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- THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS -

Address:- Room 110, 3rd Floor, Victorian Railways Institute,
Flinders Street, Melbourne.

FOUND! in the clubroom,
copy of Chaucers' "Canterbury Tales", will the owner contact Graeme McKinney
at it's return please.

NEW MEMBERS.

This month we welcome two new members and hope they spend many
happy days with us - put their names on your address list now, they are :-

FITCH - Yvonne, 7a, Hearle Avenue, Mordialloc.

Phone (B) M U 3809.

BROWNLIE - John Robert, 20 Brentani Avenue, Elsternwick.

Phone (P) L F 9692. (B) Cen. 7220.

RANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS.

ADDRESS/	..	EDWARDS	Margaret.
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		SOUTTER	Fred.
		C/- P.O.Box 68,	Cloncurry. Queensland.
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PHONE/	..	GUERIN	John.
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SOCIAL NOTES

The lecture and slide show, "Central Australian Birds", by Miss
Watson was well attended. It was good to see that the majority were early and
in their seats before the lecture was due to commence.

The excellent slides accompanied by Miss Watsons' interesting
talk were very enjoyable and most informative. Everyone was sorry when it
came to an end.

Pineapple Poll.

The theatre night on the 26th May to the Ballet "Pineapple Poll"
was attended by forty walkers and friends. It was a very enjoyable "night-out".

"Dear Charles"

Mary Nash now has tickets for a theatre night to the excellent
comedy show "Dear Charles" for sale. July 13th is the date and the Comedy
Theatre the location.

NOTES TO REMEMBER

June 27th.

Pakenham - Beaconsfield Reservoir - Borwick.

Val Adams. Phone. F U 1576.

Buy a 2nd Return ticket to Pakenham and catch the 9.5am train
and come on this pleasant walk- distance approx. 10 miles.

July 4th

Clarkfield - Aboriginal Burial Ground - Sunbury.

Margaret Low. Phone F U 7497

This is a most interesting area. Visit the aboriginal burial
ground and the oldest house in Victoria all in the one trip. This is a van
trip, book now, and pay your deposit, don't miss out !!

July 10th & 11th

Whittlesea - Running Creek - Strathewan - Hurstbridge.

John Guerin. Phone L A 8108.

The train for this walk leaves at 9.5am from Princes Bridge
station. Buy a Hikers ticket - Whittlesea./Hurstbridge - the distance for
the two days will be approx. 18 miles.

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July 13th.

Theatre Night - "Dear Charles". Comedy Theatre.

July 11th.

Glen Waverley - Lysterfield Hills - Ferntree Gully.

Judy Shepherd. Phone W L 2089.

This walk of 13 miles is through some of the very pleasant walking country close to Melbourne. Come and enjoy it.

July 18th.

Yarra-Glen - Watson's Creek - St. Andrews.

Bill Horton. Phone M X Y 130 ext. 6062.

The train for this walk leaves at 8.15am, early, but don't let that deter you. Buy a Hikers Ticket to Yarra Glen./Hurstbridge and come along.

COMING ! COMING !

August 6th.

The Federation of Bushwalkers Annual Ball. Tudor Court. Keep this night free.

PERSONAL NOTES

The Great Australian Silence has been broken! On Queens Birthday, Norm. Richards heard Marie Gillespie's voice on the wire from Alice Springs. Marie says she is doing well, and asks to be remembered to all the Bushwalkers, -- and, anticipates returning in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Cook and Graeme Rae who announced the engagement recently.

We were pleased to see Gwen (Bobby) Soutter in club a couple of Fridays ago. Bobby and daughter Jane intend to join Fred in Cloncurry next month.

Ken Grant writes that there is a sad shortage of pretty nurses at the Omeo Hospital and reinforcements would be welcomed. What about it girls ?

CONGRATULATIONS to Jock Low and Graeme McKinney who recently gained their 1st Aid Certificates as result of a course organized by the Federation of Bushwalkers, with the St. Johns Ambulance Society.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

How is the appetite ? Feel you would like to try a really tasty, high nutriment value, breakfast on your next week-ender ? Then, try this one (quantity enough for two) --

THE PITT A. M. SPECIAL.

