

Golden Triangle

DECEMBER 1966

DEC. 8 - COME SEE SLIDES OF ROGER STUART'S
CAVING EXPERIENCES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEC. 15 - TRAVEL THROUGH EUROPE VIA INTERESTING
SLIDES OF ERIC STACEY.

DEC. 22 - THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
CHRISTMAS CAROLING UNDER THE BATON OF
BOB FEWKES. FINAL CONCERT WILL BE AT
DICK AND BARB ROTHROCK'S FOR REFRESHMENTS.

DEC. 29 - A CHRISTMAS-NEW YEARS PARTY AT LIZ SAFFER'S.
4735 MARIPOE STREET, APT. 3, PGH. 13.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

SKI WITH A.Y.H.

This winter should see the most active ski program in AYH history. Skiing will begin as soon as the snow flies and the canoeing ends (see Trips & Trails section). Both downhill and cross-country ski trips will be arranged. An added feature to our ski schedule is cooperation with the Columbus Council in keeping their ski hostel on Laurel Ridge filled. The cost will be approximately \$1 to \$2 per night. Other slightly more expensive accommodations are being considered. We are also planning to invest in several pairs of cross-country skis and bindings for our cross-country trips. (Your own downhill boots are useable for cross-country). AYH now owns four pairs of skis, six pairs of poles, and three pairs of boots (sizes 5, 8, and 11) for renting to members of AYH trips only. Rental for skis will be \$1.00 per day (including poles) and 50¢ for boots.

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AN IDEA FOR OUR ANNUAL BANQUET

AYH's annual banquet is coming up in February or March again as usual. In other years we found ourselves paying un-AYH-like prices (\$4 to \$5) for reasonable meals or reasonable prices (\$2 to \$3) for meals inferior to those on many of our camping trips. A half-baked idea currently floating around could end all this. How about a do-it-ourselves banquet? Rent a hall -- have everyone bring something (or money) -- enjoy our own culinary masterpieces at a very low cost -- in the true spirit of AYH. Tell Cathy Lynch what you think of the idea before January 1st so that it can be taken up at the January activities Board meeting. If you have ideas on places to hold such a banquet, be sure to tell Cathy. We will also be needing suggestions for a banquet speaker.

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REPORT ON NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 32nd Annual National Convention of AYH was held November 12 and 13 at Syracuse, New York. Although it is only two years old, the Syracuse Council did an outstanding job of hosting the 100-odd delegates. Attending from Pittsburgh were JCathy Lynch, John Henry, Bob Omlor, Tom Bryson and Bruce Sundquist. The most noteworthy happenings at the convention were the following:

- 1) The announcement of a hostel for New York City to be ready in 1967. Details will follow in a later issue.
- 2) The announcement of a \$500,000 scholarship program for European travel for AYH'ers, contributed by Wrangler (manufacturers of blue jeans, etc.).
- 3) Plans were made for the first national AYH rally to be held in Columbus, Ohio July 1 thru 4. The rally will feature cycling, canoeing, and hiking trips in addition to equipment shows and other attractions of interest to hostellers.
- 4) New York City Council described a highly successful program of sponsoring cycle trips for teenagers from East Harlem.
- 5) Pittsburgh Council was awarded a citation for increasing its membership 17% in the past year. Only four other councils exceeded our performance.

Trips & Trails

Dec. 2, 3, 4 - Canoe-camping trip for white-water experts on Dry Fork and Cheat River with Howard King. Leave from AYH at 7:30 P.M. Friday; canoe Jennings to Hendricks Saturday; Hendricks to St. George Sunday. Bring warm camping gear, two changes of woolen clothing, and two lunches. Saturday dinner and two breakfasts will be community food. No camping gear will be carried in canoes. Cost about \$9.00. Reserve with Howard King at 264-1386.

Dec. 3 - Think snow! Ski trip with Cathy Lynch. Destination and departure time will be announced when and if it snows.

Dec. 5 and every Monday - Ice skating at North Park rink. Meet at AYH at 6:30 P.M. Cathy Lynch will instruct beginners, and Mel Tobias will demonstrate advanced techniques.

Dec. 10, 11 - Hike and cave. Hikers leave Saturday 9 A.M.; cavers leave 8 A.M. Sunday to meet hikers at cave. Savage River Star Park area and Crabtree Cave located in the park. The area is just east of Deep Creek in the mountains. Cave is 200 yards from road and has large rooms, with no large vertical climbs. Hikers and cavers bring one lunch and approx. \$2.50; remainder will be community food. Call Dick Rothrock (731-5158) for overnight; call Eric Stacey (271-6544) for caving.

Dec. 16 - If there is no snow for skiing this weekend, go ice-skating at North Park with Bob Omlor. Leave headquarters at 9:30 P.M. or meet Bob at North Park for the 10:30 session.

Dec. 17 - Ski trip to Hidden Valley, weather permitting, led by John Henry. Leave AYH at 8 A.M. Cost about \$6.00 with your own equipment, or you can rent from AYH or at Hidden Valley.

Dec. 17 - Beginners' and 'next stage' climbing practice at High Rocks (near Derry, Pa.) with Bob Strong. Leave AYH at 9 A.M. with lunch, rubber-soled shoes, and \$1.25. Some equipment will be provided. Don't call - just come.

Dec. 17 - High Rocks climbing trip. This trip is another in the continuing practice sessions for experienced climbers, as well as beginners. Bring lunch and about \$1.25. Leave hostel at 8:30 A.M. Reserve with Bob Strong (327-6267).

Dec. 18 - Deadline for Golden Triangle articles!

