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(for men and women walkers).

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OFFICIAL:

"WALK" has been available in the Clubrooms for several Fridays now, and it is pleasing to hear the favourable criticism that has been voiced. You can't do better than make sure you have your copy, and as it is the initial effort of the Club in the literary line, you will want to keep "WALK".

Ernst Mercouse made his contribution too, although his name is not so prominent as other names, doubtless you will agree that the cover page that Ernst gave us has made "WALK" distinctive. Everyone can help in lots of ways to make a Club effort a success, those who did not contribute this time can put on their thinking caps for the next issue, as well as doing their bit in salesmanship. It is gratifying that contributions are coming to hand for the next issue, don't be left out. But with the first issue to dispose of, and there are some pessimists who think it can't be done, let us prove them wrong, we will do first things first, and hope to be able before very long to put up the "Sold out" notice. A couple of members have disposed of 40 copies of "WALK".

Apart from Melbourne's oldest Walking Club - the Melbourne Men's Amateur Walking Club - no other club produces a printed magazine for public sale, and our Club is differently constituted from the Men's Club, so there is not that keen competition as experienced in the workaday world, but a friendly rivalry between interested groups.

To fulfil the wide scope of our Constitution, besides providing walks and cultural outlets for our members, a printed magazine is a goal we have aimed at and now attained. To members helping to make such a success of our first effort, we say "Thank you", and hope you will continue with the good work.

Our last Monthly meeting was well attended, the preliminaries were a bit long, and some amendments to the Constitution were referred back to the Committee for further study and report to the next Monthly meeting, on 25th November, 1949.

Dr. D.M. Thomas, Chief Government Geologist gave an entertaining talk on the geological background of Victoria's physiography with special reference to some of our favourite walking haunts. He promised us another talk on old mining tracks in Victoria, and offered to take members through the Geological Museum on a suitable Saturday morning, to be arranged. Egon Donath has undertaken to keep a record of those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing such an interesting place as the Geological Museum - no telling you may find out where to pick up gold out on walks - and such an authority as Dr. Thomas to explain matters to us, we are indeed fortunate.

Arrangements are being made to show Ken Hewitt's films and perhaps some of Athol Boswick's at the next general meeting on 25th November. Now is your opportunity to try and assess your acting ability (or otherwise),

Still the list of new members grows:

Nancy Trowholla Mario Juszyck Mary Nash and John Low

were added to our membership roll at the last Executive meeting. We would extend a cordial welcome to you on joining the elite, you will not have any worries about getting petrol, Shanks' pony will get you anywhere. Emil will be only too pleased to see you, and give you an official receipt for membership of the Bushwalkers.

A booklet has come to hand called "Living Monuments - A Practical Guide to Conservation", by Mr. H.A. Lindsay and published by the Commonwealth Office of Education, which is very interesting and constructive. It costs 9d and most bookshops have it on sale. Mr. Lindsay is Foundation President of the Adelaide Bushwalkers.

WALKS:

From expressions heard, the barboque was a great success, and how inaccurate the weather prophets were? About 40 turned up, the entertainment provided of good parodies, and due observation of Guy Fawkes' celebrations, with walking on Saturday and Sunday. Another Field Weekend was enjoyed by members.

FEDERATION:

Having given you prior notice of the Federation Walk we would complete the story and tell you that a very enjoyable walk was held although the weather was against us. 110 members of Clubs and friends participated, 37 representing the Bushwalkers.

SOCIAL:

Bushwalkers went along to the "Kia Ora" Sports Parade, at which Tess Maddison appeared on the stage for interview, complete with walking kit. Thelma Jackson and Ruth Aarons represented the Bushwalkers in the choir. Congratulations to Lorraine Ritchey on winning the silver tea and coffee service, disposed of at the Parade.

Don't forget the Club Dance at Jerram Hall on 7th December, tickets 4/- single, from Marie.

Marie Gillespie was interviewed by Mrs. Mummery on the Women's Sports hour on Saturday, 22nd October, and gave interesting items pertaining to walking. We are grateful to Mrs. Mummery and SAR for this opportunity of contacting other sections of the community and telling them of non-competitive sport in their midst. Strange as it may seem "WALK" went on the air.

News comes from Midge McLean to say that since her return to New Zealand she has fully recovered, her leg is out of plaster.

Joy Scott passed on news of Joan and Jimmy Dyall in England, they have very nice digs., have acquired a tandem and are touring round seeing all they can in the time at their disposal.

We were sorry to see that Les Scott had sprained his ankle and hope he will suffer no ill effects.

Tod Kirk is on the sick list, but from reports received he still has some "innards" left and will be all the better for the minus quantity. Hope you will soon be up and about Tod!!!

Valda Unthank, Joan Vincent and Bea Blackney set out to explore the Baw Baws but a foot of old snow, combined with two feet of new snow frustrated their efforts. Better luck next time.

GENERAL:

Our Visitors' Book is proving most interesting to members, as well as the Photograph Albums belonging to the Club.

Mario is still open to receive suggestions for the celebration of our 10th birthday in 1950.

Don't forget to patronise our advertisers.

Bething Box No.799 at Sandringham is available to members and guests anytime, the key may be obtained from Mrs. Abbott (Pam's mother), at 2 Southey Street. No telling you may have the urge to get a suntan up before Xmas.

If you are doing a trip as Xmas, have you familiarised yourself with the treatment of snake bite? It is too late to learn snake bite treatment AFTER the bite, so it will pay good dividends to learn the following by heart so that it becomes automatic when applied:

1. DO NOT PANIC, time is very precious
2. Ligature
3. Wash
4. Cut
5. Suck.

Notice the type of snake, so that you can have the correct antivenene. 75% die of fright, not snake bite. Remember - DEATH IS SO PERMANENT.

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