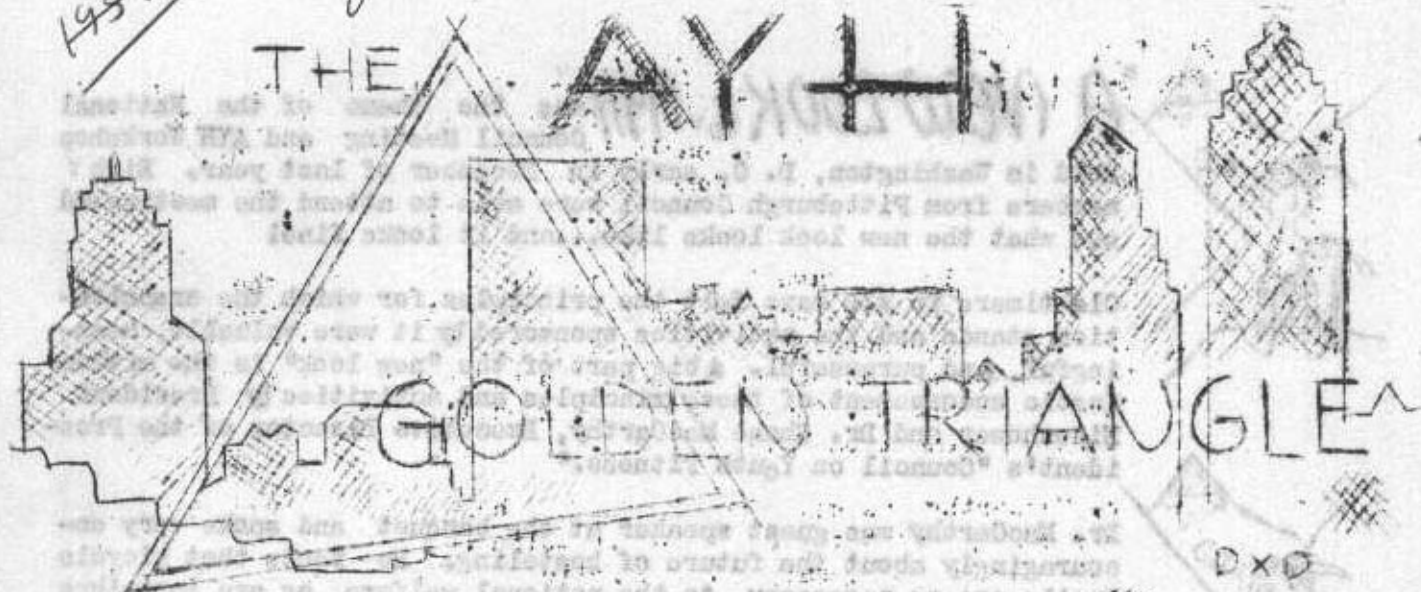


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THE AYTH



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Armstrong Trail

OPENHOUSE

Thursdays 8:30

The year is 1756, just 201 years ago: the French and Indian war is raging fiercely in Pennsylvania. Braddock suffers a disastrous defeat at Monongahela crossing, and the French and Indians are free to ravage all the small English settlements in the area from their strong-hold at the Indian village of Kittanning. This was the picture before Col. John Armstrong led a small band from Fort Shirley near Carlisle on an eight day hike across old Indian trails to Kittanning, and there in one surprise raid snuffed out this hot-bed of murder. The attack was the first successful military thrust into western Pennsylvania and proved to be a decisive blow in the war which was to determine the fate of North American civilization.

- Jan. 31 - Ski movies -- Art Jentoft --- Movies -- Canadian trip - with Dave Fleisher and C. Colteryahn
- Feb. 7 - To be announced
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day - coffee & cookies - Movie - Building the Golden Gate Bridge
- Feb. 21 - Dancing
- Feb. 28 - Report from Stu Reynolds --- "What's going on here?"
- Mar. 7 - Second half of European trip .
- Mar. 14 - To be announced
- Mar. 21 - Movie - "Inland Voyage".
- Mar. 28 - Dancing.
- Board meeting - 2nd Monday of the month.
- Ski meetings - First Friday of the month.
- See Art Jentoft.
- Mountain Climbing Classes-Details Inside.

