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EDITORIAL FOREWORD

There are this month a couple of items which come into the Editorial class. One has a slightly alarming and unsavoury flavour, and the other, though not directed at any members (or we hope not) is nevertheless worthy of mention. Some being a trifle careless of their own safety, may overlook the inconvenience and worry caused others by a reckless action which appears to concern no-one but themselves.

The unsavoury item deals with a spate of neglecting to return borrowed walking-equipment. It doesn't become a club to have to talk in this vein, and it is hoped that there will be no further need for such rebukes. Win Bennett has as yet heard nothing of her lost sleeping-bag advertised in the last "News": two more members are in the process of tracking down borrowed gear I understand, and another is in the same boat as Win: Our ex-equipment officer dug his tent or whatever it was, dug it up after waiting for its return for some time. There is not I feel any dishonest intent, ... just that some people don't seem to give a damn. This admission may be so much wasted time (we hope, could you pardon our saying) because, what incidents have come to light seem to concern prospective members, (and not all Australians either). There seems such an incompatibility between the bushwalking spirit and this type of conduct, that the perpetrators will possibly not be long with us, may their interests are elsewhere.

The second matter concerns a letter or two from a club in New Zealand having interests similar to ours. For some years now, it appears, it has been a trifle annoyed by visitors to that country refusing to be cautioned by warnings given them about proposed undertakings on the track or in the mountains. As this concerns visitors chiefly we understand, this notice is printed more as an acknowledgment of their letters and an expression of our support for the sentiments expressed in them. It is hoped to quote appropriate extracts from them in the next "News"; so you will then be in a position, shall we say, to read the riot-act to your acquaintances and others crossing to the Shaky Isles.

Whilst we are barking, or rather b-aking, I feel that, as repulsive as is capital punishment and allied forms of sadism, sixty of us will simply have to front Heinz in the torture chamber. It is hard to believe three months after Annual Subscriptions became due, and despite repeated reminders from several sources, sixty people have not been able to scrape together twenty shilling pieces. and all that involves is chucking 3d. into the lousy tin every day of those three months. Perhaps you have just forgotten to empty the tin when coming to the Club. Perhaps, not realising that you have forgotten the matter altogether, you have taken no notice of the warnings. Well, in that case you are lucky, for we are saving you the worry of finding out:-

WOULD THERE BE A RED CROSS AT THE HEAD OF THIS SHEET. THEN WILL YOU
PAY YOUR 1955 SUBSCRIPTION AND MOST CERTAINLY MUST SEE HEINZ RIGHT NOW.

This I am afraid is the last "News" available to unfinancial members.

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I. HONORARY MEMBERS: Here they are for the next twelve months:-

BOB	DARBY		GISELA	HELLPERN		NANCY	HILLAS
JOHN	DARBY		FRED	HELLPERN		LOUISE	PAYNE
BETTY	KYTE		JILL	HELLPERN		ANN	SULLIVAN

NO. 2. CORRECTIONS: There are three corrections to be made on the 1955 WINTER WALK'S PROGRAMME, none of which were overlooked, incidentally, by the Walk's Committee when checking the proofs. They occur on the middle column of the front, I. suppose you'd call it, the one headed "You need no compass".

(a). Norm and Edna RICHARDS' phone number there has been shown incorrectly under "Contacts" in the middle, and "Search and Rescue" at the bottom of the column. Please change both these from WX 5450 to WX 9524. This is a very important correction, so do not fail in your duty here.

The other, the third, deals with the 'Contact number three. After the names "Joek and Margaret" insert "Low".

(b). Norm and Edna RICHARDS' change of address notified in the last and revised issue of the 'News' was hard to read in patches. Here it is again:-

'Firth St., DONCASTER. ... Norm mentions this as the best way to track them down: Go along Doncaster Road till just past the Eastern Golf Links, turn down Carnarvon St., till you run into Firth St., Then go no further, for they are on the corner.'

NO. 3. WALKS SUB-COMMITTEE: The duties performed by the three members of the Walks Sub-Committee members are: ALF: Programme compilation, and general organisation.
GEOFF: Has the run of the WALKS records.
JOHN: Is in charge of all van bookings.

