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WALK. ISSUE NO.5.

Another milestone in the cycle of the Club's year has been reached as the latest number of 'Walk' comes to us hot from the press. It is reported from official quarters that this issue is at least up to the standard of its predecessors which have taken their place on the bookshelves of Victorian walkers. A great deal of hard work has been put by the Magazine Committee into the production of this publication. Some of you have already helped with articles and pictures but it is up to every one of us to turn salesman on its behalf. If each member sold just 4 or 5 copies straight away we should have a good chance of making this number a success in a financial as well as an ambulatory sense. So polish up your powers of persuasion and save the Sales Manager from resort to aspirins.

SEARCH AND RESCUE.

Another First Aid course for men in the Search and Rescue Organisation is planned from February 16th. to March 23rd. 1954. This is the St. John's Course with emphasis on bush first aid. The cost will be about 15/-.

A course for women has also been suggested but it is not expected that this will materialize unless a sufficient number of people show a definite interest. If you would be keen to take part in such a course please inform Bill or Helen Horton without delay so that they can go to work on your behalf.

BEACH BARBECUE AT THE BATHING BOX.

What about a friendly evening round the camp-fire on Sunday the 20th. at Karl Bing's (sheepless) barbecue? Just come along bringing your own refreshments and your billy. If you can render an item either premeditated or on the spur of the moment, so much the better, but do not let bashfulness deter you.

For those who have 'mislaid' their November 'News': Take the train to Sandringham, follow Beach Road towards Full Moon Bay to Southy Street (about 8 minutes walk), then walk down the steps to the beach. The box bears the number 799, and is marked 'M.B.W.'

FIRST AID ON TRIPS.

Leaders are reminded that they are required to carry an approved first-aid kit on every walk they lead, even a day walk. Two such kits are owned by the Club and can always be borrowed by leaders or others.

SOCIAL NEWS.

The Christmas Dance.

We must congratulate Ruth Hart, our new Social Secretary, and her committee on the success of the Christmas Dance. It certainly was a most enjoyable occasion. We were pleased that a number of old members were able to be with us once again. Everything went with a swing in a very friendly atmosphere. The Hall had been handsomely 'face-lifted' for the occasion with streamers and foliage. The band bestirred itself, urged on by the relentless (if slightly apologetic) MC., and novelty was provided very effectively by the sparkler session in an eerie(?) dimness. Thank-you Ruth and helpers for all your hard work.

Mr. Wannan's Lecture.

Bush walkers turned up at the Club-room on November 27th, in quite pleasing force to hear Mr. Wannan speak on Australian Folk-lore. The fact that after an hour and forty minutes his audience still asked for more speaks for itself. He traced the history of 'folk-lore' (rather a debatable term) from the days of the early settlers and the gold rush days up to more recent times. His plentiful supply of tales and anecdotes has been collected from many remote nooks and crannies. Our one regret was that we had no singer for his songs. Frank Pitt mentioned that a number of Bushwalkers were very interested in collecting songs and fables of the bush, and Mr. Wannan promised to help in any way possible.

SOCIAL NOTES.

We are sorry to lose Peter Becker from our midst, but wish him every happiness and good walking with the S.E.C. at Kiewa.

Our good wishes also go to Pat Patterson and Roma Bee, both of whom have become engaged in recent weeks.

Just in passing we were scandalized to observe (at the Dance) the highly questionable activities of a certain recently married lady member (her husband being conveniently distant at the time.)

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS. (Special rate to members)

WANTED URGENTLY: ONE WOMBAT IN ANY CONDATION WITH A VIEW TO ITS SKELETON. Offers, stating terms etc to Felix Harding at Club.

(Editor's note: The body seen on Norm's Christmas trip 1951, between Miller's Hut and Coble End has been mentioned to the advertiser, but he would prefer something more accessible.)

MALE MEMBER is very disturbed at the inadequate number of GIRLS on Mary's trip to Wilson's Prom, and would welcome suggestions as to how a satisfactory balance (i.e. 4 to 1 in his favour) can be re-established.

PHONE NUMBERS.

Would members please note that Alice Spierer's correct number is LA 2918.

Those who unsuccessfully ring Mary Nash at her three year old number would do well to try M1637 instead.

WALKS REPORTS.

Personal questionnaire to leaders of recent (and not so recent) trips:-

1. Have you made out your Walks Report?
2. Have you handed it to Lorraine Richey ?

You have not really brought your party safely home until this is done as some are unable to become members without your co-operation.

NEW MEMBERS.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Club:-

- BRIAN HYAMS, 152, Broadway, Reservoir. (b)MF 0311 ext.424.
CHRISTOPHER RODAKIS, 42, Alamein Av, Ashburton. (b)MFO311 Ext287
UNA JEAN BARRY, St. Anne's Hall, Rathdown St., Carlton. FJ1129.
(b) MU 9901 ext. 207.
COLIN PRISSICK, 354 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn.
JOHN GUERIN, 16, Fawkner St., St. Kilda, SE2. LA 8108.
(b)fu0211 ext.586.
MARGOT SENFTLEBEN, 32, Hawthorn Glen, Hawthorn. WA 2526.

COMING EVENTS.

- 10Jan. -Sassafrass-Lyre Bird Gully-Mt. Evelyn. FTG-Lilydale Hikers ticket. 8.55am. Ldr. Neil McDonald, FM.2632.
17Jan. -Frankston-Canadian Bay (Swimming). Frankston Ret. 8.55am. Ldr. Val Adams FU 1576.
24Jan.-- -Moe-Yallourn Area. Moe 2nd. Return. 9.05. Peter Salmon.
30Jan-1Feb. Phillip Island.
Arrangements are being made for transport by boat to the camp site at Cape Woolamai. Depending on what will be the faster (or cheaper) means of transport we may be going either by way of Stoney Point and Cowes or via Anderson and San Remo. As soon as possible final plans will be made public.
To facilitate booking for the boat transport it would be a great help if those intending to go inform Horst Eisfelder (LA 4632 6-7pm.) as soon as possible.
30Jan-Feb1. -Kennet River-Henwerrin Track-Mt. Sabine-Appollo Bay. See Notice Board or ring leader, Ron Abbott. (MW 1826 bus.)
31Jan.- -Packenham-Toomuc Valley-Emerald. Packenham-Emerald Hikers Ticket. 9.05. am. Leader, Bob Bittner. U.3129.

WATCH THAT CAMPFIRE! Light only small fires, see that they are completely out before you leave them: if there is no water near at hand cover them with earth. Do not light your fire close to or beside a log or stump.

