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(for men and women walkers .).

Our motto is :-

" To bring together those who
esteem Bushwalking and Mountain Climbing. "

NEWS SUB - COMMITTEE.

Nancy Morgan

Edon Donath

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Norm Richards.

CLUBROOM

Open every Friday
7.30 p.m. to 11. p.m.

Room 110 (Right next to
Dance Hall), Third Floor,
Victorian Railways Institute,
Flinders Street, Melbourne.

OFFICIAL NOTES :

Our club has been entrusted with the organisation and leadership of the next day trip of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs in October. Len Grant will be glad of any suggestions which may assist us to uphold the standard set over the past two years.

Have you noticed that our monthly meetings now start at 8 p.m. sharp? Be on time or you may miss such interesting discussion.

If you bring a guest into the Clubroom or to any Club function, please introduce him or her to the President, and if possible, to the two Vice-Presidents, besides being a matter of courtesy to the Presidium of your Club, it helps to make your guest feel " at home " with us.

PAST EVENTS :

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs staged their annual get-together during the weekend of 26th-27th March.

The campsite chosen was a delightful spot below the Sylvan Reservoir. By 5 p.m. the various walking parties had all arrived and appetites already keen enough, were further whetted by the smell of cooking as many fires were kindled.

Then disposed of, everyone drifted along to the roaring campfire, which was ably stoked by Fred Scutter; at times with the expert assistance of Emil.

Approximately 130 persons were present at the campfire, and items were given by members of the various clubs - our thanks to Felix Harding and Jeanne Thompson. It was gratifying to hear that our club had top score with 39 members present. Hot coffee and biscuits completed the evenings entertainment, and were duly appreciated.

Not being satisfied with their walking effort during the day, a party set off for a moonlight walk to Mt. Dandenong. During the evening Len Grant, assisted

by Frank Pitt took a flashlight photo of the group around the camp fire and most our members stayed up to see the finished prints. We were all pleased with the result.

Sunday morning we had two appointments. Firstly, at the Sylvan Reservoir where we heard some interesting items about Melbourne's water supply and afterwards at the camp, where Nick Tranter of the Melbourne Walking Club showed us how to render First Aid in the bush.

After our early lunch our Club, per T. d Kirk, had the privilege of leading the party of 143 back to the bus at Kallista, en route for home.

The weather was glorious and we look forward to just as successful a weekend next year.

EASTER AT LOBNE. was enjoyed by a party of 14. They had a very happy time with glorious weather, plenty of cream and a moonlight hike. One of the members gave a talk during a visit to the caves. The various waterfalls were all visited, a total distance of 45 miles being covered.

The Mt. Forbrook area - was visited by Warren Olio's party of 18 at Easter. Each day had some major highlight to make it memorable, although in some places the scrub proved to be as thick as anticipated.

A party including club members also visited the High Flain and Mt. Bogong over the Easter -Anzac week with Norm Richards. A total of thirty two club members abroad on major trips at Easter is quite a creditable performance.

COMING EVENTS :

Have you noticed our "walk" to Bush's at the end of May? Bring your mothers, kids, relatives and friends. Last year we had lots of cream and some exciting games along the Dandenong Creek.

May 7th/8th. Have a look at your program. Be

public-spirited and join the team for this big event.

NEW MEMBERS .

Membership applications have been accepted from:-
Gwen Roberts Gwenda Erskine Lorraine Ritchie
Peggy Rogers Marjorie Dannatt Fan Abbott
Honny Exoner Jo Thompson Geoff Harris.

We hope that they will be happy with us and contribute to the real Bushwalker atmosphere of the Club.

Old Members are reminded that the two month's grace for payment of subscriptions has now elapsed and Enil still has a long list.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS :

Our Dance in April was a very happy event; more than 80 members and friends having a very enjoyable night. Do you realise how much organising work was necessary to make this night such a happy gathering? Many thanks to our Social Secretary and all those members who gave her a helping hand.

Marie now intends - to organise a moonlight dancing trip aloft on the " Fairyland " for late November or early December.

Theatre Tickets. are available for " Oklahoma " (2/7d) on 7th June. Marie would also be glad to hear from those interested in acquiring tickets for " Rusty Bunnies " "Born Yesterday" or the Ballet.

Mr. John Bocherwaise gave us an interesting account of his successful trip to Federation Peak (Eas), at our March meeting. A capacity crowd of 75 members and guests showed their appreciation of his talk and the beautiful slides accompanying it. We hope that we may soon have him back to tell us more of his trips, for instance his Snowy River and Central Australian journeys.

Wendy Law - will give a talk on her "talks" through Australia in our April meeting; and during the

evening we shall present the Dyalls and Cliftons with wedding presents on behalf of the Club.

Suggestions. are still welcome as regards subjects or lecturers for our monthly meeting. If you have any ideas see Marie Gillespie.

PERSONAL.

Our old friend and member, Mr Chas Greenhill has been seriously ill. He is now on the mend and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Walks Sec. Ken Grant spent Easter and Anzac Week-end in quarantine with chicken-pox - Just a children's complaint !

We are pleased to see Charlie Moulden about again after having his tonsils removed. We also offer our congratulations to him on becoming engaged.

The Bushwalkers are on the move :-

The Dyalls are leaving for Great Britain on 21st May, per S.S. Orontes.

Sylvia Samuel is enjoying herself on the Great Barrier Reef.

Don Sellers has gone home to Sydney (for good?).

Paul Lederer is somewhere on the icy glaciers of NZ.

The Slades have just returned from the Blue Mts.

Betty Stainforth has sent us a long letter telling us that she has joined the " Progressive Ramblers " in London.

The Schulzes are snake hunting in the Green Mts.

And the Ellmores have just returned from Switzerland

Do you know that Mrs. Ellmore was our first Secretary (she was then Miss Marjorie White, and Harold was a very independent bachelor). She may be able to tell us the exact date of our first hike (to Mt Morton) some ten years ago. We must start to make some preparations for celebration !

Happy News again :- John Tesch and Olive Egan have joined on a talk for Life.

Do you remember Helen Ross's daughter Marget, who was a member some years ago when (and where) she met

Ron Sherwood. Well, they have now been married - and spent their honeymoon at Wilson's Promontory.

Have you heard Bill's remark about all these marriages?

PUBLICATIONS.

Have you had a talk with our new Librarian, Bill Horton. He may have some books, maps or journals which would be useful to you in planning your next trip. He would like to hear from you if you have any information of value to others. Let him have details of your map and track notes files.

Bill is also in charge of the Club Album and would be glad to receive your snaps so that they can be preserved as a club record.

Do not be impatient about our Club Magazine. Norm says that it will soon be out: and he will be impatient with you if the 1500 copies are not sold within a fortnight. We are sure that you will like "WALK" as the brain trust of the Bushwalkers has been brooding over it for such a long time (NEXT TIME see that you write that article promptly).

" THE NEWS "

The committee has appointed Nancy Morgan, Norm Richards, and Egon Donath as editors of the " The News ". Now you know whom to abuse if your news is not in " The News ".

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