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* THE NEWS *
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No. 57MELBOURNE THE BUSHWALKERS..... 19th October, 1951

Two big events are drawing close - one is the FEDERATION DAY WALK which will be led by the Women's Club, on October 28th (Sunday week). A leaflet prepared by the Federation giving details of this was distributed with last month's "NEWS" and extra copies are still obtainable from the Secretary. We're keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather, but rain or shine we expect a good muster of Bushwalkers to support this event and keep in touch with fellow-walkers from other clubs.

The other event is our own very popular FIELD WEEKEND AND BARBECUE which takes place a week later, on November 3rd and 4th. Mt. Disappointment, one of our early Field Weekend sites, has been chosen as the place, Norm Richards is the leader, and here are details of transport, etc:

Vans will leave Batman Avenue on the Saturday at 9 a.m. and at 2 p.m. If the number wishing to go on Sunday only warrants it, a van will also be arranged to leave at 9 a.m. on Sunday (fare 6/-). The lists for all trips are on the notice-board, and all those wishing to go should add their names immediately, and pay deposit to the leader. The cost of the full weekend is 15/-, which includes cost of supper.

It is hoped that we shall be able to use huts at the camp site. In any case, accomodation will be available for newer members who have not yet their own camping equipment, as we are able to borrow two large tents. Those wishing to hire equipment should see the Equipment Officer without delay.

Those who have attended previous Field Weekends will need no recommendation to come, and we can rely on them to tell new members all about our informal concert around the camp-fire, and the delicious taste of lamb barbecued with the expert touch of several years' experience - mm-mm-mm!

THE SUMMER PROGRAM has been prepared, and should be available for distribution next Friday. This is the first Program prepared by Lloyd Reynolds since his election to the Committee, and he deserves our thanks for the work he has put into it.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS - Leaders for these have now been arranged, and details of parties are being organized. Leaders are:

- 1. Licola-Bennison-Wellington-Waterford - FRED SOUTTER
- 2. Licola-Crinoline-Wellington-Wonnangatta R. - NORM RICHARDS
- 3. Licola - Crinoline-Bennison-Licola - GORDON COUTTS
- 4. Bogong High Plains - PETER BECKER
- 5. Benambra - Pilot - Wulgulmerang - EDNA RICHARDS

IMPORTANT : - All those intending to join any of these trips are asked to be in the Clubroom at 7.30 p.m. next Friday, for discussion of arrangements. Anyone who finds it impossible to be in for this should get in touch with the leader of the trip at once.

EXCURSION TO SYDENHAM WILD FLOWER SANCTUARY - On Saturday, November 17th there will be a grand opportunity to view the fruits (or, more accurately, the flowers) of past months' labours here, as a full day visit has been arranged. A great many of the plants will be in flower - especially the White Diuris, a now-rare orchid which has been successfully regenerated in the sanctuary - and Miss Waddell will be only too happy to describe their names and habits. To make our day useful as well as interesting, part of it will be spent working, and those going are asked to bring an old chisel or knife for wedging. We catch the 9.35 a.m. train from Flinders Street to St. Albans, and from there have about two miles to walk to the Sanctuary. Any further details can be learned from Noble Paine, who is organizing the day.

EQUIPMENT will be the subject of tonight's half-hour talk, which will be given by Edna Richards. Last month Norm Richards led an informal but interesting discussion on general walking and camping procedure, with special reference to Christmas trips. A reminder to all wishing to hear lectures - be in the Club at 8 sharp.

* * * * * VAN TRIP DEPOSITS - C If people place their name on a van list and do not pay the deposit two weeks before the walk, and the list is full two weeks before then they lose their opportunity of going if another person wishes to go and pays deposit. It is your duty to pay the leader - the leader does not have to chase you!

SOCIAL NOTES

OUR HOSTS and HOSTESSES doing a very good job - and enjoying it, too.
For the coming month we 'll have the following:

19th October...Pat Patterson 26th October...Ted Field
2nd November...Ursula Rice 9th November...Ted Kirk

THEATRE NIGHT - Wednesday, 7th November - "SEE HOW THEY RUN". Tickets 5/6.
We have already had one night at this, much earlier in its run, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. As this will be the show's last performance we look forward to a hilarious evening.

