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- - THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS - -

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CONTACTS.

A "Permanent" list of Contacts has been drawn up, this list consists of--

- 1. Norm Richards. W X 5450.
- 2. Frank Pitt. W X 6554.
- 3. Jock Low. F U 7497.

On the return from their walk, leaders should get in touch with No.1 contact first, failing that No.2 contact, or if both are unavailable, No.3.

Before leaving on a walk members should leave this list with relatives, friends or anyone who would be worried or anxious if their return should be late or delayed in any way. They could then ring the contact for advice as to the possible whereabouts of the party, and possibly this would prevent much unnecessary anxiety.

FEDERATION TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND. 1st - 2nd May.

The long range policy of clearing an extensive through track is being maintained.

The track to be cleared this year is between Acheron Gap and the track to Cement Creek which was cleared last year. Also, another track, Cement Creek to the aqueduct near Warburton, is being finished.

MEN!! We need at least twenty willing workers to assist in this work--- will you come ? You don't even have to cook your own meal the fair-sex take care of that, excellently too, judging by previous track-clearing reports.

The vans leave at 8.30 am on the 1st May, and the deposit of 10/- will be required for your fare. You're interested ?? Good!! See Alf Cole for further details regarding this weekend. Remember, it will be to the benefit of all bush walkers if you lend a helping hand.

LIBRARY

"THE TASMANIAN TRAMP"

The 1954 edition of "The Tasmanian Tramp" (No.11) the magazine of the Hobart Walking Club has just been received by the Librarian. This is an excellent publication selling at 2/6 a copy, containing well written and beautifully illustrated articles on history and scenery in Tasmanian Walking areas. It has always been the policy and pleasure of all walking clubs to assist each other, and walking in general, by supporting each other's magazines, so it is hoped that the 20 copies of the "Tramp" will soon be sold. See Frank Pitt, our librarian, or ring him at WX 6554.

LIBRARY cont.

Last month it was reported that Frank Pitt had taken over the Club library and was going to work on a new system from the date of this News.

It is envisaged that the Librarian should become the custodian of the Club's records and literature, and should assist member's research and reading by filing and cataloguing all material systematically.

It is possible and may be considered desirable that such records as Walks Programs, Walks Reports, Track Notes and Maps should, by collaboration with the Walks Secretary and his subcommittee, be brought into custody and management of the librarian to the benefit of club members. It is also possible that members may have much useful material which is now scattered in private homes because of the unsatisfactory storage for the club's present library, and which could be made available to members if stored and catalogued.

At present the Club has numerous copies of "Walkabout" (to which we still subscribe) many copies of "Wild Life", (now ceased publication) "National Geographic", "Outdoors and Fishing" "Geographical Magazine" etc., such books as "Green Mountains" and "Isle of Mountains", interstate walking club publications such as "The Tasmanian Tramp" and "Skyline". We are continually receiving news-sheets, programs and magazines from other clubs and organisations.

A couple of copies of current magazines received by the club will be kept in the Clubroom, with interstate and local walking club programs and the "News", and articles and information useful to walkers will be catalogued, indexed and stored by the Librarian. Members wishing to obtain information or read books should either apply to the librarian in the Clubroom or ring him at WX 6554 and the material requested will be brought into the Clubroom on the following Friday. Other arrangements could be made by agreement.

Reviews of current books of interest to members, notes on new maps, and similar information will be published in the News. Members are invited to contribute articles and information and to make suggestions on both the management of the library and the material to be included in it.

An assistant to the Librarian will be appointed--- some-one who is fairly consistently in the Clubroom on Fridays, in case the Librarian is not there-- and requests may be made to the assistant.

WILD FLOWERS of VICTORIA.

The lecture and slide show, arranged by the Plant Preservation Society in the Church of England Girls Grammar School, on the 24th March, and delivered by Mr Willis of the Botanical Gardens Herbarium was an outstanding success. The slides which had been selected from many collections, were really magnificent and featured Baron Von Sellow's 1500 mile botanical trip through Victoria in 1860; while Mr Willis's accompanying talk was in itself interesting and informative.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Our Social Subcommittee tells us that the lecture on the 1st Friday in May, will be a very interesting one.--Not that they are or otherwise. Miss I. Watson of the Bird Observers Society has kindly consented to lecture, and show Kodachrome slides on "Central Australian Birds". She will also bring along and exhibit many interesting stuffed birds. This is something out of the ordinary, do come, but be early-- won't you?

