

WELCOME
EVERYONE
TO

Openhouse

Thursday nights at 8:30



February 2--Folk dancing with old ground-hog, Hugh Gilmour. The rest of your can sing, clap hands, etc., but let's entice some of these stay-at-homers out of their holes.

February 9 - Thursday night at the Bijou Ski enthusiasts will enjoy the movie, "Little Skier Has a Big Day" (The rest of us can sit around consulting dictionaries on how to spell the blasted word.)

February 16 - Come out and admire the new roof and warm yourself around the fire. Hot coffee available, plus the warmth of friends.

February 23 - The ice may still be thick on the Allegheny, Monongohela and Ohio, but we'll go "Rubber boating down the Green River!" Don't get ambitious - slides of course.

March 2 - Spring's on the way. Smell that air. Dance the winter away with our usual folk dancing fans.

March 9 - Betty Bierer and her French slides, covering her Trip to the International Hostel Meeting last summer.

Wanted: Volunteers for programs. Have you any talent, slides, films, movies, cookies, coffee, ideas, etc.? Let us know; perhaps we can schedule you for a

DISTINGUISHED

GUEST

FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

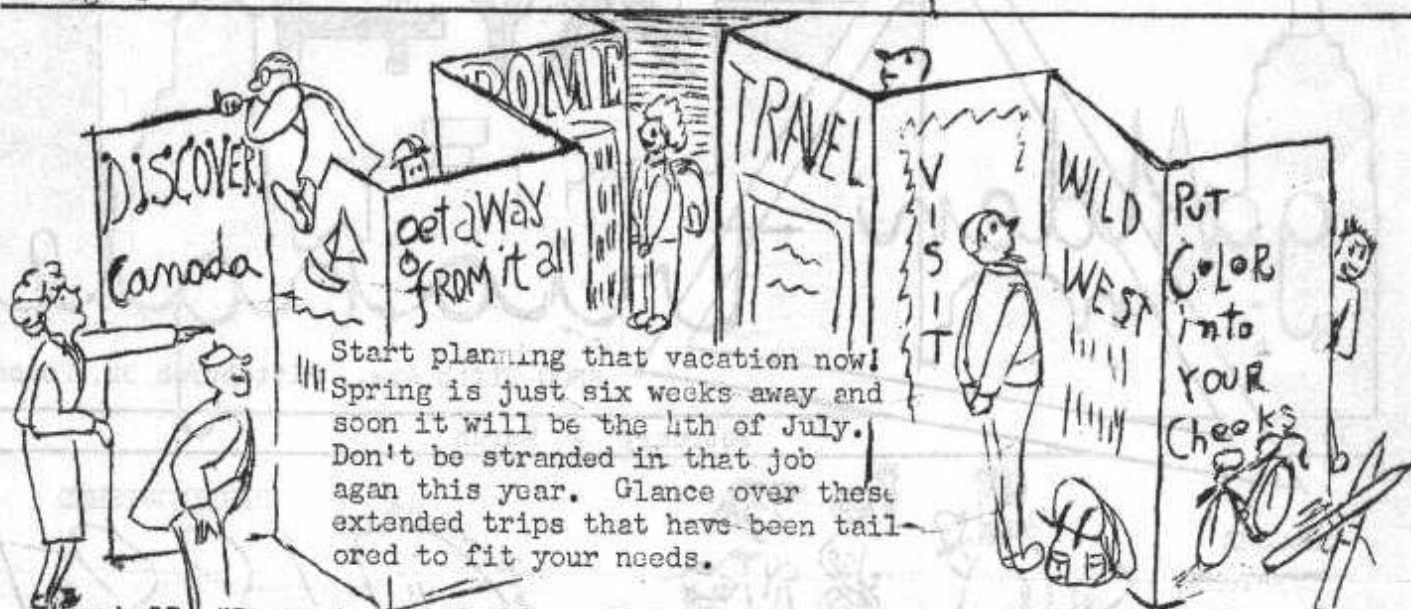
Mr. E. St. John Catchpool, past president of the International Federation of Youth Hostels and first secretary of Youth Hostels Association (England and Wales) will be the honored guest at the annual banquet, Saturday, February 11, at Joyce McClements Dining Room in the Kenmawr Apartments.

