

AYH

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

August, 1962

open house

by Joyce Koplos

Thursday evenings in any season are splendid reasons for coming out to AYH. Programs begin at 8:30.



August 2—The first Thursday of the month is always a night for folk dancing and under the tutelage of the Martin girls, anyone who can walk, can dance!!

August 9—Liz Saffer, who just returned from behind the "Iron Curtain," will show some of the slides that they permitted her to smuggle out.

August 16—Come out and meet your friends and talk up a trip to McConnells Mills, since we haven't been there all summer. Refreshments will be served.

August 23—Phyllis Wetherby, world traveler, will show some of the slides she took on her last trip to South America and also some of the wild flowers she snapp in the spring on Chestnut Ridge.

August 30—Another one of those "Moscow Nights" with Liz Saffer. Too much to show in one evening, so make this the second adventure in your Russian decameron.

REMEMBER: Three of anything...three whistles, three markers...is a distress signal in the out-of-doors.

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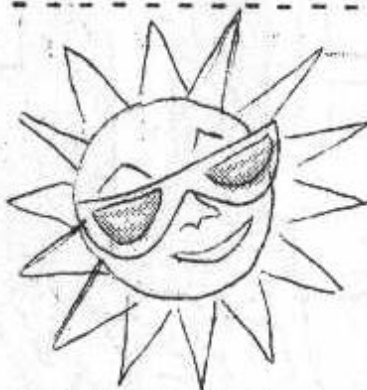
Pittsburgh Council entertained three groups of foreign visitors, twenty-six European hostellers from England, France, Austria, Holland, Switzerland, Sweden and Germany.

In what was probably the most quickly organized and yet most coordinated Margaret Bark contacted local hostellers for housing, picnic suppers and guides. Transportation was another of the problems that was soon solved.

The picnic suppers were lavish but easily composed of individual dishes brought by some of her best cooks. Rhonda Newcomer, Hugh Gilmour and Don and Billie Woodland entertained the groups in patios and backyards. Of course we learn from experience...and in the future we'll not give them corn on the cob.

Apartments, spare beds and cabins were supplied by Charles Krabek, Leo Hayden, Betty Baker, Elizabeth Wolfskill, Henry Gruen, Pat Vaughan, Bob and Linda Snelsire and Don and Billie Woodland. A special note of thanks should be given to Sam Musgrove of the downtown Appalachian Camping Shop who volunteered his cabin in Irwin for four of the girls.

Guides Betty Baker, Pat Vaughan and Hugh Gilmour escorted the visitors through such places as the nationality rooms at Pitt, the prehistoric fossil collection at Carnegie Museum, Mellon Institute, the Block House, Joseph Horne's Department Store, Mellon Park, the Pittsburgh H. J. Heinz, the Underground Zoo and the Arts and Crafts Center.



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by Hugh Gilmour

Before we forget, we (using the editorial and royal "we") are off for Europe. August 1, we depart from Pittsburgh Airport for London and a pinted tour of the continent. A tentative itinerary has been planned, with which we shall not bore you, but it can be scrapped if something delightfully exciting comes along. We return from Paris Airport on September 1, arriving just in time to unpack, wash out some socks and greet this year's crop of high school students. Lois Ann Wagner will be taking care of the September issue, so if you have any news, etc., call her at her Shadyside apartment MU 2-1338 or mail it to her at the address found in the masthead on page 3. This memory bit is brought to mind from last month's issue. On page 5, we had an article regarding the forgetfulness of most hostellers with the fee schedule. Then didn't we turn around and forget to put on the page number and also a headline for the extended trip on the C & O Canal? What else could we do wrong? Only to refer to Ronald Benjamin as a pre-med student when he's really a full-fledged medical student.

Bruce and June Merritt and young ones turned up for folk dancing night and glad we are that they did, for didn't Bruce fix the record player with a microscopic piece of wire. Also in town that week were Ruth and Phil Ewald, former hostellers from Tennessee. Soon to leave town are Janet and Charles Richardson for the University of Seattle where Charles has a new job. John Eckman has turned in his resignation at Alcoa and plans to return to the academic field, one possibility--the University of Tennessee.

