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(For Men and Women Walkers)

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"THE NEWS" appears on the second Friday of each month. Get your copy fresh from the press by making a point of calling into the Clubroom that night - by 9.30 p.m. if possible, as we begin addressing wrappers about that time.

The Monthly General Meeting is held on the last Friday of each month at 8pm, and is followed by a lecture or film show about 8.30pm. (N.B. Latecomers whose excuse is, "I didn't know there was a meeting on", please take note!)

Committee Meetings are held on first Fridays. If you wish to bring any matter to the Committee's notice, have a word with the appropriate committee member or the Secretary before this - if possible, make a written note, as even a Committee member's memory is not infallible.

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ALTERATION IN DATE - THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING will be in Room 56 on AUG.18th, a week earlier than shown on Walks Program. With the large attendance we now have at our meetings it was imperative we have a larger room for this occasion, and Room 56 is not available on our usual General Meeting night. Make sure you remember this alteration by marking your program now. (Room 56 is on 2nd Floor.)

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CLUB BADGES are available again - good news for the many old and new members who have been enquiring for them over the last few months. These new ones, which are again in solid silver, are superior in many ways to the originals, being struck from a new die, and having much more secure pins. A deposit of 4/- each will be charged for badges, which are obtainable from the Secretary.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME TO

Althea Arnold, Frances and John Bloom, George Dyer, Laurance Henshaw, Ruth Hood, Laura Howie, and Bob Langley.

We are pleased to have you as members, and hope you will enter wholeheartedly into Club activities to our mutual benefit.

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WALKS NOTES

GUEST WALK, AUGUST 6th. We have invited the Ramblers to take part in this walk with us, and look forward to renewing acquaintance with fellow-walkers from that Club.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS - The Walks sub-committee is now finalising details of extended walks for the summer Program. They have in hand several for the Christmas-New Year period, but are anxious to have a leader for a New Year weekend trip - could YOU undertake this? Don't delay in seeing the Walks sub-committee about this or any other suggestion for long walks.

VAN TRIPS

\*\*\*Remember that van bookings close a fortnight before date of trip.  
\*\*\*Do not stand on the tailboard of the van while travelling. It is dangerous, and for that reason illegal. Quite apart from consequences to the individual, any accident would involve the Club in unpleasant publicity and certainly detract from our reputation as a responsible body. SO DON'T DO IT!!  
\*\*\*Do not throw rubbish from the van. We pride ourselves on leaving our camp-sites and lunch spots uncluttered - let us apply the same principle to the roads along which we travel, even though we pass by so quickly.

BUILD UP YOUR MAP COLLECTION - Most of the nearer districts, at least, are covered by military maps, which are easily obtainable, and cost only 2/- each. These, with a scale of 1" to 1 mile, are very detailed, showing roads, schools, houses, etc., and whether country is timbered, orchard, marshy, and so on. It should be noted that such details are not always accurate, as the latest revision made was in 1935. A valuable feature is that the contours of the country are shown. Probably the two most often used on walks are the Ringwood and Yan Yean sections. Always have your map with you on walks, use it to follow the route, and make any revisions necessary - being careful, of course, to check that they are accurate.

ALONG THE TRACK

**KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND** saw about 60 Bushwalkers out with the Club. The seventeen weekenders had the best weather - due to the magic formula, "North of the Divide" - for the days were sunny and really warm, and amply compensated for the chilly nights and foggy mornings. One member nearly got lost in his heroic search for water for the party's evening camp, and confided that it was a most uncanny feeling, in the growing darkness, to find he had "returned" along the wrong valley. Being an experienced and sensible walker, he kept calm and worked out where he should be, and finally came to where the camp-fire acted as a welcome beacon. (This incident emphasizes how necessary it is to be aware all the time of the direction in which you are walking even when you are mainly occupied with some other important matter). The thirty three who went from Lilydale to Warrandyte on the Sunday had very dull cold weather all day, but were in very good spirits and enjoyed the walk - especially the hills! Eight who were on the Program trip around Killara, as well as a few others who were exploring in the same area, had much better weather on the Monday.

**KINGLAKE WEEKEND.** - The two trips in the Kinglake area were also smiled upon by the weather, and the sixteen who took part had a most enjoyable weekend. There were many good views, and although too early for the wattle one party at least had the interest of passing through what must once have been a fine forest of banksia (bottle brush). **THE SATURDAY WALK** from Boronia to Belgrave was a successful experiment, with our favourite number, thirteen, present, and more Saturdays will be included on future programs. A kookaburra lunched with the party - even took the cheese out of Egon's sandwich. Must have been good cheese, too, because it then helped itself to an extra piece from his lunch-box!

Among other unexpected turns of event the Hurstbridge trip included the inspection of a poultry farm and a lesson in ferreting - how walking does extend our general knowledge!

We are pleased to report that by Mr.Gronow's kind adjustment, the Dom Dom trip did not prove a loss to the Club as it would otherwise have been.

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SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

On July 28th, following the General Meeting, Mr.E.Charles, of the Astronomical Society, will lecture to us. Using slides to illustrate his subject, he will give a simple introduction to astronomy as a basis for suggestions on direction-finding by the stars, and will welcome questions for discussion at the end of the lecture. We look forward to enriching our evenings round the camp-fire by studying the sky and identifying some of the constellations and planets to which he will introduce us. **NO LATECOMERS PLEASE!**

**SONG OF NORWAY THEATRE NIGHTS (His Majesty's)** - Two nights have been arranged for this - one for the Club on July 20th, another for the Federation on Aug.17th. The Club night is already booked out, but Marie will have 25 or 30 tickets for the Federation Night. Tickets for both nights are 4/6 each.

