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PLEASE NOTE THIS NUMBER:

No. 1 Contact, Norm and Edna Richards, new phone number is 85 3726

Their address is now 168 Kirby Road, East Kew for the next 6 months.

CHANGE OF DATE OF HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

In view of the threatened power and transport stoppage, the G.M. will be moved from 28th August to one week later--4th September. Also see page 2.

The Committee has discussed certain proposals for spending 'surplus funds' and this matter will be on the agenda of the above meeting.

"WALK" 1965. = A last call for articles - deadline approaches fast. Items for "Mountain Muster" urgently required. Black and white photographers! - please make this known to the Editor - Val Goldsmith (36 2282).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

BLISS, Robin Nevillo - 190 Heatherton Road, Noble Park

MORRIS, Dianne - 14 Spark Street, Murrumbidgee (p) 56 7921

WILSON, Inger McKenzie - 48 Well St., Middle Brighton (p) 92 5857
(h) 92 5804

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Away up north on a three month's honeymoon after wedded on 1st Aug. -- Kath & Felix - after all these....and the bells chimed for Anne Edgar who just back from England to Peter van der Duys on a fine day in August -15th. Some day Janet Fitzgerald and Denis Ward were happily announcing their engagement. A letter from Pakenham Bush Nursing Hospital tells that Betty Dixon is on the road to recovery, while a gaily stamped envelope from Ubon, Thailand brought news of Neil Ham stationed with the airforce there.

BOOKING OFFICER ROSTER

August 21st Robert Steel
August 28th Sue Errey

Sept. 4th Robert Taylor, Joan Baker
Sept. 11th Walks sub-committee.
Sept. 18th Marion Houston.

"GOLDEN RULE OF BUSHWALKING"

(Extract from letter to "Age" 1-8-64.
by Eric Quinlan, Federation Hon.Sec.)

".....bushwalkers must have the equipment and clothing appropriate for the trip planned (including adequate food and water); they should have some elementary knowledge of map reading and navigation procedures, and they should belong to a bushwalking club.

".....some enjoy walking without belonging to a club, but it is much better and safer for any walker, particularly the beginner to do so.

"There is one point of the utmost importance to anyone going on a bush walking expedition, particularly in the rugged bush or mountain areas of our State: 'Never walk in the bush alone. always have a minimum party size of four'. Safety considerations and our experience over the years have shown that in the event of an emergency this is truly 'the golden rule'".

DAY WALKS PROGRAM

- 30th Aug. Reilly's Gorge - Durdidwarrah - Steiglitz (10 easy miles).
A trip to the flowery Brisbane Ranges led by Rex Filson.
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 am. (16/-) Map Meredith 1: 63,360.
- 6th Sept. Mt. Gordon Ridge - Mt. Creighton - Steavenson River (8 medium miles)
Van leaves Batman Avenue 8.55 am. (16/-)
- 13th Sept. Bald Hill - Werribee River - Mt. Hope (11 medium miles)
Van leaves Batman Av. 8.55 am. (14/-). Maps: Ballan & Daylesford 1:63360
A springtime ramble thro' forest and flowers. Sue Errey 88 4365
- 20th Sept. Doney's Spur Road - High Lead - Dug Creek (10 medium miles)
Van leaves Batman Av. 8.55 am. (16/-)
Led by Joan Baker.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 5-6 Sept. Acheron Gap - Poley Range - Mt. Strickland - Steavenson River (20 medium miles) Van leaves Batman Av. Saturday morning 8.30. (24/-)
This is a SNOW WALK, medium to hard, depending on snow conditions. An interesting ridge walk in nearer Alpine country. Be prepared to camp in snow - warm clothing, li-los etc. Maps: Juliet quarter sections ABCD, (840) Lands Dept. Led by Robt. Steel (p) 47 3743
- 19-20 Sept. FEDERATION TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND. For the first time this will be held in a National Park. The track to be cleared is the one to the lighthouse, Wilsons Promontory.
- 23-27 Sept. SHOW DAY WEEKEND A four day walk to the Grampians has been included in the Spring walks program this year. It is to take the form of a fixed camp near Mt. Staplyton at the northern end of the Grampians. Features of especial interest include Aboriginal cave paintings and the strange wind blown cave formations at Mt. Stapylton. Naturally there will be many wildflowers to see as well. This area has been visited successfully by the Club in the past and the trip can be recommended to anyone who can spare the extra day between Show Day and the weekend. Wednesday night start.