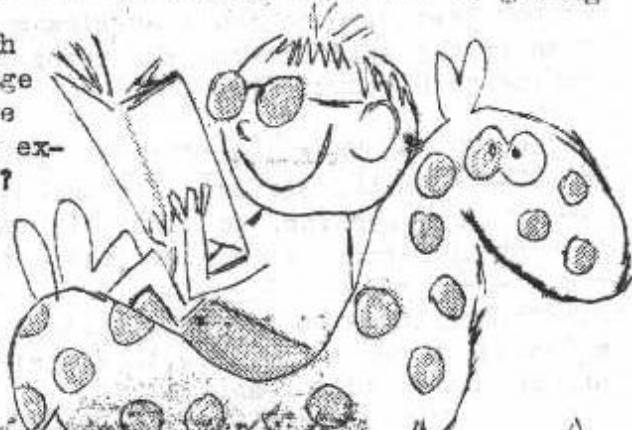
Helen Van Wyk Dalton informs us quite formally that she is now living at 345 N.W. Hocken Street, Apartment 217, Beaverton, Oregon. Dick McNamara has likewise changed his address from the Penn Shady Hotel (!) to a first floor apartment on Kentucky Avenue in Shadyside. Sounds like an ideal place for a party. Phyllis Wetherby belatedly informs us that she had an early vacation, spending a few of those April weeks in Norway.

Abbie and Amy Geertz, child hosteller, are off for Atlanta, Georgia for a visit with Lloyd's family. Bob and Linda Snelsire married for umpteenth years are taking a second honeymoon trip to Ocean Grove, New Jersey. J. D. Myers and family are bound for the World's Fair with a side trip to California and possibly Florida. Betty Bierer headed west for some hiking in Sequoia National Park with the Sierra Mountain Club, joining old friend Wesley Bunnell, before joining the Czapiewski group in the Cascades. Norman Roy has cancelled out of the Seattle trip and plans instead to be married. The girl is from York, Pa.

Frank Wodnick (21-36-21), working as a photographer in the Miss Universe contest, agrees that it was also a political deal. We were holding out for Miss Finland. Pat Vaughan has had her high school English term paper, "Pennsylvania History through Folk Songs," printed and is giving out copies to her special folksy friends.

Although Liz Saffer doesn't mention it in her story on page five of this issue, Moscow students are not above such things as "pantie raids." How else can one explain the lost of her lingerie in a Moscow hotel? Jeannie Barr is looking for someone who also has a short vacation.

It's not too soon to plug the Arts and Crafts Christmas sale extending from November 15 to the 25th. Mark it on your calendar. And now we are off for London, Brussels, Amsterdam, the Rhine Valley, Zurich, and all points west.



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MEMBERS OF THE Activities Board

Membership rose to 270 as of June 30, was report submitted by Lee Hayden, Membership Chairman, at the July meeting of the Activities Board. This is a record membership listing for the Pittsburgh Council and shows a substantial growth over the 217 members reported on December 31 of last year. A continued growth to about 300 by the end of the year is our objective.

Cycling and canoeing have been the most popular activities during the past quarter, according to the report by Jacek Jedruch, Trips and Trails Chairman. Increased emphasis on weekend hostel overnights is planned for the fall.

Treasurer, Armand Panson reported a net operating loss during the first half of the year. This was due largely to high capital expenditures including two new canoes and six bicycles. However, because of increased income from activities regarding these new expenditures, it is expected that we shall finish this year in the black. Continued support of the organization is needed.

A nominating committee headed by Lloyd Geertz has been appointed by President Ben Dell. Lloyd will welcome any suggestions on qualified nominees for the election meeting in September.

See Sam Musgrove at
 APPALACHIAN
 OUTFITTERS
 636 Penn Avenue for
 lightweight camp and trail
 equipment - camp foods

SECRETARY UDALL DEDICATES HOSTEL

* It's always pleasant to be told that we
 * are on the right track, especially when
 * the speaker is Stewart Udall, Secretary
 * of the Interior. Speaking at the dedica-
 * tion of the Sandy Hook Youth Hostel in
 * Maryland, Secretary Udall had this to
 say:

"The two things really worth saving...are our young people and our land--our great country. There is a need for a saving work and for the widest kind of judgment in dealing with these two great national assets...The youth hostels and the youth hostel movement in this country seem to many of us one of the best saving works for young people. There is a danger, almost a conspiracy, for modern life, for its machines, television, etc., to make us sitters and watchers. Some people will go anywhere in the world if they can go sitting down. The hostel program is dedicated to people being out of doors and to testing themselves against the land. This is the great American tradition."

In introducing the Secretary of the Interior, Supreme Court Justice Douglas described him as a man who "sees more in a tree than board feet, more in a hillside than a gravel pit, and more in a river than hydro-electric power."

AYH PLAYS HOST TO EUROPEAN VISITORS (cont. from page 1)

Lois Ann Wagner, who made the local news paper by cycling part of the "century run" with only one pedal, was on hand to lead the group in some folk singing.

