

March 1964



Golden Triangle



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MARCH



AYH BANQUET

AYH Banquet this year will be held. The Tea Garder, 7250 Kelly St. will be quite surprised on April 4 when this rambunctious mob of AYHers stumbles through their bamboo doorway and troops up to the second floor. Cost \$3.50 includes speeches, food and dancing. You will receive a reservation form in the middle of the month. To reserve before that time phone Marth Montag MU 2-3854.

CEYLON

Brand new hostels have been opened at the following popular locations in Ceylon: Colombo, Megombo, Kandy, Talangama, Matara, Gallo, and Angulana.

REVIEW

The program on Thursday, February 21 was a talk by Mr. Barnett of Carnegie Tech and the Arts and Crafts Center. While avoiding the technical aspects of "f" numbers and time settings Mr. Barnett's talk centered on the composition of an interesting picture. He suggested that the "rules" might be broken for diserable effects. Some pictures are better taken in the two hours before sunset or the two hours after sunrise (if you can get up that early). Sometimes it is a good idea to shoot towards the sun. It is good to take pictures of the city on rainy nights.

Mr. Barnett stressed a little thought and "just walking around to find the proper angle" as means of taking an interesting picture. He illustrated his talk with his own slides taken as close to home as the Gulf Building as as far away as Japan. They proved conclusively that his suggestions could create interesting pictures.

SPECIAL TRIP

By Popular demand Martha Montag splashes down to YMWHA on Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m. Cost \$1.25

CANOE SCHOOL

Pittsburgh Council AYH will again co-sponsor a white-water weekend canoeing school at Camp Carondewanna in the latter part of April. Co-sponsors will be the Wanna Ski Club of the YVCA and the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Red Cross. Canoeing will be on Connoquenessing Creek. More details in next month's GOLDEN TRIANGLE.

SPEND A MONTH IN EUROPE

Leave August 1 for London for 23 days thence to Spain for 5 days to attend the IYH International Convention. Leave Paris on August 3 for New York. Cost \$300 (not including stay in London, or Spain, -Paris fare). Write AYH National Travel Department, 14 West 8th Street New York, 10011 for information.

Baker Trail Improvement News

D.J. Woodland
THREE CHEERS. Shelter No. 3 (Cochran Mills) is now completed and is dry and warm. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in March. This will be a gala affair and reserved for those loyal members and friends that helped in the field construction. The exact date has not been set, but it is planned to have it on the afternoon of the day that the concrete footers for Lean-to No. 4 are poured.

1963 was a good year for the capital improvement program. The road signs were made and put in place. These signs are very striking and should help people to find the road-trail intersections. The objective for 1964 is to build at least two more lean-tos. The trail will require four more lean-tos to reach Mahoning Dam. The sites for two lean-tos have been selected, and the approval of the owners secured,

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The GOLDEN TRIANGLE has progressed a long way. Where it used to be addressed by hand it is now addressographed. Where each copy had to have a stamp pasted on it a bulk mail permit takes over. Where the zones had to be sorted after addressing they are now arranged in order of zones. These and many other time and labor saving devices are being used. So why, you ask, is our paper only one page long and with so few articles?

You know why and I know why. On Thursday and Saturday close to the twentieth of every month we print. Why don't you come this time? Lots of laughs. It doesn't cost anything and (zowie!) you get your name in the paper. See you there! Bring food or corn likker and kazooos.

Last month we dissected chivalry and received much acclaim, mostly in the form of bricks thrown by our female readers. This month it is

UNIONS

What is a union? Let's start at the beginning. There might have been a caveman named Yrrab who was quite adept at making arrowheads. In fact he was so good that other cavemen traded food and other commodities for his arrowheads. He had so many orders for arrowheads that he got Zurg to work for him to help make arrowheads. For each arrowhead Yrrab was paid twenty pieces of fruit, of which he gave five to Zurg. Zurg worked harder than Yrrab, so he said to Yrrab "I should get at least as many as you." Yrrab said "NO, you only work for me." So Zurg could either accept five pieces of fruit or quit and not get any.

As time went on men employed more and more workers--to dig coal, to make soap, paying as little as possible. So one day all the men at the Nosidan Soap Factory got together and said to the boss, "If you don't pay us more we will all quit." Naturally, the boss acceded to the demand for more pay. Soon workers all over were organizing. Obviously the management fought it, since they would have to pay more and improve the working conditions. Many bloody wars were fought and union organizers killed. Finally workers had unions. The tremendous unions that resulted needed leadership. And a new profession came into being--the union boss.

Soon the leaders were getting paid far more than the workers they represented, and to get more money for themselves they called strikes which eventually increased their profits but for weeks and months thousands of workers had no jobs, no food, no money. The workers couldn't protest its "leadership" or they would be mowed down with the powerful new weapon the union had--the black list. So they were forced to go along with the union leaders.





Today workers are fighting back. The government which set up fair wage, hour and working conditions has taken over the union's place, besides management tries to treat the workers quite fairly. Workers now have quit the unions, and, not entangled, carefully set working hours and featherbedding practices of "too many cooks" aside they can work faster and more efficiently.