Mr. Catchpool, long a pioneer in the youth hostel movement throughout the world, recently arrived in this country for a visit to AYH councils from coast to coast. As one of the seventeen city stops on his trip, we should feel honored to meet this kindly gentleman with his much-traveled life.

Mr. Catchpool recently completed an extensive tour of Africa where he helped set up youth hostels in many countries and served as an advisor to the re-establishment of a hostel in Port Said, Egypt.

In 1937 he came to the United States on an extensive speaking tour to assist the work of AYH. Among his converts to the cause were the President and Mrs. Roosevelt who held the first family membership pass in AYH.

In 1946 he formed a group of dedicated men to try to bring some order to Western Germany. The chaos and nihilism had left German youth with little trust
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March 11 "Learn to Ski Week". We've arranged a perfect deal with the Auberge-Strada Inn in Val David, about fifty miles north of Montreal in the Laurentian Mountains. A \$55.00 fee entitles you to seven overnights, three miles a day (21 meals), seven T-bar tickets at Mont Plant, plus ten lessons (two-hour lessons for five days). Excellent lounges and evening parties and the usual fireside stories. Transportation and equipment is extra, but you can't go wrong at this price. So draw a circle around the 11th of March on your calendar and call Jeanne Barr at MU 3-3569 for reservations. A pre-trip meeting has been scheduled for February 23rd at 8 P.M.

- Note: On all extended trips, tell •
- the leader of your interest well •
- in advance of the departure date. •

June 10-18 "Canoeing through the lakes of Algonquin Provincial Park" Camp out, fish, swim, relax just 200 miles north of Toronto, Canada. Leader: Ed Coleman, veteran canoeist with several trips to his credit. Call MU 2-9786 for reservations. Pre-trip meeting May 11, 8 P.M. Cost: \$40.00, plus transportation

July 1-9 "One week of level hiking, camping and hosteling along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal near Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. Carry your own pack, sleeping bag, mess gear and tents. Nothing to compare with this scenery. Call Betty Bierer MU 1-6870 for reservations. Cost: about \$17.50 plus transportation. Pre-trip meeting at HG June 22, 8 P.M.

July 15-29 "Hike through Colorado's Rocky Mountain Park" Two weeks of camping in the shadows of the Continental Divide with daily hiking in the Front Range of the mighty Rockies. No mountaineering equipment or experience is necessary, but get in condition. You will start with walks through 8,000 ft. level country, acclimate to 10-15 mile trips across 12,000 ft. summits, and finish up with a 16 mile round trip to the top of the Park on Long's Peak at 14,255 ft. Don't be frightened! This program is suitable for those who consider themselves solely hikers and is accomplished every summer by many young people who have never seen a mountain before. Nearby Moraine Park's Nature Museum offers evening programs. Approximate cost is \$100.00 which includes transportation....cheap at half the price. Call Don Fisher PO 1-0811 at Extension 258, on week days. After 6 P.M., call Beaver Falls TI 6-Tilden 6-5133.

Don't stop now, there's more on page 4. That's what we said, page 4!

BANQUET SPEAKER (cont.)

in what society could do for them. Out of his visit to Germany came a desire to bring together once again the young people of various nationalities to rebuild, morally and physically, what the war and the sins of men had done to destroy. Thus the first postwar Youth Hostel International Work Camp was formed. Former enemies worked together, rebuilding and cleaning the rubble left by war, reconstructing hostels and making friends.

It will be a pleasure to meet a man of such distinction.

Winifred Roensch has assured us that this will be the best banquet ever! The Joyce McClement Dining Room has always been a favorite with East-enders when the restaurant was located in East Liberty. The move to the Kenmawr Apartments has added an atmosphere that is elegant but charming.

Square dancing, led by Fred Fruethal, will be the featured evening's entertainment, with a few folk dances by Hugh Gilmour.

It is hoped that the central location (just a few blocks from the Arts and Crafts) will bring out all of the old friends that we haven't seen for weeks

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DON'T BE

ALLOOT

LOOK AT THE

ROOF

Just like the downtown civic auditorium, Pittsburgh Council can boast its own aluminum dome.

This is the result of the attempts of a few hard-working individuals to insulate the building.

Space between the rafters has been covered with an aluminum and fiberglass material, and a movable fiberglass curtain is to be added to section off the main room from the lobby. It is rumored that Tasso Katsalis is designing the lobby.

