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FEDERATION DAY WALK : Sunday 21st September

Next Sunday the Annual Federation Day Walk takes place. This year it is being led by the Melbourne Walking Club, and the route is Upper Ferntree Gully - Mt Morton - Belgrave, a distance of 9 miles. Buy a second return ticket to Ferntree Gully, and allow extra for the cost of the bus fare on the return journey. Catch either the 8.48 am or the 8.55 am train to Ferntree Gully. Take your lunch with you, and also your tea if you want tea out.

We hope that all club members will do their best to be there and provide a good representation from the Melbourne Bushwalkers. No walking clubs in the Federation have other walks on this day.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the Half-Yearly General Meeting an election was held to fill the vacancies on the Committee caused by the resignations of Keith and Paddy Murray. Tine Koetsier and Bill Horton were elected. We welcome these two new members to the Committee. Bill was a Committee member before he left for England, and we have already experienced his capable assistance.

At the Committee meeting last Friday, Fay Pitt resigned as convener of the "News" Sub-Committee, which in practice means being the editor of the "News". As Rex Benn, who was acting convener, is likely to leave Melbourne on an interstate promotion before the next Annual Meeting, a new convener had to be chosen.

The vacancies were filled as follows:

Magazine Sub-Committee: Bill Horton,  
Social Sub-Committee: Emil Slade,  
"News" Convener: Tine Koetsier,  
Representative on Search & Rescue Organisation: Bill Horton.

This issue of the "News" was produced by Rex Benn and Ada Schulz, and Tine watched proceedings to enable her to carry on the job, starting with the next issue of the "News". Rex will continue to act as news-hound and Ada as distribution manager.

Fay was given leave of absence from the presidency until the next Annual Meeting, to enable her to complete her term of office. The Vice Presidents, Norm Richards and Emil Slade, will carry on the job in the meantime.

CHRISTMAS WALKS

The ingenious chart devised by Warren Olle has now been removed from the notice-board. On Friday 26th September four new lists will go up, giving details of the four walks which have finally been selected. These are: Tasmania, Castleburn (Buller Area), Kosciusko, Canberra. The leaders are not quite definite yet, but they will be announced soon.

Please put your name on the list for the particular walk you are interested in as soon as possible.

SOCIAL NEWS

The big event of the past month was the Annual Federation Ball. Our own Marie Gillespie was ticket secretary, and Tom Stoddley was door keeper. There were 134 present, rather too many for the Bambalina, but the ball was voted a great success. Four of our club members won prizes. It is hoped that we can obtain a larger hall next year.

The Social Secretary, Marie Gillespie, has arranged a theatre night for "South Pacific" on 8th October. All tickets have been sold, but Marie is trying to arrange another night later.

Hosts and hostesses for the coming month are:

18th September: Heinz Wolff. 25th September: Margaret Edwards.  
3rd October: Felix Harding, 10th October: Horst Eisfelder.  
We still need volunteers for this job. If you can help please see Lorraine Richey as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards for this year are now being printed and will be ready for those members who wish to post them overseas early in October. Others will be available for the local post early in November. Frank Pitt is handling the Christmas Cards this year. They will feature a photograph taken from an early issue of "Walk!"

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee at its last meeting accepted the following new members, whom we welcome to the club:

- MASCHA MUSSEL "Oslo" Private Hotel, 38 Grey St., St Kilda S.2.
- KARL BING 43 Aintree Rd., Glen Iris. (p)UY6708.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- GEORGE MACKINNON 2 Faulkner St., Clayton.
- HAROLD WILLIAMS 62 Evarett St., West Brunswick.
- BILL HORTON c/o Engineering & Construction Branch, Dept. of the Navy, Albert Park Barracks. (b)MXYL30, Ext.6062.
- PETER SALMON c/o B.M.Gadd, 32 Collins St., City. (p)C1421, (b)MB3911.
- TINE KOETSIER (b)JA6611, Ext.296.

PERSONAL ITEMS

- \*\* Best wishes to Enid Baker on her engagement.
- \*\* Congratulations to Ken Middleton on his marriage on 23rd August
- \*\* Congratulations also to Hanny and Bob Exiner, former members of the club, who recently had a son.

COMING EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 21st.....FEDERATION DAY WALK.
- " 26th.....GENERAL MEETING; talk by Stella Rosengrave of Melb. Women's Walking Club, showing films of N.Z.
- " " .....Book for Glenburn Van Trip.
- OCTOBER 8th ..... "South Pacific" Theatre Night.
- MAP READING WALK: 27th/28th September

Frank Pitt is organising an interesting weekend in the Warrandyte - Yarra Glen district in the very near future. The party will be split into groups, and each group will have to find its own way to a certain objective by using maps. Frank urges members who intend to participate to place their names on the list on the notice-board immediately, as the personnel and number of the party must be known in advance, so that arrangements can be made. This will be an easy week-end as far as walking is concerned, and all inexperienced walkers are cordially invited to take part.

CHANGE OF LEADERS ON SPRING WALKS PROGRAMME

Paddy Murray's walk on the 25th September (Show Day) will now be led by Rex Benn. This is a social walk, and includes a visit to the Badger Creek Wild Life Sanctuary.

Fay Pitt's walk on 12th October will now be led by Felix Harding.

