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GOLDEN TRIANGLE

December, 1962

6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

OPEN HOUSE

Christmas is coming and so our meetings for December are planned with holiday festivities in mind. Marianne Kissane, program chairman, has lined up a whole month of Christmas parties both leading up to and following the 25th. Be sure and be on time - all meetings begin promptly at 8:30PM.

December 6 - "Tis the season to be jolly". What better way than to polish up on your folk dancing? See you there!

December 13 - Hugh Gilmour takes us to the land of Scrooge. Slides of Hugh's summer trip to "Merry Olde England" will highlight the meeting. Afterwards, everyone's invited to Hugh's home for an "English Christmas Tea". Address and directions will be given at the meeting.

December 20 - Christmas carols in the manner of Mitch Miller. Lois Ann will lead us (with guitar) in a "sing-a-long of both traditional and international folk carols.

December 27 - One of the most delightful of AYH Christmas traditions. Liz Saffer will again have open house for us. Come to Liz's at 4735 Maripoe St., at 8:30.

Ice Skating Season is Here!!

By Lee Hayden

If you don't enjoy cold weather, have weak ankles or poor balance, then don't read any further. If you like brisk temperatures, bright sweaters, and can endure a sore bottom, you will be delighted to know the ice skating season at AYH is here at last.

Beginning Monday, December 3, we will be going ice skating at the North Park Skating Rink. Anyone interested in skating with the old gang meet at headquarters at 7:00 PM. We will set up a car pool, sharing the costs with everyone, and proceed to North Park.

The cost of admission at the rink is .75 for adults, and if you don't have skates don't sweat the petty stuff - skates can be rented. When we get tired of North Park we can try South Park or the Civic Arena. For those who can't stand too rigorous a night we might note that we will return to headquarters about 9:30 or 10:00, depending on the endurance of the trippers. See you on Monday night!



STATE OF THE COUNCIL MESSAGE

FROM PRESIDENT LEE HAYDEN

In reply to comments about "news suppression" the Really New Frontier is starting a new policy designed to keep all members informed on matters of the council.

The 1963 officers have been laboring for less than two months and substantial progress is being made. But an eleven member Activities Board cannot by itself effect our grandiose and sometimes looney projects. We need help, and with help we can provide infinite opportunity for everyone's enjoyment.

First of all we have some new additions. We were sorry to lose Marty Runkle as Public Relations Chairman because of extremely extenuating circumstances - exhaustion! But happily we found an able replacement in Martha Montag. She represents just what we need - more women on the Activities Board!

Liz Saffer is going to lend her tremendous experience and ability and arrange the Annual AYH Banquet to be held in the spring.

That ever dependable Harry Rhule, with his not so dependable "Green Ghost" is going to chair the extended trips committee for the 1963 season. If you want to get away from it all, get off the bulls-eye, or just have fun by leading, an extended trip, Harry is the man to see.

David Magram is our new company storekeeper. Talk to David if you want tee-shirts, buttons, berets, or catalogues to order the unusual.

In the way of activities we have some good news now and hope to have even more later. Starting Monday, December

3, we will be going ice skating at the North Park Rink or elsewhere if preferred. We will meet at headquarters at 7:00 PM and arrange a car pool to take us to the rink.

Negotiations (or rather - entreaties) are underway to get a swimming pool for our use on the first and third Monday of each month. If this deal works out we will swim on the first and third Mondays of each month and the second and fourth will be for ice skating. If there are five Mondays in a month, I don't know what we'll do.

Certain of our members think a school bus would be a valuable addition to AYH. It would be used for transportation on hikes, to haul cycles and cyclists on trips and could contribute to "esprit de corps". Inquiries are being made to determine the economic feasibility of such a project. (Translated that means, "Do we have enough dough?")

By January, after some more reconnaissance, we will have some answers to those perplexing questions. There now what do you say about news suppression!



