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(for men and women walkers).

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This is the twelfth issue of "The News". I have in front of me Number 1, which came out in August, 1948, exactly a year ago, so we have kept our promise of letting you know all the "hot news" about once a month. Wonder what Number 24 of the News will be like?

The first issue of "The News" was just a few items, roneoed on one sheet, since then we have gone ahead for the inaugural year.

When "WALK" is out and established as our magazine, "The News" will still play its part in keeping members informed of club jottings. We must, of course, still have the co-operation of members, so don't forget to drop a hint where "hot" items for "The News" can be picked up.

OFFICIAL:

Undoubtedly you will want to know what has been happening in the Club during the last half-year, so we are sure to see you at the Half-yearly meeting on

FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST, at 8 sharp.

Any suggestions which you think might be helpful for the advancement of your Club will be welcomed.

Amendments to the Constitution:

NOTICE OF MOTION: That the Constitution be amended to provide for Non-active Members, as follows:

"A person who is or has been a member and whose application showing good reason why he (or she) cannot take part in Club walks, is accepted by the Committee, may become a Non-active member."

All provisions of the Constitution except Clause 5(b) shall apply to Non-active members, and the following provisions shall also apply:

- (i) Non-active members shall not have the right to vote or to become Committee members.
- (ii) Non-active member shall not take part in more than two day walks in a Club year.

A Non-active member may, by notifying the Committee of his intention again become an active member and shall then be bound by all provisions of the Constitutions

Moved Egon Donath,
Seconded Fay Pitt

NOTICE OF MOTION: That the Constitution be amended in certain machinery Clauses in the following manner:

The part of Clause 5(1) which reads -

'until such time as he has been accepted as a member of the Club'

to read -

'until he has submitted an entry form to the Committee. He may then participate in walks until the Committee has dealt with his application for membership'.

Clause 14(b) to be deleted and the following substituted:

"All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be made out in writing and delivered to the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which such amendments are set down for discussion".

Moved: Norm Richards
Seconded: Frank Pitt.

These amendments are to be discussed fully at the Half-yearly general meeting on FRIDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1949.

Applications for membership have been accepted from -

Noelene Henderson Keith Murray Paddy Mallet Graham Bruere.

We extend a very sincere welcome to you, on joining our ranks.

Members are asked to assist prospective members, by informing them about membership requirements, applications, when to pay fees and such other items as would be of interest to prospective and new members. Emil Slade, our Treasurer, will assist wherever possible.

The Committee think that if we had a Visitors' Book in the Clubrooms, it would prove of great interest to members, and provide us with a permanent record of our illustrious visitors.

At the last Monthly meeting, the well-known writer Alan Marshall, spoke to a large and interested audience of his "Wanderings through Arnhem Land". He gave us a lot of food for thought, and long applause showed how much we enjoyed his wonderful story telling. We hope that he will be able to talk to us again on some other aspects of the Australian Blacks.

We have been fortunate in securing Dr. D.E. Thomas, Chief Government Geologist, as a Lecturer. He has consented to talk to us on 28th October, about Old Mining Tracks, which are of particular interest to Bushwalkers as they usually lead to places which we are familiar with, we may also have an opportunity of learning of new routes to take to our favourite haunts.

The name and fame of the Melbourne Bushwalkers is growing, recently a request was received from Perth asking for information about our activities. Frank Pitt is supplying the details.

WALKING NOTES:

With the exit of Sunday trains on July 3rd, we introduced an emergency scheme, using vans and buses to take parties to their various starting places. Picking up, on the way both in to and from the City, has given most people the opportunity of joining walks as usual.

Walking Notes (Contd.)

CONTACTS for this month are as follows:

- 13th/14th August - Ted Kirk Win. 1232 (Private) for Lake Mountain and Mt. Gisborne trips.
 20th/31st August - Frank Pitt (XB. 5736 (Private) for Lake Mountain Snow Trip
 27th/28th August - Ken Middleton, FL. 1673 for Lake Mountain Snow trip and Werribee Gorge.

THE DAY WALK FOR 14TH AUGUST, to be led by Heinz Marouse is now transferred to 11th September, and a van will be used. Fare 6/-. Book by 26th August.

