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No. 38

..... THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS .....

16th December, '51.

FIELD WEEKEND, 1951

Last Saturday and Sunday our Annual Field Weekend proved to be perhaps the most enjoyable yet held --- and that's no mean claim ! The setting at Mt. Disappoint-ment was ideal and the beautiful summery weather allowed us to enjoy ourselves to the full. Sixty eight members enjoyed the evening camp-fire and barbecue, which went with a swing until midnight. This is the first time we have returned to the site of a previous Field Weekend and all present voted the experiment a success (although, of course, we won't make a habit of it !). As usual, the small fry were much in evidence, there being eight juniors included in the tally. Camp-fire entertainment was enlivened by items from the Murrays, the Soutters and the Pitts, aided and abetted by Ted Kirk and Earl Lavender. The cocoa commissariat had Ed Richards and Fay Pitt in charge, and, although there may have been too many cooks in the meat department, the meat was turned out tender and well-cooked, with Norm Richards as Master Chef. As usual the "double-S" butchers (Slade and Soutter) performed the dissection. After this, the still-energetic made a moonlight walk to the top of Mt. Disappointment and viewed the city lights.

Sunday morning saw a "repletely lethargic" crowd goaded into attendance at a talk on snake-bite treatment; and, after an early lunch, a trip toward the elusive waters of Toorourrong Reservoir. Although we didn't reach the Reservoir, we did succeed in solving the mystery of the "lost" track before returning to camp. Five o'clock saw everyone back in the van with another Field Weekend becoming yet another lasting memory of pleasant times spent with the Club.

FEDERATION DAY WALK

This walk, on October 28th, was a most successful event with fine warm weather, and a good crowd of about 120 walkers, including some 40 Bushwalkers and friends. The Women's Club, who led the trip, are to be congratulated on choosing a very pleasant route, mainly along bush tracks, with many fine views of the ranges. This led from Wattle north west to the Yarrambat school for a leisurely lunch, and back to Diamond Creek. An outstanding feature of the day was the profusion and variety of wild-flowers, in parts so thick one could hardly avoid walking on them, and including six or seven species of orchids.

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CLUB ROOM

Our present Clubroom has served us well, but with the continued growth of the Club we have often felt that a larger room might be more congenial. The National Fitness Council are at present re-planning their activities at 161 Flinders Lane, and a proposal has now come through the Melbourne Walking Club that the walking clubs jointly rent the second floor there, each club to have the use of it as a clubroom one evening each week. The area available is much greater than our present room; and kitchen and committee rooms will also be arranged.

To assist our Committee to make any necessary decisions it is intended to have an extended discussion of the matter at our General Meeting on November 30th, and all members are asked to think it over before then so that they may assist the Club to an intelligent decision - the matter is one which could easily cause the Club either to flourish or fade.

In making the decision the following points should be noted:

- a) Location is slightly less central for train travellers.
- b) Cost will be approximately the same.
- c) Meeting nights will have to be decided between participating clubs.
- d) Clubs will each be able to have permanent cupboards and notice-boards.
- e) Room will be available seven days a week, and unallotted time will be available for other club activities.
- f) Standard of furnishing will be lower, especially in early stages.
- g) Using the same clubroom may cause clubs some loss of individuality.

THINK IT OVER ! COME AND HELP THE DISCUSSION ALONG !

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome six new members this month, and hope they will be active in the club for many years. They are PRUDENCE AUCHENACHIE, BOB CAMBURN, MARY HEWITT, WIN HOSIER, ALBERT OXBURY and HELEN WALLACE. Addresses of all but one of these are included in the list of amendments which is being issued with "THE NEWS" this month. Win Hosier's address is 51 Barkly Street, St.Kilda, S.2. LA2867. (One other alteration which has come to hand since the list was prepared is that Lloyd Reynolds' business 'phone number is now JB 1734)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, KEITH MURRAY, is now handling all application forms - prospective members should obtain forms from him, and pass them back to him when filled in.

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FROM THE WALKS SUB-COMMITTEE

Horst Eisfelder has been co-opted to the Walks sub-committee to assist in compiling the Autumn Program. It is planned to co-opt a member to assist in each Program in future, as part of a policy of making as many as possible familiar with the work of the Committee.

Harold Soutter has resigned his position as Equipment Officer. The Committee has considered the matter, and it is hoped to announce his successor tonight.

Egon Donath has been nominated by our Club to be elected to the Publicity Sub-committee of the Federation of Walking Clubs. The first job of this sub-committee (which will probably be elected at the next Federation Committee Meeting this month) will be to prepare a Report in connection with the survey of Alpine and sub-Alpine areas in this state.