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SKI NEWS

by
Court Bischoff



This year's ski season is going to start off with a Big BANG !! An extended trip to the Mount Tremblant National Park area in Canada is being planned for just after Christmas.

We'll leave Pittsburgh on December 26, the day after Christmas, and arrive in the Tremblant area about 20 hours later.

Our headquarters will be a lodge belonging to the McGill University Outing Club. It is located a few miles outside of Shaw Bridge which is about 40 miles north of Montreal. The lodge can sleep up to 120 people so there's more than enough room for anyone and everyone who wishes to come along. Also, there's a kitchen and we'll be able to cook up all kinds of goodies.

Each day we'll travel to one of the 15 or more slopes in the area, and you can ski all day if you wish. The tow fees are low, (\$4.00 at maximum) and we should be able to bring this even lower with group rates.

I've heard a rumor that they already have about 16 inches of snow, so by the time we arrive conditions should be excellent.

All slopes have ski schools and there will be plenty of time for instruction.

Evening activities are planned too. There is skating on many nearby lakes and dancing at nearby resorts. Everything is planned right down to a New Year's Eve party !

We can return any time after New Year's, depending on how long you want to stay. Who knows, we may even spend all winter up there !

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ATTENTION

Photographers

You have probably already noticed the glass-covered board on your right as you entered the headquarters building within the past few weeks. This board was set up for the photographs of all camera fans in AYH who have pictures which were taken on recent AYH trips.

The main purpose of the photo-board is to give visitors and prospective AYH members who come to Thursday night meetings, a clear and comprehensive understanding of what activities AYH participates in, as well as some of the flavor of AYH. It will also serve to show members what was seen and done on recent trips.

Members of AYH who have photographs taken on recent trips are urged to loan them to AYH for about a month. They will be mounted with double-backed masking tape so as not to damage them. The glass window on the photo-board will prevent the photographs from becoming smudged. A small caption for each photo is requested.

Until someone else can be found, photos should be given to Bruce Sundquist, who will mount them and return them to you.

If you wish to know more about this trip call Court Bischoff, EM 2-3203 or better yet, come to the 1st meeting in Dec. where we'll discuss this and other ski trips for this winter.

Slide Showmanship

Yes! it's PICTURES.....that make a good slide show. But it's what you do with the pictures that counts.

---The show must start somewhere and stop somewhere, with an orderly sequence that tells the story in between.

---Each slide should remain on the screen long enough for the audience to grasp what is in it. 20 or 30 seconds for one that's rich in detail, such as the window of a curio shop, a few seconds for a simple shot that makes its point quickly.

---Long shots, medium shots, close-ups, shots from different angles, help when you have an interesting story about a particular scene. The use of pictures with minor flaws may be justified in this case.

---EDIT! Eliminate the shots you don't need and slides that don't measure up to your usual standards. Evaluating your own pictures is never easy, but you have to knuckle down and decide what's good and what isn't.

---Seeing the Empire State Building followed by a shot of the Golden Gate Bridge will ~~lose and confuse your audience.~~ Avoid this by inserting transition slides to bridge the gap; close-ups of a bicycle wheel, signposts along a highway, railway stations with names prominent, clocks that denote the time of day. Slides don't even have to be ones taken on the trip.

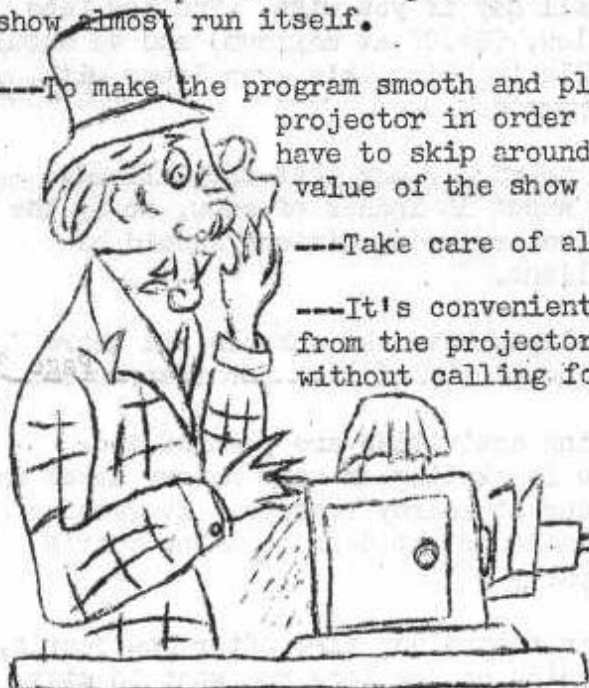
---Mix narration with background music if possible. Gay spirited records go with bustling city scenes, quiet music with landscapes.