It is the proposal of the Social Subcommittee to obtain a block of seats for the ballet "Pineapple Poll", soon to come to the Theatre "Her Majesty's". Keep this in mind for the future.

NEW MEMBERS.

This month we welcome four new members-- all members of the fairer sex, too-- and hope they enjoy their association with the Club. Here are their names:-

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Don't forget to add their names and addresses to your Address List.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.

April 25th. Mt. Dom Dom---Narbethong. Lloyd Reynolds.
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May 1st and 2nd. Federation Tract. Clearing.

May 1st and 2nd. Glenburn- Mt. Robertson- Flowerdale.
Leslie Kurth. M B 033 ext.

May 2nd. Mt. Evelyn- Mt. Dandenong- Croydon.
(Fikers Ticket. Mt Evelyn- Croydon.) 9.15 am train.
Alf Sternberg.

May 9th. Boronia- Burke's Lookout- Mooroolbark.
(Fikers Ticket. Boronia- Mooroolbark.) 8.55 am train.

May 12th. Federation Annual General Meeting.

May 15th and 16th. St. Andrews Nth.- Bald Spur- Jehosophat Valley
Yarra Glen. 8.00 am Brian Hyams. M F 0311 ext.

ATTENTION MEMBERS !

There is an excellent, second-hand, Paddy Pallin two man te for sale. Would anyone interested see Mary Nash please.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH.

"Pancakes a la Wilsons Prom"

1. Mix plain flour and a pinch of salt with some milk to make a thin batter. (If it can be spared, add an egg, though these pancakes are quite palatable without.)
2. As a savoury.
Left over cooked dehydrateds. can be added before cooking.
As a sweet.
Add a little sugar.
3. Cook spoonfuls in very hot, shallow, fat. Serve them hot---
As a savoury.
With butter and cheese, or--
As a sweet.
With honey or jam.

Have you a recipe you think is just "delish"? What about passing it on so we can all enjoy it? Tell Margaret or Horst the secrets detailed and it will be added to our growing list of "favourites".

"Lemon and Lime" crystals which can be bought at the Nanyura, make refreshing, delightful drink when added to your mug of "doubtful" creek or river water, and they also purify it at the same time!

PERSONAL NOTES.

Congratulations to Helen and Bill Horton on the birth of their daughter, Naarilla Anne, on the 25th March.

Best Wishes to Helen Newman and Peter Curtis who are marrying this month.

Why, we ask, was one supposedly sound asleep female member calling it "Stop it!!" from her tent one Saturday night recently? She says she talks in her sleep!!

Who sat on a lighted candle and burnt a large hole in his shorts (luckily not in a vital area) one night not long ago? He did say afterwards that he thought he felt a bit hot!

Congratulations to Gwen and Fred Souter who now have a daughter, the Elizabeth, born about Christmas time last year.

Young Tony Coutts was busy on an exploration trip of Room 110 one day night recently. Has the bushwalking training commenced already? Judging by the circles travelled though, we think Tony was way off his compass bearing.

Unfortunately we won't be seeing much of Stephan and Maureen Baker for a while as they are going to Mount Isa to live.

Our "Church Secretary" member, who, by the way, is the "Ski Club Secretary" also, writes that he now has a house four miles from Omeo, right on the Livingston Creek. Ken extends a cordial invitation to any club member up that way to call in, or holiday a while. Don't forget your sleeping-bag though! The name of the house is "Ooyooobah", an original name meaning approx. "what a nuisance". The house has a fireplace and,---- a ghost!!

IN THE TRACK.

Charman Falls- Mt. Wombat- Seven Cks. Gorge.
March 6-7-8th. Heinz Wolff.

Twenty miles in a long week-end! Not even Heinz could make it more. "That must have been a week-end of struggle and great endeavour in a bush-basher's land of delight", you may say --- but you would be wrong. This was a pleasant three days spent in the peaceful, rolling country of the Strathbokies, near Euroa. It was a very happy party, a satisfying blend of old faces and new. Add to this the perfect weather of the early days of a typical Australian autumn, and the stage is set. We were very interested in the character of the country

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-- through which we passed--- the creeks tending to dance their way to the plains through picturesque gorges, and the hillsides made up of huge masses of bare, solid stones mixed with the trees on their slopes. From the tops of the ridges we could see houses here and there, but as a whole the region is only lightly touched by "civilisation" in spite of the fact that it is so near the Hume Highway.

