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

October General Meeting.

Approx. 40 members attended the General Meeting last month. Once more, The Bathing Box, came to the fore, this time we were advised that the Bathing Box has been bought by Karl Bing and Brien Wilcher and the Club has the option of buying it from them, or continuing to rent it in the same manner as before. It was put to the Committee to finally decide the outcome.

Club members were urged to sell as many copies as possible of this years issue of our magazine "Walk", due off the press before Xmas, to friends and through Club channels. The Club benefits more by these sales, than those made by the various shops that stock "Walk".

The meeting finished early.

Library

The Annual Magazine of the Launceston Walking Club, "Skyline" is now on sale in the Clubroom at 2/6d., per copy.

This excellent magazine is of the usual high standard and covers a large variety of subjects. We hope that members will support this publication of a kindred club.

Buy one (or two!) from Frank Pitt, NOW!

Paddy Pallins' excellent publication "Bushwalking & Camping" is always available for sale from Frank - price 2/6 per copy.

XMAS CARDS. - These are available from Frank Pitt now. They are very nice, having a pen sketch of a typical bushwalking subject on the front, and the Club's Badge and Xmas Greeting on the inside.

Prices are :- 6d. each,-2/6d., per ½ doz.,-5/- per dozen.

New Members.

We have one new member to welcome this month, and we sincerely hope that she has many happy walking days with us. Note her name on your Address list now. It is :-

Ratcliffe. Kathleen. 30 Powell Street, South Yarra.
Phone- (P) Win.7056.

Walks Programme.

A few mor leaders are urgently needed for the next programme. Let's have your name and suggestion today! Ring Horst at LA 4632.

Change of Address and Phone Numbers.

SPIERER. Alice. 455 Malvern Road, Hawksburn.
(B) BJ 5200. (P) LA 2918.

BENNET. Win & Ian. Lot 9, Echuca Road, Greensborough.

FIRE DANGER.

Now that the hot weather is here (?), keep all fires as small and as neat as possible. Extinguish carefully when leaving the campsite.

KEEP VICTORIA GREEN AND GROWING

Van Cancellation.

Recently a van already booked, had to be cancelled because of lack of support. If you don't want this to happen again, put your names down on the list, early. It is the early names that decide whether the van will be worth while or not. As we have to committ ourselves to "Grownow's", your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Most Club members know, or will remember, "Gordon" Nielson, their friendly, and most helpful Grownow driver, on the biggest majority of our Van trips. Nothing was ever too much trouble to Gordon and repeatedly he went out of his way and suffered inconveniences, to be of assistance to the Club and its' members. Gordon drove for the Club trips for approx. 10 years.

It has recently been brought to our notice that Gordon has been very ill for the past three months, with Polio. Although he is, by now, on the pick-up, Gordon will never be able to drive again. As i that isn't enough, one of his children, also well known to many Club members, is down with Polio, and the other is seriously ill in hospita. with tonsolitis!

It has been decided that the Club will endeavour to aid this unfortunate family and a subscription list has been started. The Club has donated the sum of £5. 5. - from Club funds, thus setting the ball rolling. Many names are down on the list already. The proceeds shall be sent to Gordon and his family and we hope it may help them to have a brighter Xmas, than perhaps they would have had.

Is your name on the list? Collectors will come around each Friday night. If you are unable to come into Club, but wish to help Gordon, who has helped us, send your donation to Heinz Wolff, our Treasurer, at 3 Wilson Street, Glen Iris.

Social Notes.

XMAS ! XMAS ! XMAS !

Tickets are available for our Annual Xmas Dance , to be held on December 8th, in Jerram Hall, Spring Street, at 8PM, from Betna Dryden. Price is 7/6d.. each.

This is going to be the Event of The Year. Do come and make fun and enjoy fun ! Supper will be provided, there will be a Xmas Tree Novelty Dances, and lots more. See you there??

Last Friday in November :- Have you any questions &/or queries, no matter how big, or small, - on Bushwalking or Bushcraft? If so, come along on Friday the 27th November, and ask the advice of the "Panel of Experts". In doing so, you will help yourself and others, too.

Xmas Walks.

Heinz Wolff will be leading a four day walk, 26th December --28th December, and is looking for starters. The programme is not finally fixed, but the proposed trip will be :- Fry's, Bowoua River, Covenor, Eagles Peak. Will anyone interested, please contact Heinz ?

"Jock's Trip"- Lucia, Benalson Plains, Snowy Plains, Howitt, Bowqua River, has plenty of vacancies. If there are no more takers on this trip by the end of November, it will have to be cancelled. Don't waste time contacting Jock, and telling him you wish to go.