---Go a step further and put both commentary and music on magnetic tape and make the show almost run itself.

---To make the program smooth and pleasant instead of nightmarish, have slides and projector in order before you start. If the carrier sticks; if you have to skip around to find the pictures you want, the entertainment value of the show is sure to fall off sharply.

---Take care of all furniture shifts before you turn off the lights.

---It's convenient to be able to control some type of room light from the projector so you can get general lighting, if you need it, without calling for aid.



---It may be all right to include shots that are pretty weak pictorially or technically, but your own realization of what is missing will help you plan a better picture series for your next slide program.

(Excepted from....Photography Magazine.)

PGH COUNCIL CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED

 ...Information as to the whereabouts of the tarpaulin that was used at headquarters last winter as a partition to isolate the canoe section. Our two heaters are not big enough to heat the whole building but with the tarpaulin partition we can be comfortably warm.

...A 48 passenger school bus, cheap, to satisfy our president's obsession.

WANTED: Articles, want-ads, news-tips, or ideas for this, the Golden Triangle. "We'll print anything !" (Anything printable, that is. Also, help typing, printing, and assembling always very much welcome. See Lois Ann at meetings or call MU2-1338.

TRIP LEADERS: What's that you say? No trips on the last page that interest you particularly? You've got some better ones in mind? Even if you go on (or would like to go on all the trips scheduled for Dec., we'll be needing more trips and trip-leaders for January. See Fran Czapiewski with your idea, or call her, MA 1-8970.

FOR SALE

 Bikes for Sale: AYH is quitting the bike business (till April) and all bikes must be sold at a sacrifice. 23" Raleigh Sports models with carrier, light, and all accessories for \$55.00.

David Magram is the one to see if you are interested in purchasing AYH Emblems, Pins, Tee-Shirts, Pennants, Borets, Money Bags, etc. On sale at AYH Headquarters every Thursday evening Open House.

Used Pop-up Tent: One man size (or one-woman). \$15. See Ruth Stacklin at any meeting or call her at home, MU 2-9575.

Second Hand Saxophone: For details see Fred Mauk at meeting or call, EM 1-6299.

A great Christmas gift for any of your AYH friends is the new 1963 AYH Calendar. They're only \$1.00 and are filled with wonderful hosteling photographs and cartoons. See any of the officers. Do your Christmas shopping early !!

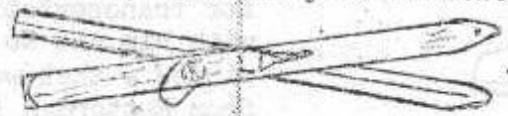
Ski Safety

The majority of skiing accidents happen to newcomers who attempt maneuvers for which they have had too little instruction or experience. Statistics show that 90% of all accidents occurred after 3:00PM which suggests that fatigue plays its part. Also, the sun begins to go down at this time, the snow surface begins to refreeze and your speed therefore increases. The danger signs must be observed.

Here are a few good rules to stick by:

1. Don't ski if you are tired or have faulty equipment.
2. When falling, throw your body sideways, never forward or back.
3. Keep your hands just below your hips so that poles will stay behind.
4. Be sure that your toes have ample space to prevent frostbite.
5. Don't overexert yourself through too much exercise or exposure to sun, cold or wind.
6. Always ski in company.

