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----- THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS -----

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EDITORIAL FOREWORD:

Firstly, at the Annual General Meeting of February 25th, Club members, (after hearing the reading of minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, of correspondence, and the presentation of Annual General Reports with ensuing discussion -none of which needs further examination here-), elected Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next twelve months ending January, 1956: The Sub-Committee representatives were selected at last Friday week's first meeting of the new Committee. All this is outlined on page 2 with as much detail as is hoped will be helpful for future reference.

Your attention is drawn to an encyclopaedic summary of useful walking information shown on all Walk Programmes, dealing with such matters as hire of camping gear, directions for new members, Club meetings, leaders duties, contacts, and so on, and is well worth a glance

MEMBERSHIP FEES, 1955: The election of the new Committee also ushers in another membership year, .. and fees.... See item 1, p. 2.

REBATES FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF VAN DEPOSITS: " " " 2, p. 3.

THE ADVERTISING QUESTION: You will notice that three business persons have been regularly advertising in the "News". Do not fail where possible to patronise these people. Their contribution to the Club funds is very acceptable, and apart from the utilitarian aspect, our support in this way is a tacit acknowledgment and appreciation of their faith in us; for in advertising, they address you and not as members of our Melbourne Bushwalking fraternity -not as dazed objects in the vortex of a wild and voracious chaotic den of discord. Here they are

ALICE SPREER: for Dressmaking, 455 Malvern Rd., Hawksburn: BJ520

WERNER GRAY: Optician, 2nd Floor, 80 Swanston St., Gen 518

AUSCI: for Walking Equipment, 6th Floor, 343 Lt. Collins St, MUI 11

(Whilst we are on the subject of advertising, the Club rules make no provision for upbraiding perpetrators of such crimes as well, seeking out new business I haven't heard of it anyway)

The President's expression of gratitude for the helpful co-operation of all Club members and Committee representatives in Club activities during the year is reciprocated in like manner. .. Thanks all.

LECTURES AND FILMS: ...for our LAST-FRIDAY-IN- THE-MONTH gathering: Would any person knowing of any interesting LECTURERS or FILMS by persons having subjects of interest to Walkers, please see FRANK PITT.

Now, in concluding, this paragraph is by way of apology for what may appear to be failings in this issue of the "News". The Committee reshuffle about which you are aware has given our Editor of twelve months spent opportunities for taking a well deserved rest; and the consequential readjustments are bringing with them their little difficulties. We hope that our efforts will not destroy the pioneering achievements of predecessors (for the "News" first appeared only in August 1948 under an, if not the, original: Egmont Donath though the Club has been in existence for about twice that time).

And leaving on this note we beg ...if you with patient ears attend
What here shall miss our talk shall strive to mend...

SUB - COMMITTEES:

NATIVE PLANT PRESENTATION SOCIETY: GEOFF CHRISTENSEN
SEARCH AND RESCUE DELEGATE: ALF COLE
FEEDSTATION DELEGATES: ALF COLE
MAPS DELEGATE: "???" see ALF COLE
"CONTACTS": (after walks) :- 1st: Norm & Edna RICHARDS, WX5450
 2nd: Frank & Fay PIET, WX6554
 3rd: ??? ..undecided.. it was
 Jack & Margaret LOW, FU7497

SEARCH AND RESCUE CONTACT: Edna RICHARD WX5430

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NOTE: I SUBSCRIPTIONS: Another year has passed and Heinz is on your track again. Should you be unable to pay your dues to him personally at the Club Room, they may be posted to this address:-

3 Wilson St.,
GUTHRIE, SE6

The Subs. remain unchanged at:-

SINGLE MEMBERS 21
MARRIED COUPLES 21:10:-
JUNIOR (under 21) 12/6

There may be some uncertainty about how the scheme operates, and this announcement is made to clarify the matter. In the first place each van list will contain the amount of the rebate, and the last date upon the deposit must be paid in order to qualify for the rebate.

DEPOSIT: To qualify, the deposit only, need be paid at that date.

BALANCE: This is then the usual balance minus the rebate.

In other words, the full fare is shown on the van lists. The rebates where applicable are deducted from this figure to find NET FARE

ELSTER: The rebata is now 10/-. Neto 10/-.

- NO. 3. WALKS PROGRAMME ALTERATIONS:** (a) WARWICK HILLS to read April 17th, not the 18
(b) Anzac week-end to read April 23rd-24-25th WHITTLESEA- MT. DISAPPOINTMENT-MORE EAST, (instead of Wisco-Dissapointment Wallan). Hilera's ticket: Whittlesea-Kilmore East.
(c) MT. BUFFALO -Easter- Bob Bittner UY3129, and not Jack Low.
(d) There is no leader available yet, for Anzac Day, April 25th.
(e) MONBULK-THE PITCH-SHERBROKE-FONEST to read April 25, not 24

NO. 4. WILD FLOWER LECTURE: On 25:3:55, (Wednesday). By the time this reaches you, this lecture will have taken place; but this makes it more incumbent on you to see Geoff Christensen about the next

NO. 5. SOCIAL NOTES: "SIMON AND LAURA": 5th April at the Comedy Theatre. As announced previously, the Social Committee will hold a theatre night at the Comedy Theatre to see this excellent show, starring Gogie Withers and John McCallum. See Lorraine Richey for the tickets for it. Dont forget that date: 6th April (Tuesday).

