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1952 ACTIVITIES BOARD

Betty Bierer was re-elected Chairman of the Pittsburgh Council at the November 8th annual election meeting. Betty served as chairman during 1951 and had been Treasurer since the organization of the Council in 1948.

Elizabeth Saffer, 1951 Treasurer, was elected Membership Chairman, and Bruce Morrill, 1951 Membership Chairman, was elected Cycle Crafts and Merchandizing Chairman. Other members of the 1952 Activities Board are:

Treasurer - Art Ellis

Secretary - Therese O'Callaghan

Public Relations - Martha Wood

Trips and Trails - Walt Williams

Postal - Carol Saffer

Program - Gloria Fisher

Speakers Bureau - Frieda Fennemaister

4th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Everybody is welcome. Come and bring your friends. The place and time will be announced by postcard later.

The program will be a movie in color featuring mountain climbing in the Grand Tetons and climbing technique at Seneca Rocks, West Virginia. Bob Berger will show and narrate the movie.

Reservations should be made with Gloria Fisher (TR 1-0413) by Feb. 7.

The banquet commemorates the first Pittsburgh AYH hike on February 22, 1948 to Presto Lakes—now also an annual event.

THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE

Program Chairman Gloria Fisher announces that Thursday Open House programs will begin promptly at 8:15 starting January 3. Headquarters will open at 7:30; so come early and meet old friends again.

Programs are listed on page 3.

SPRING MEETING IN WASHINGTON

An AYH National Work Shop and Board Meeting is being planned in conjunction with National Youth Hostel Week celebration this Spring. Cherry Blossom Week in Washington, D.C., will be the scene of the meeting, which should attract hostellers from many points in the United States.

Chairman Betty Bierer is urging Pittsburghers to plan early to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions. Hostel accommodations will be at a premium.

Pittsburgh's celebration of Youth Hostel Week will be scheduled so as not to conflict with the National mtg.

The Spring meeting was one of many motions passed at the National Council and Board meeting which Betty attended in New York, December 1 and 2. Others are:

1. Houseparents are empowered to sell passes if they desire.
2. AYH passes sold after January 1, 1952, shall be good for one calendar year from date of purchase.
3. Councils shall be empowered to sell permanent pass cards.
4. Amendment to the By Laws so that members of the National Board, if not American citizens, may be approved by a three-fourths majority of the National Council or the National Board.



The AYH was well represented at Carol Saffer's wedding, December 15, at the Wilkinsburg Baptist Church. She is now Mrs. George Mogg, and they are now on a wedding trip to Aspen, Colorado—until Feb. 1!!

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As Christmas 1951 approaches, the Pittsburgh A.Y.H. can look back on a year filled with good fellowship and modest progress. Your local council has continued to place its emphasis on hostellers, their desires and needs. It has tried to present a varied program that would promote the spirit and high ideals fostered by its American founders.

When our able leader, Tony Frances, was transferred to Lima, Ohio, we threw our energies into strengthening committee operation in the council. Your continued participation in local outings and enthusiastic reception of extended trips was very gratifying. The excellent cooperation of local press and television, as well as of City officials, Boy Scouts, American Red Cross, social agencies and churches constantly promoted favorable publicity and improved our status in the Pittsburgh area.

In 1952, we want to continue the development of hostelting and the establishment of hostels. During the past year, we have operated on a sound financial basis and have tried to save funds for hostel development. Sources of AYH revenue are few--registration fees from outings, commissions from AYH passes, limited sale of merchandise. Therefore, we must spend a minimum to accomplish our immediate needs.

We do want and need tangible evidence that you are supporting us. I urge all of you to purchase a pass for the coming year from your local Council. Equally important is active participation in the Council's work by attending the outings, helping in the office routine, planning the publicity,

Trip Types

Are you a night owl, or do you like to go to roost with the chickens? Do you want every meal to be a gourmet's delight, or do you stress economy? Whether you want a fourteen-mile hike or a four-mile stroll, there are probably other hostellers with the same wishes.

But wishes without action will not get you the trips that you want! Tell Walt Williams about your ideas, or join the trips and trails committee and take an active part in planning our activities. If a sponsored trip can't be scheduled get together a group for an unsponsored trip. Any of the more experienced hostellers will be glad to help you in planning it.

And don't forget our hostel at Brashear. Good hiking territory, hills for skiing and sled riding (there are sleds at the hostel), and ponds for ice skating (maybe) make it a good center for winter sports. Groups may use the hostel anytime. Be sure to reserve first with the Pankowski's (A. F.), R. D. 1, Evans City, Pa., or phone Aliquippa 477J1.



Canoe, sailboat, or liferaft—
Anything that floats—
When or where, I don't care
Long as we use boats!

See Fred Mauk if you want boat trips
in '52—extended, weekend, or one-day.

leadership, and thinking through local problems. Visit us at our headquarters on Thursday evenings and find out how you can best help.

With these thoughts in mind, I speak for all the officers of the council when I extend to you our heartiest Christmas greetings.

May the New Year see increased accomplishments in happy hostelting.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

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