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EDITORIAL FOREWORD:

A glance at the current program will show that we are entering a season crammed with events which require a fair amount of organisation and patronage to ensure their success. There is S & R Practice this month followed by the Barn Dance 2-3 May. A fortnight later it is the Club Track Clearing Weekend and on the Sunday week following (24 May) there will be a Map Reading Exercise held in conjunction with a specially arranged lecture on the previous Friday night (22 May) "An Introduction to Map Reading". The big event in June will be our long weekend trip to Gunbower Island and early in July the Federation Weekend Camp will be staged for the first time for some years. This is also the time of the year when the weather is at its best so it is hoped that these events, as well as regular walks, are well supported.

WALKS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Starters on these walks are requested to place their names on the booking list in the Clubroom. If unable to get in to the city to do this, starters should let leader or walks sec. beforehand.

BI-MONTHLY MEETING will be held in Clubroom, Friday, 26th April at 8.15 pm. This will be an important meeting, for the trial period of the new van-booking arrangements will come up for review. Several changes to the proposed by-laws will be submitted. (See letter below) The new by-laws were published in "News" No.175. Aug.-Sept. '63.

Illustrated Lecture will be given by Rob Taylor on Friday, 1st May.
Title "A Tasmanian Adventure" Starts 8.30 pm.

FEDERATION, Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th May at 161 Flinders Lane, City. Everyone invited.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

GROVE, Rae - 43 Spencer Rd., East Camberfield. (b) 67 7051

FITZGERALD, Janet Marjorie - 62 Thomas St. East Brighton, S.6 (p) XU 3280

MOORE, Dr. David Robert - 7 Howard St., Kew (r) 86 9763 (b) 63 7621

NELSON, Fay Lorraine - 957 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, S.20

NEWNHAM, Kenneth Charles - 262 Station St., Edithvale, S.14.

(p) Chelsea 1237 (b) 95 1241

THOMPSON, Fiona Ruth - 28 Charteris Drive, East Ivanhoe (p) JX 3689

WARD, Denis Albert - 39 Maysia St. Canterbury, S.7. (p) WF 2955 (b) JB 1285

We wish the above members many days of happy walking with the Club.

NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS

(till 7 pm.

HALE, Neil - C/o Officers Kitchen, RAAF, Laverton. Vic. (p & b) MW 0311 ext. 449

SHEPPARD, Graham - 105 Kay St. Traralgon, Vic.

VAN DER DUYS, Peter - 67 High St., Kew. (p) 86 7932 (b) 34 0494 ext. 607

Change of phone - Barbara Aldridge (b) 53 4459

TICKETS for BARN DANCE will be on Sale in Club Room from Friday Night 17th April from any of the Social Committee. SEE PAGE 3.

LECTURE "AN INTRODUCTION TO MAP READING" FRIDAY, MAY 22nd - 8.30 pm

To deliver this lecture we have been fortunate to obtain Major J. Stevens of the Royal Australian Survey Corps, recognised authority on military maps which we use so frequently. Major Stevens will take us through many phases of map reading, aerial photography techniques, use of helicopters etc., and will illustrate his talk with slides amongst which are included shots of Northern Territory and possibly New Guinea.

To make sure we have plenty of time available for questions, members are requested to be seated in time for the lecture to commence at 8.30 pm. SHARP.

24th MAY MAP READING EXERCISE

Includes something for everyone - no matter their map reading ability. In the morning those unfamiliar with map reading will receive instruction from more experienced members while the experienced not engaged in instructing will practice leading and navigation.

All parties will join up at lunch time and after sketching interpretation of the map will walk together in the afternoon to check whether their interpretation of the map is worth boasting of or not. Mt. William area. (Pyalong & Lancefield military maps.)

Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 am. Further details from leader Jim Hester 68 4086. Please book 2-3 weeks ahead.

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

19 APRIL

(this Sunday) SEVILLE - WARRAMATE HILLS - KILLARA - 10 medium miles. TRAIN departs Flinders St. station, No. 1 platform, 9.15 am. Ticket. return Killara 9/-.

Bring waterbottle. Led by Sue Errey (p) 88 4385

26 APRIL

BALLARUK-BORHNEY CHURK COMMON-LAL LAL FALLS - Easy 12 miles. Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 am. (16/-) Map: "Ballan" military 1"=1 mile. Margaret Thompson (p) 89 8240.

10 MAY

MT. RIDDELL-SLIP CREEK-CORANDERRUK CREEK - 10 medium miles. Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 am. (12/-) Led by Neil Ham.

17 MAY

DOHNEY SPUR-ADA VALLEY-BIG ROCK - 11 medium miles. Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55am. (16/-) See the country where the tracks are being cleared. Dora Hester 68 4086

24 MAY

MAP READING EXERCISE (see above)

31 MAY

COTTRELL RIDGE-WESTCOTT SPUR 12 medium miles Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 am. (12/-) Led by Norm Trigger.

