

1961

April - May



The Thursday night programs have proven to be quite popular owing to the excellent scheduling of our program chairman, Winifred Roensch. If you've been missing the fun, check the events listed below, and then come out. There's sure to be something for everyone.

April 6--First Thursday is always folk-dancing night. This is getting so popular that we may have to hire a hall. If you've seen "Never on Sunday," then come out and learn the Greek kritikos.

April 13--A mystery guest appears bearing slides of Ethiopia.

April 20--Have a cup of coffee, a cookie, and some conversation.

April 27--Marshall Stalley of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will speak on the work of this vital organization.

May 4--Pittsburgh's Folk Festival opens at the Mosque on Friday, the fifth, and Hugh Gilmour will be teaching some of the Scandinavian dances which you'll see at the festival.

May 11--Don Fisher, who will be leading a hiking trip through Colorado's Rocky Mountain Park, will
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NEW HOSTEL

Pittsburgh Council has acquired a new hostel! Located in an ideal scenic area between Cumberland and Morgantown, the hostel boasts seven rooms and two bathrooms and can very easily accommodate groups of ten to fifteen.

The houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Beitzel, own a farm, and were quite enthused about entertaining hostellers. Situated at Rittenger, Maryland, the hostel will serve as a link between the Chesapeake and Ohio chain of hostels and Morgantown, West Virginia. There is a small lake for swimming across the road, a ski area nearby, and picnicking spots everywhere. Deep Creek Lake is eight miles away.

Food can be purchased at Calente's Grocery Store, who incidentally supplied the lead to us regarding the Beitzel fam. Margaret Bark tracked down the possibilities through Mrs. Mary Miller, whose mother owns the grocery store.

To explore the possibilities of later trips, Margaret Bark will lead a week-end trip to the hostel, Saturday, April 8. The entire weekend will cost only \$6.00. For further details, consult the trips and trails bulletin on page 7.

Come on out!

One of the editor's pet theories is that every member should have his name in this paper at least once throughout the year. We are quite willing to print anything that can go through the mails without the danger of a law suit. Members have commented that they especially enjoy reading news items concerning hikers and cyclists that they might not have seen for years. And this leads to the question: Why don't we see these folks any more? It's true that some of them have left town for greener fields. We've seen an assortment of chemists from Mellon Institute take off for DuPont labs; engineers from Tech suddenly depart for western plants; even some of our secretaries are transferred to faraway desks. But the majority of old-timers are often seen at the Mosque, the Playhouse, the Museum, an occasional restaurant or coffee hour at church. We wonder what they are doing. The annual banquet in February brought out a lot of friendly faces--too friendly to dismiss so annually. Why not come back?

Mr. Catchpool, our guest speaker, described himself as a man in an advanced stage of youth, and I think that can be said of most of us. It was good to see Rosemary Thiebaut, either back from Europe or on her way, I can never remember. Frieda Hammermeister and Joan Schewe casually mentioned buying their own liner for future voyages. Emma Schulte, just back from Hawaii, sported a lorgnette and had that Honolulu look in her eyes. Paul and Madelyn Harris, whom we haven't seen for so long, looked radiant. Howard Morris, an all-night dancer, came out and rejoined the group, leaving check for membership. Mary Alice Low, who used to hold court and reign at Kaufmann's Vendome, was there. Betty McIntyre, a steadfast friend of AYH, was on hand as always, and Fred Monks drove in from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Myers, two more firm and staunch friends lingered on to dance to caller Fred Freuthal.

It was a grand experience--this annual banquet--the return of some of our old friends. But we ask--don't hibernate. Come out again.

And don't let us forget some of the newer friends of AYH who turned out in their best hiking outfits. Pat Vaughan and her girl friends, Wayne Weaver, accompanied by his father, Rhonda Newcomer with clippings of her latest news story, John Bowker, on call from the hospital, and hoping he could stay for the entire evening.....all admired the elegant look of the tables, decorated with gold leaves, pine cones and nuts which had been furnished by Helen Van Wyck, our waltzing Matilda.