Unlike the downtown civic auditorium, AYH had no labor problem. Jacek Jedruch, assisted by such stalwart craftsmen as Wayne Weaver, Norman Roy, Tom Gabor, Harry Rhule and Lloyd Geertz, worked on into the night to finish the roof. Margaret Bark was on hand to inspire and feed the willing workers.

As Fred Mauk said, "This ought to bring out the gang, now the heat's on!"

LOCAL STORY MAKES GOOD

Did you see the article about AYH in the Sunday Press (January 15)? It seems that the Cecil Hostel was filled with corn when one lonely hosteler came by to stay overnight. Knowing the houseparents, he probably was given the best room in their house.

"Despite this handicap," the article went on, "the 250 member Pittsburgh Council is robust, energetic, imaginative organization...." and then followed an account of the high spots of the planned activities. We have long been aware that we were robust, energetic and imaginative, but it was rather refreshing on that cold winter day to have the Pittsburgh Press reassure us.

What with the cute cartoon of a disappointed boy scout gazing on the "corny" barn, the article provided excellent publicity for our Council.

Extended Trips (cont. from page 2)

August 19-25 - "One week camping trip" to Isle Royal National Park in Michigan. Carry your own food and equipment. Jovial leader, Don Woodland, has planned this trip and has scheduled a pre-trip meeting for August 3, 8 P.M. Cost: Still uncertain, but quite nominal. Call LO 3-5419 for details.

August 26-September 2 "Last Cycle Trip for all you back-to-schoolers" Led by schoolmarm, this trip will take us through the Pennsylvania Dutch country around Lancaster. Unidentified schoolmarm turns out to be Joan Heike, a good gal to have along on any trip! Cost: about \$40.00. Pre-trip meeting scheduled August 10, 8 P.M. Call FI 1-0147.

ICE SKATING

Something new to those who like to skate, Monday nite cycle enthusiasts have now become the

Monday nite skaters. Rhonda (Sonya) Newcomer leads a group to the Great Southern Arena in Bridgeville. Call her at PE 14199 before 6 P.M. any Monday evening and leave from HQ at 7 P.M. Cost about \$1.15 with rental of skates an extra .50¢. Rhonda has just returned from intensive training with a Canadian expert in Chicago. If the North Park rink is ever completed, we may take that in some evening. Always call in advance so that you don't end up on thin ice.

FOR SALE: Used Klepper Aorius folding two-man (or woman) kayak. Call Lloyd Geertz DR 2-6053.

FOR SALE: Baker Trail Guides 50¢ Excellent trail recordings done by the Keystone Trails Association.

FOR SALE: Banquet tickets. Best meal and deal of the year. EM 2-5533

-NEWS

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For anyone interested: The Pakistan Youth Hostels Association has moved from Walton to 154 Multan Road, Lahore.

The Hartford Council came up with a good and true approach to Christmas. Discouraging all grab bag gifts, it was suggested that contributions be made to UNICEF.

Latest publicity stunt of the West Coast New Zealand hostellers is to visit the ghost of Goldsborough equipped with gold pans, etc. No gold strikes have been announced; the last gold rush was in 1876, but considerable publicity was given to them on the national radio programme!

This excerpt from the hills of India tells of the efforts of volunteers at the Jagjitnagar (Simla Hills) Hostel to rebuild some shelter. It is an inspiring tale of man's struggle, if ever we've heard one. "Last June fifty-four volunteers contributed six hours of manual work each day, and in the course of a month, the party demolished a ruined building on the site, removed the debris, and cut the foundations of the new building out of the hillside, building a strong retaining wall four feet high and wide and twenty-five feet long. Water supplies had to be fetched from a spring three hundred feet below the site, and two people were employed solely for this job. On some days, mules were also employed for the same purpose. With all this, just enough water could be had for drinking, cooking and cleaning the utensils. Only the women were given a tin of water for their daily bath."So chin up, Pittsburghers, it's really not that cold!

* SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! *
* AYH T-shirts 1.00, Berets 1.25 *
* See Joan Heike Ye Olds Bike Shop*

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 1961

AYH National Headquarters needs qualified leaders for groups in the states for 1961. Leader's travel expenses are paid, and a small remuneration is given. Second-year leaders can look forward to a European trip assignment.