In short, "Realize your limitations."



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PERSONALITY of the month

LEE HAYDEN

Born three blocks from headquarters, Lee Hayden has returned to the scene of his birth after 25 years and sojourns in Sharpsburg, Allison Park, Point Breeze, Estorville Iowa, Hampton Township and Evans City.

During a recent interview, when asked what his grade school interests were, he replied, "Stamp collecting, modeling clay, reading, school, and girls." His high school interests were, "Dramatics, basketball, journalism, dairy judging, and girls." In college his interests are, "Cycling, canoeing, hiking, playing the guitar, and women!"



Although Lee points to his rural upbringing with pride, don't let him fool you. He is an import, as his rural life only started in 1950. His proudest accomplishments came in 1953 when he placed 11th in a statewide dairy cow judging contest, and in 1954, when his purebred Guernsey heifer, Bonnie, was Reserve Champion at the Butler County Farm Show.

In 1955 he graduated from Evans City High School and started attending Carnegie Tech as a physics major. Being short of funds in 1958, with the so-called recession, he left school and worked as a trailer truck driver hauling steel. In 1959 he re-entered Tech and then transferred to Pitt where he resides as a psychology major. Prior to 1958 he spent 3 summers working in a steel mill. To finance his studies he worked at night in a Shadyside bistro as a bartender (he says a "mixologist"), while going to Pitt during the day. Then in January 1962, he saw the light, quit his job and became an active hosteler.

Now as president of the Pittsburgh Council, Lee needs 6 credits to complete his B.A. in psychology, and he works for the psychology department on an experiment entitled: "The Effects of Electric Shock as Punishment on the Discriminatory Behavior of White Rats".

On weekends he checks the discriminatory behavior of the Tobias boys and other hostelers!

WANTED TO SELL

Ski boots, Hienko, used only three times. Boy's size 5, worn by size 6 lady (now retiring from the sport.) Asking \$10. Call Fran Czapiewski, 621-8970.



NEWS FROM GERMANY

The latest news of Pittsburgh hosteler Jim Taylor, who is spending the winter studying in Germany comes to us in a letter from his sister Janet. She reports that he spent 1 night in the hostel at Boden-Boden, has found an apartment about 2 or 3 miles from the University, and has already bought an 8 speed bike for transportation. He took his skis with him and so far has only broken one window - that was on the train to Zurich from Rotterdam!



Sat., Dec. 1 - Insure winter fun; cut firewood, prepare to boggan run, clean messhall at hostel-to-be in Evans City. Leave at 8 with a lunch warm clothes, 50¢.....Lee Hayden, 621-8486.

Sun., Dec. 2 - NINETY-FOOT ROCK IN LINN RUN STATE PARK for rock scramble, climb ing practice or just hiking if you're chicken. Swimming afterwards at Kling's Motel. Bring swim suit to H.Q. at 9. Cost \$2 Tom Bryson leads it. Call 242-5568

SKI SPECIAL

TWO WEEKS IN CANADA

December 26 January 6
Cost about \$60

Leader: Courtney Bischoff
Phone# 362-3203

(See write-up on the inside pages)



TRIPS & TRAILS

FOR
DECEMBER,
1962

Sat. Aft., Dec. 8 - HIKE AROUND BARKING Pennsylvania, that is, not the noise dogs make. Puddle jumping and ridge running with Winifred Roensche; this means sneakers are inappropriate. Bring 25¢ (transp. extra) to H.Q. at 1 PM. Winnie's number is 362-5533.

Sunday, December 9 - INDOOR PICNIC AND ICE SKATING AT SOUTH PARK'S RINK. Meet John Clayton at H.Q. at 4:30 P.M., have some goodies at his apartment-near-the-park; hit the rink in time for the 7 o'clock opening. (Skates can be rented there.) Cost is about \$1.75, not counting admission. Reserve with John at 655-2436 for supper or just meet the gay blade at South Park.