In 1956, the bi-centennial year of the march, the Armstrong Trail Society was instituted and the march was re-enacted by a group of Boy Scouts. The Society wants to develop this route into an established, public hiking trail and is asking the Pittsburgh Council for advice and assistance to accomplish this. The Trail crosses our Baker Trail at right angles and heads east through some of the most scenic woods and mountains in our state. If extended, it might eventually link the Baker Trail and the Appalachian Trail which run parallel to each other in opposite ends of Pennsylvania.

Re-statement of the AYH purpose, adopted at the National Meeting:
 "The purpose of the American Youth Hostels is to help all, especially young people, to a greater understanding of the world and its people, primarily through out-of-door's education and recreational travel. Youth hostels provide simple accommodations in scenic and cultural areas."



"A NEW LOOK for AYH"

was the theme of the National Council Meeting and AYH Workshop held in Washington, D. C. early in December of last year. Eight members from Pittsburgh Council were able to attend the meeting and see what the new look looks like...and it looks fine!

Old-timers in AYH have felt the principles for which the organization stands and the activities sponsored by it were valuable, meaningful, and purposeful. A big part of the "new look" is the enthusiastic endorsement of these principles and activities by President Eisenhower and Dr. Shane MacCarthy, Executive Director of the President's "Council on Youth Fitness."



Dr. MacCarthy was guest speaker at the banquet and spoke very encouragingly about the future of hosteling. He feels that bicycle trails are as necessary to the national welfare as are turnpikes and thruways. (He and his five sons take bike trips every weekend during the summer.) By next summer he hopes to complete bicycle trails in a park in Washington as an example of what's in store for the future. There is no doubt that AYH will play a major role in the program and benefit greatly from it.



Meetings themselves were set up as follows: On Saturday morning a general Council Meeting took place to discuss and act upon establishment of hostel fees¹, National and foreign trip policies, and means of further extending the hostel movement. The remaining time was devoted to eight workshops—meetings of small groups for discussion of such problems as council economics, patterns for council operations, publicity, and hostel management.

These meetings gave us a fine opportunity to compare in detail the situation in Pittsburgh with that of the other councils. In many respects this comparison was favorable to Pittsburgh. Our organization operates democratically. We have exclusive use of a building with storage space and meeting room; we are financially more secure. No other council has meetings as often as once a week. We have many trips and activities for a council our size. In one respect this comparison is not so favorable for nine other councils received awards for having attained a 10% increase in membership during the past year. We were not so rewarded.²

There is no reason why Pittsburgh Council can't do the same. But, as Tony Pranses said in his presentation speech, "—such an accomplishment comes only from good, hard, sustained work. No matter how fine a program you may offer, you must actively encourage other people to join or they will not join. There's no substitute for button-holing your friends, people you meet, people you work with."

You know many non-hostelers. Bring them around! ——— Stuart Reynolds, President

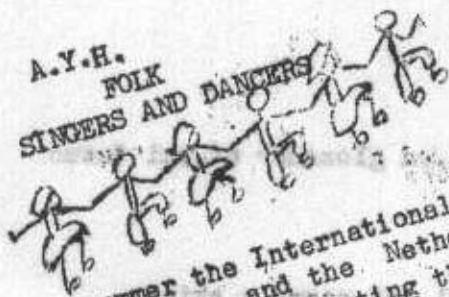
¹ The overnight fee was raised to 75¢ for all youth 18 and above.

The temporary pass is valid for an entire weekend rather than only one overnight.

² Greater St. Louis 15% Minnesota Area 49% Metropolitan Chicago 14%
Columbus 21% N. New Jersey 14% Potomac Area 66%
San Diego 114% Los Angeles 50% New Haven 12%

During the first two months of 1956-57, membership in AYH was 13% ahead of the same period a year ago and National Sponsored Trips were ahead 77%.

A.Y.H.
FOLK
SINGERS AND DANCERS



This summer the International Youth Hostel Federation and the Netherlands Youth Association are celebrating their 25th anniversaries. The '57 International Youth Hostel Rally will take place August 16th to 19th at Vierhouten in the Netherlands, approximately 70 miles from Amsterdam.

At these rallies, the different member countries send folk dance and song groups to represent them, as well as interested independent hostellers. This summer we'd like to see an American group.

The idea is to get a group of our hostellers interested in folk singing or dancing, or both, also interested in a 4-week trip to Europe. The cost, about \$380, includes round-trip air transportation, food and lodging during the 3-day Rally, and limousine service to and from airports here and abroad.