1. Cut up some fat bacon into pieces, place in frying pan and commence to fry.
2. Take a mug-full of Haricot Beans, which had been left to soak overnight in your billy, and add to the bacon.
3. Fry until browned, approx. 10 - 15 minutes.

This is a really appetising breakfast and is equally nice if Lima Beans are used in place of Haricot Beans. Don't forget to soak the beans in water, overnight though. Tell us how you like it.

Caution !! Beware of aluminium mugs - they can cause badly burned lips when filled with hot liquids. The best plan is to put a piece of adhesive tape round the drinking edge, this will prevent the burns, and can be replaced when needed.

XMAS WALKS/-

Did you see the form at the end of last month's News ? Your suggestions for Xmas walks or any walk at all are still wanted. At any rate, let the Walks Secretary know of your intentions regarding this year's Xmas.

N THE TRACK.

APRIL 25th.

Mt. Dom Dom - Narbethong.

Lloyd Reynolds.

Many of us were prepared for a fairly tough walk, and certainly it began tough enough. Whoever blazed the track up Mt. Dom Dom obviously had never heard of a zig-zag, for it simply went straight up! At the top we were all very pleased to enjoy a well earned rest and to admire the view of Haroondah Dam and the surrounding countryside from the ladder leading to the firewatchers tower. The descent on the other side was, if anything, steeper than the track up, but required less energy, as gravity did quite a lot of the work for us. Unfortunately, though, the ascent had proved too tough for two members of the party who returned the way they had come and were not seen again until the van was reached for the return trip. However, they were the losers as once we had reached the bottom of the mountain we stayed on more or less level ground and walked through pleasant open scrub and mixed forest partly along rarely used roads and partly through the bush. We stopped for a while beside a stream soon after reaching the bottom of the mountain. During the afternoon we had to cross another creek, and one of the party with an uncontrollable desire for leaches stood on the far bank and collected the wriggles off us as we filed past.

On the trip back to town in the van, some of the party took advantage of the uninterrupted view from the tail board to admire the countryside while others seemed more occupied with finding - or was it losing? - a sandshoe. But no matter how the return trip was spent, we all agreed it was a most enjoyable walk.

MAY 15th - 16th

St. Andrews - Bald Spur - Jehosophat Valley - Yarra Glen.
Brien Hyams.

Leaving the train, and one of the party at Hurstbridge, the remaining three walkers took the bus to St. Andrews. The remaining member stayed behind to accompany a late comer (missed the train) until the main party was caught up with.

The walk to the Bald Spur and thence to the Kinglake National Park proved to be delightful. Mushrooms were gathered in a bull paddock - no bull! - and a superb view was enjoyed from the Bald Spur lookout.

The National Park proved an excellent camp spot, and it was here that the late two caught up with the party, after nearly missing them in the dark.

As is the usual (?) case, the party was late breaking camp the following morning and in setting off down the Jehosophat Valley. The less said about the track at this stage the better, one lady (?), as she waded down the creek was heard to describe it perfectly. After lunch the party attempted to reach Yarra Glen by following a ridge parallel with the road, but approaching darkness made it necessary to descend to the road and road-bash the remainder of the trip. Refreshments were obtained and then the train was caught back to the city.

APRIL 19th.

Whittlesea - Toorourrong Reservoir - Whittlesea.
Frank Pitt.

Easter Monday turned out to be a perfect day for the four people on this walk. By the time we reached Whittlesea the early mist had cleared and the first hill warmed us thoroughly. There was a fine panoramic view from this hill and from another North of Whittlesea on the way back. The leader hadn't decided where to go until in the train in the morning, but the route chosen turned out to be a particularly enjoyable one over paddocks (few fences of course) and along "lanes" and ridges. Lunch at the Reservoir was a two hour "recovery" from our morning's "exertions".

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MAY 16th.

Broadford - Mt. Piper

John Ball

The party of ten walkers left Broadford via the Sportsground where a couple of local lads were met carrying large containers of mushroom. From that point on, a sharp lookout was kept as the party progressed across pleasant country towards Mt. Piper.

