



# Golden Triangle



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## A. Y. H. NEWS

A news release from National A.Y.H. says: "As became increasingly apparent during the last six months, we failed by a considerable margin to reach our 1964 goal of 29,000 passes. Instead of the 23% growth we were seeking we had to settle for 10%. A year ago three councils were below their prior year's performance. Today, seven councils share this unenviable distinction..."

Pittsburgh Council is one of that seven. Last year we had 301 members. This year's membership is 205, a drop of 32%! True, we have lost some members ---each year many move away or become inactive for other reasons. But it is also true that some continue to share A.Y.H. activities and do not go to the trouble of getting a pass, while others---even some active members---have let their passes expire. Check your pass today. RENEW IT! Let's reverse the tide in 1965.

Or, in the words of National H. Q., "In absolute terms, the American Youth Hostel continues to grow. It has doubled in size in 5 short years. The year 1964 will go on record, not as a relapse, but as a relaxation. Let us resolve that next year will find us all back in stride again."

## -INVITATION

The Samovar Club, a social club for Int'l. visitors and their American friends, invites all A.Y.H.ers to participate in its activities this year.

A Thanksgiving program at 6:30, Nov. 22 and a program on "Religions of the World," on Dec. 6 at 8, are some of the planned activities. Both events will take place at Y.M.&W.H.A. on Bellefield.

The Samovar's Newsletter, "Samovar News Flow." will be posted at H.Q. See this for further details.

## PEOPLE

Veronica Anderson is back. She attended Openhouse on Oct. 22 and promises to come to others. Faithful TRIANGLE readers will remember Veronica as our foreign correspondent during her 15 months in Europe. She has offered to give advice to people planning hosteling trips to Europe. Look for her at H. Q. She's the girl everyone says "Hi!" to, but no one recognizes.

Victor Sorokin is with us "until the snow" on his annual migration to Florida.

## ACTIVITIES BOARD:

-Met to "hand over the reins" to the new officers on October 27. First, filling places on the Board/considered. (Any volunteers?)  
was

Bob Fewkes, our new Council President, goes to the National Meeting, Nov. 14-15; any hosteler is welcome to go along.

When consulted on the membership drop, Mel Tobias, Mem. Chair., said "Tell them there was an epidemic."

FAMILY HOSTELLING - HOW ABOUT a weekend with the whole family at Cook's Forest or the Morgantown Hostel? Don Woodland is starting such a program. If interested, send Don a postcard at 939 Highview Rd., Fgh. 34, or call LO 3-5419.

SHADYGROVE ON SATURDAY NIGHT - At 8:00 P.M. the hostel headquarters undergoes a startling transformation complete with folksingers, coffee and banjo pickers. An amazing success, it must now be limited by reservations. If you'd like to come, call Dave Magram, Ha. 1-3714 or Ernie Hawkins, Lu-208C7. Fgh'w. only Coffee House

# TRIPS AND TRAILS

Wednesday, Nov. 4 - 6:45 at H. Q. Ice Skating at North Park. Back before 11:00 P.M.  
Call Mel Tobias, 362-5297.

Saturday, Nov. 7 - HIKE WITH VICTOR SCROKIN, Murrysville near Victor's place.  
Unconventional chow after hike at Victor's home. Meet at 1:00 PM  
at Headquarters. Cost about \$1.00.

Sunday, Nov. 8 - Cycle trip led by Carl Weiman. Leave H. Q. at 1:00 P.M. Help  
Carl explore Pittsburgh. Reservations on 681-4316.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Ice skating at North Park. Call Mel Tobias, 362-5297.

Sunday, Nov. 15 - Abbie Geertz leads a hiking trip to Tomlinson Run State Park in  
West Virginia. Leaving time in 8:00 A.M.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Mel Tobias, going again to North Park for ice skating...6:45 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 22 - BEGINNER'S CAVE CRAWL through Bear Cave near Blairsville featuring  
the notorious "keyhole passage." Bring old clothes, flashlight,  
extra batteries and a carbide lamp if you have one. Leave H. Q. at 8:30 A.M. Bruce  
Sundquist, Dr. 2-1212, ext. 224 or 824-1897, takes you into the underworld for \$1.50.

Sunday, Nov. 29 - Thanksgiving weekend - Plans not yet completed. Come to meetings  
to learn what we have cooked up—besides turkey.

**OPENHOUSE PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER** - Every Thursday evening at 8:30 P. M.

- November 5 - Famous CANOE TRIPS of the Pittsburgh Council. Narrated by B. Sundquist.
- November 12 - Gelandesprung (jump over fences using both poles) over to headquarters  
to see two (2) fabulous Ski Films.
- November 19 - Spain, Portugal, Yugoslavia, as seen last summer by World-traveler,  
Kiz Saffer, delegate to the 1964 International Youth Hostel meeting.
- November 26 - THANKSGIVING FESTIVITY for those staying in town.

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