"Alf's Trip"- Bindi, Cobberss, Mt.Kosciusco, Thancoban, - owing to the rush of applicants on this trip, the list has been closed. The following are those who have confirmed that they will definately be goin :- Lothar Kottek, Greme Pckinney, John Guerin, Brian Hyams, John Brownlie, Gerda Schwerin, Felix Harding, Joan Hobden, Noble Paine, Frank Burt, and Phyllis Stewart. would those who have indicated their interest, but have not yet confirmed it with the leader, please do so immediatly.

Tassie Walk.

A letter has been received from a member of the Hobart Walking Club, asking is anyone interested in an easy walk through Tasmania at Xmas. It is proposed to make a movie of the walk. The idea is to fly to Lake Pedder on Friday 26th December, spend a day or two at the lake, then proceed to Lake Anne. Spend approx. 10 days in the area, then onto Maydena and thence to Hobart on Sunday 9th January. As the leader wishes to arrange an air-drop of food on Mt.Anne, anyone interested should contact Joe Pieper, at 127 Bathurst St., Hobart, by 27th November 1958. See Notice Board for more details.

AUSKI SELLS THIS MESSAGE :-

MERRY XMAS - HAPPY WALKERS !!!!! and he advises that - Just Arrived - Bergin Original Rucksacks, "Blacks" Willesden Japara Tents, Primus, Optimus & Swedish Stoves are all in stock, now! All of Paddy Pallins' latest equipment is stocked, Buy your Oxo Cubes, Dehyds, and Glucose Tablets at "Ausk", Moreen House (Floor 6), Little Collins Street, Melbourne

Recipe of the Month

Potato Chips

1. Soak Dehyd. Potato in water for approx. 3/4s. hour.
2. Fry slowly in dripping, till cooked.

This is a very slow process, but very tasty and well worth the waiting.

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Let all citrus fruits stand for a week or so, prior to Xmas Walks. This dries the moisture from the skin and so cuts down weight and bulk.

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Personal Notes.

Congratulations to Paddy & Keith Murray on the birth of a son, Nicholas John, on November 6th

Congratulations once more, to Betty & Warren Olle, who also have a

And, again, to Rex & Ada Benn, who have a daughter, Susan,

And, believe it or not, again, this time to Ken & Rhonda Lowenstern on the birth of a son, David Phillip, born on November 5th.

Best Wishes are extended to Lillian Lunel, who recently announced h engagement to Bruno Popovic , a member of the Mens' Club.

A letter has been received from Prudence Auchinachie, in Launceston Prudence is walking with the Launceston Walking Club.

We were pleased to see Ken Grant in Club the other Friday night, looking very well. Yes, even after winter in Omeo!!!

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Coming Events

Nov 27-28th. Warrandyte - Yarra Glen. .Map reading. . 14 miles. Leader, Frank Pitt. Bus from Whights, 10.40 am.

Nov. 28th. Mt. Riddell - Badger Creek. Not Easy. 12 miles. Leader, Emil Slade. JX 4894. This is a van trip.

Dec. 4 - 5th. Acheron Gap - Mt. Donna Buang - Millgrove. 16 miles. Leader Ted Kirk. BM 2232. This is a van trip.

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On The Track

Presidents Weekend. 6th - 7th November, 1954

The not too cheerful forecasts, and the obvious threat of rain on th Saturday morning did not deter the 40 odd dauntless Bushwalkers who attend the President's weekend. The morning van dumped its load at Kinglake Eas and said load stretched its legs in an easterly direction, till after topping a hill the leader decided it was time for a change and turned sout to cross No. 2 and No. 1 creeks, to pick up a Y.H.A. track till this was lost in a gully. After this the party climbed manfully to the road, to finish the trip in style, along the road, arriving at the campsite about t ame time as the afternoon van load. There, among the ranks of the perso ally mechanised bushwalkers, they found the President (Complete with famil in tow) already stuck into the job of hauling logs, etc. After it was es lished that the rather peculiar tepee in the trees was not the temporary throne of the Prince of Arabia, but only Emil's car cover slung at a heig over his pitched tent (for, he said, he would have to sleep outside that night - many sounds of tch-tch and shaking of heads, until it was found th our heroic Emil was giving his place inside to his two small guests) peopl went on their way to pitch their own tents. The campsite was a very good a quite large, grassy clearing, about 3/4 mile from the Mt. Slide - Kingla oad, with Mountain Creek running past. As usual the leeches were there first, and at least two young ladies decided they were the rude type!!. Th was no rain up to this, only clouds drifted around us from time to time, and even these lifted by nightfall, so that the campfire, with its inter- mittent singing and idividual items was enjoyed in perfect comfort - so al was the sheep, which, barbecued by various bods, at a slight distance, was nice to the palate that it was a wonder any of it got past the cooks. The seemed to be many occasions on which our Lorraine could be seen daintily fishing out bits as big as her fist and saying 'Just this little bit." Jus , we wouldn't be going to bed on an empty stomach, Frank Pitt suggested s folk dancing, which warmed us up no end. Finally about 2 am. we staggered ff to bed, the Pitts and the Hortons stoically lugging their recumbent off spring up the quite steep track to their automotive beds.