After lunch, the climb was made, per usual, to the summit of Mt. Piper, from where a clear view was obtained, the visibility was excellent. After the descent, mushrooms showed up "en masse" and everyone did their best to gather as many as possible. After a casual stroll, the train back to the city was caught at 6.55pm.

MAY 23rd.

The You Yangs.

Horst Eisfelder.

A van load (to the brim) of thirty walkers left Batman Avenue on a sunny morning with the intention of getting a "look at" the You Yangs. Perhaps on the last opportunity that will be available.

The leader led the party a "walk" looking for a place to lunch -- with water. However, water was found, lunch enjoyed followed by a siesta in the sunshine. After lunch some heavy scrub-bashing and rock hopping was experienced before the summit of Flinders Peak was reached. This is the highest peak of the three You Yang peaks, and afforded us with a fine view of the surrounding countryside. Geelong was easily discernable in the distance.

After a "straight over the side" descent, and a walk through some very lovely park like countryside, a visit to the "big rock" was paid.

Thence a dawdle through the trees and along a tree lined road to the waiting van - happy, sunburnt, - a day well spent.

MAY 29th-30th

Trentham - Blackwood - Ballan.

Bill Kirkpatrick.

Spirits were high, the weather was fine,
As we all set off on May twenty-nine.
There was Eric and Peter - two brave men at heart,
And Brien who astounded us - first from the start.

Joan and Ruth - two fruits of a kind,
And Margaret and Faye - the stragglers behind.
Now that only makes seven - and I'm sure there were eight,
Of course - our leader - who never runs late.

The Diesel to Trentham was a comfortable ride
As our fears for the future we attempted to hide;
But we soon were to learn, the prospects were good,
For William had enlisted the whole neighbourhood!

The tracks were good, and the pace just right,
And before very long the end was in sight.
"To the spa, to the spa", shouted William in glee
(Alt. 3rd line :- "To the bar, to the bar", shouted Brien with glee)

As into Blackwood we bounded at three thirty-three.

We all were glad the weather kept fine
As we pitched our camp in a forest of pine,
All except the aforesaid very brave pair,
Who slept 'neath the stars - well, they say they were there!

One walker was glad there was a woman or two,
For to cook brussels sprouts he hadn't a clue.
But this feeling wasn't shared by another poor soul,
Who had half his vittals tipped into the coal.

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Three members of the party - and one a Kiwi,
Were anxious to know who the victor would be,
They wakened peaceful sleepers - but no, not to rob,
Merely to ask "Is it Evatt or Bob?"

And while the town they searched for the news,
(No one seemed to care who should win or lose)
The remaining three (one was in bed)
Drank Nescafe (The eighth?- something better instead).

Quite late that night, the laughter died down,
And eight bushwalkers had ceased to clown,
On beds of pine needles- they lay down to sleep,
As the night closed around them - in the forest so deep.

The leader next morning quite early was seen
Adorning the landscape (both rather green),
His purpose to all was quite evident,
On rousing the sleepers - 'twas sure he was bent.

Crackling twigs - then flames lept high,
A good breakfast for all - soon was nigh,
Tents were packed - a last drink of spa,
And we all set out for Ballan afar.

'Tween gum tees tall, and bushland beauty,
We were hustled on - ('twas the leaders duty)
To Fosters lookout, we climbed quite high
With one intent - "We'll do or die".

From there the walking was quite A.1.
(We even had time to have some fun)
The track provided many a view,
And native heath of glorious hue.

The last five miles into Ballan was spent,
Gathering mushrooms as we went.
The results of this would hardly pass,
But put us out of the road bashing class.

We reached Ballan in right good time,
(read on, 'tis nearly the end of this rhyme)
The weather first rate - the company good,
And as a perfect ending - we even had food.

TEST NEWS ! ! !

BEST WISHES and our heartiest congratulations to both Mary
sh and Irwin Gottlieb who announced their engagement this week.

FEDERATION DAY WALK :-

The Federation Day Walk will be on the 10th October this year
a long way off, we know, but keep it free won't you - time has a bad habit of
slipping around very quickly. The walk is being led by the Men's Club on
their 60th birthday as a club. Let's all come on this out of respect of the
Men's Club, and show them we are happy at their Diamond Jubilee. Don't forget
now --- the 10th October !!

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