Did we forget you? We'll try to make it up in future issues.

- * (Keep us informed of your doings. Get your name in the GT. Call Hugh Gilmour at PE 1-7387. So you didn't win the Irish Sweepstakes, tell us about it. You didn't even place in the St. Patrick's Day parade, tell us about it. You couldn't get tickets for Exodus, tell us about it. (Leviticus is soon to be filmed.) You didn't get your copy of the Golden Triange? You're not on the mailing list? Tell us about it!

OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM

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preview the trip with his slides of Colorado.

May 18--Coffee Klatsch. Discuss the crowds that have been popping out on trips lately.

May 25--Another preview of an extended trip. Ed Coleman, scheduled to lead the Canadian canoeing trip, will show his slides of Canadian streams.

One comment that is always made at these programs concerns the skill and artistry that some of our hostellers have developed with a camera.

CANOEING BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE

Lloyd Geertz, AYH president, has announced that a new booklet, listing and describing canoeing streams in the Pittsburgh area, has been printed and is available to members without charge. It can be picked up at any Thursday night open house program. Non-members may obtain the booklet for \$1.25. If you wish, you may write for your free booklet.

The Baker Trail Guide should also be ready quite soon.

MONDAY NIGHT CYCLE SESSIONS TO BEGIN APRIL 17

With summer cycle trips coming up in the near future, plan to get those tired leg muscles toned up by cycling around the city. The sessions begin at 7:00 PM and are quite short. Highland Park and Schenley Park are two of the favorite objectives. Dick McNamara will be in charge this year. Call him at HI 1-5218.

Bike Rental Schedule:

Monday evenings	\$1.00
Members per day	\$1.50
Non-members per day	\$2.00
Members per week	\$10.00
Members per month	\$20.00

FOLK DANCING AT SCAIFE HOUSE

Pittsburgh is rapidly becoming a mecca for folk dance groups. Dora Bund announces that there will be dancing every Sunday evening from 8:30 to 10:30 on the first floor of Scaife House, just adjacent to the Arts and Crafts Building.

Those interested in English country dancing should watch for a special session planned for April 29, which will honor Phil Merrill, leader of the English Country Dance Society in New York. The program will also feature the Pittsburgh Madrigal Society that evening. The place has not yet been decided. Watch the bulletin board at headquarters.

USED BIKES FOR SALE

Cycle Chairman, Joan Heike, is offering for sale at reduced rates, two Raleigh sports models, designed for the fair sex. Used as rentals for one summer, they are still in excellent condition. Call Joan at FI 1-0147

BICYCLE STORAGE FEE

Those cyclists who have used the bike shop storage facilities are reminded that the annual \$5.00 fee for members, and \$10.00 fee for non-members, is now payable. You are also cautioned to tag your bike, or it will be used as a rental bike this summer.

JOINT TRIPS ENCOURAGED

Ben Dell would like to plan some joint trips with local adult groups. The aim is to publicize AYH and also offer some wholesome outdoor recreation to indoor groups. So far he has contacted the Samovar Club, the Pittsburgh Ski Club and the Supper Club. If you know of any group that might be interested in participating in any AYH activity, contact Ben (EM 2-0953). A slide program can be arranged to be shown to the group and perhaps a joint trip arranged.

NEVER IN HISTORY
HAVE THERE BEEN
MORE PLACES TO GO,
more people travel-
ing, more choices
to ponder

---more folders.

The creators of
modern travel bro-
chures insist that
today's folders are

being done in a lower key, with more at-
tention to basic fact, but I don't be-
lieve them. I read them the way porcu-
pines make love---very carefully.

For example,
hot off the presses is one around-the-
world folder that tells of:

a gossamer drift of pale cherry blos-
soms enfolding the Japanese countryside;
the haunting loveliness of the Taj
Mahal...

gentle, flower-scented tradewinds ca-
ressing the lovely islands of Hawaii...