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(P... ...is Weekend)

To mak_ up for lost time, the rain ...ended in full force durir the night, lashed down by a stron wind, to the slight discomfort of some people.

However, on the morrow, the rain cleared and it was decided to walk down to Eason's Falls, and after lunch at the turnoff, Jock kept to his word and left promptly at 1p.m., leaving the unready ones behind. The falls were quite impressive, sho ing off , no doubt, afte the rain, and the party walked on up to meet the van at Kinglake West at 4p.m.

October 17th. Lancefield - Mt. William.

On Sunday moring when 28 walkers, and friends left Melbo rne by van, there was every indication of a great day, sunshine and bright colours for the intending photographers. However, the first surprise was a slight drizzle at Pretty Sally, this continued and turned into showers by the time we climbed the first hill. Nevertheless, the air was delightfully fresh and clean, providing the party with such a keen appetite that we had lunch then and there, right on top of the hill. Views were so far confined to various fog and cloud formations, rather interesting, but little appreciated. Following the ridge, the fog lift. gradually and Mt. William was reached in bright sunshine. Good views were obtained of Mt. Hickey, Mt. Piper, Mt. Macedon and the hills around. The van was met soon afterwards, and we concluded this, in so mayn respects, pleasant walk, by starting for home by driving through the peaceful and quite countryside around Lancefield.

October 23rd -24th. Taradale - Vaughan Springs - Castlemaine.

A party of 10 set out from Taradale on a fine , but cold, windy day to visit the local store and walk perhaps a mile before adjourning for lunch at a water race. The after lunch period that day saw us walking on roughly formed roads and through light bush. A forestry watch tower, was climbed by some, while others went in search of wild flowers (much more pleasant!) which were very abundant throughout the area. A cross country walk through open bush eventually brought us to a race line above Lodden River, and flat stoney ground, where camp was made.

On Sunday morning "the waters" were taken at Glenluce and Vaughen Springs, at the latter in the company of our 11th member who had missed the party at Taradale. Vaughan should be noted by Kodachrome enthusiasts as a very promising Autumn subject due to the number of poplars with a very pretty backdrop of wooded undulating country. There are also a number of ruins and a sign proclaiming that Ball and Welch was founded there in 1865. The rain finally caught up with the party at lunch time, and Castlemaine was reached via road instead of the much more pleasant walk through the bush.

November 2nd. Yan Yean - Whittlesea.

A party of nine left the Yan Yean station in a fine but overcast day. After traversing the road around the Yan Yean reservoir the party left the road to become apt at climbing fences, of which there were many. A small incident of note here, is the ability ofa bushwalker to cross over the fence and retrace his steps ov r the same fence in record time owing to the male quadruped of the dairy family.

After lunch which was had on Deep Creek, the party left the fences behind, clibing first Lobbs Hill, then across to Howatt's Lookout having a fine view of the Yan Yean reservoir off the left of the main ridge. As time was running short, the order of the day was stretch a leg forWhittlesea, following the MMBW fence and then the road into Whittlesea.

October 26th Boronia- One Tree Hill - Sherbrook Forest.

Despite grey skies, and altogether rather discouraging weather, seven walkers set out from Boronia to conquer One Tree Hill. At the summitt, the weather was condescending enough to cease its wetting activities long enough for lunch to be consumed and a start made on the afternoon walk in comparative dryness. However, the effort was too great to last any longer, and from then on it just poured. However, the dampness didn't effect the glorious panorama of wild flower glory aroundf the hills. The road was bashed for a short stretch after the descent from the hill, until Ferney Creek was reached, when the party took to the woods! After wending their way through the pine forest, the party took to the road again at Tecoma, where afternoon tea, a-la-cake forks, was enjoyed at the Blue Wren. The last part of the walk was ...r narrow gauge railway, until at 4pm, seven dripping and mud spattered ...mers, walked (or walkers, swam?) on to the Ferntree Gully station to prepare for the return trip to the city.