

AYH GOLDEN TRIANGLE

October, 1962

6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

OPEN HOUSE programs for October



The coming harvest nights with their Halloween moons lure one out, and what better place to go than AYH on a Thursday evening. See what our open house committee have scared up for you in the way of entertainment. In the coming months this column will be taken care of by Marianne Kissane, our new open house chairman.

October 4—The month of October gets off to a "party start," with Hugh Gilmour calling the folk dancing. Refreshments will be served, so come out from behind those corn shocks and dance.

October 11—Lloyd Geertz, who was lately connected with our canoeing workshop, will show movies of the canoeing school on the Youghieny River and highlights of recent canoe trips.

October 18—Lee Hayden, new president of Pittsburgh Council, will rerun the Century and the Orange Belt trips via color slides. Those who completed these rugged routes will be "pinned" this evening, so wear a substantial blouse.

October 25—Mark Reader, hiker and outdoorsman, takes us hiking on the New England segment of the Appalachian Trail...by slides.

New Officers

At the annual election of officers, Thursday evening, September 27, Lee Hayden was elected president of Pittsburgh Council for the coming year. Ruth Stacklin and Bruce Sundquist were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. Elected to the board of directors were Gloria Fisher and Julius Rosenson. The following committee chairmen were also elected:

Fran Czapiewski.....	Hiking
John Philbrick.....	Canoeing
Larry Cohen.....	Cycling
Sally Hutton.....	Membership
Margaret Bark.....	Service
Mark Dodd.....	Hostel development
Martin Runkle.....	Public relations
Marianne Kissane....	Program

Lloyd Geertz and Robert Snelsire headed the nominating committee that ushered these individuals into their respective positions.

Ex-president, Ben Dell, in his "state of the council" speech, informed us of our growing membership which now hits the two hundred and seventy mark. Financially we are solvent and can look back on last year with much success. We purchased two canoes, fourteen bicycles, six pairs of snow shoes, chairs for headquarters and a filing cabinet for the office. Lee Hayden accepted the presidential mantle with enthusiasm and promises much for 1963.

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by Hugh Gilmour



We are happy to announce that the Golden Triangle was mentioned in the news letter of the International Youth Hostel Federation in Denmark. Our "stop wearing a false face; you don't really enjoy watching TV; come out and see the countryside" space-filler obviously intrigued the editor. Grateful we are for any laurels tossed in our direction.

Ruth Shaw, one of our former staff writers, postcards us to say that she is working at the University of Buffalo as assistant coordinator of student activities. Marie Garret, whom we did not get to see in Paris, writes her regrets, and we could have used a little assistance in Montmartre. Needless to say, there was no language barrier at the Folies Bergere. The funniest post card was from Abbie and Lloyd Geertz, showing a disaster scene of Ocean City, Maryland, from one of the recent hurricanes, and the coy comment on the back, "Life at the shore is delightful."

A number of hostellers are off for distant places for various reasons. Mary Sentner is attending Wellesley College and Tom Celli is off for Cornell University. Ralph Ludington has changed jobs and has moved to Holley, New York. Jack Jedruch is now working on a doctorate in nuclear engineering at Penn State. Jeannie Barr, no sluggard, has moved to Ivy Street.

Jo Martin reports a wonderful vacation can be had in the Catskills. Fred Monks and Gloria Fisher hiked the White Mountains and have some dazzling slides to prove its beauty. Jack Fassinger came back from Italy with a sun tan and a sporty Italian hat and tales of rubbing elbows with Jackie Kennedy. Frieda Hammermeister again won the prize by having the longest name on the passenger list of Pan-American. She brought two precious plates from Greece. Bruno Palaia, who hiked the Pacific Northwest with other Pittsburgh hostellers, carted two Indian blankets back from the World's Fair.

Don and Billie Woodland announce the birth of their third child and their first boy, Bernard M. Woodland, who weighed in 7 pounds 2 ounces. Don was eager to call the child "Omega." Dick McNamara, John Clayton, Armand and Ramona Panson have already begun to make plans for a flight to Europe with the Ski Club in February.

Thanks are tossed out to Winifred Roensch, who repaired the phonograph temporarily so that we could folk dance this month. Memo to Marianno Kissane, new program chairman: There are enough engineering-minded men in this organization that must own a soldering iron and could repair the phonograph. And a new needle would be a vast improvement. Andy Shurma supplied us with personal clippings of me from the Pitt News, and for that we are most grateful. Thanks also to the Merritts who pinch-hitted in August with the folk dancing. To Lois Ann Wagner, we extend thanks for the August issue and also congratulations for the new job as editor of this Golden Triangle. Lois Ann will need plenty of assistance, so please volunteer for work in any field of publicity.