NO. 4. BI - MONTHLY MEETING: Here is a summarised outline of important items raised at the Bi-Monthly Meeting, held in room 110 on Friday 29th April:

Heinz in the Treasurer's Report made a special request that members visiting the Club on Fridays should not neglect to leave their shillings even when leaving early. He wishes all members to note that this is not a charge for coffee. It is simply a levy to cover the cost of hiring the room. In other words it could be said to be the charge for a pleasant social evening with cups of coffee thrown in for those caring to have them. And all for one shilling ... a very cheap evening! So don't forget your contributions. For early departures, consult the HONESTY BOX.

Jack Morrison brought up the subject of the letters mentioned in the foreword, which were received from New Zealand. As these will be dealt with in the next issue of 'The News', further discussion will not be undertaken this month.

Jack also touched on the contents of "WALK". He felt it would be a good idea to admit some contributions from outsiders. The magazine is sold to the public and a little 'foreign' blood may enhance the journal's appeal to the man-in-the-street. In answering in answering, Norm said that the idea had been considered before but difficulties were encountered in getting satisfactory contributions from those having subjects of interest to people likely to be buying copies of "Walk".

In dealing further with the subject of 'Walk', Norm mentioned the quality of its photographs. He felt that they were not all that might be desired, but there did not appear to be an easy solution. An idea which he had had in mind was to undertake special photographic trips with the object of concentrating on selected photographic matter. He thought this may be a solution to the problem.

A suggestion was then made that the HOST and HOSTESS position should be put on a firm basis. The Social Sub-Committee were said to be responsible for rostering personnel for this duty; and it then made a request for volunteers to come forward.... (So there is a chance for some of you people with a come-into-my-parlour drawing-room manner to 'sharpen your teeth' and do the Club a service at the same time.

And the evening was rounded off with the usual and very acceptable coffee and biscuits how the Social Committee cares for our wanning spirits & empty tummies.

NO. 5. FEDERATION S & R MEETING: At 7:45 p.m. on the 31st May a meeting will be held in Union House, University to allot sub-committee portfolios for the coming year. S & R group leaders may attend, and Bill would like a couple to accompany him. Those interested in coming along are asked to notify our delegate (i.e. Bill), so that he may know whom to expect.

NO. 6. SOME REMINDERS: A couple of prods this month.

Don't overlook Norm's March request for early contributions to "WALK". He is still awaiting three or four to get the ball rolling. It isn't too early, or too late for that matter, to give the pen and ink game a try and give Norm a helping hand.

Christmas is drawing on, and the Walks Committee will have to have a few nominations to lead these December walks. Please do not delay in this if you have some scheme up your sleeves. It is well to remember that there are cases where tickets may have to be obtained six months in advance. Please ease that 12 o'clock rush on 'lf!

FEDERATION OFFICE BEARERS: At the Federation Annual General Meeting early in the month the 1955 Federation Office Bearers were elected, the principals being:

<u>PRESIDENT:</u> .. BILL BEYSHER, (MUMC).	<u>SECRETARY:</u> .. JOHN RIGBY, (MUMC).
<u>TREASURER:</u> .. JOE COTTER, (CWC).	<u>ASSISTANT:</u> .. DES CARROLL, (CWC).
	<u>SECRETARY</u>

A notice of motion was given at the Meeting that nominations for positions on the Federation Committee should be submitted prior to and not at the Meeting itself.

In his Report, the President stated that though the Annual Ball and the Annual Week-end Walk were quite successful, the year was a disappointing one really, because of the general apathy of the Committee in particular, and the clubs generally.

The meeting which took place in the Police Hall, concluded with an interesting hour's session of slides.

The reason for holding the meeting at a time differing from that advertised was, as announced on Friday, 29.4.55, because of the availability of the Police Hall.

NO. 8. ANOTHER NEW MEMBER: Here we have another additional member for the List:

Gwyneth Hutton Taylor,
66 Wyndford Street,
WILLIAMSBURG.
PHONE: (D) EL 6 29.
(S) MU 3 97.

We all hope you will have many happy days of walking with us, Gwyneth, & that you may perhaps be able to enlist an acquaintance or two from your part of the world, too.