Prospective leaders are required to take a one-week course to be held at the Bantam Lake Youth Hostel in Lakeside, Connecticut. There will be three sessions: June 17-24, June 24-July 1, July 1-July 8.

The total cost of the course is \$50. The course is also open to youth leaders who plan to include hosteling in their own educational and recreational programs. The course provides discussion and practical experience in the application of leadership skills to hosteling situations. For further information write direct to the AYH Travel Director, 14 West 8th Street, New York 11, New York.

LIMITED STEAMSHIP SPACE AVAILABLE TO AYH MEMBERS

Additional limited steamship space is available to AYH members as follows:

<u>Ship:</u>	<u>Sailing from:</u>	<u>Arriving:</u>
<u>Eastbound:</u>		
Aurelia	6-9-61	6-17-61
	New York	N. Atlantic pts
Aurelia	6-27-61	7-7-61
	New York	Mediterranean pts
<u>Westbound:</u>		
Groote Beer	8-29-61	9-8-61
	Rotterdam	New York
Irpinia	9-29-61	9-11-61
	Mediterranean pts	Montreal
Waterman	8-29-61	9-11-61
	Rotterdam	New York
Seven Seas	8-29-61	9-15-61
	N. Atlantic	Montreal



BEEF NOODLE TOM

Here's a good, substantial, inexpensive casserole to serve at home at the end of a rugged hike. The ingredients are simple and can be procured at your local A&P. Those gourmets who prefer to dress it up may do so by shopping for a more exotic cheese, German imported noodles or onions grown only in the far-flung fields of Tasmania.

2 lb ground beef
1 cup chopped onions
1 lb noodles
1 qt tomato soup
1 lb sliced cheese
a few sliced olives
perhaps several mushrooms
salt — pepper

Brown the meat and the onions. Then in another pot, boil the noodles in the salted water. Into the casserole, cover the bottom with noodles, then add a layer of meat, onions, olives or mushrooms. Repeat layers of noodles, meat, noodles, etc. Over all, pour the soup and bake in oven for twenty minutes at 350°. This serves about six starving hikers or from eight to ten moderate eaters. Let us know how it turned out.

AYH HOUSEMOTHER DIES

Those of you who have cycled Vermont, stopping overnight at the Marsh Youth Hostel in North Clarendon, will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Marsh, the housemother.

Not only did she possess a lovely garden of perennials and a stack of old Vermont Life magazines that tempted one to remain longer and perhaps bypass Middlebury, but she made one more keenly aware of the world open to hostellers: the sounds and smells of nature, the sight of a bird streaking across the sky. She was a staunch friend; we shall miss her.

PAWS



ANYONE?

--Helen Van Wyck

To an Australian (myself) the Cascade Mountains were unknown, and snowshoes something that I associated with dog-sleds and the Yukon, having no real connection with modern life. During my two years in Portland, Ore., I found out a good deal about both Cascades and snowshoes to my great delight.

The spectacular Cascades go through Washington, Oregon, and thence into California---there they take the name of Sierra Nevada. Mt. Shasta, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Jefferson--snow capped the year round--lure the skier and (I was to find out) the snowshoer. You will remember that in 1959 the Winter Olympics were held in Squaw Valley, Calif. In Portland, we had Mt. Hood (height 11,245 ft.--I know; I climbed it!) almost at our back door. From any of the higher slopes around the city, the mountain could be seen in its towering, gleaming, sometimes frightening beauty...so close yet actually about 30 miles away by road.

Every week-end the slopes were packed. Those of us who wanted to snowshoe would take off into the woods, along the lower ridges, well out of the way of the skiers. Many a Saturday night a lively group would stay overnight at our Trails Club of Oregon Lodge, then start off Sunday morning for a day outdoors on snowshoes. No particular skill was required, nor was there any danger of the kind that besets the skier.

Snowshoes (which come in different shapes and styles..."Bear-Paws," "Racers" etc.) are strapped on to one's hiking or skiing boots....and one just walks, legs rather wide apart, with a lumbering, swinging gait. After ten minutes or so, most people can make pretty good time through the deep snow. Of course, without the snowshoes, one would merely be floundering knee or thigh deep and progress would be laborious to impossible.