Sunday, December 9 - Fred Monks and Gloria Fisher can't guarantee all the excitement of past trips, but they can offer you LAUREL MOUNTAIN which is matchless in any season. This is another exploring trip; prepare to get lost, wet, tired, but be certain of a wonderful experience. Meet 8:00 A.M. at H.Q. with a lunch, flashlight, raincoat, and sturdy shoes. Call Fran Czapiewski, 621-8970.

Saturday, December 15 - SPELUNKING IN COON? CASPERIS OR CON CAVE....leader's choice...Come underground where the temperature is not temperamental. Bring a change of clothes, hard hat(optional) lunch, flashlight and extra batteries; put about \$2.00 in your pocket. Leader: Pete Schuster, 521-6709.

Sunday, December 16 - JUST COME! HIKE, led by Tom Gabor who uses the system of shutting his eyes, pointing his finger at the map, & hiking around the spot where the pointer points. He likes to start at 8:00 A.M. Just come to Fifth & Shady with lunch and about \$2 (Note: If there's deep snow Tom will go crosscountry skiing, instead.)

Friday, December 21 - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS-TOWN HIKE up on Mt. Washington, with hot chocolate at Sally Hutton's afterwards. (Be reckless; try some color shots with your camera.) More details from Sally at 681-4542.

Sat. December 22 - SERENADING SHADYSIDERS WITH CAROLS; with song and wassail (dry) at Lee Hayden's when the throats get dry. Start at H.Q. at 8:00 P.M. Bring lanterns if possible.

Sat. & Sun., December 29-30 - HOLIDAY WEEK-END at Chestnut Ridge Hostel with skis, snow shoes, toboggan, and snow (we hope.) Come to H.Q. at 8 A.M. with extra set of warm clothing, AYH pass, sleeping bag, messkit skis, and \$6.00, and anything else you want to bring. Reserve with Lee Hayden, 621-8486.

Sunday, December 30 - REGULAR SUNDAY HIKE led by Armand Panson. 682-1054.

THE TOBOGGAN MENTIONED ABOVE IS THE COUNCIL'S LATEST ACQUISITION...AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL TO HOSTEL MEMBERS.



PASS APPLICATION

Please find enclosed \$_____ for an AYH membership as indicated below:

Adult Membership	\$6.00
Sr. Youth (18-20)	\$5.00
Youth (under 18)	\$3.00
Youth Organization	\$6.00
Family Membership	\$7.00
Adult Organization	\$11.00

Place on mailing list for _____ three months

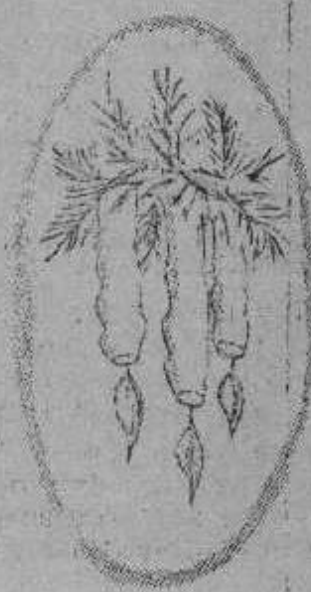
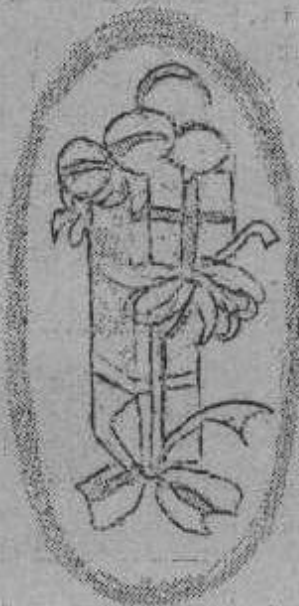
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Mailing Address _____

Phone number _____

Birthdate if under 21 _____

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