The plane would depart about July 27 and return on August 25. Not counting the time at the Rally, there would be 25 days for independent travel in Europe.

To obtain further information, write National, A.Y.H., 14 W. 8th Street, New York 11, N.Y.

Review Book

"If bad weather comes, I will remember that it makes everyone miserable and I will remain civil to my buddies. Fighting won't stop it from raining." This was one of the rules by which Explorers of Post #108, in which Baker Trail last summer on the Baker Trail last summer, from Aspinwall to Tibbata and Leetsdale, Pa., promised to live. They completed their trip, a most remarkable record of it, back, in 26 days, and compiled a most remarkable record of it, showing landmarks, terrain, approximate mileage, compass readings, food and water stops, and camp sites. Although only in loose leaf form, the book is an invaluable source of trail information, even to details of preparation, like the scrap drive by which the boys made money to pay for the trip. The nice Explorer Scouts, and their advisor, E. D. Wright, deserve congratulations.

(A.Y.H. has to publish its own Baker Trail guide book now, or the Scouts will let people think the Trail belongs to them, poison ivy and all)

---from "The Joy of Walking,"
by Donald Culross Poattie

"So, good luck to you, fellow hiker, wherever you go! May you never run out of tobacco or songs; may the trees be great and old and the girls young and comely. May the sun shine upon your cheek and the shade lie upon the back of your neck. May you find wood and strawberries and sassafras.

But he who flingeth away the bottle

WATCH FOR 1957's

EXTENDED TRIP

BULLETIN - Coming out soon

and hindereth not the picnic; paper, he that carveth beech bolts, and she that expecteth others to carry her coat, pack or camera, may their backs be lumpy, and farm dogs bite their calves."

---N.Y. Times Mag.
April 15, 1942

Automobiles and trailers may be used in hosting by individuals or groups to get to the hostel in the area where they wish to bike, hike, ski, canoe, ride horseback, even for weekends.

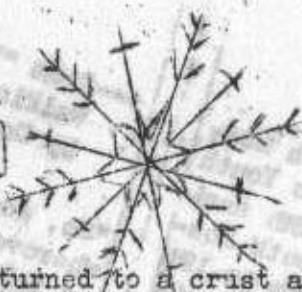
The main requirement is that all hostellers participate in some type of outdoor activity on all trips.

A hostel is not a resort.

Four groups may use what reserve in advance with houseparents.



SKI LINGO



.....a glossary of ski terms

- Base:** Snow that has turned to a crust and will not carry a skier
- Corn Snow:** Old snow that has turned to small bumps or salt. This salt can be used on corn, hence the name. (see granular snow)
- Gelandesprung:** A jump using both poles over fences. Almost as difficult to execute as to pronounce. Ineffective for trees.
- Granular Snow:** Old snow that has turned to small bumps or salt. (see corn snow)
- Gung-ho Skier:** Always goes straight down a hill. (see Schuss) Regards turns or checking as unmanly.
- Kick-Turn:** A quick method of changing direction on a hill or on a flat.
- Lodge Lorelei:** She looks on both mountains and snow as necessary evils, and skiing itself as an obstacle course. (Other female skier the obstacles) Her costume varies from place to place but always includes at least one tight sweater.
- Schuss:** Running straight down a hill in a low position. Less certain than cyanide, but more spectacular.
- Side-Step:** A method of ascending a slope with skis in a horizontal position. The only completely safe method of ascending a hill.
- Sitzmark:** A hole left in the snow by a fallen skier. Breakable snow is best for this maneuver.
- Snow Bunny** One who leaves sitzmarks. Out of season between May and October.

Speaking of parts...



you're doing yours if you're
telling everybody you know
what fun it is to go hosteling.

THE YOUTH HOSTEL CLUB

...is a group of people who are organized primarily to take hiking, biking, canoeing, skiing and horseback trips. Members agree to abide by the youth hostel customs. Every youth hostel club must be sponsored by a responsible civic organization, church group, school group, youth serving agency, or other recognized agency. Pittsburgh Council's first hostel club is at Hampton High.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Contributors	and	Staff
Sta Reynolds	Ralph Ludington	Eileen Hagan
Gloria Fisher	Mount Fitzpatrick	Armand Panson
John Behun	Betty Bierer	Diane Dimon
Joan Schewe		

See you at the Ninth Anniversary Banquet?

HOSTEL WEEK.

