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"WALK"-

No.6, 1955, is now available.

All members are urged to sell at least a couple of magazines. Sales by members, of No.5 magazine, were only about 245 - when you find some members take 10 or 12 copies and many take 5 or 6, it looks though some of our 130 members are not even taking one for themselves!

It is not difficult to sell this magazine -- you will find the general public is quite interested. Buy one for yourself and a couple to in hand when the opportunity arises to talk about "walk".

CONTACT FRANK PITT NOW!!

GIVE "WALK" FOR CHRISTMAS!!

SEARCH & RESCUE.

We are informed that Search and Rescue activities in Tasmania have been organized on a reasonable basis.

The Hobart Walking Club accepting responsibility in the area south of the Lyell Highway, and the Launceston Walking Club, the north.

LIBRARY.

The most important item this month, is, of course, our magazine "walk". Frank is trying to break all sales records with this issue - what about helping him in that ambition? Give copies to your friends for Xmas, and sell them to your friends, to give for Xmas!!

Frank advises that he also has booklets of views of unusual areas in Tasmania. These sell at 2/- per copy, of which 6d. goes into Club funds. Ask Frank to show you some.

Don't forget that our Library is well stocked with books, magazines, and maps, of interest to Bushwalkers and Nature-lovers alike. See our librarian, Frank Pitt about borrowing some.

XMAS WALKS.

There will be three parties setting forth into the back-blocks for extended trips this Xmas. Jock's walk had to be cancelled through lack of support. Heinz is leading a four day walk, Fry's - Eagle Peak, and has five starters. A large party of members are going along with Alf, to Bindie- Mt.Kosciusko- Khenoban, on a walk of approx, 14 days duration. Bill's walk, Mt.Buller-Cross Cut Saw- Licola, will take 10 days, and should prove very interesting to the party going.

For Those Partaking of These Walks:-

1. Don't forget your snake-bite outfit. wear it around your neck on a bootlace, and it will always be ready.
 2. Keep your fires small and compact.
 3. Have you an extra supply of matches in a watertight container?
 4. Don't forget to take Salt, you should eat more on extended trips, than perhaps you usually would. You lose a considerable amount of salt in perspiration, and it is very necessary to replace it.
 5. If you are taking fresh eggs, an ideal place to carry them is in the centre of your bag of flour or oatmeal. Failing this, wrap each one in greaseproof paper, then newspaper, and pack them in your billy. Should one happen to break, the greaseproof paper should keep it intact until time for cooking.
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XMAS CONTACT.

Before you leave on your Xmas trip, advise relatives, or anyone who may be anxious if your return happens to be delayed in any way, that the Club Contact will be Contact No.2., - Frank Pitt.

THE GORDON NIELSON APPEAL.

Two letters, one from Mrs. Nielson, and the other from Gordon himself have been received, and are on the notice board, expressing their thanks for the £5. 5. -d., which was sent to them from the Clubs' funds.

Members have contributed £26., and it is intended that a Xmas hamper will be packed and sent to Gordon and his family, together with the balance of the contributions.

Many thanks are due to the Club Members for supporting this worthy appeal in such a magnificent way - it is truly appreciated.

VAN TRIPS.

A reminder :-

If you pay your van fare before a fortnight prior to the intended trip, you will be entitled to a 2/- concession!!! Think of that!!

AUTUMN WALKS PROGRAMME,

is now ready for distribution. See Horst, Jock, or Alf, for your copy. This programme includes the Annual Federation Weekend, the Easter extended trips, and the Annual Track Clearing Weekend. Obtain your programme, now!!!

As many of walks now use country trains for transport, remember that these trains return fairly late, and it is advisable to carry food for tea as well as for lunch, on all such trips.

NEW MEMBER.

We welcome Joan Foster-King to our Club this month, and hope she has many happy days with us.

Joan's address is :-

Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Mount Eliza, Frankston
Phone. (P. & B) Mt. Eliza. 555.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER.

EDWARDS. Margaret. (B) E.F. 6211.

MEETING NIGHTS.

There will be no Club Meetings on the evenings of December 24th, and December 31st, - Xmas Eve and New Years Eve (as if you didn't know!)

PERSONAL NOTES.

CONGRATULATIONS to Audrey and Peter Becker, who now have a daughter, Olwyn, born on December 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS & Best Wishes, are extended to Peter Salmon, who recently announced his engagement to Norma Linke. We were pleased to see Peter and Norma in Club last Friday.

SOCIAL NOTES.Xmas Dance:-

This was voted a "Champion Night". Seems that everyone who attended had a wonderful time. The excellent band kept everything going with a wing, there were plenty of prizes, and the Novelty Dances proved to be lots of fun for everyone, except perhaps in one instance when several members had to take turns dancing gracefully with a mop! (they didn't think it very funny, though everyone else did!). A lot of wind was lost in balloon blowing, and many members found it difficult to roll lemons across the floor in the Monte Carlo.

To add to the really Xmassey feeling, there was a brightly decorated Xmas Tree. A scrumptious supper, supplied by several cooks in the Club, was appreciated by all. The evening was over before anybody was ready for it to end, and now we are all looking forward for a repeat performance. P.S. A special vote of thanks to the capable M.C.