John Philbrick offers this needling note: the cycle trip leader on Sunday, September 2, traveled 263 miles, some of it over a road which had been under water since 1940. Where were his loyal followers?

And now it is time to close up the typewriter, clean out the file drawer and turn the keys over to Lois Ann. It has been a short two-year period since we took over; I've grown to feel that the reading audience was enthusiastically behind us all of the time. Good luck!

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***** INFORMATION gleaned from traveling

From a book found in my hotel bedroom in England, published in 1876, came this choice tidbit on traveling which all female hostellers should take to heart:

"In traveling, you need not refuse to speak to a gentleman who addresses you politely, as some foolish girls do. But by no means encourage random conversation in such a case. Your best plan, however, is to think as little as possible of gentlemen as "gentlemen." Think of them with respect as fellow creatures of the same God and treat them accordingly. Your woman's heart should teach you the rest."

That same text offers this advice on music and waltzing:

"A lady must never sing a song that is of a decidedly masculine character, nor if the words describe masculine action or passion. Glees and catches should rarely be sung by a lady. Choruses, in many instances, are still more objectionable. I can hardly imagine a chorus-loving lady, except she be a listener only. I will leave the subject of waltzing in the hands of my fair readers, with this simple request, that whenever the waltz is proposed, they will think of its tendency, of the indelicacy of the exhibition, and then I am quite certain that this anti-English dance will soon be banished from society."

Manners and Rules of Good Society, published in 1888, has this to say: "Young ladies do not eat cheese at dinner parties!"

"If you are being entertained by an Arab sheik and he gives you, as in duty bound, his most beautiful horse because you admired it, remember to give it back to him forthwith. The eye of the sheep however has to be swallowed.

TRAVEL IS BROADENING!



NEW

MEMBERS

Recently initiated into AYH after a grueling ceremony are the following:

David Dickens
 Craig Waldner
 Gary Marsh
 Melissa Provance
 Veronica Anderson
 J. P. Crawford
 Rabindra Gupta
 Doris Mochan & family
 James Kehew & family
 S. David Finkelhor
 Johnathan Wolken
 William Linvill & family
 Thomas C. Celli
 Dr. Paul Castelle & family
 Joseph Michaux & family
 Allan P. Haarr & family
 Mary Ellen Scovel
 Girl Scout Troup #448
 George Spelvin

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hosteling in POLAND

with MARGARET BARK

Any way you look at it, Poland is a great country for hosteling! Fishing, hiking, boating, caving or climbing—all bring young Poles together with visitors from other lands. Poland boasts at least four hundred youth hostels, and the generosity and hospitality of its people knows no bounds.

In the major cities, out of the rubble of war, have risen buildings carefully designed to look like the historic originals, but they have modern plumbing inside. While this reconstruction has been going on, the Polish people have been living in horribly crowded conditions. New apartments are going up in the outskirts of town and are inhabited before they are completed.

In Krakow, a woman and her eleven year-old daughter, included me in their sight-seeing tour, taking me on an excursion to a salt mine, to the Wawel Castle....and helped me to fathom the almost impossible intricacies of ordering food in Polish restaurants. The hostel here was a convent, centuries old, as one was reminded when climbing the worn stony staircase.

At Zakopane, high in the Tatra Mountains, a "Polish Betty Bierer" made arrangements for me to get to lovely Morskie Oko Lake which no one should miss. With tremendous vigor and feeling for her country, she also led me to the top of the mountain range by aerial car for a glorious hike along the Polish-Czech border and then back to the hostel through a scenic valley. My new-found friend teaches school and spends her summers in the mountains. She had already helped another American and an Australian to see Zakopane earlier this year.

From my "private room" in the hostel at Wroclaw, I looked out upon the Oder River where



boys paddled kayaks for pleasure, and barges plied their way to market or to the sea. Amidst a city almost totally destroyed during the war, I was entertained by a young family in their home. Until an "interpreter" arrived, I conversed with my hostess in Polish (everything in the present tense and dreadfully mispronounced), and we broke down in laughter because we understood each other even though the words were all wrong.