And think you not that romanticism
does not bubble behind that gruff exte-
rior of the Russians. From "Visit the
U.S.S.R. in Winter:" (When I opened this
one I expected to read a testimonial from
Napoleon, but it said,)

"Let us now take a
stroll through Moscow. It is snowing,
and the trees are covered with a soft
white blanket. The Kremlin has donned
its winter robe. Silvery hoar frost co-
vers the Lenin and Stalin Mausoleum on
Red Square...."

A folder on the islands of Hawaii states
that, "Captain Cook made his first land-
ing on Kauai, where he was welcomed as a
god." No mention is made of the fact
that on the second voyage he was clonked
on the head and dispatched into eternity.

Nonetheless, in spite of the sage advice
offered above (reprinted from Redbook
Magazine) the hosteler continues to be
the biggest push-over when it comes to
travel literature. I strongly suspect
that, besides the florid prose, it is the
modest price tag and reputation for fun
that lure us all out on those wild host-
eling trips.

Don't grumble about old hostels. Two of
Britain's hostels, according to our last
speaker, Mr. Catchpool, are mentioned in
William the Conqueror's Domesday Book,
dating back to 1087

WHAT

OTHER

COUNCILS ARE DOING

Chicago Council is offering lessons in
horseback riding--ten weeks for \$17.50

Detroit Council lured a lot of hostelers
out for an open house by having an "all-
you-can-eat" pancake supper.

Los Angeles Council (with wonderful weather
to do things with) has branched out into
the volleyball field. Burley Woodhead, a
British hostel at Yorkshire, encourages
kite-flying.

The San Diego Council increased its member-
ship 125% in 1960. Mr. Catchpool, our
last banquet speaker, commended their cyc-
ling system, whereby they run trips of
various lengths in circular routes, all
ending at the same overnight stop.

---**---THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE---**---

The Polish Youth Hostels Association has
been admitted to membership in the Inter-
national Youth Hostel Federation.

The Executive Committee of IYHF met in Ham-
burg on January 3. A preliminary report was
received from the Tunisian YHA concerning
plans for the Conference and Rally to be
held in Tunisia in 1962. The committee
agreed to give its support to an adventurous
expedition organized by a young Englishman.
A party of experienced youth hostellers from
England, the Netherlands and Germany will
travel overland by motor truck from Europe
to India, leaving London in July, 1961. Their
route will take them through Turkey, Lebanon,
Syria, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan.

Seven Russians went on a hosteling tour of
Merrie Olde England. The exchange visit
stopped off at Oxford, Stow-on-the-World,
Stratford, Marlborough and other historical
and scenic spots. The interpreter said,
"I took my group of seven back to London,
where I handed them over to the Soviet Em-
bassy, the rows of youth hostel badges on
their clothing bearing a colorful testimony
to the popularity of their tour."

The French postal authorities issued a new
stamp commemorating the tenth anniversary
of the death of Marc Sanquier, founder of
the French Youth Hostel Movement.

SO FAR--NO LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR, BUT.....

Getting out a newspaper is no
picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we
are silly. If we don't, they
say we are too serious. If we
clip things from other magazines,
we are too lazy to write them our-
selves. If we don't, we are too
fond of our own stuff. If we
don't print contributions, we
have no appreciation for true
genius. If we do print them, the
page is full of junk.

And probably someone will say we
swiped this from some other maga-
zine. We did!

(Westinghouse Research News-
letter)

MAILING LIST VERSUS MEMBER LIST

Like most organizations we suffer
from an oversized mailing list.
We realize that quite often when
a member's pass expires, he may
forget to join up again for a
couple of months. For this rea-
son, we have been carrying for-
mer members for sometimes three
years, hoping that he would find
something in the organization
that he once thought was excit-
ing, and feel that it was worth
coming out again and offer some
support, both morally and finan-
cially.

We have recently purchased an
addressograph which has made
sending out the mailing list
something less of a problem, but
we wonder if keeping some of the
almost unknown names in our files
is really worthwhile. Much as
we hate to say it, this may be
the last Golden Triangle you
receive unless we hear from you.