MAY 5 to MAY 12

AN ASSOCIATE PASS gives you:

- A place on the mailing list
- A year's subscription to the Golden Triangle
- The privilege of going on Pittsburgh Council's one-day trips
- the cost of an Associate Pass is \$2.00

1957
CALENDAR CARD

"Hiking and cycling through all kinds of weather's
A wonderful way to bring people together.
If hosteling has proven so worthwhile to you,
Why not get your friends to be hostellers, too?"
---J. Fred Mauk

Pass Purchasers

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| Eleanor Wagner | James Lee |
| Maribel McKelvy | Linda Coburn |
| The Freuthals | Shirley Cristina |
| Forbes Derusha | Robert Snelaire |
| Martin Leeper | Rosella Hibbs |
| Linda Depenhart | Tim Curran |
| Kelly Waite | Sara Schlotterer |
| Vaughn Blackstone | Rosella Hibbs |
| Bruce McGregor | Patsy Tupper |

The new look on the front page of the Golden Triangle is the design of Diane Dimon.

Will someone try to get a copy of the spring issue of Flying Red Horse Magazine and bring it around? It features the American trip of Eva-Marie Huckl, the Viennese girl who was our guest last summer.

Here's a new address to jot down:
Jim and Ida Zimmerman
3557 Merrick
Dearborn, Michigan

Herb Buchwald sent good wishes to everyone from:
Werderergasse 15/5
Vienna 1, Austria

Still another address---Jan & George Polands
They are moving but can be reached at:
2908 Rathton Place
Camp Hill, Pa.

Feeling better: Sally Foltz, after a rather serious auto accident, and Jerry O'Leary, after an appendectomy.

John and Ramona Matthews have bought a farm near Bridgeville and will send an open invitation to hostellers as soon as they get settled.

Vince Roelf wrote about the lovely vacation he spent with friends in Oslo, Norway at Christmastime.

There'll be some changes made on our old house. Scheduled improvements include a new roof, additional heating, re-location of partitions to enlarge the cycle shop, and possibly a wooden floor for Headquarters.

These new hostellers arrived by stark power:
Renee Susan Freuthal, John K. Stein, Jr.,
Frank Worrell, Karen Ferchak, Linda Susan Ewald

An attractive job offer changed Harry Cohen's mind about a trip to Europe.

Bruce Merritt has resigned from Pittsburgh Council's board of directors but he and June are still active hostellers. Recently they led a week-end trip to Hartford Council's Bantam Lake Hostel, and every where they go, David Bruce goes in his papoose chair.

Another hosteler who wants to move to this section of town in order to be closer to A.Y.H-----Ruth Stacklin. (We have Shu Kao to thank for introducing us to Ruth, now one of our most active members)





-- to this year's
Anniversary Banquet

No. _____

\$3.90

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
American Youth Hostels, Inc.

Ninth Annual Banquet

March 2, 1957
6:30 P. M.

Daniel's Farm
Square Dance at 9:00

McKnight Blvd.
Caller: Sam Thornburg

↑ Diane Dimon, Ma. 1-9127 is selling them ↑

1 ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Feb. 3-26 Exhibition of paintings by Lil-
lian Zaslloff, drawings by Betty
Evans, sculpture Robt. Gabriel

Feb. 17, March 17 Flute Club Concert

March 24 Concert by "Voices of Time"

2 ***** LOTS FOR SALE *****

Ski Parkas, red or black nylon.....\$9.50

AYH pennants..... .20

AYH decals..... .05

AYH pins..... .75

AYH emblem (circular)..... .35

T-shirts.....

Berets, red or black..... 1.40

May be purchased from Ken Dishart

3 OUT-OF-TOWN RURAL HOSTEL

For rent at 75¢ a night. Located 2 mi.
east of Zelienople, Rt. 82, 3 mi. from RA
station at Evans City. Brashear Hostel.
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Pankowski. Houseparents.
Independent hostellers welcome.

4 SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTION

Leadership Training Courses will be ar-
ranged under the direction of Betty Bier-
er, our most experienced hosteler. Watch
for further announcements.

Climbing classes. Techniques of belay,
rappel, holds, catching falls, taught by
Explorer's Club. Register by Feb. 14th
with Ivan Jirak, Wa. 1-6611

5 SHARE A RIDE *****

with 6 other hostellers on a Volkswagen-
station wagon tour of Europe: choice of
Central, Scandinavian, Mediterranean and
Iberian country tours. Details in Nat-
ional's flyer. (copy on bulletin board)

6 ***** WANTED *****

Someone to go along with Eileen Bagan on
the Baker Trail, make it a project, cov-
er all sectors before the end of 1957.
HO 1-4556.