Comments from the group? They were impressed with Pittsburgh's hospitality, its many trees which they didn't expect, its mechanical gadgets, the drive-in banks, the drive-in theaters, the parking garages below the ground, its roads and highways, its progress and its charm.

We enjoyed the visitors and we learned much from them. Many moments we felt quite inadequate with our faltering French and our gibberish German, but we carried on wild conversations on every subject. Such universal experiences as dinner at Samreny's or a beer at the Point-Vue Tavern made excellent contact.

HOSTEL CUSTOMS RENE DICTUM

by Fran Czapiewski

What are our youth hostel customs? They are time-honored, common-sense practices based on consideration of others. Hostellers hike, bike, canoe, ride horseback, ski, spelunk or visit places of historic or cultural interest. They use car, scooter, bus, plane or train to reach the first hostel on a trip or to cover long stretches between hostels. If motorized, they are expected to stay at least two nights in a hostel in order to explore the local area. There is no hitchhiking.



Hostellers reserve space in advance, arrive at hostels between 5 and 7 P.M., turn in their passes to the houseparents on arrival and pay the overnight fee. One traveling alone can usually get a bunk without reservations before 5 P.M. Hostellers go to bed at a reasonable hour, get up by 7 A.M., and leave the hostels by 9:30 A.M.

They usually buy and cook their own food and do their own cleaning. They leave every hostel in good condition by sharing common chores.

Smoking generally is not permitted in hostels and never in bunk rooms. Beer and alcoholic beverages are taboo. The customary limit of stay at a hostel is three days unless special arrangements are made with the houseparents.

The following is from the writings of Saint Benedict (480-543 A.D.) one of the first of the youth hostel movement houseparents:

"If any monk come from distant parts, with the wish as a guest to dwell in the monastery, and will be content with the customs which he finds in the place, and not perchance by his lavishness disturb the monastery, but is simply content with what he finds there, he shall be received, for as long as he desires.

"If, indeed, he find fault with anything or expose it reasonably and with the humility of charity, the Abbot shall discuss it prudently, lest perchance God has sent him for this very thing. But, if he have been found gossip and contumacious in the time of his sojourn as a guest, not only ought he not be jointed to the body of the monastery, but also it shall be said to him, honestly, that he must depart.

"If he does not go, let two stout monks, in the name of God, explain the matter to him."

GERMAN FOLK DANCE CAMP

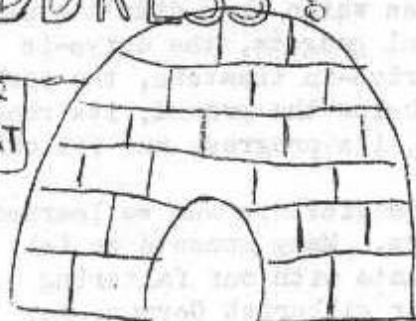
The YWCA folk dance camp this fall is to be held on the week end of September 7, 8, 9 at Camp Carondawanda, near Zelionople. Greta and Paul Dunsing, folk dance teachers from Chicago, are specialists in Bavarian dances. Greta will conduct some recorder sessions for those interested in learning a few German tunes. In keeping with the German theme, recipes from the files of the local hausfraus will be used.



Something new this year will be offered for married couples with children. Friday night only and only upon advance reservation, married couples can come with children, put them to bed in a dormitory with sitters in attendance, dance all evening, have a snack and continue dancing till 3 A.M. or exhaustion point and all for the low price of \$3.00 per couple. There are no hidden charges, no babysitter fees at home. This is a great savings for individuals pay \$1.75 for this same treat, without baby-sitting.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

FOR RENT



PLEASE

LET US KNOW

RUSHING THROUGH RUSSIA

OR

23 DAYS WITH A LIMITED
VOCABULARY or

"THE IRON CURTAIN UNVEILED"
by Liz Saffer



On June 11, Ralph Ludington and I returned from a two-months trip to northern Europe that had taken us a little more than half way round the world. We had seen the inner and outer Hebrides, the tulip fields of Holland, the famous Tiergarten in Hamburg, the fabulous shops of Copenhagen. We spend an entire day in Finland looking for a pathetic little cathedral that had been started in 1200 and had never jelled, (it still looked like a child's mud-pie) and had traveled 800 miles in Norway to see another cathedral that was being so thoroughly renovated that one couldn't see the building for the scaffolding. We spent a week among the fantastic volcanos and lava fields of Iceland and were marooned there in a dust storm when the car refused to function. Yet everyone asks, "What of Russia? Were you scared? What is the food like? Do the subways run or are they just for show? Do people have shoes or are they starving? Did the police let you take pictures?"