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C.9. RECEIPES: As not one took any heed whatsoever of the intreaty of last month good walkers to display their excellence in bushcraft by forwarding suggestions of good receipes for tasty meals, (by the way the missing word at the beginning of line two is 'implore' or whatever you think is best suited), a member came forward with one which, at first glance seems fit for the no'er-do-wells of an underworld den of iniquity. It is a mixture of eucalyptus, metho, and soap.

Mix with a cup of metho, a small bottle of eucalyptus and a packet of Lux. The receipe says to mix them in a glass jar of some sort, but I expect a beer-jug would do just as well. One tablespoon of this frothy mixture goes to one pint of water. Now before guzzling the heterogeneous preparation, give those dirty socks a wash in it, because therein lies its great virtue. It is a non-shrink wash for woollens.

I am told there should be no need to add that it is better to leave the soap in woollens (DONT wash it out), and that jersies are placed on boards to dry, and NOT strung up on a line to become shapeless. All the girls know that already. Well I suppose, speaking for myself, even the dumb can pick up a point or two now and again.

Well I hope I have made no slips with this, otherwise Joan V. will twist my b-b- balty neck.

Anyway, all jokes aside, I understand that this is a very good mixture, an excellent receipe for those heartlessly tyrannised by shrinking woollens.

WARNING FROM THE WALKS MOB: DONT try this one on Darky or you'll finish up in the torture chamber with Heinze's Subscription crowd. When you leaders slip on ringing the 'Contacts', avoid excusing yourself with: "I tried to ring but Mr and Mrs husband weren't at home." Already one bewildered shrewd is booked with Heinze's mustache. Eh? ... I thought someone would get caught! You dont see the joke... Well get back to page two and do your corrections. There's no excuse for you either.

V.R.I. STAFFORD'S LOST PROPERTY ANNOUNCEMENT: As announced at the last bi-monthly meeting, the V.R.I. steward has informed us that he is still holding a small tartan folding umbrella left in the club one Friday night last August. There must be someone who owns this. So hurry up, for we can't expect these chaps to go on holding onto it indefinitely.

N.10. TRACK-CLEARING WEEK-END: The Track-Clearing Week-End was one of these ~~and-a-good-time-was-had-by-all-~~ affairs. But the trouble was that the 'all' was not a very gratifying one really from the point of view of measuring the extent of our pull in Federation matters. One may even be reminded of a little poem in adoration of the 1914-18 nurses:

'We all came here to this large sized brawl,
Came over the seas in boats,
Some of us dug up the dinkum stoush,
While some of us held the coats;
We're some of us proud of the part we played,
And some of us needn't skite,'etc.

Yes, of the ten that turned up, well, it was touch and go that the girls didn't outnumber us. The result was that barely six chaps ploughed through a couple of miles of undergrowth, and actually completed nearly two sections except for half a mile on the Dom Dom side of Vinegar. Incidentally, the track from Donna Buang to Dom Dom which was commenced last year, is now an accomplished fact. (oo-O, so hackneyed! ...however in it goes again...).. accomplished fact except for that half mile of rough stuff, mostly fallen timber and saplings, referred to at the beginning.

N.11. INTER-CLUB CHRISTMAS INVITATION: This Club will be sending to the Launceston Walking Club an invitation to take part with us in a Victorian walk (I am not sure, really, where it is to be), led by a member of this Club.

This gives some indication to members of how the different Clubs work together. I understand that Clubs in various states send Walk's Programmes to one another as well as communicating with each other in various other ways. That is why, if you spit on the floor at home, we should prefer if it were not done in Tasmania or Queensland, or New Zealand and England for that matter. When in Hobart do as the Tasmanians wish; and without reservation the same applies in New Zealand...!

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N.12. THE SOCIAL ASPECT: The Social Column this month is wholly dominated by the Boy-meets-girl-angle that unfathomable subterfuge used by the Club to reguile its members into bewildering and cheating its Treasurer.

The first into the picture were Margaret Ruston and Kenneth Jacobs with the recent announcement of their engagement.

Those enjoying yet another quiet read of the "Argus" last Monday were thunder-struck out of their complacent arm-chair seats with the bolt from the pre-matrimonial blue by Geoff Christensen. Some people somehow manage to give no clues at all. Geoff has announced his engagement to Miss Ruth Steele.