Xmas Walks:

1. During the Xmas-New Year period :
 - (a) Bogong High Plains and Mountains - Leader Frank Pitt, XB5736
Limit 12.
 - (b) Mt. Cobbler, Mt. Speculation, Howqua River - Leader Geof Christensen, WF. 4553. Limit 12.
 - (c) Mt. Ellery, Bonang, Suggan Buggan - Leader Ken Grant, XB5736,
Limit 8.
 - (d) Cradle Mt. Reserve, Tasmania, - Leader Horst Eisfelder, IA. 4632.
Limit 12.
 - (e) Mt. Buffalo National Park - Leader Fred Schoenfeld FJ. 2040 (Bus.)
2. Xmas Weekend: 23rd/26th December.
Mt. Erica - Leader Nancy Morgan. Haw. 4940.
3. New Year Weekend: 31st Dec./2nd Jan.
Marysville - Leader Joan Thompson.
4. Later January, approximately 10th/20th.
Mt. Cope, Bogong High Plains, Spion Kopje. - Leader Ken Grant. XB5736

Members who intend joining one or more of these trips should see the appropriate leader for more details, and indicate as soon as possible their intentions. Bookings for the Tasmanian trip must be in by next monthly meeting (26th August), in order to arrange transport.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED that walkers desiring to go on an extended walk are required to do three (3) weekend walks during the ten weeks preceding the extended walks unless they can show to the Committee, satisfactory evidence that they are capable of doing the extended walk.

THE CLUB HAS DECIDED to provide a Visitors' Book for Kelly's Hut, near Mt. Arbuckle, on the Snowy Plains.

SOCIAL:

At the last monthly meeting Charlie Moulden and his wife were presented with a suitably inscribed sugar basin. He told us he had learnt how important it was to make a good camp, and he had been so engaged since his marriage, but hopes to be out with us again soon.

Now who's next? Our intelligence service must be falling down on their job, so have no idea whom it will be, don't ask me, ask????

Marie Gillespie will be having tickets for the show at the Comedy - "Separate Rooms", on 29th August.

The Opera season will be starting again, and Marie is going to see what she can do about getting seats, but doesn't know yet, which Opera it will be.

On 6th September, Bill Kirk is having an evening where classical and other records will be played. Watch the Notice Board for further details.

The Bathing Box at Sandringham has again been bespoken, for next summer. This is a delightful way of spending a hot day, down by the water, and you meet

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members and have a chance of exchanging ideas. So see you outside No. 799 bathing box.

We have missed Charlie Greenhill since his return from overseas, but we hear that he is progressing satisfactorily, and we are all looking forward to seeing his promised films of his trip abroad.

Norm Richards is back from Darwin.

Edna Richards has been on a snow trip, but we hear she brought back a good cold. Those are things you give to other people, Edna.

We have been pleased to have Mary Fonseca with us, the lass who hails from India, she is at present teaching at a High School in Melbourne and will soon be going to New Zealand before she returns to Bombay. Methinks many have benefitted from what Mary has told them. Queue up please.

Do you remember Betty Stainforth? A few months ago Fay read out a letter received from her, where she described the delights of the English countryside, and her walks with the "London Progressive Walking Club". Betty is again in the news, as the photographer at the psychological moment took a photograph of her being presented to the Queen at the reception at Lambeth Palace on 22nd July. The photo was reproduced in the Melbourne papers on 1st August. Wonder if Betty was wearing her Melbourne Bushwalkers' Badge?

Our congratulations are extended to Ken Grant on attaining his majority, which was kept up in great style at "Birdwood".

Hope Egon has a good holiday at Broken Hill. In Egon's absence, Felix has consented to lead Egon's walk to Werribee Gorge.

Paul Peer has taken up his residence in Tasmania. What's the attraction, Paul?

Believe 16 Club members had a night out at "Red Shoes".

GENERAL:

If you don't possess a Club badge, see Norm Richards.

Keep your eye on the Notice Board for additional walks and announcements.

To those new members who wish to go out on weekend trips, do they know that the Club has available tents, sleeping bags, groundsheets and packs which can be hired for a nominal charge. See Warren Olle.

Recently we have had a considerable number of guests in the Clubrooms and out on walks, whom we hope will become members. Please show them that they are welcome, as there is nothing more awkward than joining a well-established Club, and don't forget to introduce them to the President, or some of the Office Bearers. In helping new members you will help yourself by gaining some new friends.

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ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

- Half-yearly Meeting - 26TH AUGUST, 1949, 8 sharp.
- Field week-end and Barbecue - 5th/6th September, 1949,
- Federation Day Walk, 23rd October, 1949.
- Xmas Dance at Jerran Hall, 7th December, 1949.