NEWS ABOUT THE "NEWS"

If you now live away from Melbourne and can no longer take part in club activities, and therefore do not wish to renew your subscription, you can still have the "News" posted to you each month by sending 5/- per annum to the Treasurer, Rex Benn.

"WALK"

"Walk" No 4 is now almost ready for the printer. We were interested to hear recently that Robertson and Mullens had sold such a large number of "Walk" No 3 for us. They featured the magazine in their window displays, and have consistently co-operated in pushing the magazine ahead, for which we are very grateful.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our thanks are due to Graeme McKinney for lending us his typewriter for the production of this issue of the "News".

ALONG THE TRACK

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BEACONSFIELD - STONY CREEK - CLEMATIS - ALF COLE - 2nd/3rd August.

Only three turned up for this walk in beautiful weather. We headed for the Reservoir across country, but missed the turn-off from O'Neill's Rd. This forced us to have a dry lunch. We continued to North Beaconsfield along O'Neill's Rd, a pleasant bush track. When we crossed Stony Creek, the only good camp-site appeared to be in a farm paddock. Upon asking permission to camp, we found it was the bull paddock, and hastily evacuated. We camped opposite the farm on the hill. The farmer was kindly disposed, allowing us to use his tanks, and stayed to chat for some time. Next day we made across country to the Emerald Road, then cut across the hills to Bald Hill, having lunch in a pleasant gully en route. After a warm siesta we "scrub-bashed" to Clematis, then relaxed until we caught the bus home.

KALLISTA - MONBULK - OLINDA - KALLISTA - RON EATON - 3rd August.

Twenty-two starters set out in mild weather for Beagley's Bridge, where we followed the creek until we reached Monbulk. After lunch in a small clearing, we followed a bush track to Burke Road, then along McCarthy Road and Perrins Road, and so back to Kallista through fine bush country.

DANDENONG - LYSSTERFIELD - BELGRAVE - DON SMELLIE - 10th August.

This walk drew twenty-one members, who went from Dandenong direct to Heaney Park, where we stopped for lunch, making tea the lazy way with a 6d billy of hot water from the kiosk. The weather was ideal and the view from the top of the Lysterfields excellent. A dead cow upset our scent of direction, and we ended up at Ferntree Gully instead of Belgrave after an enjoyable day. Some members complained of lack of excitement on this walk since the nudist colony at Heaney Park has been closed.

LILYDALE - GLENNON'S HILL - HURSTBRIDGE - TINE KOETSIER - 16/17th August

The leader reports that of the seven on the walk only two could sing in tune. We caught the midday train on Saturday to Lilydale, and walked north to the cemetery, then across country to the Yarra and the Hill bridge. We had several good views of Yering Gorge as we went north. We came out on a road and followed it to where the Marcondah Aqueduct disappears in a tunnel, camping at 4.30 pm. The weather was perfect, and the wattle in full bloom. On the Sunday we started at 9 am up a steep track, where we missed a road going north. After crossing a lightly timbered saddle and skirting Little Sugarloaf we got back to the right road. Later we turned left, passed a monument, and came to a junction.

We crossed the almost dry Watson's Creek, then proceeded gradually uphill to One Tree Hill. We had a dry lunch on top, traversed a couple of properties not marked on the map, where we had some explaining to do, and continued at a great pace to Glennon's Hill (apparently known locally as Windy Ridge). We went S.W. to Fanton Hill and Hurstbridge, via Cherry Tree Gully. We met Lloyd Reynolds' party at the Hurstbridge station.

HURSTBRIDGE - ARTHUR'S CREEK - HURSTBRIDGE - LLOYD REYNOLDS - 17th August

We had an enjoyable walk on a perfect day. The hares led the tortoises (and the leader!) part of the way, but we eventually reached our destination. By mutual arrangement, we met the week-enders led by Tine, and returned together in the train.

ROMSEY - CHEROKEE - BARRINGO PARK - LORRAINE RICHEY - 24th August.

In spite of bad weather, this turned out to be an interesting trip for the twenty-six present. We started walking in dull weather at Brock's Monument, from where we obtained a clear view of Mt Diogenes (the Hanging Rock), but the nearby Mt Macedon and Camel's Hump were shrouded in mist. We turned south just past Heskot, and soon after the road petered out into a foot pad, we stopped for lunch at a spring. We had hardly started again when it suddenly began to snow, and our packs and caps soon became covered in a thick layer. We dropped down to Cherokee, where there was less snow, but where it was spread out more evenly on the cleared fields. We followed a disused track along the Barringo Creek, until we came to the van at the Barringo Park picnic grounds. We stopped at Gisborne for refreshments on the way home.

CROYDON - WONGA PARK - MITHAM - EARL LAVENDER - 31st August.

The leader reports that thirteen members were present. The area is no longer suitable for walking, owing to the number of buildings.

THE YOU YANGS - REX BENN - 7th September.

A full van of thirty six proceeded to a point on the Geelong/Bacchus Marsh Road, approximately W.N.W. of the You Yangs. Someone had said there was no water, and one member brought a tank full in his pack, but we followed creeks for the next four miles, passing a full dam. We stopped beside one stream, in a pleasant glade, where there was plenty of clean running water and dry brittle firewood.