Congratulations to you both well I mean to both parties. All Club members join in a good-luck hand shake for all four of you.

Well now for the other two. They are in Geoff's category for surprises and in the Phar Lap class for 'hot' news just come home! ..they barely made this print and that is all. Val Adams and Brian Willshire were married just two days ago at Christ Church, South Yarra, ... that is last Wednesday, the 18th May. We all wish you every success and lots of happiness, Val and Brian, in your new venture. And don't forget an occasional visit when leisure of work gives the O.K.

N.12(a). ...uh!!!, 12(a)?. Superstition or no superstition, there ain't enough space to bring out here; so some mnemonic jabs. Don't slip up on:-

Alf's Xmas Walks: Norm's "WALK" contributions: Heins'cs SUBSCRIPTIONS:
The LIBRARY'S "GREEN MOUNTAINS": Win's SLEEPING BAG: and that spitting on the floor in Tasmania, or, perhaps, quitting the foolery in New Zealand.

0.13. MISSING LIBRARY BOOK: Frank Pitt who has the run of the Library side of Club activities, says that a Club copy of "Green Mountains" is missing. It is hoped that this notice will jog another dormant memory. Some Club member is sure to have the book and it is hoped that (s)he will pass it in for further ^{use} by Club members ... Books dislike being idle when there is a job at hand, ...they fold up completely.

(Incidentally will you excuse our putting the reminder before mentioning the subject itself, as happened with this article and a reminder in the last paragraph. The printers are out on strike and were ... some of their yacker ourselves Hence the general, well you know what we mean —Eds.)

0.14. COMING EVENTS: We managed to get three or four together this time. Unfortunately it is too late now to bother about the walks of both Heinz and Bob, and Peter is on the high seas so can't be summoned for advice. Actually, there is little likelihood of their being room anyway. I am afraid the same spectre will also tyrannise the Walks Reports into the outer.

(a). LECTURE OF THE MONTH.

FRIDAY, 27th MAY.

A talk illustrated by kodakrome slides of Australian trees and Australian Roads will be given by Mr. E.S. Hanks on Friday the 27th May. Please get along by 8:15 pm. sharp. Lecturers attend at a certain amount of inconvenience to themselves. So give them an even break,that is the least that we can do.

Mr. Hanks is a member of the Bird Observers Club, the Field Naturalist Assocn., etc., and a committee member of National Parks organisations. He himself is a walker of some note, having often walked around to put on his car tail-light. On one occasion he lived off the land by following a party of typically overloaded boy-scouts across the Bow Baws from McVeigh's, picking up at each hut the jettisoned tin-food.

He refers to the Club as the Bushwalkers, but is otherwise quite harmless and can even be amusing.

(b). BELGRAVE-JACKSON'S HILL—AVONSLEIGH:

SUNDAY, 29th MAY.

Karl Bing is leading this day walk. A 2nd return to Fern Tree Gully on the 8:55 am. from Flinders Street will start you off on what should be an enjoyable and easy walk. There is very little scrub and no fences for those who do not care for the rough stuff. A warm-up along a well defined track, followed by a stretch of road from which there is a very good view, or views, down along the valley below to the Sylvan Reservoir with its scenic setting. Part of the walk also traverses a razor type ridge, and this of course means a feast of views both to your left and to your right, and so be prepared with cameras.

(c). LONGWOOD—PINNIGERS MONUMENT—HUGHES CREEK—SEYMOUR:

11 to 13 JUNE.

This walk led by Alf is over the long week-end, (Queen's birthday if you're patriotic), and makes its bow at Spencer Street Station at 8:15 am. You will need a SPECIAL ticket for this trip, and I have not any details of this either; but presumably it is a Hikers' Ticket LONGWOOD—SEYMOUR, obtained at the Tourist Bureau.

The Club will return to an old haunt among the clear rolling hills, of granite tors, of wooded gullies with freshly filled streams, and of bracken-covered slopes of the Switzerland Ranges. Add all this to the type of atmosphere which mostly clocks the walks of Alf, and you very will find your mouth already watering with eager anticipation.