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 16th. Frankston - Canadian Bay.

Faye Galletly. U.L. 8011.

This is a very enjoyable walk, with plenty of swimming if desired. You will need to buy a and Return ticket to Frankston and catch the 8.53am train.

Jan. 23rd. Lerderderg Gorge.

Bob Bittner. U.Y. 3129.

As the leader wishes to organize car transport, would all intending to go on this walk contact the leader as soon as possible. Approx. 6 miles of walking will be done, and there will be swimming aplenty in the Lerderderg River.

Jan. 29th-30th. Mildon - Big River - Howqua.

Gerda Schwerin. W.A. 6965.

This will be a most enjoyable walk of approx. 23 miles. There will be swimming. The bus leaves Friday night, the 28th, at 6.30pm. Contact leader if intending to participate.

ON THE TRACK.

Clematis - Mt. Majestic - Cockatoo.

November 21st.

The accent was definately more on quality than quantity. Probably due to the unprimising weather on Saturday, only three bodies turned up at Flinders St. Station. At Ferntree Gully a fourth member appeared with his car, and drove the party at breakneck speed (15 miles per hour) to Clematis, overtaking quite a few stationary cars on his way.

After following the railway line to Emerald, we walked along the old Emerald Road, to the creek. The leader maintained that there should be a waterfall somewhere, but lunch was more important. Afterwards we veered north-east till we arrived at the Paternoster Road. This road steadfastly refused to follow certain outlines set out on the map. There were some minor elevations, but certainly nothing deserving the impressive title of Mt. Majestic. There were quite a number of turn-offs, but all in the wrong places. No wonder we ended up much further to the south than intended and had to walk an extra three miles to Cockatoo. There was "Swimming" on the programme, but the leader refused to comply with this programme point saying all he wanted was an extra pullover.

Due to the lack of other transport we had to entrust ourselves again to the care of the same reckless driver, who, after pushing all other cars from the road - arrived back in Melbourne at half past six.

Altogether a pleasant walk in a little known area.

ON THE TRACK, cont.,

Spencer's Mill - Black Snake Valley - Tomahawk Valley- Egg Rock.
November 13-14th.

In fine warmweather, seven bushwalkers travelled by private transport to Gembrook, thence to Spencers' Mill; where the cars were left and the party climbed through the bush to the top of the Black Snake Ridge.

An old road was followed for a short distance, then a bash through thick scrub into the valley, where lunch was partaken at a small creek.

Back Creek road was followed for a short distance to White's Corner then along the Beenak Road, for a couple of miles. By this time the day was hot, and after scrub bashing away from the road at a couple of points, a welcome rest was taken on a hill overlooking Black Snake Valley. Thence to the camping spot on Tomahawk Creek, near Estcourt.

After promise of a good camp site, it was disconcerting to find the "thick mossy carpet" liberally covered with several inches of large wood chips. 'Anyway the water was good', and cooking was soon under way. A visit by "Rastus" a local foxhound, who seemed intent on sharing the contents of Alf's rucksack (it must have been the sausage) , a nocturnal visit by a prowling possum, and an early morning concert by several lyre birds were featured in this camp site.

As if in vengeance for certain humorous remarks by the "Old Member" the leader sent the party through thick scrub, then informed them the road was only a few yards away to the left. At several points, good views were obtained of the Bunyip, Black Snake and Tomahawk Valleys. After leisurely lunch at Egg Rock, the road was rejoined and followed back to Spencer's, arriving there at a relatively early hour for the start back to the city.

The party was fortunate to enjoy good weather for the whole of the trip through this interesting area.

Map Reading Weekend.

27th-28th November.

In spite of earbashing by the prospective leader for some weeks, the party turned out to consist of 4¹/₂ people. It is re-assuring to the leaders of Xmas trips to know that the other 129 members know their map reading! However, the party thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. The weather Saturday was fine and warm with pleasant views, pleasant walking and pleasant rests. Camp was ideal- a mild clear night. Sunday was very hot and windy, but the second-in-command talked the leader into frequent rests and altogether we considered that we were better off than the people sweltering in the city. If only the van had arrived on time !!!

Those who would have LOVED to come on a map-reading weekend, but unfortun tely missed it please note : this type of thing will definitely be repeated !!

Mt. Riddell - Badgers Creek.

23rd November.

After leaving a little late, on what we discovered was the hottest day of the season, we picked up some odd hikers en route, especially one Box Hill we thought a little overpowering, but on continuing on our way came to the conclusion that it was the gas works! Alighting approx. four miles along the Don Road, from Healseville, the twentyfive walkers followed the Coranderrk Aqueduct along at a lazy pace to Coranderrk Weir. Doubling back along Badgers Creek a short way, we picked up Slip Creek entering on our right, the party followed this up, very few arriving at the top with dry socks. After lunch, which was a little disorganized owing to the separating of the party, the once more full contingent walked along the ridge to Mt. Riddell, where a somewhat restricted view was had. From Mt. Riddell we followed the track down to the pipe line, followed this to the Grace Erien Weir, then a march along the aqueduct onto the Maroondah Highway where we met the van.

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