



Recently we were presented our 1963 Charter from National as a Class "D" council. But this will be our last year as a "D" status council because the mouse is stirring. The realization of certain of our objectives will assure us recognition as a Class "C" council in 1964.

What are some of these objectives? In past columns, to mention a few, I cited a school bus, a rebirth of the Baker Trail, a 25% growth in our membership, more use of our hostels, 50% more overnights, and a general all-round growth in our activities.

These are some of the objectives; now what has been accomplished?

We have the money and insurance for a school bus. All we need is a responsible person willing to take charge of the bus. He must handle credit cards, licenses, operating maintenance, and generally oversee the operation of the bus. When we find that person, the bus idea will become a reality.

January saw a trip on the Baker Trail and for many (including myself) it was our first introduction and an extremely pleasant one. Plans are underway for re-blazing and re-routing the trail, building shelters, and for taking more hikes along that beautiful 137-mile trail that Pittsburgh Council founded in 1950.

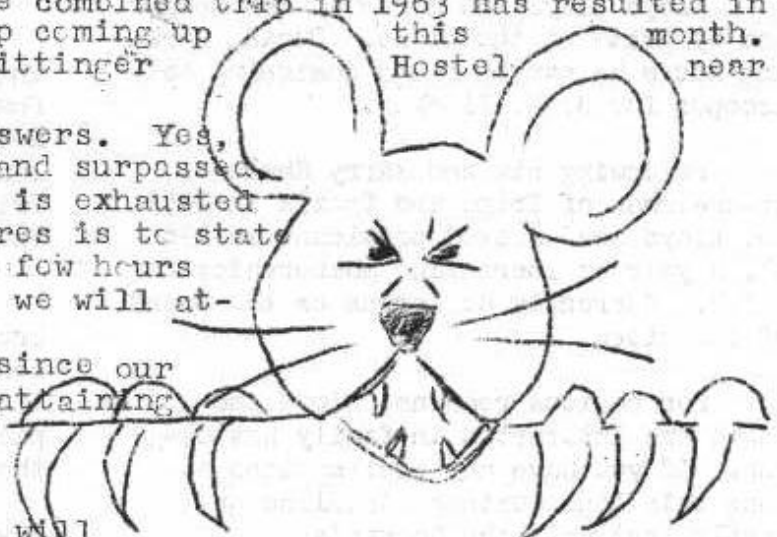
Our membership has continued to grow, with the 4th quarter of 1962 being about twice that of the preceding year. Perhaps more significant is that our renewal rate on passes was 60%--about twice the national average.

Finally, we might add that four trips to Chestnut Ridge Hostel in 1962 netted 23 overnights. One combined trip in 1963 has resulted in 25 overnights with another trip coming up this month. Now it's time to turn to our Bittering Hostel near Deep Creek, Maryland.

These are a few of the answers. Yes, our objectives are being met--and surpassed. And what does it require? Who is exhausted from the effort? All it requires is to state objectives clearly, and with a few hours help each month from everyone, we will attain our goals.

And who profits? We do, since our objectives are unique in that attaining them creates more enjoyment, more activity, for ourselves and others.

Let's make sure that 1963 will be known as the year that the mouse woke up and roared!



February

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.
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Phone No. 241-3770

Sunday, Feb. 3 - Joan Heike's covered-bridge trip in the unspoiled area around Claysville takes off at 10 AM from H.Q. Make inquiries and reservations by calling 341-0117.

Monday, Feb. 4 - SPLASH PARTY in the pool of the new Shadyside Boy's Club on Graham St....take 75 street car or meet Melvin Tobias at 8 PM at H.Q. Bring \$1.00 and swim suit. Melvin's number: 362-5297.

Saturday, Feb. 9 - CAVE-CRAWLERS don't depend upon snow or sunshine or other atmospheric advantages. They just need a good cave=CON, and a good leader - PETE SCHUSTER. Come at 8:30 AM with lunch, old clothes, flashlight and batteries (hard hat) and \$1.50. Reserve at 521-6709.

Sunday, Feb. 10 - RAMBLE over rolling farm country, with added feature of slag-dump leaping. Don't bring lunch; there'll be a mid-way snack stop in Madison. Dinner in front of fireplace in Millie's game room afterwards. Time: 10:00 AM. Cost: \$1.50. Fran Capiewski, 621-8970.

Saturday, Feb. 16 - Intrepid TRAIL BLAZER, Harry Rhule, bounds over creeks and contour lines in the vicinity of Idaho (Pa.) and Cochran's Mill, starting at 7:00 AM, on a trip that's not recommended for tenderfeet. Bring lunch and sturdy shoes. Call 621-8486 for reservation.

Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 17 - A DE-LUXE DINNER, collected course by course at the homes of the finest cooks in the Shady-side-Squirrel Hill section of town, interlaced with six miles of hiking to sharpen the appetite. Progressive dinner, beginning at 2 PM at H.Q., being planned by Melvin Gastronomique Tobias. Make reservation and down payment by the fifteenth. Cost: \$1.50. Mel's number is 362-5297.

Sun. Evening, Feb. 17 - THEATRE PARTY, following the dinner....going afterwards with Hugh Gilmour to the Playhouse for the off-Broadway musical hit, "Fantasticks." Let Hugh know how many tickets to reserve by Friday, the 15th. Admission: \$3.30.
Note: These two fine events can be combined, or done separately.

Monday, Feb. 18 - SWIMMING AGAIN, this time with Miss Fannie Roensch at the Shadyside B. C., 8:30 to 10:00. Meet at Winnie's (654 Maryland Ave.) at 8:00. The phone #, 362-5533. Cost \$1.00.

Weekend, Feb. 23-24 - That popular trip to CHESTNUT RIDGE is being repeated, with the popular leader, Lee Hayden directing the activities....with hostellers from the Potomac Council to add variety....with Skiing, etc., and a Sat. night party, for \$7. Leave H.Q. at 8 AM with AYH pass, sleeping bag, mess kit, warm clothes and air mattress if you want to sleep in front of the pot-bellied stove.

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SEVEN SPRINGS SKI PACKAGE

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Special Bus leaving at 6:00 PM
from Kaufmann's
(6:30 PM from Monroeville)

Without Ski Rental	\$4.25
With Ski Rental	\$6.25
Box Dinner (available)	\$1.25

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round-trip Transportation
1/2 hr. Group Instruction
Use of slopes, lifts, & tows
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Reserve by Friday, Feb. 8 with:

Jean Rosensweig, 242-3372
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