OVERNIGHT WALK

30-31 MAY - MURCHINSON FALLS = STRATH CREEK 16 medium miles. Van leaves Batman Ave 8.30 Saturday morning. Rambling rather than walking as we intend to investigate all the falls, some of which have not been visited by the Club before. Will walk along the top and then descend into the Strath Ck. Gorge. Sheltered campsites for Sat. night. Map: "Kinglake" 1/50,000. Fred Halls to the falls. 973724.

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Please note that the TRACK CLEARING van will leave Batman Avenue at 8.30 am NOT 8.55 as shown on page 4.

ERRATA "Walk" 1964/ Page 48 -Books for Bushwalkers" "Snowy Mountain Walks". Please note that price should read 7/6 plus 8d. postage NOT 3/-

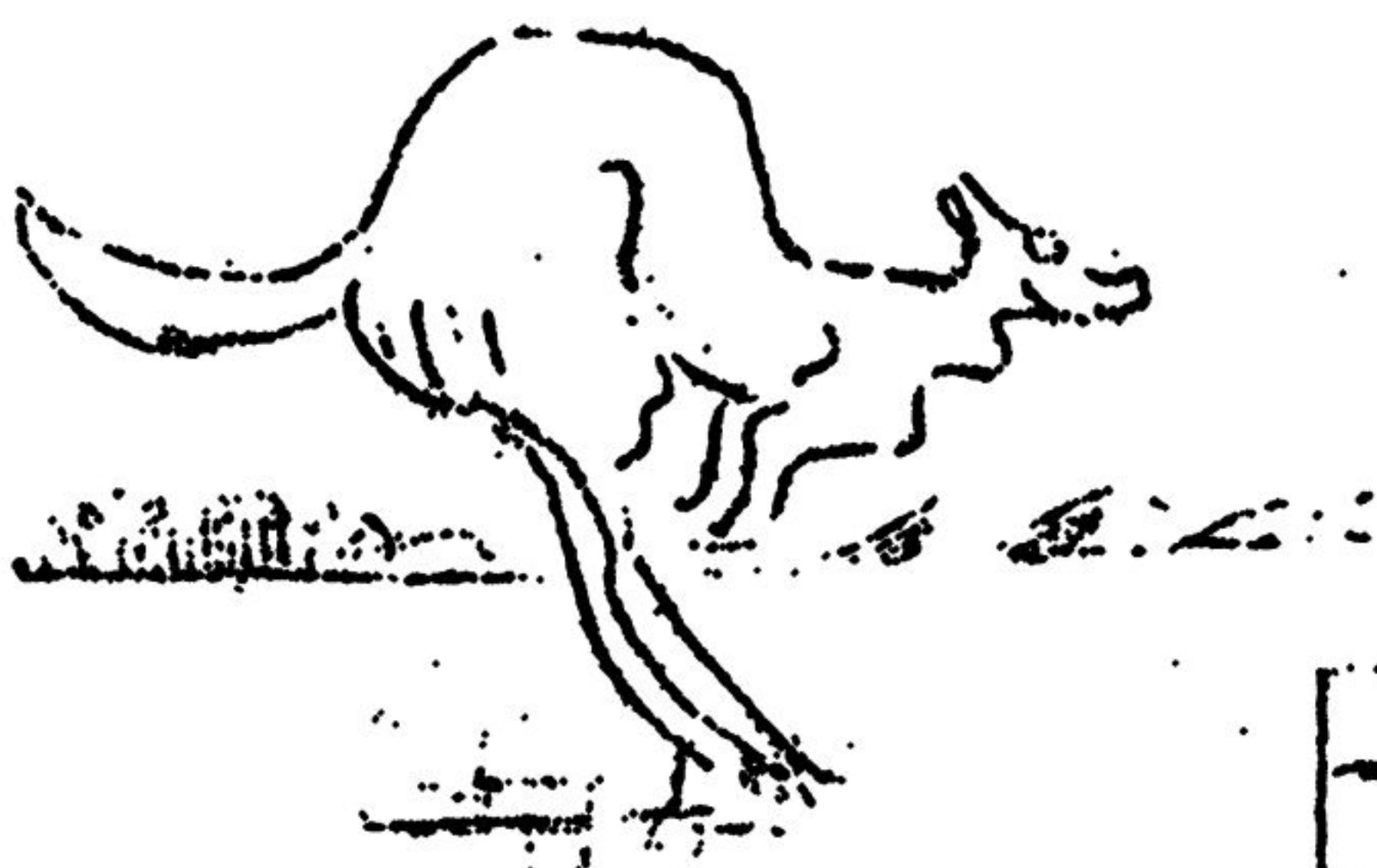
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- 1.) Volunteers for Search & Rescue Organisation - before winter.
- 2.) If you know of any walkers who visited the Crooked River area over Easter, please advise. Fred Halls is the man to see on both these matters. (p) 97 5724.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS Four members became engaged recently. Robin Mitchell & Helen White; Ron Weeks & June Bridge. Over Easter we met a couple of ex-members on top of Mt. Murray, Barry Ranges; Lesley & Ron Abbott (and daughter Lynnette) While we had a perfect Easter, Geoff Schafer reports that the West had some rough weather - putting the damper on a trip to the Stirlings.