Life is simplified for the Poles because there are still few luxuries available, and what exist are rather expensive. They have learned to live without them. Food, lodging and public transportation are reasonably priced and, by our standards, are quite inexpensive. Hosteling, traveling and sightseeing in Poland are easily done on four dollars a day, which is required in advance when applying for a visa. World conditions permitting, Poland ought to rank high on the list of "places to go" for 1963.

Ooh, lala!

While in Paris, Margaret Bark visited Marie Garrett, one of our active hostellers last year and a ~~very~~ tree climber. Marie has not been able to get involved in any French youth hostel groups but has managed to form a sports club after working hours with fellow employees. She spends nearly every weekend in the country and sailed around the Brittany coast during the last three weeks in August. She hopes to be remembered to other hostellers and reminds any of them that should they find themselves in Paris, she is at their disposal as a free guide.

Mlle. Marie-Marthe Garret
40 rue des Missionnaires, Versailles
(Seine et Oise) France.

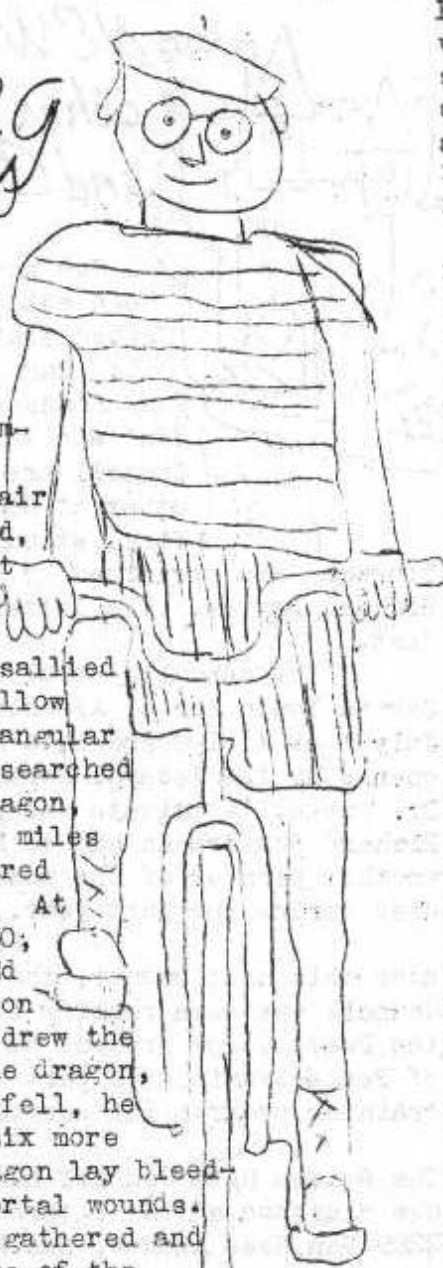
cycling news

by Lee Hayden

The battle began at 8 AM, Sunday, September 23, and will long be remembered. Seventeen knights and one fair maiden (when asked, she commented that she liked trips with a favorable boy-girl ratio!) sallied forth, bearing yellow banners with triangular insignias. They searched for the Orange Dragon, reputed to be 110 miles long and much feared in the territory. At approximately 4:30, a young knight, Ed Schmidt, mounted on a green charger, drew the first blood of the dragon, and before night fell, he was followed by six more knights. The dragon lay bleeding from seven mortal wounds. The country folk gathered and hailed the knights of the Yellow Banner (with triangular insignias). The Orange Belt had fallen!

For those interested in improving their skills as a knight on two wheels, Saturday, October 6 is the day. All cyclists can meet at headquarters at 10 AM and bring a lunch. Using the rental bikes as demonstrators, we shall delve into the wonders of bicycle maintenance, safety and the procedure for leading a cycle trip. Apple cider will be provided for lunch and a good time will be had by all--depending on the softness of the stomach muscles and the hardness of the cider.

If you like to eat, retell old tales, and meet fellow trippers again, why not come to the cyclists outing. Boys', girls' and old men's races are in store with prizes and a cook-out and some rare singing to close the day.

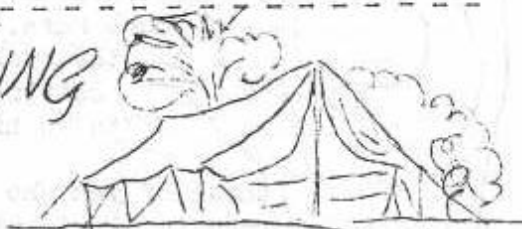


Perhaps the last overnight of the season will be led by Margaret Bark on October 20 see the fall foliage. The destination will depend on weather conditions. So bring along the back sheet which gives information regarding the identification of autumn foliage.