Walks Sec., Gordon Coutts, requests that members wishing to phone him do so between 5.45 and 6.45 (p.m. !) if possible.

The Railways have now finished revising the fares tables, and Hikers' Tickets are again available from the Central Booking Office (opposite Degraeves Street.)

PROGRAM CORRECTION - Please note that Heinz Wolff's walk in January is on 6th, not 6-7th as appears on some Programs. Bring your swimming togs on this trip, as there will be swimming at Heney Park.

LEADERS must adhere to the route shown on Program unless there is a very good reason for deviating. If any change is necessary, the leader must make sure that every member of his party knows that it is to be made.

Any member of a trip who wishes to leave the party must inform the leader and obtain his permission before doing so; the leader is then no longer responsible for that member.

SNAKE BITE TREATMENT - How many walkers are now carrying their snake-bite outfit ? A large tiger snake was killed at the Field weekend, which should be sufficient reminder. If he had struck home, would YOU have been ready to deal with the emergency ? In dealing with the method of treatment at the campsite, Norm Richards stressed the fact that, although snake-bite is rare, if it does occur it is imperative that one know exactly what to do, and be able to carry out the treatment within seconds. Every walker must carry a snake-bite outfit, and keep it accessible for instant use.

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SOCIAL NOTES

CLUB DANCE - The date ? ---- Thursday, December 6th.  
The time ? ---- 8 p.m.  
The place ? ---- Jerram Hall (cnr. Spring St. & Flinders La.)

Tickets are available tonight from Marie - don't procrastinate, get them now and make sure of them. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Clubroom will be open every Friday through the holidays, but as many members will be away by December 21st, we will be celebrating the end of the year in the Clubroom on December 14th. Marie is baking us a Christmas cake to help us celebrate.

<u>HOSTS AND HOSTESSES:</u>			
	November 16th	- - -	Heinz Wolff
	" 23rd	- - -	Bill Shaw
	" 30th	- - -	Margaret Dark
	December 7th	- - -	John Palmer
	" 14th	- - -	Horst Eisfelder

It is hoped that George McKinnon will be able to show us films of Mt. Fuji Yama and other parts of Japan on 30th November.

Last month a big audience enjoyed Ken Grant's kodachrome slides taken in many parts of Victoria, mostly on walking trips. It was definitely an "audience participation" show, as many voices from the audience added to the commentary by Ken and Ted Kirk. Incidentally, we were pleased to notice that that there were fewer latecomers.

It was suggested that the Federation of Walking Clubs hold an Annual Dinner at the end of the year, but as there was no very enthusiastic support from the various clubs the idea has been put aside for the time being at least.

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" W A L K " - 1952

Norm promises us we should see this year's edition of "WALK" very shortly as it is due to come from the printer soon. We hope everyone will give this, their Club's own magazine, every support. Not only start saving your own pennies for a wonderful 2/- worth, but encourage your friends to do likewise. So don't forget to advertise "WALK" 1952 edition - it's better than ever.

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LIBRARY

Our Librarian, Keith Murray, seems to be kept fairly busy on a Friday night, and we are pleased to see our members taking advantage of the books and magazines we have to offer. We have subscribed to "WILD LIFE" and "WALKABOUT" for some years, so have many back numbers as well as current issues to draw upon. In this month's "WILD LIFE", by the way, there is the first of a series of articles on National Parks, both here and overseas, which should be of great interest to us as bushwalkers.

We have received copies of "THE MELBOURNE WALKER", 1952, the magazine of the Melbourne Men's Walking Club, and members wanting a copy can purchase it in the Clubroom. A glance through its pages shows many interesting articles.

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"THE NEWS"

It has been suggested that in "THE NEWS" each month we devote a little space to the lighter side of walking life, and include some of those jokes and anecdotes that always come to light round the camp-fire and in the Clubroom. To do this, we need your help - you must contribute the items we need. So please let your suggestions roll in - the NEWS sub-committee (Fay Pitt and Paddy Mallett) won't mind how busy you keep them! By the way, we welcome any contribution members send in - for instance, news of a book or article of particular interest to bushwalkers, hints for easier camping or walking, etc. - as well as suggestions for improvement. Make "THE NEWS" your own paper by helping to run it!