NO. 6. TRACK-CLEARING WHITE-BIRD: MAY DAY: The programme will again be continued in the Donna Buang area this year, on the 7 - 8th May. The more hands swinging brush-hooks, the better will the result be for the Club's part in the whole operation; and it gives a feeling of exhilaration to walk along well-made paths secreted amongst an encompassing array of scintillating mountain foliage, and be able to say, "Well I took part in this."

Dont forget that date: 7 - 8 MAY.... It is also barely necessary mention that the girls are very welcome indeed, in their line, too

NO. 7. CORRECTIONS TO LIST OF MEMBERS: Marie Gillespie's address was accidentally omitted from the Members' List published in February. Marie is almost a foundation member, and a List of Members which does not include her is barely a list of members. Could you therefore just write in beside her name:..... Marylands, MARYSVILLE.

(b) ... Whilst you are on the job, another correction: Botna DRYDEN'S street number is 408 -- not 405.

(c) ... Geoffrey SCHAFER has changed his address, and you will find him flying around Ballarat.

4.311947, R.A.A.F., Radio School, BALLARAT.
(Perhaps it should read: RAAF Radio School)

NO. 8. NEW MEMBERS: Another new member is welcomed this month. Add his name to your List of Members:..... Frank RICARDO,

We hope you will have many happy days of walking with us, Frank. 9 Almodia Cres., SOUTH YARRA.

NO. 9. RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS: Word has been received that both Kevin and Joyce BOLEY have returned from overseas. Greetings to you both, and we hope to see something of you in the Club one night soon.

NO. 10. PRESENTATIONS: This is put in merely because members may feel an unkindness has been done by its omission. The note I took notes that "Presentations to Mario, Tess, and Peter". This would be Mario Juszezky, Tess Fraser, and Peter Becker. However there appears to be a name missing there. The item will be announced again.

NO. 11. A LETTER has been received from Helen WITTON, who departed from the Tropical North and is now in the land of cathedrals and uranium mines. Helen, I understand is fruit-picking in the hills overlooking Adelaide, and she wishes to be remembered to all.

NO. 12. WALKS PROGRAMMES FOR PUBLIC: These programmes are announced as being available to the public at the TOURIST BUREAU and BROAD-BEETS. We may see an occasional strange face about, as a result of this I fancy that I may have succumbed earlier if some of these had been floating about in days of yore. Do not slip up on making them at home.

NO. 13. LECTURERS, FILMS, ETC: Dont forget Frank's request, page I

PERSONAL: Word has just been received that Les Scott lost his mother last Friday.

On behalf of all Club we express our sympathies, Les.

NO. 14. ON THE TRACK: I fear that this is the column which will suffer most from the difficulties of publication mentioned before. This is said with some pangs of guilt, as one should pay utmost attention to those on the ball with walks contributions. Without further ado I'll get in amongst them.

MONBULK-EMERALD - swimming:

KÄRL BING:

In spite of the unlucky number of hikers, a pleasant and uneventful walk charmed our progress. We walked first on the road which is flanked on both sides by high gartrees and carried only little traffic, then we took the footpath along Menzies Creek. Lunch was somewhat disturbed by swarms of flies who obviously wanted their share. We reached Emerald after 3 p.m. and proceeded to the lake where the more enterprising members of the party had a swim. Eventually we took the 5:30 bus back to Forntree Gully.

NO 15. ODDS AND ENDS:

AND HEED THIS WARNING: The chap who bounded off into darkness the other day just because his van momentarily halted some half dozen miles from home, typifies an unwholesome and pernicious failing of our day near enough is good enough.

Another pair on the same trip, who, tornado like, vanished into the near distance through clouds of dust and flying stones, must surely have set a precedent for cyclones in the Southern Hemisphere they travelled anti-clockwise. ----- (Incidentally, twenty others had a finger in the pie, too and there were some near hisso.

By the way...!!... yet another is now trying to 'bot' an aluminium alarm-clock; and Mario is poking about amongst the saddlers for a twelve-foot-six stock-whip... .. I thought I'd give you the tip.

Another member tells of one dumb-founded spectator midst piles of boiler-plates and stove-piping at the Herald's Art Exhibition, whose stringent and uninhibited comment sent stunned bystanders spinning for their dictionaries. "E70!!", he-exclaimed, he exclaimed, "The man'ssorry no space..... Anyway Darky puts it over real good.

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