The Monday night rides will continue in October, but since the days are growing shorter, we shall leave headquarters fifteen minutes earlier...6:15. The Tuesday night and Sunday morning rides are being discontinued.

CAMPING

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Then you'll be interested in the newest catalogue issued by the Appalachian Outfitters or 636 Penn Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh. The owner, Sam Musgrove, one of our members some specific buys.

Black's Icelandic Standard Sleeping Bag filled with down and weighing only $3\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. This is economically priced at \$39.95 Duluth Canoe packs 28 in. x 30 in. Priced from \$9.75 to \$13.50 plus tax. Packs weigh in at $3\frac{1}{4}$, 4 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Mt. Baker frame and pack at \$17.50, a \$2.45 saving on this buy.

Large assortment of Dri-lite foods (fruits and vegetables).

Armours Star-lite scrambled eggs. Serves adequate breakfast for two at \$1.10.

DO YOU KNOW
ANYONE

WHO
SEEMS
CHAINED
TO HIS
JOB? OR
HIS
SPOUSE?



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THOSE AUTUMN LEAVES

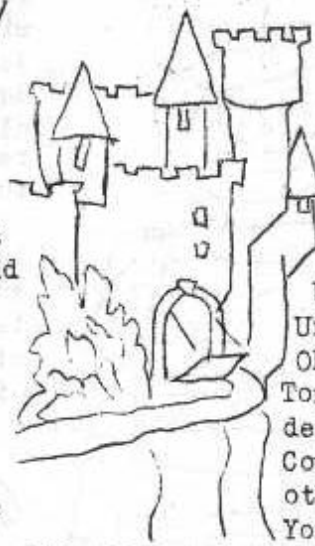
The early fall weather (seems like winter) has already had its effect on the forest foliage, and if the sun ever comes out, we should be in for a blaze of brilliance. Canoeing weekends are becoming more rare, and even the cyclists are getting that urge to go hiking.

For those of you who need a program to distinguish one tree from another, here is a brief but adequate color chart. This is not intended for those "experts" who need more evidence such as tree bark, length of limbs, and shape of squirrels inhabiting the trees.

Scarlet...dogwood or scarlet oak.
Crimson to wine red...red maple
Red, orange and yellow...the sugar maples. Russet red...pin oak.
Orange to scarlet.....sassafras.
Yellow....Norway maple, birch, poplar, tulip tree or elm. Orange....buckeye or chestnut oak. Purple-red to violet...
S...white oak. Red-tan to brown...black oak. Golden bronze....American beech.
Yellow to brown....hickory.

NEVER SHOOT AN OWL

These hunters of the night do much the same job as the hawk by day, waging a relentless war on mice, rats and other ordents. The larger owls take a few game birds and some domestic fowl, but this does not justify the wanton slaughter of these birds. Fourteen of our states protect all species of owls. Never, but never shoot an owl!



NEWS of other HOSTELS and COUNCILS

Two new councils have been established in the United States, one at Lima, Ohio, through the efforts of Tony Franses, national president who serves as the Lima Council president, and another at Niagara Falls, New York, stimulated by Dr. Joe

Dlugach and organized by Bill Nelson and Richard Davies. The latter serves as president.

The annual general meeting of the German Youth Hostel Association was held on July 1 at Kiel-Gaarden, a hostel recently opened by the Federal German president, Dr. Lübke. A tribute was paid to the late Richard Schirrmann and to Prof. Neuendorff, another pioneer of the movement who had died during the past year.

For several Saturdays this past summer, the Philadelphia Council has been renting its bicycles to the Peace Corps project at the University of Pennsylvania as a part of the group's training program for service in Ceylon.

The Golden Gate Council has moved into its new clubroom at the International Institute, 2209 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.

The Potomac Council displayed posters, equipment and bicycles in a window of the Washington Gas Light Company in Washington, during June.

The Columbus Council sponsored an astronomical weekend with a member of the Columbus Astronomical Society to direct their star-gazing.

A weekend at Disneyland was an event planned by the San Diego Council in July. Was it successful. Let us know.

Doubtlessly taking heed of the numerous successful show trains, the New York Council sponsors a "bike train," with a possible quota of 700 hostellers. Destination will be Shelter Island, on the north shore of Long Island. Much sight-seeing is promised with a possible trip to the Whaling Museum at Sag Harbor, via ferry.