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

THE ANNUAL MEETING,

held on February 22nd, was very well attended and proceeded smoothly. A copy of the Annual Report is being sent with this issue of "THE NEWS" to those who were not present. The elections saw a number of changes in the Committee, as several of last year's office-bearers did not stand for re-election to their former positions.

Norm Richards, our President for the past six years, announced that he did not wish to stand for re-election. During these years Norm has always shown himself to have the Club's welfare very much at heart, and we take this opportunity to express our warm appreciation of his capable handling of Club affairs, and to thank him for the time and thought he has given to furthering the Club's interests. We are pleased to know that, as a Vice-President, he will continue to give us the benefit of his wisdom and experience.

Egon Donath, who has been a Vice-President since the inception of the Committee, has succumbed to the pressure of outside work and relinquished his position on the Committee. Egon has been with the Club from its earliest beginnings as a small informal group, and we owe a great deal to his guidance during the twelve years of its development, for by his calm and tolerant attitude he has assisted us to avoid many pitfalls. We hope that in the future he will again be able to take an active part in the Club's organization.

Other retiring Office-bearers whom we wish to thank are Emil Slade, who has been extracting our subs. so efficiently in the past; Frank Pitt who as Secretary established a methodical system of keeping Club records and very capably carried out a variety of duties; and Gordon Coutts who proved an enthusiastic and hard-working Walks Secretary. We hope to see Lorraine Richey, Fred Soutter and Lloyd Reynolds on the Committee again some time in the future.

THE ELECTIONS

resulted in the following Committee being set up:

COMMITTEE  
1952

- PRESIDENT..... FAY PITT
- VICE-PRESIDENTS..... NORM RICHARDS, EMIL SLADE.
- TREASURER..... REX BENN
- SECRETARY..... BETTY HORSLEY
- WALKS SECRETARY..... WARREN OLLE
- SOCIAL SECRETARY..... MARIE GILLESPIE
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS.... PADDY MURRAY, ADA SCHULZ, LEE PULLEN  
FRANK PITT, LEITH MURRAY, KEN LORKING

On these thirteen people rests the responsibility of planning Club activities and ensuring that all run smoothly, and we are confident that they are willing and capable - we depend on every individual club member to give the help and support that will make 1952 a year of successful undertakings.

Also elected at the Annual Meeting were the following:

- AUDITORS..... KEN MIDDLETON, HEINZ WOLFF.
- TRUSTEE..... KEN GRANT

(There are three Trustees, one of whom retires each year. Ramsay Craigen was the retiring member this year, leaving TED KIRK and EDNA RICHARDS.)

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At the first meeting of the Committee, sub-committees were arranged, and details will be found elsewhere in this issue. We ask all members to take note of who's who, and so be enabled to contact the right person with any query or suggestion e.g. Walks sub-com. for suggestions for walks, Editorial with contributions for "WALK", Social if you can suggest a lecturer for our General Meeting nights, or want tickets for a theatre night, etc. Remember, suggestions for the better running of the Club, or interesting information relevant to bushwalking will be welcomed.

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CLUB ROOM

We regret very much that after having looked forward to so many benefits that a new clubroom seemed to promise, the Committee, which had a special meeting early in the month to consider the whole matter, has come to the conclusion that the disadvantages, which were not apparent when the scheme was first considered, outweigh the advantages, and that it would not be in the Club's best interests to continue with the plan. Therefore, Room 110 continues to be our home, and Friday nights our meeting nights.

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Please be in at 8 pm sharp !

NOTICE OF MOTION

Norm Richards has notified the Secretary that at the next General Meeting he intends to move,

"That Egon Donath be elected a Life Member of this Club in recognition of his long services as office-bearer and an early member of the Club."

The other two motions of which notice has been given (see February "NEWS") will also be on the agenda.

KODACHROME SLIDES of WALHALLA and ABERFELDIE DISTRICTS will be shown by Gordon Coutts for a short period after the General Meeting, and we look forward to visiting these attractive areas - even though only in imagination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

SUBSCRIPTIONS are now DUE !!!