Having spent a total of 23 days in a country half the size of the world, speaking nine words of Russian and just a little more German and finding it hard to make friends in my own city, I am just the person to explain the Soviet Union to the world. I strongly recommend that you go yourself and do it quickly before the tourists spoil the country. Westerners are such a novelty that a crowd will collect around any stranger, and a friendly crowd--amazed to find that Amerikanskies really exist and have only one head and no horns.

We stopped first in Leningrad, a charming city that is equally proud of Peter the Great and Lenin, of its heritage, of the culture of the czars and the Communist Revolution which took place in the winter palace of Catherine the Great. The city is built on a number of islands, the architecture is of the French and Italian style of the 18th century and it looks as

Venice should. Moscow is a big city with strict pedestrian traffic rules and ferocious policemen. Aside from the Kremlin and a little old convent on the river, I found little to like in Moscow. Even the subways are second to those in Leningrad. The Bolshoi Theater is big, gaudy and lavish, but when every town has excellent opera, theater and ballet, the Bolshoi is remarkable more for the amount of money obviously spent on its scenery than for the superiority of its performers.

From Moscow we traveled by jet to the central Asian republics of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Turkakstan. Here the progress made since the revolution is so great that no one could help being impressed. In one generation, these people have changed from almost illiterate nomads to modern city dwellers with all the dubious advantages thereto...apartment houses, schools, factories, hospitals. If the hotels seem a little shabby and the plumbing capricious, the sight of the mountains in the distance and the colorful costume of many of the inhabitants more than make up for any minor inconvenience. In Samarkand, one can get drunk on blue tiles in the old city and meet charming little school girls who speak English in the bazaar and soak up two thousand years of history in one afternoon. The food is better too than in most of northern Europe, that is, if you don't mind taking the risk of catching something by eating fresh fruits. However by dipping all strawberries in vodka, I apparently sterilized them and escaped with nothing worse than chronic indigestion from the large amount of fat common to all northern European food. If these people ever heard of cholesterol, they probably think it is a condiment to be sprinkled on with the salt.

Was I scared? The first words I learned were, "Good, Please and Thank You." With such a vocabulary, how could I possibly get into any trouble? Next time you are in Oakland, stop in and I'll tell you.

HIKING ANYONE?

Don Woodland will be leading a one-week pack trip to the Adirondacks in New York in early September. The cost will be about \$55.00. If you are at all interested, call Don at LO 3-5419.



What's this about Americans getting soft? July 22, 1962 will go down in history with the likes of May 29, 1961 (WRYT came on the air) and September 6, 1962 (LC is going to rejoin AYH). WHY? On that day 22 people, no doubt of hardy pioneer extraction, left headquarters to cycle a 100 mile circle to the north of Pittsburgh. Sixteen stalwarts were able to cope with morning thundershowers, headwinds, incorrect maps, afternoon heat, and the ever dangerous Sunday driver....and successfully complete the 100 mile course in less than 12 hours. Those who finished were: Chuck Newell, Eugene Milich, Sally Hutton, John Baker, Mike Schmidt, Ronald Benjamin, Pete Fromm, Mike Tobias, Lee Hayden, Ron Wiley, Kent Galey, Buzz Griffith, Melvin Tobias, Lois Ann Wagner and Pete Shuster.

But this is just the beginning! September is Orange Belt month and the unconquered Orange Belt must succumb to ardent AYH'ers this year just as Rome fell to the zealous and barbaric (no offense, please) invaders from the North. Since the Orange Belt is more than 100 miles, we need more cyclists and more practice, and August fills the bill.

Monday nights at 6:30, the beginners shall continue to explore mountainous paths, parks, ponds, staircases and other forgotten out-of-the-way places in the city. Naturally the well-chosen routes are all downhill, so why not join the crowds on Monday night and see a new dimension of Pittsburgh. Tuesday night intermediate rides are more popular than ever and a casual ride through lovely Fox Chapel is the perfect way to end a hectic day.

The Sunday morning rides continue but with some special attractions added. On the fifth of August, Lois Ann Wagner, this time with two pedals on her bike, will explore the Civic Arena area. Pete Fromm will take over on August 12 and lead his group into the dark depths of Highland Park's new Underground Zoo. Here, for only 35¢, you may see bats, cave fish, beavers and the African Aardvark in its

natural habitat. On August 19, Chuck Newell will lead old salts and anyone with nautical inclinations, along River Avenue on the north side to view the beauty of the Zubic property, visit the rivers at the point and stop at the Gateway Clipper. For those who want to go up in the world, Sally Hutton leads a trip on August 26 featuring a ride on the incline with a view of the city from Mt. Washington. This trip is also perfect for the not-so-young or anyone who likes high places.