Though started with and having accomplished their noble purpose, CON.

From - ENGLAND

A new hostel has been opened in Boscastle near Cornwall in England. The building is around 200 years old and served in former times as a fishing hut. Later it was used as a stable for the ponies that pulled the coal from the harbour up to the village.

Thursdays - 8:30 - OPEN HOUSE









-  March 5. Suave, cosmopolitan Hugh Gilmour with a brilliant kaleidoscope of slides whisks us around the globe.
-  March 12. Owls and billy goats must attend our Hootenanny and open house. Bring fretless banjos, dulcimers, washboards and jugs.
-  March 19. Now that the canoeing season is cross-drawing upon us Lloyd Geertz describes our canoeing progress. AND naturalist Joe Lister will show slides about his canoe trip down the Albany River in northern Canada.
-  March 26. Betty and Ben Dell lead us on a trip through Merrie Olde France. Bring phrase books.

NEW HOSTELS

NICOSIA, CYPRUS

The address of the specially-built Nicosia youth hostel is; P.O. Box 1328, Nicosia. The hostel is situated near the Presidential Palace (formerly Government House), and the telephone number is Nicosia 74808.

TRIPS AND TRAILS

-  Sun. Mar. 2 All day hike with Fran Czapiewski (10 miles). Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m. Reserve with Fran 661-9543.
-  Sat. Mar. 7 Shelter site scouting hike and visit to shelter number 3. Mush through the Baker Trail with Don Woodland and \$1.50 and lunch. Leave HQ at 9 a.m. Reserve with Don LO 3-5419.
- ★ Sun. Mar. 8 TRIP OF THE MONTH Jean Heller leads a kite flying trip. Call Jean for details and reservations MU 1-7330.
-  Sun. Mar. 15 Mulligan-stew-gourmet Melvin Tobias leads a progressive dinner hike for ravenous rovers. Call Melvin for details and reservations 362-5297.
-  Sat. Mar. 21 Ed Coleman leads a canoe trip on Buffalo Creek above Freeport, Pa. The trip will leave from Beaver, Pa. Make reservations with Ed at SP 5-1578.
-  Sun. Mar. 22 A trip down the Conemaugh and Kiski Rivers (if not frozen over). This one goes from the Conemaugh Dam to Salinas and costs about \$4.25 including canoe rental. Bring a lunch. Dress warmly. Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m. But, first reserve with Lloyd Geertz OR 2-6053.
-  Sun. Mar. 22 Afternoon hike with Mark Dodd. Leave HQ at 1:00 p.m. Call Mark for details and reservations.
-  Sat. Mar. 28 Rambling Dave Magram leads intrepid cyclists on the first fabulous cycle trip of the year. Phone Dave for reservations 421-3714. Leaves HQ at 1:00 p.m.
-  Sun. Mar. 29 Bruce Sundquist leads a hike. Call the Money Man at VA 41897 for details and reservations.

UN-LOCAL EVENTS

The GOLDEN TRIANGLE receives many news-letters from other hostel councils (and would appreciate even more) and we print excerpts from them if they are helpful to Pittsburgh council members. Anyone is welcome to the office and look at them for information of other councils.

The first annual A.M.C. Canoe Cruisers Slalom will be held on April 11-12 at Salmon River Conn. Entry fee \$1.00. Contact Robert Field Haverhill St. North Reading, Mass. 01864.

The 7th biannual Red Ridge College of Canoeing will be held May 2 and 3. The 30 possible students will be proficient and willing to teach others. Robert Rushen 515 W. 10th St. Wilmington, Delaware 19802.

(Baker Trail Shelters-- by Don Woodland--continued) Thanks to the labor of Mark Dodd. The two additional sites will be tentatively selected in March.

I am sure that we learned quite a bit from the construction of Lean-To No. 3. For one thing the cost is reasonable, about \$150. Also, it is possible to modify the design of the lean-to to reduce some of the material needed for the construction. For example the roofing will be changed to a plank and beam system that will eliminate the need for rafters. Some of the framing lumber for lean-to No. 4 will have to be modified, but this can easily be done at headquarters.

The importance of having the right tools to work with was a valuable lesson. We broke two light hammers trying to drive 40 penny nails into oak. Saws and chisels have to be kept sharp.

Who will be the first person to sleep out in the new shelter? The honor should go to Mark Dodd and his "girls". He will have to hurry because my 4-year-old daughter has her sleeping bag rolled and is anxious to camp out.

We still need more workers. A couple more shelter will definitely put the Baker Trail on the map, and it is a great satisfaction to have taken part in this adventure.

(Unions by Dave Magram--continued) they have since left it far behind, and done more harm to the workers than the management. The public besides, has gotten tired of ridiculous working schedules, increased prices and costly delays--or even the absence of transportation and newspapers. The unions though not needed for the most part are feather-bedding themselves. And unless they straighten out and get back to their rightful track there will be no trace left, even where a trace would do some good.

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