CHRISTMAS WALKS Now that Christmas is not so very far away it is time to be thinking about those Extended Tours. Anybody who has any ideas or suggestions as to suitable areas for walks over the holiday period are requested to contact the walks sub-committee in order to make up the program.

WHAT IS YOUR CUP OF TEA ?

SHORT WALKS LONG WALKS EASY WALKS TOUGH WALKS FIXED CAMPS

YOU NAME IT --- WE'LL DO IT

CLUB CONTACT SYSTEM

The Club has three 'contacts', one of whom is sure to be at home to receive or give information in case of delay to any party, emergencies etc.

Leaders of all Club walks must report in to the Contact immediately on return.

Members, before leaving on any walk, must leave phone numbers of Contacts at home so that people anxious about their non-return can get information from the Contact. They must be urged to use this system, otherwise unnecessary and damaging publicity may result.

Failure to use the Contact System causes inconvenience to the Contact (who waits up for reporting-in), anxiety and confusion to people at home, and harmful public criticism of walkers.

NEW ZEALAND COURSE

Each year, during the Dec/Jan. holiday period, the New Zealand Alpine Club holds instruction courses for Australians when all aspects of Alpine Climbing are taught. The course, which is most comprehensive, includes practical experience on peaks of increasing severity and useful instruction on such subjects as:- Food for Climbers, NZ Weather Indicators, First Aid and Mountain Rescue.

This year the course will be held in the Crow Valley (Arthur's Pass area) during the week 27 December to 3rd January. If there are too many starters for one course, another will be arranged for a date just prior to Christmas.

The approximate cost of the Course will be less than £10 to all, inclusive (local fares, food accommodation, instruction).

Further information and application forms are available from Ellen Davies, Flat 8, Royal Parade, Parkville, N.2, or phone CSIRO 95 0331 ext 313 (day). Applications accompanied by a £5 deposit should be in by August 31st.

SECOND-HAND MAPS

Some duplicate copies of Army maps are being discarded from the map file and will be on sale from the Map Custodians after the General Meeting 4th Sept. They cover the following areas:-

Glenburn (2 copies)	Sunbury	Sorrento
Kinglake (4 copies)	Yan Yean	Western Port
Kosciusko	Wonthaggi	Drouin.
Ballan (2 copies)	Moe	

WALKER WINS OVERSEAS TRIP

The Commonwealth final of the Bible Quiz run by the Israel Govt. was won by Mr. Graham Mitchell who is secretary of the New South Wales Federation of Bushwalking Clubs. He will now fly to Jerusalem, all expenses paid, and compete in the world finals.

FROM "OPTIMIST MEMOIRS"

"Although made in perfect weather the crossing was commented upon by our two crew as 'rare for the season'; the sea was all tossing and heaving with the white caps, and Graham made the most of the 4 hours shooting the faces of the poor sailors amongst us, or at foamy islets passed nearby. My first impression of the place was that it was depressingly flat and grassy with some perfectly lousy little hills in the distance, not at all the perilous place that had been promised. However, on a closer acquaintance, this view was soon revised, as later you'll learn. I had also envisaged some sheltered, sandy cove, but as we drew close, it became all too evident that the landing would not be without some moments of difficulty. The jetty was in a shocking state and underneath the broken, rotten planks the sea surged round and round darkly among the rocks. Fortunately no mishap occurred and we got ourselves and all stores safely ashore while the boatmen and craft left into the mountainous seas. After watching them soon disappear from sight we took the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile track up from the shingle but found the place all locked up and nobody home, which was a bit of a stopper, as they were supposed to provide the transport to the other side. Someone suggested that they had deserted the dump ages ago and for good, which may not have been surprising, seeing it later turned out that the ergowalks had clipped out the whole idea from a 10 year old 'Post' or something.... We had decided on a little self-help and found what appeared to be the garage, all secured up with an outsized padlock and chain. While we were debating whether we would be termed burglars or just plain vandals, John, who had been snooping about, (no doubt, trying to find what he could pick up) yelled out for us to go around to the back. We did and found the wall down, and all we had to do was push the ancient vehicle out and over a kitchen garden. All the gear was piled on board while John soon had the engine wheezing asthmatically into life, and we had to jump aboard the flat-top gathering speed along the hummocky wheel tracks, or be left behind.