Dec. 21 - Christmas tree trimming party at the Henrys' (5800 Stanton Avenue). Meet at headquarters at 7:15 for the 'Hike to Henrys'. Bring along a home-made ornament for the tree.

Trips & Trails cont'd.

NEW YEARS WEEKEND - Think snow! Inaugural cross-country ski trip on Laurel Ridge, led by Bruce Sundquist, weather permitting. Otherwise, downhill skiing at nearby ski area or ice skating. Destination and departure will be determined by snow conditions.

Jan. 3 - Start off the new year by helping assemble the January issue of the Golden Triangle at Harry Rhule's house. Starts about 8:30 P.M.

Jan. 7 & 8 - Come skiing at Pennsylvania's finest - Blue Knob. Excellent trails and facilities. This is a trip mainly for intermediates or better. Reserve with Bruce Sundquist (372-1212, Ext. 224) by December 15 since reservations for dorm space must be made by that time. If there is not enough interest in a two day trip, a one day trip will be run instead. Cost for two days approximately \$23.00, one day, \$10.00.

THINK SNOW!

Abe Weatherwise predicts a good, snowy winter, and AYH has confidently scheduled the first skiing trip for December 3. Even if we don't get out this early, there is usually a ski trip available each weekend that the weather cooperates, so stop in at the Thursday evening meetings to see who is going. AYH has some used ski equipment (downhill) available for rental at the rates of \$1.00 per day for skis and poles, and \$.50 per day for boots. We also hope to develop some interest and capability in ski touring, with the first cross-country trip tentatively scheduled for the New Year weekend on Laurel Ridge if the snow is deep enough.

GRAND TETONS climbing trip this summer. Last two weeks in July. Some non-climbers invited. If interested please call Henry Fisher (521-8942) prior to Jan. 15. Training sessions for the trip will begin in mid-March. Side excursions will include other wilderness areas in the vicinity.

WELCOME-HOME PARTY FOR:

1st Lt. Lee L. Hayden

Lee is a former president of Pittsburgh A.Y.H. and is returning from service in Southeast Asia.

Meet at Harry Rhule's, 1241 Trevanion Ave., Regent Square, 1:00 P.M. till? - This is not a sponsored trip.

FLASH!

BRUCE SUNDQUIST CATCHES GARTER AT BARB AND DICK ROTHROCK'S WEDDING STOP
CORA ADDICOTT CLINGS TO BOUQUET CLUTCHED AT RECEPTION STOP WATCH FOR
FURTHER NEWS IN "TRIPS AND TRAILS" STOP

TRIPS AND TRAILS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please help the Trips and Trails Committee plan the trips for the coming year by completing and returning this questionnaire. Either bring it to a Thursday evening meeting soon and give it to one of the T & T chairmen, or fold, staple, stamp and drop in the mail. Thank you.

- Rank those activities below that you prefer (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.) according to the activity and the type or length of trip.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Half Day</u>	<u>Whole Day</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>Extended</u>
<u>Spring, Summer, Fall</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Trip</u>
Canoeing					
Rafting					
Hiking					
Climbing					
Caving					
Cycling					
Camping					
<u>Winter</u>					
Skiing (downhill)					
Ski touring					
Snowshoeing					
Winter camping					
Caving					
Tobogganing					
Winter climbing (!)					
Winter canoeing (!!)					

- What other activities would interest you?
- What trips this past year did you like best?
- How far from Pittsburgh do you feel we should travel for the activities you are most interested in?
 - Can you suggest any parks or other recreational areas in this area that we should use more often?
- Are you interested in leading AYH trips for Pittsburgh Council? If so, please indicate what kind and sign your name below.
- Any other suggestions?

Signed _____

CANOE GUIDE TO BE REVISED - HELP NEEDED

This winter AYH is planning to revise its canoe guide to Western Pennsylvania. One of the main purposes of the revision will be to make it more useful to white-water canoeists. To this end two important features are being added. The first is a compilation of all the experiences of all AYH canoe trip leaders (and others) with gauge readings. All those who have led AYH canoe trips in the past are asked to submit a list giving the trip location and date plus a comment on the water level (too too, satisfactory, etc.). The U. S. Geological Survey will supply us with appropriate gauge readings from their records.

The second feature to be added will be a list of popular trips giving the mean drop per mile and the "maximum" drop per mile for each trip. A volunteer is needed to compile this information. Contact Bruce Sundquist who will supply you with the appropriate topo-maps and a mile-o-graph. Comments pertaining to gauge readings should also be submitted to Bruce.

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WHERE TO NEXT SUMMER, GANG?

It's time again to start thinking about where you want to go next summer with AYH. Talk over your brainstorm with Bruce Sundquist, even if you don't want to be a trip leader; perhaps something can be worked out. Half-baked ideas currently floating around include the following:

- 1) Henry Fisher is thinking of a climbing-hiking trip to the Tetons (also mentioned on previous page).
- 2) Bill Athey intends to lead a cycle trip down the C & A Canal Towpath.
- 3) Bruce Sundquist is thinking of canoeing the Dells of the St. Croix and Wisconsin Rivers and sail-canoeing in the Quetico Wilderness area (northern Minn.).

Trip plans should be well developed by early February so they can be included in the Intercouncil Trips Bulletin put out by the National Office in March. Anyone interested in any of the trips listed above should contact the leader and indicate an interest in the trip.

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MONTREAL HOSTEL

The Canadian Youth Hostel Association is building a hostel in Montreal to be ready in time for Expo 67 next summer. Does anyone want to lead an extended trip up that way? Write to C.Y.H.A., 754 Sherbrooke Street, West Montreal 2, Canada for reservations.