FOUND One heavy clasp-knife at Murray Hut Saddle, Barry Mtns. Apply 211 2649



OFF TO A GOOD-HOP! AT THE BARN DANCE

MAY 2nd - 3rd

AT KERRIE HALL in the Macedon Ranges.

The Annual Barn Dance will soon be here again for everyone to try out their dancing feet to the tune of Roy Taylor's band. Supper will be served and cool drinks are on the house all evening.

The van will leave the well known spot in Batman Avenue on Saturday 2nd at 1.30 p.m. and will drop everyone off a short distance from the hall. There will be a short walk (without packs) of a few miles just to get you in the mood.

WHAT TO WEAR: This is entirely up to you - but normal walking clothes (depending on how normal you are) are the thing, don't look too respectable though. Boots will not be worn in the hall of course.

WHAT TO BRING: Bushwalking gear, own meals. There will be room in the hall for those who don't wish to bring tents, also plenty of good spots outside well away from any civilization.

COSTS.	Van fare (book now)	16/-
Donation for Dance	Gentlemen	6/-
	Ladies	A plate (with food)

There will be a short walk on Sunday without packs, returning for lunch. The van should return city fairly early.

Private Cars: If you cannot make the complete weekend then come just for the dance. Calder Highway to Gisborne, left turn at Moonegeeta sign post, about 3 miles on to Bolinda, Kerrie sign post here - if you miss the post, you can turn off to left from Moonegeeta. GRID REF: 708888 (Lancefield Military)

FOR MORE DETAILS see Social Secretary, Barbara Aldridge - 91 2087, or any of the Social Committee - Margaret Brooks, Harold Peterson. Would all girls please speak to Key Murphy 92 5258 before finally deciding on what to bring for supper, as this will ensure you have variety in your eats.

WHICH MAP WILL BE YOUR BABY ?

You may already know that this Club publishes about 18 maps and that one of the tasks associated with this is in keeping them up-to-date. A meeting to consider ways of doing this, and other mapping matters, will be held in room 110 from 6-8 pm. on Friday April 24 - before the General Meeting. We hope that there will be a good attendance of those interested in the subject.

We need -- draughtsmen, people with contacts with various mapping bodies, people with an interest in a particular area and who are willing to keep their ears open - or ditto, who are willing to try - people with ideas on the most effective use of the map file, people with access to a dylane machine, people who are just interested.

If you are among this list (and we hope it includes some girls), but you find the time doesn't suit, please contact Valerio Goldsmith (p) 56 3288 (b) 69 5831.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On Friday, April 24th, the General Meeting will be discussing the proposals put forward last August (see News 175) re the introduction of a Booking officer. As the seconder of that motion I would like to make a few comments based on my observation of the system at work.

In that motion there were two issues - the introduction of a Booking Officer and the obligations of a leader re the Walks Report form - I propose to deal only with the first.

It seems to me that the system generally is a good one, i.e. it is an advantage to have a chosen spot for the booking lists and, on duty at them, a person who will handle the entry of names and money. But I feel that the system is lacking in that, by having a member of the sub-committee as the Booking Officer, there is a tendency to shift the responsibility of canvassing for the trip from the leader.

Therefore I suggest that the leader act as the Booking Officer, details as follows:-

(a) The leader is Booking Officer on the Fridgy one fortnight before his trip. If there are two or more leaders they work together.

(b) As Booking Officer, the leader is on duty 8 to 11, or as nearly so as he can, he canvasses for his own trip and takes names and money for all trips, names and addresses of visitors, and pays the Treasurer at the end of the night.

(c) Walks Secretary to keep an eye on this and substitute a member of the Walks Sub-committee if necessary because of the leader's non-attendance.

(d) A Booking Officer duty list to be published in the News each month.

I would like to see this given a trial period of 2, 4, or 6 months.

Your's sincerely,

Valerie Goldsmith.

16-17 MAY

TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

PLAY YOUR PART IN KEEPING THE TRACKS OPEN! Van leaves Batman Av. 8.55 am, 16 May (Saturday). Maroondah Hwy. to Lilydale then Yarra Junction to Powertown. Camp at Starlings Gap where a party of slashers will move through and roughly clear. The main body of clearers will follow up and finally the markers will splash yellow paint in prominent positions. There is one bridge to be cut around, otherwise the going is pretty easy. 5 miles of track! Map "Federal Track" MBW. Ring Darrell Sullivan for enquiries (p) 935713

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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 in at AUSKI'S and inspect his range which includes models of the celebrated Bergen Rucksack imported from Europe.

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