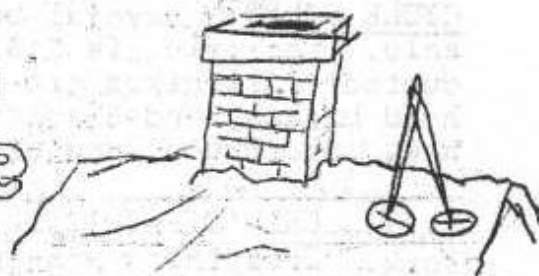


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Golden Triangle

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FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! Those are terrifying words to hear, and it is my sad duty to report that we have received word that one of our shelters was destroyed by fire on Nov 2, 1964. It was the Schenley Shelter, a log cabin design. I am sure that all the people who worked on that shelter will be saddened by the news. We intend to rebuild the shelter in Spring of 1965. There will have to be a clean-up party. Who would like to lead the party?

This fall has been devoted to administrative work that has to be done on the trail. We have interested some other groups in the trail. Five boy scout troops from Butler, Pa. area and Oil City area have been approved as sector groups. It is anticipated that a troop from DuBois will be assigned a sector. Pgh AYH is reserving the sectors from Freeport to Cochran Mills for our members. Any volunteers for a sector?

We are planning a general meeting for the sector leaders to be held in Cook Forest perhaps in the early spring. The purpose of this meeting is to have some original discussions on the trail development.

The Commonwealth is erecting signs in Cook Forest and Crooked Creek State Parks. We are planning to meet with the Highway Dept. in the near future to try to get them to erect signs on the state roads. Happy Hiking! - - Don Woodland

SKIING ANYONE? Informal polls taken at recent Open House Meetings show that there are many skiing enthusiasts (real and would-be) in AYH. Because of this plans are under way to reactivate the AYH ski program. Several ski trips are to be scheduled per month from mid-Dec. to Spring. There will be one-day trips to Hidden Valley, Laurel Mt., and Se on Springs. If enough interest is shown, two-day trips or week long one will be sponsored to ski areas farther away. Besides coming on our first ski trip, you can indicate your interest in our ski program to any activities board member. - - Bruce Sundquist

ACTIVITIES BOARD--BULLETIN:

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A.Y.H. isn't the house that Jack built. It was built by active members and grows because of them. Are you a member who lacked activity?



* MERRY CHRISTMAS *



HAPPY NEW YEAR!





FOR Sale

CYCLE SALES: Several boys (23") and girls (21") bicycles are now for sale. The price is \$45.00 each. (Cost of repairs-if any- will be deducted) All bikes are Raleigh Sports Deluxe with light, generator, hand brakes, and 3-speed gears. They retail for about \$80.00 when new. See Bruce Sundquist.

N. Y. WORLD'S FAIR TRIP We did it! Our hostel group made it to New York. Everything was enjoyable, especially our stay at Mitchell Gardens Hostel. (Recommended to all hostellers) Neat and clean, kind and considerate people, and reasonable rates. (Downright cheap)

Thursday and Friday we stuck to our schedules, tiring as it was, for all we did was walk, walk, and walk thru the fair. Sat. we walked, walked, walked thru New York. We girls did some shopping while Bruce, our lone, patient male, waited and waited.

We toured the Botanical Gardens, and saw the Zen Garden, an exact replica of one outside of Kyoto, Japan. We saw a Greenwich Village art show, toured Chinatown where we saw an Italian Street Festival! Finally, we rode the ever-popular Staten Island Ferry.



Sunday, we collapsed in our cars. The trip was Great!

- - Barbara P. Gregor

FORBES TRAIL A.Y.H. along with historical and scouting groups is currently scouting the historic Forbes Trail with the intention of turning it into a hiking trail running between Pittsburgh and Ligonier and ultimately to Bedford. Long range plans include joining this trail to C. & O. Canal towpath via the ancient "Warrior Trail" which runs along a high, wooded ridge between Bedford and Cumberland and also to join the Baker Trail to Forbes Trail via Roaring Run (east of Appolo) and the Loyalhanna Creek area. Persons interested in trail scouting or helping with these efforts in other ways are urged to contact J. D. Myers (372-7599) or Bruce Sundquist (Dr2-1212, Ext. 224)

TRIPS AND TRAILS FOR DECEMBER:

EVERY WED. Evening Melvin Tobias leads ice skating parties. Call Mel - 362-5297

SAT. DEC. 5th. Hike thru wilds of Fern Hollow with Rhonda Newcomer. Trail ends at Rhonda's with soup and sandwiches. Leave H.Q. 1:00 P.M. Reserve 731-4199.

Sun. DEC. 6.. Dick McNamara leads a jaunt thru McConnells Mills area. Meet at H.Q. at 9:30 with Hearty lunch. Reserve 362-3668.

SUN. DEC. 13 First ski trip to Hidden Valley. Meet at H.Q. at 7:30 A.M. with skis and about \$3.50 (More if you intend to rent ski equipment) The trip is automatically postponed one week if ski conditions are bad. Bruce Sundquist leads. Call Va 4-1897 or Dr 2-1212 Ex. 224.

SUN DEC. 20 SEE ABOVE..

SUN. DEC. 27 Annual Christmas Party at Liz Saffer's home. Party time 7:00 P.M. Call Liz for directions 683-5128.

OPEN HOUSE: DEC. 3 Don Woodland presents a program on Family Hosteling featuring slides of Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire.

DEC. 10 Winnie Roensch leads folk dancing this eve. 9p.

DEC. 17 Christmas party and refreshments.

DEC. 24 and DEC. 31 No program due to Christmas and New Year's Eves.