If you have a vacation in August and your're looking for something novel to do, why not join the extended cycle trip. One week will be spent (August 10-19) viewing the scenic and historical points between Cumberland and Washington along the Potomac River. The C & O Canal with tunnel and aqueducts, Harper's Ferry, the Shenandoah River and Mountains, the medicinal springs and castle at Berkeley Springs, Great Falls on the Potomac, canoeing at Seneca Creek, plus two days in Washington D.C. are just a few of the highlights. For those who make it a two-week trip, you can add Gettysburg and Manassas to the list.

Bikes are available to rent for members and non-members alike for all trips, and if something in August doesn't appeal to you, we have two words of advice.....
TRY CANOEING.

AYH Reunion and meeting

The AYH National Reunion and Planning Meeting will be held at the Bowmansville Youth Hostel in Bowmansville, Pa., on Labor Day Weekend, Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 3. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a set of goals for 1963.

In conjunction with this meeting, three councils are planning week-long trips on the week just prior to the meeting in the vicinity of Bowmansville. The New York Council is organizing a cycle trip through the Pennsylvania-Dutch country; the Lima Council has a cycling trip on the Horseshoe Trail; the Pittsburgh Council has a hiking trip on the C & O Canal.

Four days of mating, hiking, dancing, slide shoes and a minimum of meetings are yours for just \$16.25. Plan on real hosteling. If interested, write to Mrs. Lee Romick at

TRIPS AND TRAILS

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Saturday, Sunday, August 4-5--Lloyd Geertz leads an overnight canoeing trip on the Allegheny River. Spend the night on a desert island. Leave HQ at 8 AM, cost \$6.00. Call Lloyd at DR 2-6053.

Saturday, August 4--Myron Marks will lead you cycling along the easy roads of the Allegheny River. Bring swimsuits for dip in the river and hot dog feast afterwards. Leave HQ at 8:30 AM, cost 85¢, plus bike rental. LO 1-3003!

Sunday, August 5--Early morning cycle trip with Lois Ann Wagner to explore the Civic Arena area. Leave HQ at 7 AM, return at 10 AM. Cost 25¢ plus bike rental.

Friday, August 10-20 or 26--Lee Hayden leads a ten-day or a sixteen-day cycle trip from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington, D.C. on the tow path of the C & O Canal. See details on page 6. Call Lee at MA 1-8486. Cost \$40.00 plus bike rental.

Saturday, August 11--"Do what you like" Weekend at Seneca Rock, West Virginia. Leave 6:30 PM on Friday, sleep in Morgantown Youth Hostel, finish the trip on Saturday morning. You may join in hikes with Tom Gabor, go for a stroll and visit Seneca Caverns. AYH tents are available for six people. Bring your own food, AYH pass, camping gear. Call Tom at CH 2-1500 Ext. 653. Cost \$6.00.

Sunday, August 12--Early morning cycle trip with Pete Fromm. Stop off at Highland Park for visit to the new Underground Zoo. Leave at 7 AM. Cost 25¢.


Saturday, Sunday, August 18-19--Pat Vaughan leads an overnight trip to the Bittering Hostel in Maryland. Hiking in the area and swimming. Bring sheet sleeping sack, messkit, lunch, swim suit and AYH pass. Leave HQ at 8:30 AM. Cost \$8.00. CA 1-7039

Sunday, August 19--Early morning cycle trip with Chuck Newell along the rivers of Pittsburgh in the downtown section. Leave HQ at 7 AM. Cost 25¢.

Saturday, Sunday, August 25-26--Armand Panson leads a canoeing trip on the Cheat Lake in West Virginia. Stay at the Morgantown Hostel overnight or camp out on your own. Bring swimsuit, sheet sleeping sack, mess kit, AYH pass. Leave HQ at 8 AM. Cost \$9.00. Call Armand at MU 2-1054.

Sunday, August 26--Early morning cycle trip with Sally Hutton. Leave HQ at 7 AM. Take the incline to Mt. Washington for spectacular view of city. Cost 25¢ plus incline fare.

Tuesday-Sunday, August 28-September 2--Six day hike along the C & O Canal led by Joan Heike. Bring light camping gear. Harper's Ferry to Williamsport. Reserve with Ben Dell at EM 2-0953 or call Joan at FI 1-0147. Cost \$32.00.

 Sunday, August 5--Don Woodland leads a pack hike on the Baker Trail for those planning on the Seattle-Northwest camping trip and anyone else who is interested. Break in your shoes and equipment and yourself. Bring lunch, loaded rucksack. Call Don at LO 3-5419. Leave HQ at 10 AM. Cost \$1.50