At the Annual Meeting it was determined that subs. for 1952 be as follows:  
Ordinary Member - £1; Junior Member (16-19 yrs.) - 12/6; Husband & Wife - 30/-  
(N.B. - Those who paid subs. before the Annual Meeting now owe 5/- - bad luck !)

As our new Treasurer, REX BENN, will be away in Adelaide until Easter, he asks that all moncy's be paid to Emil Slade, who needs no introduction as money-extractor.

THE FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE, which keeps an eye on the over-all position of the Club's finances, this year consists of REX BENN, FAY PITT and EMIL SLADE.

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THE WALKS SUB-COMMITTEE -

WARREN OLLE, ADA SCHULZ and FRANK PITT -

draws your attention to these points:

- i. BOOK NOW for EASTER TRIPS - Easter is barely three weeks away.
- ii. CONTACTS are arranged for all weekend trips - find out before you leave on a trip who is acting as Contact for it.
- iii. BOOKING FOR VAN TRIPS closes a fortnight before trip.
- iv. LEADERS are needed for walks - why not YOU ?

Tonight's lecturette will be given by Noble Paine, dealing with "Bacteria and Food". Last month Keith Murray gave an account of Federation Search and Rescue work.

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We wish all who take part in the Federation Annual Weekend the best of weather and a jolly good time - we look forward to seeing the usual large number of Bushwalkers around the camp-fire. Talking of the camp-fire - we hear whispers that our Club has some rather good items lined up.

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A REMINDER

to Committee Members; The next Committee Meeting will be held on April 4th, in Room 110. Please be there at 6.45 pm sharp.

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" W A L K "

The Editorial Sub-committee consists this year of NORM RICHARDS, KEN LORKING and KEITH MURRAY. Give them the practical support of sending in contributions for the next issue, suggesting advertisers, and continuing to sell the present issue.

Orders for "WALK" continue to come in from near and far - even as far as Hughenden, Queensland, and from Perth.

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SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

MARIE GILLESPIE, PADDY MURRAY and LEE PULLEN are looking after our social interests this year.

There will probably be a Theatre Night for "Seagulls Over Sorrento, but no date has been fixed - watch the Notice Board.

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NATIVE PLANTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Noble Paine has again been appointed to carry on his work as our representative on this Society.

Membership of this Society is also open to individuals, and any members who are interested in native plants and anxious to assist in their preservation are invited to join. The minimum subscription is 10/- . For further information see Notice Board, ask Noble, or contact Secretary of the Society, Miss Waddell, 3 Denham Place, Toorak, S.E. 2.

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PERSONAL

\*\*\* The Secretary and Walks Secretary decided to economise and only pay 30/- subscription. With this end in view (!) they were married on March 13th. Congratulations, anyhow, Betty and Warren.

\*\*\* On March 1st Laura Howie became Mrs. Norman Tym, and will be returning next week to N.S.W. (Her address will be "Corinella", Coonamble.) We're sorry she's leaving us, but wish her all the best in her new life, and hope she'll let us know how she's getting on.

\*\*\* Ken Middleton has become engaged recently. Congratulations, Ken ! No wonder we haven't been seeing you round the Club so much lately !

\*\*\* A letter from Noeline Henderson recently lets us know she's leading a busy life, but still thinks of us. Owing to the rigorous winter, she didn't do much tramping, but plans this year to spend some time at the Ball Hut, Mt. Cook, next August. She sends us a very fine pictorial booklet of her home Province, Otago, for the Library. She also gives us news of Mary Nash and Ruth Hood, who spent some time with her during their travels. When she wrote they were in Nelson (South Island) tobacco-picking, and due to continue northwards.

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"THE NEWS"

will be produced this year by FAY PITT, ADA SCHULZ and REX BENN. Fay will act as manager (etc.), Ada will be in charge of distribution, and Rex will be general news-hound. All will welcome suggestions, contributions and "hot news".

