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News Flash:

Dave Hogg & Rob. Taylor of M.B.W. - 2nd in the all-male section of the Melbourne University Mountaineers' 24 hour walk.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

BUCKLE, Vera	55 Merton St., Albert Park
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Change of Address

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SOCIAL ROUND-UP

After the bi-monthly meeting (28th June) President Bill found his true bent when he wielded the gavel, as auctioneer, to a feverous pitch of excitement as members bid against one another for the surplus equipment. The same evening one of the famous shielded spoons was awarded to Bill - and Margaret for you-know-what. Another spoon went to Mr. & Mrs. Charlie and Anne Weiling. Anne, by the way, is map librarian holding the keys to the file.

A clubroomfull of members enjoyed the slide night "Easter and After" (July 5). Particularly outstanding were the fungi of Barmah Forest; candid shots of certain members; Rob. Taylor's record of his recent visit to snow-clad Kosci.

Why we haven't seen Peter Woolcock about is that he's been busy helping to keep Puffing Billy on the rails. Welcome back from a whirl-wind world-wide tour - Joy and Alan Bennett - eager for the bush again.

YOUR SHOPPING GUIDE

Paddy Pallin's gear has now two outlets in Melbourne - at Auski's and the Scout Shop (Elizabeth Street) *** As a special for walkers, Sanitarium now stock packets of dehydrated fruits, NOT dried, they are more compact and include peaches, apricots, apples, raisins, etc.

Club Song Book : Contains all the words of the songs popular in our Club.
If you would like a copy see Doug Pocock ... 4/- each.

More Bargains Overleaf

Second Hand Gear :

The following items may be inspected at Clubroom :

Boots: Size 9 (see Peter Ingram)
 Lady's - size 5 (see Sue Errey)
 Frame Pack: Lady's - £5
 Small Hatchet : 15/-
 Sleeping Bag: "Polar" - very warm. Cost £15 - will sell for £7
 (Charles Weiling (P) 85 1978)

FOLLOW THE LEADER (at own risk!)

Future first time leaders might find the following remarks helpful (based on my recent experience, 30th June - Bald Spur, Strathewan, Sugarloaf) :

- (a) Do not allow yourself to be put off by a bad start. (How was I to know that all those notices about "Ned Kelly's Lookout" referred to view from a small hill only, when a tower was clearly marked on map?)
- (b) Beware of the case of the Disappearing Spur. (Do not become deeply involved in conversation so that you forget to look for spur. Faithful backstop J.S. solved this problem for me by digging me in the ribs 200 yards past the right moment).
- (c) Ignore rude remarks about the scenery. (People have to dump their rubbish somewhere).
- (d) Ignore monotonous remarks such as "How much further before lunch? " (A J.B. favourite).
- (e) Assume air of bright cheerfulness each time you approach tough new fence. (Actually these fences are really useful for they slow the party up and give you time to consult the map.)
- (f) Most important - hold the map up the right way and keep consulting the compass. (This looks good).

How did the walk go? Well, whenever I peeped from out behind the map I seemed to see pleasant bush country, the weather was kind and the walking mostly easy. At lunchtime the party relaxed physically but exerted themselves mentally over various clear thinking (?) exercises (see B.D.) involving black and white discs. Additional point for first time leaders - Don't let J.B. or others of that ilk "explain" the view unless you want your leg pulled! After our 10 mile walk we filled in an extra hour with a visit to Mason's Falls. By this time my strength was well sapped and I tumbled gratefully into the van at 5 p.m. with my 24 followers. Query - Were any of them as stiff as I was the following day?

Ann Guthrie.

MEMBERS interested in a four-day weekend on either or both the Show Day and Cup Day holiday periods. Contact the Walks Sub-Committee.

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EXCURSION : To Mallacoota Inlet National Park - 31 August to 6 September - Victorian National Parks Association. Also surrounding district and diversions en route - e.g. Sperm Whale Head, Den of Nargun, Lind & Alfred National Parks. Contact either Mr. E. G. Stewart, 60 Price Avenue, Mt. Waverley or Mr. W. R. Mann, 142 Summerhill Road, Glen Iris for information. Accommodation & transport - about £25