DANCE , Jerram Hall, December 6th - Tickets for this are being printed soon. Remember to get them in plenty of time.

NEXT FRIDAY Ken Grant will show his kodachrome slides of the Snowy Plains , and of the Otway coastal area. Ken's last showing of slides was greatly enjoyed, and we look forward to accompanying him, in imagination at least, through these attractive walking areas. Remember, please, be in promptly at 8 p.m. for the Meeting.

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THE BATHING BOX (Opening on December 9th)

will be available for our members as usual this summer. Willie Baxter will be in charge, and will give anyone interested full details. The key will be available from him at 2 Southey Street, Sandringham.

It has been decided this year to make the small charge of 6d to cover the rental, and those using the box are asked to co-operate by remembering it.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome four new members this month, and wish them many years of happy walking with us. They are:

- EDITH HARGREAVES..... 15 Garrell Street, Caulfield, S.E.7. p LF9470 b ML321
- HELEN NEWMAN..... 203 Tooronga Road, East Hawthorn E.3. WA2683 (ex270
- DOROTHY SVIRAK)
- MIR SVIRAK)..... 54 Powlett Street, East Melbourne, C.2.

AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Secretary is preparing a list of amendments which will be issued with next month's "NEWS". He would appreciate it if any member whose address or phone number has been changed since the list was compiled would inform him of the change so that it may be included in the amendments.

"THE NEWS"

is posted to all financial members who are not able to come into the Club-room to collect it on the night of distribution (3rd Friday of each month). From time to time we hear of some ex-member, who, although no longer active, is still interested to keep in touch with Club news. Any such person is welcome to have a copy of "The NEWS" either by getting a present member to collect a copy each month, or by sending us a postal note for 3/6 to cover cost of postage and wrapping for twelve months. We would be grateful if readers would pass on this information to any interested person.

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"HAVE YOU A HOBBY TOO ?"

Members listening to the session of this title from SAR last Wednesday night were pleased to hear bushwalking represented over the air, when Frank and Fay Pitt were interviewed by Ian Westcott. As mentioned previously, a letter was written to the A.B.C. suggesting that a session on outdoors topics be made a regular feature, and, although this idea was not adopted, it resulted in our being asked to take part in the above-mentioned session. Although the time "on the air" was rather brief, it was valuable in bringing bushwalking to public interest, and perhaps more important in letting would-be walkers know that there are organizations where they may enjoy this fine pastime. We are sorry that it was impossible to notify all members beforehand to give them an opportunity to listen in, but the interview was arranged at very short notice.

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" W A L K "

This year's issue, No. 3, which promises to be even better than 1 and 2, is now in the printer's hands, and we hope and expect that next month we can announce the exact publication date. Meanwhile, members can pass on the good news to walking friends and others who may be interested, and if they are not already familiar with "WALK" introduce them to previous issues. Possibly there are some of our own newer members who have not yet seen copies; if so, we direct them to Fred Soutter, our Sales Manager, who will be happy to supply them. By the way, our cover this year will be an attractive feature having a full half-tone photograph.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is regretted that these were not ready on the date promised, but due to difficulties in obtaining paper etc. this was impossible. However, the printer now has them on the press, and we feel confident that they will be available next Friday. Following the suggestion of several members last year, the design has been re-arranged, although the attractive simplicity of previous years has been retained. The price, 6d, includes envelope. Fay Pitt is handling these, and is willing to post cards to any members unable to come in and collect them. (Address: 51 Birdwood Street, Box Hill.)

LIBRARY

We are perturbed to know that one of our few books, "Isle of Mountains" which has been missing for some time, has still not been found. If you can give us any information, say when it was last seen among our books, please see Librarian Keith Murray. Incidentally, do you know that we have several most interesting books, all of which may be borrowed by members? Among them is "The Great Barrier Reef", a most clearly written description, with many photographs, which was presented to us by Jill Butcher before she returned to England. Another is about our Australian Alps, by Elyne Mitchell.