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

In spite of delays, our Christmas cards arrived in time for the overseas mail, and a great number of them are now bound for the other side of the world. They are now available for ordinary mail requirements. Fay Pitt is handling them, and would appreciate it if members would obtain whatever they require as soon as possible, so that if more are needed they can be ordered in good time. Anyone unable to come into the Clubroom in time may write to Fay at 51 Birdwood Street, Box Hill, and ask to have cards posted to them. Price of cards, including envelope, is 6d each.

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THE CLUB BATHING BOX

will be officially opened on December 9th, and we expect there'll be quite a group of beach enthusiasts there. To reach it, take train to Sandringham, walk along Beach Road to Southey Street, and down the ramp there, and you'll find No.799 about 100 yards along to the right. Bathing Box Manager, Willie Baxter, will be there to open it. The Box is available for members at any time, weekends or week days, and the key may be obtained from Mrs. Abbott at 2 Southey Street.

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PERSONAL

- \*\*\* Dave Varns, after hitch-hiking north by easy stages, has succumbed to the lure of North Queensland, and decided to settle in Atherton. He sends good wishes to all Bushwalkers - we hope to hear more news from him of life in the delightful Tableland climate.
- \*\*\* Kitty Mitchell is to be seen flourishing New Zealand bank notes and travel literature ready for several months' sojourn across the Tasman. She'll be leaving Spencer Street on the "Spirit" (6.30pm) on November 28th, and sails from Sydney on the "Wanganella" next day. Happy travelling, Kitty - and don't forget to write to us.
- \*\*\* Another to leave us is Dorothy Flint, who has gone to Sydney.
- \*\*\* Fortunately it's not all one-way traffic, and we're glad to welcome back Laura Howie.
- \*\*\* Jill Butcher, now settled at home in London again, sends good wishes to all Bushwalker friends. She also gives news of Betna Dryden and Betty Kyte, who at present are hitch-hiking together on the Continent, and of Val Darcy who is working as an English typist in Berlin.
- \*\*\* Len Barr and Jean Miller are among our other correspondents. Len is with us in spirit when he follows our activities through "THE NEWS", and Jean hopes to be with us in person early next year. Meanwhile she has settled very happily to farm life in the Wodonga district.
- \*\*\* Two of our new members, Prudence Auchenachie and Bob Camburn, have just announced their engagement, and we would like to offer our congratulations to them.

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ALONG THE TRACK

In spite of the unlucky number, thirteen, present on Fred Soutter's trip (Queenstown, The Knobs, Mt. Jerusalem) they were blessed with excellent weather. Camp was made on Dry Creek, which fortunately didn't live up to its name! Poor Barry found leeches in his sleeping bag and had to transfer to Peter's tent to sleep..... On the same Sunday there were 20 on Marie Gillespie's Fossil Beach - Mt. Eliza trip. As there was no water at Fossil Beach, the party voted to remain at a delightful sandy beach for lunch, and some of them enjoyed a swim there, encouraged by the fine sunny weather. The party saw the Dalkeith Garden, and also looked over the proposed Wildflower Sanctuary at Mt. Martha. Tom Stoodley was out for the first time since he injured his ankle..... Egon Donath also led a walk on this Sunday, with a party of six. The route was an interesting one described by Pat Franklin in "THE ARGUS" - Boronia, The Basin, Red Road, Olinda, Kallista, Belgrave - with many variations from the usual route..... A "favourite" on Cup Day was the Mornda - Arthur's Creek - Yan Yean walk led by Lloyd Reynolds with a "field" of 22. It must have been a hurdle event, for the number of fences encountered rivalled even Egon's walks! Among those taking part was Marianna Lowen - one of our earliest Club members - and seven visitors, and all enjoyed an agreeable walk over pleasant, hilly country, with fine walking weather..... Marie Gillespie's party of three spent a most enjoyable weekend on the Silvan side of the Dandenongs. All the rain was over by the time they left the bus, and the weather was perfect for the rest of the time. It was so mild they sat round the camp-fire until 1 a.m. During this time they entertained a visitor - a very friendly mountain possum, which helped itself to Stan's cheese. As afternoon tea guests there were a pair of yellow robins, just as friendly. There were many fine sun orchids in bloom.