A morning ride along the highway, lunch below a water-fall, a stroll to Mt. Wombat, and camp in timber near a creek--- this was Saturday's programme. By this time the leader had decided that the atmosphere of the party was far too harmonious and that unless a safety valve was rapidly provided, he himself would be in danger of abuse from the thwarted hoards. His action was prompt. Sunday morning he led us back up to the top of Mt. Wombat so that we could tear out each others' hair on the subject of the identification of distant mountain peaks !!

The walk on Sunday afternoon was over the ridge, passing trees of a great many varieties. We noticed especially one very handsome specimen with an unprintable name (please consult Geoff. Christensen privately) smelling strongly of honey. This brought us to one of the main features of the trip-- a swim in the dammed up creek, at one of the favourite picnic spots for Euroa's inhabitants. A mile down Seven Creek was one camp site with all mod-cons close at hand. In fact this was a model for all camp sites, with its swiftly flowing water supply, plenty of wood at hand and the open-ness which enabled us to appreciate the clear starlight night.

The walk on the Monday was all too short, we continued down Seven Creek and very soon we came to the gorge which some of the hardie spirits negotiated at water level, but which was circumambulated (?) by the common herd. The rocks further down possessed some of the more exciting characteristics of a skating rink with quite entertaining results (for those behind). In contrast to the dry country on either side, our route looked very fresh and green, with the rapids and one quite large waterfall giving life to the scene. Two and a half hours for lunch gave time for even the most elaborate meal to be digested in comfort. Great enthusiasm was shown for the water from the outside, but those who ventured in did not linger long--- appearances can be most deceptive.

And so on to our rendez-vous with the van to bring us back to the city. A lazy week-end you may say. Well, why not for a change?

Silvan- Olinda- Croydon.

March 14th. Des. Tubridy.

Through a perfect "hills" morning, the party proceeded from Olinda via the "Stone Church" to the Olinda Falls. Here some of the party had the misfortune (or fortune?) to become detached from the main group not rejoining it until some time later. However, all, one way or another proceeded to the Silvan Dam where some singers were giving an open air concert (Music for the People?) for the enjoyment of themselves and everyone else. Their voices were good, too.

After lunch the walk paralleled the viaduct to Mt. Evelyn where the bus was caught to Croydon-- train, and home.

Terra Valley

March 21st-22nd. Leslie Kurth.

Because of the distance involved, almost 300 miles for the return trip, private transport was used for this outing to Bulga Park and Terra Valley. Sixteen members travelled in four cars, and marvelled at the scenic splendours of this rarely visited area. Quite a bit of walking was enjoyed by most of the party-- an amble through the tree-lined valleys was followed by a rough scrub bash on the Saturday, and the climbing of the open, but steep hills on the Sunday provided us with excellent views. Saturday night was spent in a rather civilized setting a very lovely public camping area. After the roaring campfire had burnt itself down, a three mile moonlight walk with vocal accompaniment was ended by the majority.

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Yering Gorge

March 21st. Bill Horton.

Twenty-one participated. We did some road-bashing until the aqueduct was reached. At the gate, the ranger and his dog, both very friendly types, met the party and while the dog was busy licking -- or trying to -- everyone's legs, the ranger gave a detailed description of a ideal lunch-spot. But, for some reason or other (probably too much talking) we missed the turn off and ended up on a stony stretch along the Yarra, after a steep descent. There, one member distinguished himself by dragging half a tree along to his fire spot (the bigger the fool, the bigger the fire) and, in doing so, managed to upset everyone else's billies! Another, was so disgusted with one of his boots which showed a surplus of nails in the most unsuitable places, threw it into the Yarra where it gaily floated off towards Princes Bridge! It was, however, retrieved before reaching that distant destination. After lunch, we had the usual climb, then walked along the aqueduct again, then through the Gorge, along the Board of Works Road, and finally over paddocks to Lilydale where we caught the train home.

Federation Weekend

March 27th-28th.

Twelve Bushwalkers participated in this annual "get-together" weekend of walking clubs. The campsite, on the Britannia Creek, was an ideal one. As previous years, the campfire on Saturday night was of the roaring variety and everyone was kept warm (in front anyway) while enjoying the club items. A fine brew of coffee, accompanied by biscuits (a choice, too) was enjoyed for supper. The Sunday afternoon walk was very pleasant, a stop being made at the Olive Sendell Memorial Hut owned by the Womens Club, on the way to Mt. Myrtilla where, unfortunately the view was obscured by the tall timber growing on the summit. After a look at the Britannia Creek Falls the walk finished at Wesburn, where the train was caught back to the city.

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