What they'll be wearing:

For this dress-up occasion, men will
wear jackets; the ladies high heels
....but those who want to dance will
bring comfortable things along too.

Extra calendar cards, for
your friends, for letter inser-
tions, for people you meet
on trips.....
are available at the office.

Ask any
Board member.

During the 2nd. half of the 19th century
some remarkable stunts were performed in
the world of sport. They were either too
odd or too early to make the record books
and historians of the time failed to take
them seriously. For instance:

Iceboats raced an express train along
the Hudson near Poughkeepsie, New York
in 1871. As the whistle-toting Chicago-
bound express sped past the starting line
the iceboats Zephyr and Icicle set sail.
Both of them soon overtook and passed the
train.

Fast-pedaling Miss Elsa von Blumen, aided
by a half-mile start defeated the trotting
mare, Hattie R. in a 1-1/2 mile race on a
track in Rochester, N. Y. in 1881!



DON'T HANG 'EM UP

---you're going to be using them on the trips in

FEBRUARY & MARCH

February 1,2,3 - A SKI WEEKEND at a local "Sun Valley" Y.M.C.A.'s Camp Solas near Laurel Mt. Park. Excellent ski slopes, tobogganning, ice skating, sledging.

February 8, 9 Falkon Folk Dance Institute, led by choreographer of the Tamburitians, Dick Grum. You don't have to be an expert; dances will be taught. Afternoon and evening sessions both days at Y.W.C.A., Wood St. and Blvd. of the Allies. \$1.00/session

---If there's snow, we'll go skiing. Call John Behun, Fr. 1-0992 to make arrangements.

---If the weather is warmer than 40° we'll go cycling!
(That Ken Dishart is sure anxious to start practicing for his New England trip.)

February 15 - Friday night - Hike to ice skating pond in Frick Park by the light of a full moon; then back to a roaring fire for a snack. Meet at Nature Museum in the park. (Beechwood Blvd. just off Forbes) at 7:30 with your skates. Cost 65¢. Reserve by February 14 with Joan Schewe, Ch. 1-3289.

February 17 - Winter Picnic at South Park with Armand Penson and John Clayton. Bring your own roastables: hot dogs, shish-kabobs, steaks? Short easy hike with long easy eating around a crackling campfire. Meet at 12:30 P.M. at A.Y.H. Cost 15¢, plus transportation. Phone Mu. 1-6428 or Cl. 5-2436.

February 24 - Presto Lakes Hike, the muddy trip that launched the Pittsburgh Council in 1948.....Still the same hike but muddier. Dinner will be served so bring your mess kits and extra shoes. Meet at the corner of Fourth and Grant at 12:30 P. M. Cost: 65¢ plus transportation. Reserve with Stu Reynolds, Fr. 1-0992.

March 2 - Saturday - To celebrate our Ninth Anniversary: Dinner and dancing (sq. and rd.) at Daniel's Farm on McKnight Road. Reserve with Diane Dimen (see flyer)

March 3 - Northside hike to Aviary and Planetarium. Transplant yourselves from a bleak, city winter to the garden-in-the Tropics atmosphere of the Aviary where dozens of colorful birds fly freely. Leader: Ruth Stacklin, Fe. 2-0526. Cost: 15¢. Meet at 12:30 P.M. in front of the Roosevelt Hotel, Sixth and Penn, downtown.

March 9 - Catch the first violet or the last snowfall of the year in Mt. Davis vicinity on about a 10-mile hike to the highest point in Penna. Supper afterwards; so mess gear is necessary in addition to warm clothing (or kites) lunches and 65¢. Meet 7:30 A.M. at H.Q. /coffee and directions. Fran Czapiewski, Ma. 1-8970. (transp extra)

March 17 - Sunday cycle trip; the first of the year so it's fairly short. Led by, of course, Ken Dishart. Starting place....A.Y.H. headquarters at 12:00.

March 24. - Peggy Raskeuskas takes^{us} a Spring hike to Shelter #2, B.T. with campfire supper afterwards...Messkits and 65¢ plus \$1.25 Transp. Phone Ma. 1-0740. 1-074