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ALONG THE TRACK

In spite of inclement weather everyone turned up on Margaret Dark's Sunbury Clarkfield walk. To say that it rained all day would be inaccurate - sometimes it poured! The party was shown over "the oldest house in Victoria" and the owner kindly permitted them to use the cowshed as a lunch spot. Jocular remarks were made about "the Cow kicked Nelly in -----" you know the rest! John Palmer had four new members on his Watsonia - Lower Plenty trip - what weather to begin a walking career with!

As there was no train to Macedon when the Show Day time table was announced, Emil put on a mystery trip - this was from Belgrave through Kallista to Silvan. The party travelled with Puffing Billy from Ferntree Gully to Belgrave - one of the party insisted on running ahead of the train and had to be restrained by the leader.

Ken Grant led the Clematis - Bald Hill - Selby walk. In point of fact Bald Hill was not bald but crowned with a farmhouse - however acquaintance was made with the farmer's daughter, and the party was allowed through.

Mario Juszczyk's Talbot Drive - Keppel's Falls - Lake Mountain walk certainly lived up to its grading of "tough". On Saturday the party bashed through wet scrub from 11 am till 6 o'clock without a decent break. They were just preparing to camp in the scrub when Mario, who had scouted ahead, returned with the welcome news that there was a track ahead, and this led them to a hut. There were six men and one girl in the party and it was said that she was never the slowest in the party.

Heather Marshall had perfect weather for her Avonsleigh - Macclesfield walk, and quite a big party to enjoy it.

Rex Benn's van trip last Sunday was attended by a large crowd. The view from the lookout was excellent - Donna Buang, Mt. Disappointment, Mt. Jerusalem, the famous Mt. Beggary could be clearly distinguished. The grading of "easy" was thought to be inaccurate - some thought it "medium", and a few declared it "tough".

Frank Burt led the Ringwood - Mooroolbark trip on the same day.

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ADVERTISEMENTS - We are always glad to have advertisements, which help defray "NEWS" - any members who wish to advertise, or to suggest possible advertisers, should see FAY PITT. We hope our readers patronise them - for instance, summer is coming, and with it the need for sunglasses - so see Werner Graff.. You'll be taking more photos now the good weather is here - Horst Eisfelder will enlarge some of your best shots... Frank Pitt is anxious to have suggestions for improvements in his capesheets - see his advertisement for details.

PERSONAL

*** Paddy Mallett and Keith Murray were married on September 29th, and although the morning began with heavy rain it fined up before the ceremony. Ken Grant was best man - and was absent-minded enough to forget to pass over the Marriage Lines, and had to be pursued on his way home!

Our three newly-wed couples will be in the Club next Friday, when wedding presentations will be made to them from the Club.

*** We were very pleased to welcome Jack Smith back to the Club after a long absence. He has just returned from twelve months' ski-ing and touring in New Zealand, and has some very fine photos of the country.

*** Mary Nash and Ruth Hood left on October 4th to spend a working holiday in New Zealand, and we hope they are having an interesting trip.

*** Another who is New Zealand bound is Doug. Webster, who was in the Club recently after 18 months in Tasmania, during which he became engaged. He has now been transferred to Dunedin.

*** Tess Maddison is expected back in Melbourne about December 10th, and Pam Abbott and Betty Horsley are expected a few weeks later.

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We have recently had a letter from a young man in Germany who has been given our address by Australian friends. His name is Rudolf Ressel, he is 30, married, and anxious to come to Australia, but has no guarantor. He is a commercial artist, with some experience of silk screen process. His wife is a nurse.

As a Club we have no means of helping him, but it is possible that someone among our members may be able to give some help or encouragement. If so would he or she get in touch with Frank Pitt, who can pass on the letter.

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On September 28th we were fortunate in having Mr. Alan Corllet to show films and slides of great interest to all walkers, covering trips made by him in far eastern Victoria and Kosciusko area, and in Tasmania, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

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* The price of cape-groundsheets remains as before (32/6) while present roll of japara lasts. No more orders will be accepted after November 30th. *

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