We found that about six miles in a day was enough for most people. Due to the greater physical effort, this would be equivalent to about a twelve-mile hike under normal conditions.

Congratulations to Connie Barton on her new position with the Veteran's Administration in Washington, D.C. Potomac Council, here she comes!

Connie's departure leaves a vacancy in the activities board as membership chairman which has been taken by Lolly Sandoval.

Those of you who have admired Betty Bierer's Swiss calendar will be happy to know that you can procure one of your own. The new edition of the "Schweizer Wanderkalender" containing a fine selection of Schellenberg photographs, is priced at three francs. (about seventy-five cents) Write direct to National for this.

Norman Roy, trailer and all, has departed for a new job in York, Pa. A good worker and one of our best roofers, he will be missed.

A Christmas note from the Lesnicks (Bob, Dolores and Jean) reads: "I guess it was predestined that we should end up in a place where everyone cycles and where you can go camping in comfort the year around. There's even a boat harbor nearby. I'm a better sailor than I was at Chataqua." Where are they? In Palo Alto, California.

Now is the time to get your bike in shape for spring, buy those camping supplies before it's too late, stock up on money!

WHY NOT A SNOWSHOE TRIP IN PITTSBURGH?

A snowshoe trip provides the same type of exercise and outdoor pleasure as hiking, with the added attraction of a snow-covered landscape and wonderful opportunity for the camera enthusiast.

Why not a snowshoe trip in Pittsburgh? We certainly have the weather for it.... and sufficient snow. Does anyone know where we can hire snowshoes?

TRIPS-TRAILS

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

Pittsburgh Council, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pgh. 32, Pa. - Ben Dell, T. & T. Chairman
Em. 2-0953

Saturday, February 4 - Cross country skiing led by amiable Tom Gabor. Advanced skiers that we are, we shall start near Kooser Park fire tower east of Donegal and ski downhill on four miles of woods road. Only advanced skiers had better tackle this one. Depart promptly at 8:30 A.M. Cost will be about \$1.75. Plan on lunching at restaurant nearby. Call CH 2-8229

Sunday, February 5 - Easy hike (8-10 miles) Around the lake at Raccoon State Park with Eleanor Hawley. Chase the raccoons and groundhogs on your travels. Cost will be about \$1.00. Leave HQ 9:30 A.M. PE 1-0321

Saturday, February 11 - Give your wife a break; notify your landlady that you won't be home; Tell the girls at Gammons, Thompsons and that roundhouse of gourmets, Le Tour Blanch (*) that you have other plans, AND come to the ANNUAL BANQUET. It's conveniently located at the Joyce McClement Dining Room in the Kenmawr Apartments at Shady and Alnut Streets. Call Winifred Roensch for reservations EM 2-5533

Sunday, February 12 - For those of you who haven't dance yourself to the point of prostration at the Saturday night banquet, rise and shine and join Prexy Lloyd Geertz on the annual presidential hike. He assures all of his constituents that it won't be strenuous. After all, he'll be at the banquet also. Call him at DR 2-6053. If you no leftovers from last night's banquet, pack small lunch.

Saturday, February 18 - Two big weekends in a row! Margaret Bark leads a group of take-it-easy'ers on a winter weekend at Chestnut Ridge Hostel near Morgantown, West Virginia. Skiing, skating, hiking--take your choice.....Bring sleeping bag and about \$7.50 to cover cost of food, room and transportation. Leave Friday evening 6:30 P.M. Please reserve early, for purchasing last minute delicacies is not easy. Call Margaret at PO 1-4475.

Saturday, February 25 - Saturday shoppers: you still have ten months to do your Christmas shopping. Forget it temporarily and come hinking with Lolly Sandoval through Frick Park, one of lovely city parks at any time of the year. Call Lolly at ST 1-7877. Yes Lolly, we'll be there and ready to depart at 12:30 P.M.

Sunday, February 26 - Harry Rhule, our Baker Trail enthusiast, leads a hike along its snowy paths. Depart from AHY at 9:00 A.M. Bring lunch and about \$1.00. Call Harry at CH 2-3675. Dress warm and casual.



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February 18 and 19

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



You skiiers have nothing to complain of this year. The weather has been perfect. Advanced skier, Ben Dell, announces a special cross country session on Saturday, February 25, along forest roads. Call him at EM 2-0953