As a member you not only offer
support to this organization, but
you also receive: (1) regular
mailings of the Triangle and
trip bulletins (2) lower rates on
all AYH trips (3) the privilege
of going on overnight trips

(4) the privilege of renting AYH
equipment for your own trip (so
long as it doesn't conflict with
our own sponsored trips) (5) your
free copy of the AYH handbook and
the opportunity to use hostels.

These are somewhat tangible reasons.
We'd like to think that you have a
fondness for the outdoors and the
people who enjoy hiking and enjoy
their company. We are always here,
ready to serve.

Come out and see us sometime.

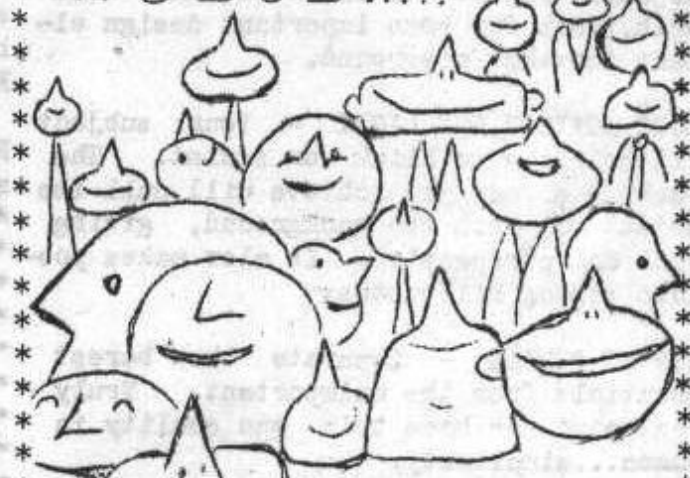
HOSTEL DEVELOPMENT

We are trying to arrange for year-
round hostels or supplementary ac-
commodations in the Ligonier and
Donegal areas. Anyone having in-
formation on available locations
please contact Jacek Jedruch at
FR 1-5365

We are constantly discovering more
reasons why nobody wants this job.
A professor from Columbia has come
up with a sentence that can be in-
terpreted eight different ways by
merely placing the word "only" in
all possible positions in the sen-
tence. "I hit him in the eye yes-
terday." Try it!

* When we count member *

* NOSES..... *



* will YOU be there *

AC-4-1664 Mustard

DON'T SHOOT!

haphazardly. Make 'em count.

Comment is always made at our programs concerning the skill and artistry that some of our hostellers have developed with a camera....as our editor has pointed out on another page.

This is certainly true, but of the large number who own cameras there must be a few who would welcome hints on how to get better pictures.

Here's a list of seven pointers that may help you:

BE CREATIVE WITH FOCUS - With the soft effect of out-of-focus backgrounds, or foregrounds, point up your center of interest and provide separation. Many a picture seems a jumble because nothing stands up to catch the eye.

MOVE IN CLOSE - Nothing in photography has the impact and intimacy of a good close-up. Simply get up close and fill your frame, being careful of distortion.

TRY FOR CONTRAST - In colors, light, forms...it can help make your composition strong and direct.

SHOOT FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE - Lie on the ground or climb to some high place, or just move the camera a bit to the side or a little higher or lower to block out backgrounds or add other objects.

MAKE THE FOREGROUND COUNT - To frame the chief object of interest and lend depth, look for some important design element for the foreground.

SHOOT AGAINST THE LIGHT - Your subject will not have to blink or squint. The modeling effect you achieve will pull the subject out from the background, giving depth and perspective. It also makes possible strong silhouettes.

KEEP IT SIMPLE - Separate the barest essentials from the unimportant. Truly great pictures have this one quality in common...simplicity.

Armed with this information you should produce real "stop-pers," and don't overlook black and white film. (We need pictures for publicity.)



TRIPS AND TRAILS (cont. from page 7)



Saturday, April 29--Easy hike in Fox Chapel led by Betty Lou Girts. Familiar with some comparatively unknown bridle paths and trails, Betty will take us through some exhilarating woods. Bring lunch, about 60¢ and reserve by calling JA 1-3310. Depart at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, April 30--Leisurely cycle trip to Brentwood, led by Betty Bierer. Leave 8 AM and return shortly after lunch. Bring 25¢ and lunch. Phone Betty at MU 1-6870

Sunday, April 30--Armand Panson leads a canoe trip (?) Depart at 8:30 AM. Call Armand for further information. MU 2-1054.