"On reaching camp the John said he would have to take it back in case the owners returned, and would walk back the next day. He also announced that to do this someone would have to donate some chauffer juice to augment the petrol. Graham volunteered to accompany him, which made me suspect that all he wanted to do was to follow some crazy notion of his and wander off some place, and see if he could return the next day, or the next, it seemed so. (continued)

"ALONG THE TRACK"

26 July.

MT. ST. LEONARD - MT. MONDA HEALESVILLE

The big van purred out along the Myers Ck. road to the John Junction where 16 chilly members took the Hardy's Ck. road up to Mt. St. Leonard. The sky gradually cleared and the promise of a good view from the top spurred everyone on until the leader decided to head bush and climb via the ridge line, and it was in indian file that the party reached the top. A newly cut foot track made the going easier, except for a few large, slippery logs.

The effort was worth the while because of the clear view, but a cold wind hurried everyone down to the Barnes Junction, where, beneath some forest giants, lunch was taken. Being no water, there were the usual complaints but which were soon waved aside as everyone tucked into their sandwiches, cakes or sardines. One energetic member spent a long time building a fire, which, when it began to burn, was used by all and sundry, much to his regret.

Moving off after lunch along the Monda Track we passed an old camp site and memories were recalled of a very wet weekend spent in the same area. A few members concentrated so hard on following the track suddenly found that they had gone right past Mt. Monda. The leader did see two wallabys bound off into the bush at the top.

Back $\frac{1}{2}$ mile along the Monda Track we headed down into Condon's Gully, and descending, saw an impressive view of Maroondah Reservoir. Some found that negotiating the rotten log bridges took quite a bit of skill.

The last two miles was a race between the leader and two others to the Donnelly's Weir turnoff, where they found the van driver asleep but otherwise quite unperturbed that the party was more than an hour late. After such a strenuous day the refreshments in Healesville certainly were well appreciated. -- D.S.

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Paddy Pallin has produced a new light-weight H-Frame pack, slightly smaller than existing models. Cheaper too, at £11.10.0

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CALL AND INSPECT ... See LOIS, TONI, JOHN and CHARLES
at AUSKI HOUSE, HARDWARE STREET, CITY... (Near Bourke Street)

TOOLANGI - PAUL'S RANGE - SCHOOLHOUSE RIDGE

28th June

We left the van on a back road south of Toolangi at its junction with the Paul's Range jeep track. We followed this track along the ridge to where it turns sharply west and descends steeply into Paul's creek valley. Here the leader almost lost the navigator who had stopped to take some 'shots'. After energetic arm waving and shouting the party was retrieved.

A sharp descent into a deep saddle followed and the party mutinied for lunch - elephants, burnt damper and chips.

It was evident soon after lunch that the party had not had enough barbed wire fence climbing practice. Several nameless individuals impaled themselves on the low structures.

We passed the pipeline further along the ridge. Here a short shower forced Felix into giving a modelling display of the latest slime green plastic rainwear. Several photographs were taken of him, but as yet have not appeared in any of the more well known fashion journals.

With superb (hic) navigation we threaded our way between two farmhouses, by a bog, a creek and a big patch of bracken until reaching the road.

We arrived at the van so early that all should have reached home about 6.30. - R.G.M.

There was once a young lady named Lena
Who perspired when walking at Beena;
She'd lost such a lot, that we all knew her not,
Though she certainly seemed to be leaner!