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PROGRAM DAY WALKS

- 28 July** Silvia Ck.-Blowhard Range - Katy's Creek (11 medium miles)
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 (14/-) Maps Juliet "A", Glenburn, Yarra Glen - Arthur Whyte LW 4277.
- 4 August** Emerald-Hultgren's Bridge-Gembrook Nth. (12 medium miles)
Train departs Flinders St. Station 8.56 a.m. Stops all stations. Return City 6 p.m. Ticket - Return Belgrave (4/- + bus fare). Maps : Monbulk Military 1½" = 1 mile and/or Broadbent's Card Map No. 278 "Emerald-Gembrook District". Athol Schafer (B) MU 4445.
- 11 August** Big Pat's Ck. - Mt. Bride-Brittania Falls (12 medium miles)
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (14/-) Maps: Gembrook "A" MBW Warburton/Powelltown area. The walk will begin at Mt. Bride fire line track at Big Pat's Creek. Lunch will be taken before the top of Mt. Bride is reached. After lunch the climb continues to Mt. Bride (2,950 ft.) then down a pleasant timbered track to junction of Mt. Bride & Britannia Creek road. It is along this road that we come to Britannia Falls and from here it is a mere 10 minutes to the van. NOTE : WATER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR LUNCH. Darrell Sullivan - XF 5713.
- 18 August** Notuk Park - Djerriwarrah Creek (10 medium miles)
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-) Map Sunbury Military 1" = 1 mile. Starting from Notuk Park there will be a short walk up a track, followed by a few miles up the beautiful Djerriwarrah valley to lunch spot. Plenty of good water. After lunch a gradual climb up Mt. Sugarloaf, an easy walk out along jeep track to van. We may be lucky - the wattle should be in bloom. Margaret Manly.
- 25 August** Sheoak Hill - Mt. Ida - McIvor Creek (Easy - 10 miles)
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (16/-) Map : Heathcote Military 1" = 1 mile. Ron Weeks - 211 2370.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 2-4 August** Mt. Stirling-King River-Pineapple Flat (Tough 20 miles)
Snow Trip. Kombi Van - fare to be calculated on trip). Friday night to be spent at huts on the Stirling ring road near Falls Nest. Leaving the vehicle at the Razorback Saddle we climb onto Stirling and then drop down through the Clear Hills to spend Saturday night at the King River. Sunday morning will find us following the King River downstream to Pineapple Flat. From Pineapple Flat we then follow road back to the vehicle. Even though we plan to be near huts on both nights, all members of the party must be fully equipped for snow camping so as to be prepared for all eventualities. Only fit and experienced people required. Robert Taylor.
- 3-4 August** Bunyip-Mt. Cannibal-Mt. Towt-Gembrook (20 medium miles)
Train departs No. 1 platform Flinders St. Station 7.25 a.m. Saturday. Stops Caulfield 7.42 a.m., Dandenong 8 a.m. Ticket : 2nd single Bunyip (14/-). Maps : "Drouin" Military 1" = 1 mile. Graham Errey.
- 16-18 August** Newstead-Mia Mia Crk.-Tarrangower Ck.-Maldon (20 easy miles) Van leaves Batman Avenue Friday 6.30 p.m. (38/-) Maps: Bendigo & Castlemaine Military 1" = 1 mile. This trip is south of Bendigo and will be through old goldmining areas. There should be a good show of wattle. Barry Short - 50 4843

SPRING SUNSHINE WEEK-END TOUR TO MILDURA - 9-12 August with "Victour". Cost £14.7.6d. (covering first-class return fare, sleeping berths both ways, inclusive hotel accommodation, coach tour and cruise as per itinerary). Book at Tourist Bureau.

NATIVE FAUNA CONSERVATION SOCIETY - LECTURE WITH SLIDES
"Problems Confronting Conservationists" at Herbarium, Botanical Gardens (entrance near Shrine) on Monday, 29th July at 8 p.m. Speaker : Mr. A. D. Butcher, Director, Fisheries & Wild Life Department.

LAKE MOUNTAIN-ECHO FLAT-KEPPELL'S HUT-SUGARLOAF (6th - 7th July)

The snow report for Lake Mountain was not particularly encouraging. It said only patchy snow, but as we came nearer Lake Mountain the snow became quite extensive and about 4 inches deep. After lunch some of the party went to the summit, whilst the remainder moved on along a jeep track towards Keppell's Hut. Out on Echo Flat the snow deepened to about a foot and proved to be fairly easy to walk on once you got the knack of it.

Camp was made that night at Keppell's Hut and the tents were pitched after kicking the snow away. The temperature dropped down until at 9 p.m. it was 26° (no further record of the temperature is available as the owner of the thermometer went to bed then). Next morning the camp was bullied into wakefulness by the leader. Few people had had a really warm night and some were downright cold. However, we soon warmed up when we got moving over the hard frozen snow.

Gradually we dropped height until we were under the snowline and by mid-afternoon we arrived in the Sugarloaf Saddle. We then sidled around Sugarloaf and dropped our packs on the "Super Direct" track down off Sugarloaf; from here we climbed up to the summit, nearly giving the leader heart failure when he saw half a dozen or so of his party spread out over a wet, moss covered rock face. The whole party then descended Sugarloaf via the "Super Direct" route which plummets down at an incredibly steep angle, the last sections of which we negotiated in the dark, and with the help of the leader's spotlight. Then began a long road bash to get out onto the Maroondah Highway, which we reached about 6.00 p.m. and there we picked up the van after completing a most varied and enjoyable weekend. B.S.

New First-Aid Method

The cool water technique is claimed to be a great advance in treatment of burns. Hot clothing prolongs the burning and scalding of tissues and bandages and ointments applied immediately also delay cooling. Cooling by water is faster, is said to reduce sepsis and reduces the urge to scratch. For minor burns or scalds run cold tap water over the area or, if more convenient, the area may be immersed in cold water. If a shower, hose or tap is used, care must be taken that the water pressure is low so that further damage to the tissues will not result. The water is kept as cold as is necessary to produce the greatest relief, and cooling should be continued until the pain is gone. Blisters must not be broken, and bandages and dressings should not be applied unless absolutely necessary. (From "The Age").

Federation Report

WEEAPROINAH RAILWAY : This 2'6" gauge line was closed for all traffic on June 30th 1962. The National Trust considered the line should be retained in service as an item of national interest and value. Accordingly a stay of one year was granted before the line would be dismantled to enable the Trust to consider plans for its continuance. Council resolved that letters should be written to the Premier, the National Trust, and all 3 newspapers supporting this move and in due course all these letters were prepared and sent out. The latest report would seem to indicate that very little goods traffic would be diverted back to the line should it re-open, and as passenger traffic would never support it, it appears that it is doomed.

Papua/New Guinea Y. H. A.

A recent issue of the "Hosteller" has an account of hostelling and walking tours in New Guinea. A rapid turnover of membership has not prevented a successful program being maintained for the past few years.

Ada Valley Tramlines

Members returning from the track clearing weekend held in the Ada Valley discovered in a Warburton cafe a stock of tourist maps showing the timber lines in that area. The map is dated 1941 and sells at 1941 prices - 3d.!

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