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ALONG THE TRACK

Walks were cancelled on February 17th, the Day of Mourning for our late King. The following weekend walk was also cancelled, as no one was willing to lead it.

All other walks have been enjoyed - here are a few comments from the various leaders.

LORRAINE RICHEY - (Blackberrying walk, Feb. 24th.) "There were 24 people to start with, and so many blackberries that half of us got lost along the Menzies Creek track. A few strays were picked up at various spots, but a couple have not been located yet. (Names not supplied !) We finished up at the Emerald Lake."

ALONG THE TRACK (contd.)

REX BENN - (Jack's Cascades, Howatt's Lookout, etc.) Our apologies to Rex, who gave us a good account of his trip - we can only conclude the cat has got off with it ! He had a vanful in his party, and a very good trip, although owing to road difficulties the route had to be altered to a certain extent.

MARGARET DARK - (Frankston, Reservoir) "Three men and Margaret present !! After leading the party along the beach, up cliffs, through the scrub, and along the road, we finally arrived at the Reservoir. The leader had to lure the rebellious members of the party back to Frankston with the promise of an ice-cream. " We've often heard that three's a crowd. We believe that a certain member of the party murmured something of the sort too.

KEN GRANT - (Apollo Bay, Mariner's Falls, Wild Dog Creek.) Labour Day Weekend. 15 present. "We camped on Wild Dog Creek at 10 pm on the Friday night. It was fine and most slept without tents. We rose early and climbed up and over the Wild Dog - Barham Divide. The stream abounded with trout - although no pubs had been visited, they all seemed to have pink spots. Alf Cole (who'll soon be known as the Club's champion fisherman) tickled a few tummies. We lunched at a delightful spot on the Barham River, and bathed, then walked along the river bed to avoid the nettles which were thick along both banks. Next morning we climbed to Mariner's Falls, along the Divide again, with a magnificent view of Apollo Bay and the coast. We filed slowly past a field of potatoes, then gorged on blackberries, and dropped down to inspect the Cable Station, complete with cups of tea. We camped near the beach at the mouth of the Wild Dog Creek, surfed next morning and walked into Apollo Bay. Free maps there and free ice-creams at Lorne accompanied the bus trip home."

FRED SOUTTER - (Langi Ghiran, Ben Nevis, etc.) Labour Day Weekend. "The twelve members of our party enjoyed perfect weather. The local water shortage forced a change of route. After a stiff climb from the Buangor Railway Station to Langi Ghiran, we descended to camp beside a dry creek, and drank puddle water tea. (The Bushwalker constitution stands up to anything !) Next day we climbed to a reservoir, then followed the pipe-line, and revelled in a shower where the pipe was burst. We then entered the forest near Mt. Cole, and camped at a Forestry Hut, beside a good creek. Next day we road-bashed back to the Buangor station."

JOHN PALMER - (Tarra Warra - Healesville) Labour Day. "Our party of 14 left Tarra Warra station and after walking against a North wind along a dusty road, we arrived at the aqueduct to find barbed wire entanglements and a notice 'Trespassers Prosecutes'. So we moved on over the hill and had lunch, after which we proceeded to Healesville, every one very dry and anxious to reach the nearest milk-bar or pub. We arrived at Healesville at 3.30 pm, only to find the next train left at 7 pm. Were we happy ! Finally arrived in Melbourne at 9.30 pm."

TESS MADDISON - (Clontis, Tomales Cr., etc) March 16th. 13 present. "We had a great party, wonderful weather, a most attractive walk, which all added up to a most enjoyable trip. Felix was a great help. We had a bit of scrub-bashing, but everyone was in a good mood for it. We feasted on blackberries along the way. By the way, ask about how a certain party made the tea - with all the leaves floating on top ! " We haven't caught up on Mario Juszczyk yet to see how his weekend party fared.

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