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SOCIAL ROUND-UP



Christmas Dance :

Saturday Night - 14th December - V.A.C.S. Hall, Fitzroy

Tickets : Gents 10/- Ladies 7/6 and plate

Students 7/6

PERSONAL

An Apology :

Last month we announced that Mike Stevens had been matched. Mike has since said that this is definitely not the case. We can only say that our informant must have been misled.

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Barbara is an Auntie twice - this time a nephew, Thomas
(thanks to Isobel and Noel)

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Engaged :

Jim Brooks and Margaret Kelso are to be married next month.

Julie Bett and Ren Millson - this for some time now.

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Welcome to New Members :

ANDERSON, Robyn Betty - 8 Kelba Street, North Balwyn E.9.

(b) 62 0171 (p) 85 6752

HOUSTON, Marion Raie - 14 Holroyd Avenue, East St. Kilda

(b) 33 1013 (p) 52 1313

Change of Address :

Helen Downing - Flat 19, 50 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda (p) 94 5830

Tom Stoodly - Overseas Visitors Club, 180 Earls Court Road, London,
SW5, England

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Paddy Pallin has produced a new light-weight H-Frame Pack, slightly smaller than existing models. Cheaper too, at £11.10. 0d. Need a new pack? Then call at AUSKI's and inspect his range, including models of the celebrated Bergen Rucksack recently imported from Europe.

AUSKI has instant mash potato in bulk

CALL AND INSPECT see LOIS, TONI, JOHN and CHARLES at
AUSKI HOUSE, 9 HARDWARE STREET, CITY (near Bourke Street)

PROGRAM DAY WALKS

24 November Mt. Hickey - Strath Creek (medium - 11 miles)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (14/-)

In the morning a 2-mile stroll followed by a short, steep climb onto Mt. Hickey where we will have lunch. In the afternoon the descent to the south down bush tracks then the walk into Strath Creek through open rolling country. This should be a very pleasant walk with some good views and a variety of scenery.

Map : Tallarook Military 1" = 1 Mile
Dora Hester - 68 4086

1 December Mason's Falls-Running Creek-Streamsville (hard-10 miles)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-)

Map : Yan Yean & Kinglake Military 1" = 1 mile
Arthur Whyte (p) LW 4277 (b) 62 0171 ext. 586

*** 8 December** Acheron Gap-Mt. Vinegar-Watt River (medium - 12 miles)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 a.m. (12/-)

Maps : Juliet "C" & V.M.T.C. Federation Track
Fred Halls XU 3724

*Please note change of route.

15 December Macedon-Black Forest- Woodend (medium - 11 miles)

Train departs Spencer Street 9 a.m.

Ticket : 2nd return Woodend (14/-)

Map : Lancefield Military 1" = 1 mile
Robert Taylor

OVERNIGHT WALKS

23/24 November Breech Peak-Mt. Hickey-Stony Crk. -Mt. Marianne
(Hard - 24 miles)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.30 Saturday morning (22/-)

Maps: Tallarook Military 1" = 1 mile

Charlie Weiling - 85 1979 BRING WATER

6-8 December Keppel's Track-Echo Flat-Talbot Drive (20 miles - hard)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 6.30 Friday evening (26/-)

On Saturday the party will attempt to follow Keppel's Track (largely obliterated by jeep tracks) from the Buxton Road to Echo Flat via Keppel's Hut. Camp Saturday night will be at Echo Flat. On Sunday the route leads over Lake Mountain and then down the F.V.W.C. track to Keppel's Falls followed by an easy walk along the Taggerty River to Marysville.

CHRISTMAS WALKS (see also Page 2 opposite)

KIEWA AREA - starting from Tawonga Gap, taking in Dungey's Track Wilkinson Lodge, The Grey Hills, Mt. Bogong ... 8 days.

Leader : Athol Schafer. Reference Map : Robinson's "Kiewa Scheme" (4/-). Approximate cost of fares - £6.

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December 20 - 29 : Crinoline - Bennison Plains - Moroka Gorge -
Mt. Kent - Eagles Crest.

This will be an interesting trip taking in two areas (the Crinoline and the Moroka Gorge) which the club has not visited during the past decade. The walking will be varied and interesting, and of medium standard. The scenery should also be very rewarding, ranging from breathtaking mountain views to awe-inspiring gorges.

Leader : Barry Short

ALONG THE TRACKSeville - Steel's Hill - LilydaleCup Day - 5th Nov.

The unusually large circumference of 29 members and visitors formed the circle at Seville railway station on the Tuesday morning before taking to the winding track which leads up to Briarty's Hill lookout.

Lunchtime at the summit and what a glorious day of perfect Spring weather to enjoy sauntering through the forest and down to the green lanes of the Yarra Valley! After 12 miles of such scenery it was quite a contrast to see the painful bumper to bumper crawl of the holiday traffic into Lilydale.

A Rabbit for Supper!

To get a rabbit for dinner when you are without a gun or trap, the following method can be practised until perfected. Three people wander around until a rabbit is found in a shallow depression and must be some distance from its burrow. The three hunters then run around it in quickly narrowing circles. This seems to mesmerise the rabbit, which crouches close to the ground and squeals. All that has to be done then is to simply knock it on the head. It is claimed that up to 14 rabbits in 40 minutes have been taken this way.

Hopes (or fears) should not be raised by recent press reports of de-hyd. beer. Asked to comment, a local brewer says intoxicating ingredients would disappear in processing!

Violins in Her Garden

Plants thrive on music, says Mrs. J. R. Brown of Ardrosse, on the Yorke Peninsular.

She has been playing violin music to her plants since last November and claims to have seen a remarkable increase in growth and colour even after 10 days. For half an hour each morning she has played violin concertos to the flowers, vegetables and weeds in her garden. The growth of weeds and vegetables has not been as good as in the flowers.

Mrs. Brown, gardening expert in her CWA branch, read about the idea and has since received letters from Dr. Fingh, head of the Botany Department at the Alma University in India where he has been carrying out tests on the idea. She said that sound waves stimulated something in the plant that formed a carbon layer to increase the plant's bloom. Flowers seemed to like the violin. Vegetables liked a lower-pitched sound.

from "The Tree Society Newsletter".

A RARE PHENOMENON - from Mt. Fichtelber in Europe last November was sighted the FATA MORGANA. This is a rare type of mirage in which the entire landscape as far as the eye can see appears upside down, being associated with a temperature inversion of the air layers.

For Sale:

Typewriter - Although old it is in good condition.

£9. 0. 0d.

May be inspected at

8 Gnarwyn Road,

Murrumbena.

Val Goldsmith.