PERSONALITIES

John Bowker leaves for Harvard July 1 for one year on a clinical and research fellowship in orthopedic surgery.

The first skunk cabbage was seen March 11 on Eleanor Hawley's Raccoon Creek trip.

Bob and Linda Snelsire are reading Spock's baby book now that Richard William entered the scene. No forewarning was given regarding diaper pins, and Mother Snelsire is sporting a bandaged finger due to an infection from a recent self-inflicted stabbing.

Rhonda Newcomer, who recently had an excellent article in the Post-Gazette regarding her skiing and skating skill, writes from Florida that the snow is miserable!

Fred Mauk opened the riverboat social season with an intimate party aboard his skow.

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*(It is hoped that many will step forward
*to join the ranks of the others.) *

*Published spasmodically, subscriptions *
*and literary attempts are welcomed. *

*As Crafts - canoe trip
supplied
making creek, after*

Saturday, April 1--Dick McNamara leads a cycle and skate trip to North Park. Break in the new ice rink. Bring skates and lunch. Leave 9:30 AM, return early evening. Call Dick at HI 1-5218

Sunday, April 2--Loosen up those arm muscles on this easy canoe trip in the backwaters of Crooked Creek Dam. Load canoes at 8:30 AM, depart within the hour. Bring picnic lunch and \$2.50. Reserve early with Ben Dell by calling EM 2-0953 Egg rolling on nearby hills.

Saturday, April 8--Margaret Bark leads another overnight trip to the new Bittenger Hostel, near Deep Creek Lake, Maryland. Cycle in scenic farm country in the broad valley between Negro and Meadow Mountains. Explore hiking possibilities for later trips. Dine on a real Pennsylvania Dutch dinner at Penn Alps Dining Room. Leave 8 AM Saturday, return Sunday evening. Cost is about \$10 by train or \$6 if you travel by car. Call Margaret by Thursday, PO 1-4475

Sunday, April 9--Downtown hike from Roosevelt Hotel to North Side Aviary. Meet downtown at 1 PM. Hike can continue along Bigelow Blvd. to Oakland and late dinner at inexpensive restaurant, if group is willing. Bring cameras and \$1.00. Call Ruth Stacklin at MU 2-9575.

Saturday, April 15--Harry Rhule leads another hike on the Baker Trail along the upper Crooked Creek near Elderton for about ten miles. Depart from headquarters at 8:30 AM. Bring lunch, about \$1.50 and phone Harry at CH 2-3675

Sunday, April 16--Helen Van Wyck leads a nature hike through North Park. Leisurely hike with observations of plants and animals by John Dolan, naturalist of King Nature Museum. Look for frogs' eggs, salamanders' eggs, fresh water sponges, etc. Samovar Club will be guests of this hike. Bring lunch and 75¢. Call Helen--MU 3-0297

Sunday, April 16--Canoe down the Conemaugh and Kiskiminetas Rivers. We'll put in above Saltsburg and finish at Salina. Long, tight-fitting underwear is helpful on these early spring trips. Be prepared to leave at 8:30 with lunch and about \$2.50. Reserve Lloyd Geertz at DR 2-6053.

Sunday, April 23--Celebrate Shakespeare's birthday by cycling with Joan Heike south of Finleyville. Beautiful rolling countryside is inviting this time of year. Load bikes at 8:30 AM. Bring lunch and about \$1.50. No bike? Rent one at \$1.50 a day. Call Joan FI 1-0147

Sunday, April 23--Enjoy a delightful 11-mile hike on old trails along the banks of the Conemaugh River from Bolivar to Blairsville. Bring lunch and \$1.50 and leave at 8:30 AM. Call Gloria Fisher at FA 7-1138. (Note: plastic raincoat is handy to carry now that April is here.)