The night for "Harvey" was cancelled, owing to poor demand for tickets. Another proposed night, for the French Ballet, cannot be held because the company will not now be visiting Australia. If party bookings are available, Marie will be arranging for us to see the gripping play, "The Two Mrs.Carrolls", starring Elizabeth Bergner.(Princess).

**WOMEN'S WALKING CLUB CARD NIGHT, 5th August.** The Secretary, Miss Sybil Wingfield, writes: "Our Club is holding a Card Night (Bridge or Crazy Whist) on Saturday, 5th August, at Jerram Hall, and we would be pleased if any of your members and their friends could come along. Supper charge is 3/-.....We would like a large gathering from other Clubs at our evening."

We hope all card-playing Bushwalkers will be able to go to this evening. If you wish to go let Marie, Margaret or Lorraine know before July 28th.

**Mr.John Bechervaise's** lecture and colour slides of Wilson's Promontory were enthusiastically received by a large audience in the Clubroom on June 30th. Speaking with deep knowledge gained by frequent visits in all seasons during more than twenty years, his words were as vivid as his very fine photographs, and he certainly passed on to us his feeling for the "atmosphere" of the Prom. He also made an eloquent plea for the sanctity of this great National Park, so ideally situated to become a well-protected sanctuary for native wild life.

Our theatre party enjoyed seeing the Great Franquin at work. Unfortunately none of our three volunteers was selected as a subject, or else we might have had some interesting news to report!

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"WALK"

All copy is now in the printer's hands. However, more illustrative material is still required for certain articles, as well as pictorially attractive shots, so have another search through your album, and pass on any good scenic shots to Editor, Norm.



LIBRARY NOTES

For those who are interested in places further afield there are two interesting periodicals in the Club's library, namely "The Geographical Magazine", an English publication, and the well-known American magazine, "The National Geographic".

The English magazine, though not as well known as the National Geographic, is equally interesting, and would appeal particularly to those who would like to, and perhaps someday will, visit the British Isles. For example, the beautifully illustrated series on the "Comparison of Castles" picturing and describing castles from all parts of the world, particularly England; or, something that might appeal to us more, "The Cairngorms as a National Park", an article, or rather series of full-plate photos guaranteed to start any walker in the direction of the back blocks of Scotland!

Those interested have only to ask the Librarian, Bill Horton, and they will be supplied with current or past issues.

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PERSONAL

\*\*\*We've received a postcard from Fred and Gisel Hoilpern, from Suva, dated 10/6/50. They say, "Kindest regards to all friends from a wonderful voyage. Here is plenty of sunshine and a dark blue sea." We hope by now they've had a happy re-union with their family in the States.

\*\*\*Dorothy Douth has sent a nice long letter from Sydney, describing some of the cave-exploring trips she has been on. These activities in the deep darkness underground may seem eerie to some of us, but we can well understand the fascination of discovering new caves of wonderful stalagmites and other forms showing up in the beam of torch light, or of finding an unknown underground stream. Read her letter (on the notice-board) for yourself, but be warned - the account of their journey by jeep is really hair-raising! Thanks for writing, Dorothy, and send our greetings to Fred.

\*\*\* Congratulations to Joan Vincent, who will be 21 on July 20th.

\*\*\* Marie Keys and Lorrie Pullen will be making their debut this week.

\*\*\* Have you bought that alarm clock yet, Jock?

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GENERAL

SHOWER-PROOFING LIQUID - Would all those who have ordered some of this hurry up and collect it! Yes, we know how hard it is to remember to bring in that tin or bottle for it, but do make the effort.

Don't forget to keep October 6th free for the Federation Ball. It's not too soon to start thinking about your frock, girls - how about getting Alice onto the job of making it for you?

HAVE YOU NOTIFIED THE SECRETARY OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Check up on the list on the notice board, and if there is any discrepancy, please let him know at once. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER THE LIST YOURSELF.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE CLUB ALBUM - The Editor is not the only person requiring photos. Librarian Bill Horton will be glad to have prints (or negatives) to build up a record of current activities in the Album.

VISITORS' BOOK - All newcomers to the Club are invited to sign their names in the 'Visitors' book. Don't forget to let them know of this when introducing them to the Club.

-----KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND-----

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| July 14 | - | Booking closes for Mt. Anakie trips.                  |
| 20      | - | Club Theatre Night - Song of Norway.                  |
| " 28    | - | Booking closes for Romsey trip.                       |
| " 28    | - | General Meeting. Lecture, Astronomy, Mr. E. Charles.  |
| Aug. 5  | - | Women's Walking Club Card Evening, Jerram Hall.       |
| " 6     | - | Guest Walk, Lilydale - Mt. Evelyn-Lilydale. Ramblers. |
| " 11    | - | Booking closes Donna Buang Snow Trip.                 |
| " 17    | - | Federation Theatre Night - Song of Norway.            |
| " 18    | - | Half-Yearly General Meeting. Room 56 (2nd Floor)      |
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