(d). DAYLESFORD—MILMSEURY—CASTLEMAINE:

11th —13th JUNE.

Unfortunately because the Railways are not able to give the time tables for any of their Queen's Birthday specials till about seven days before the long week-end, John can not say with any certainty that even the walk will be in the order outlined above it may be in reverse or mid side turned out, either clockwise or anti-clockwise they're playful things these railways.

That being so, you are advised to have a word with John about a week before the trip. Working on past railway tables, he feels that the walk will be as shown above but will not hazard a guess about time-tables, who would anyway except Wilcott Forbes.

(e). BALLAN AREA:

19th JUNE.

Emil is leading what I believe to be a walk among the reservoirs, or according to Emil himself, a Club inspection of Geelong's water supply. As it is a van trip be sure to book in early (28 is the trip's limit), so as not to miss this walk to suit all types and tastes, especially those with tastes for Emil's special dinners, (love?). Emil assures me without reservation that the 19th of June will most certainly be a very excellent and gorgeously sunny day.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: A japara waterbag was left in Alf's car one long long week-end last month, and we are told that Graham, who accidentally came into possession of it intends keeping the thing if it isn't claimed very soon.

U.I4 - (Continued) (f). HURSTBRIDGE--ARTHUR'S CREEK--HURSTBRIDGE: 12th JUNE.

This is a walk through civilised territories, with no scrub and a very minimum of the road-brash. We shall be travelling (uh... I'm sure you'll be coming), travelling mostly along country tracks, through orchard country interspersed with a little grazing. Eric assures me that this area is much less subject to the ravages of week-end rain than is your own homely little suburb. In pursuing the matter a little further I asked him whether he could guarantee a sunny twelfth. However, he was not prepared to say too much about this till he had first consulted 'Hughie' you know, the chap who 'sends er down.' Anyway th' looks just the walk for a pleasant Sunday outing, and one for your friends too. By the way, mention of orchards does not mean a-free-for-all, or one-in-all-in either.

(g). WHITTLESEA--TOOROURRONG RES.--WHITTLESEA: 13th JUNE.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to raise Lloyd; so all I can say is that, if you head out in the right direction, you'll finish up back where you started ... You

may even cut an anti-clockwise circle across the spin of the earth, or travel against the current. Anyway, knowing Lloyd for the chap he is, there is very slight doubt whatsoever that this very popular and companionable leader will strike trouble right at the start too many will turn up.

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NO. 15. THE SOCIAL ASPECT: (Again). When dealing the engagements and marriages and engagements, I made the error of stating that they had the run of this column. But I find that a mistake has been made. In the first place, Joan Foster-King was unexpectedly (that is for her) forewarned at an airway's office three or four weeks ago, on the commencement of what is to be a four or five months pleasure cruise among those romantic tropical islands of the mid Pacific. Joan, who is to pick her boat up in New Zealand (that makes it sound as though she owns the dashed thing), found herself surrounded by four or five well-wishing M.B.Ws. when she arrived at the airway's depot all flustered and breathless ... yes, late. We all hope you will have a very enjoyable time, Joan. We envy you.

The other concerns a very dear friend of those who patronise van trips. Late last year there appeared a little notice that Gordon Neilson who had been missed for some months from his position behind the wheel, was an unfortunate victim of polio. Well the surprise of the Easter trip to Buffalo was to find behind the wheel none other than Gordon himself. This was all the more stunning shall we say, because, as you'll all recollect, Gordon's prospects were most disheartening. He is not fully recovered by any means, but is well on the way with daily visits to the Clinic for muscular rejuvenating treatment. All Club members join in wishing that all Gordon's experiences will soon be but a fading memory. Gordon's little boy who was thought to be also suffering from Polio, was found to have a blood disorder of some sort, I fancy, and is still causing the family a lot of concern.

ANY SPARE MARCH "NEWS" ! Unfortunately for us, someone(s) got-down on the last dozen copies of the March "News". If (s)he(s) has not the use for these as was first thought, we should be very happy to get hold of some. Failing that, someone with a spare or an enthusiastic typist(e)(s) may see us out. I don't think there is a copy ever for the 'box'.