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MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

Additions and amendments 7.11.51

- AUCHINACHIE Prudence 43 Queen's Pde. Burwood E.13 p WI 3782 b MU 8673
- BAXTER Willie p XV 5077
- BENN Rex b FJ 9377 ex 2
- BROWN Barry 24 Besant St Moorabbin S.20
- BURT Frank p BJ 4548
- BUTCHER Jill 27 Altenburg Gardens Batterssea London W.11
- CAMBURN Arthur Robert 41 Park St Sth.Yarra SE.1
- CLAYDON Lorraine 22 Elliott Av Balwyn E.8 p WY 2706
- COLE Alf 30 Phillip St West Coburg N.13 b FY 220 ex 211
- COLES Lawrie 21 Wright's St Prahran S.1
- DEEGAN Laurie 15 Daley St Bentleigh SE.14 p XU 2774 b M1634
- DYALL Jim & Mrs. Joan 43 Margaret St Murrumbeena SE.9 b(Joan) MU 7031
- ENYI George 43 Westbury St East St.Kilda S.2 p LB 2566
- ESSON Marjorie 26 Derby St Moonee Ponds W.2 b Cent 1420
- FOLEY Kevin MJ 1251 ex 315
- FREEMAN Norma & Mrs. Marjorie 3 Porter Rd Moorabbin S.20 b(N) XL 1231 ex 56
- FULLARTON Jim 64 Sumacrhill Rd Glen Iris SE.6 (M) XF 2271
- GABY 103 The Avenue Parkville N.2 b Kodak (Essendon)
- GEROE Nick 78 Munro St Coburg
- GRIGG Morie 249 Barkly St St Kilda S.2 b F 0244 ex 261
- HALLS Fred 26 Sunnyside Gv Bentleigh SE.14 b MJY 660 ex 605
- HARANT Gerry & Mrs. Vilma Harold St Blackburn
- HARGREAVES Edith 15 Garrell St Caulfield SE.7 p LF 9470 b M 1321 ex 270
- HECHT Evelyn 43 Acland St St.Kilda S.2 p LA 3941 b Cent 2691
- HENDRY Bill 10 Queen's Rd Malb. SC.2 p Win 1971
- HEWLETT Mary 141 Brighton Rd Elwood S.3
- HOLAN Vera 54 Alma Rd St.Kilda S.2 p Win 6659
- LANGLEY Bob 26 Surf Av Beaumaris S.10
- LAVENDER Earl 217 Buckley St Essendon W.5 p FU 5304
- LES Robert 2 Tashinny Rd Toorak SE.2 p BJ 2757 b MW 7178
- LORNING Ken 36 High St Windsor S.1 b MJ 1251 ex 287
- LOW John 23 The Parade Ascot Vale W.2
- MACKINNON George 150 Faulkner St Clayton
- MILLER Jean c/- Mrs.K.Horsfall 'Leneva' via Todonga Vic
- MORRIS M. (Mac) 165 Smith St Collingwood N.5 p JA 1723 b Cent 2921
- MURRAY Keith & Mrs. Paddy (MALLEY) 20 Victoria Gv Auburn E.3
- NEWMAN Helen 203 Tooronga Rd East Hawthorn E.3 p WA 2633
- NICHOLAS Travers 25 Bridge St Hampton S.7 p X7 3405 b Cent 7850
- OXBURY Albert Chas. 141 Brighton Rd Elwood S.3
- PATERSON Doris Hamilton Russell House Punt Rd Prahran S.1
- PLATT Stan 847 Burke Rd Hawthorn E.3 b MU 7631 ex
- RICE Ursula 137 Tooronga Rd Glen Iris SE.6 p UY 5094
- RICHARDS Norm MJY 770 ex 445
- SELLAR Don & Mrs. Jo (THOMPSON) 29 Prinian St Windsor S.1
- SHAW Bill 4 Alleyne Av Armadale SE.3 p UY 5542
- SLADE Mira b JA 3611
- SOUTTER Fred & Mrs. Gwen (ROBERTS) 60 Victoria Rd Auburn E.3. b MXY 660 ex 585
- SOUTTER Harold 41 Campbell St Coburg N.13 b FW 9395
- SVIRAK Mir & Mrs. Dorothy 54 Powlett St East Melbourne C.2
- VARNS Dave 'Aloma House' Atherton Nth Queensland
- WALLACE Helen 16 Erica Av Glen Iris SE.6 b MB 1038
- WILKINSON Joyce 24 Craigmere St East Malvern SE.5
- WILLIAMS Harold 16 Alfred St Balaclava S.2
- WOLFF Heinz b MU 7631 ex 47

A dot before a name indicates a new member since the list of 6.5.51

Please keep the Secretary informed of changes of address, phone numbers, etc.

Club Badges are issued to financial members on payment of a deposit, for which a receipt will be issued by the Treasurer. Badges are presented to Members at the Monthly General Meeting following the payment of the deposit.