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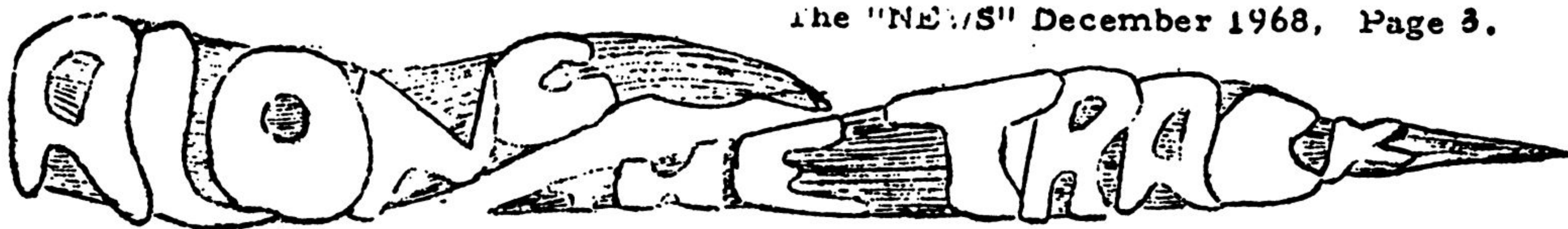
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY,
28th, 1969 at 8.00 p.m.

161 FLINDERS LANE

Sue Taylor
Hon. Sec.



BROKEN RIVER. MT. SAMARIA-TOLMIE

As we pitched our tents in the rain on Friday night the truth finally dawned - we had Freddie and Felix, the club's two expert rainmakers on the trip. Their rain making ability had been proved on countless walks in previous years and they didn't disappoint us. To make matters worse, some foolish individuals insisted on begging Hughie to "Send her down!"

The leader, complying with one of the unwritten laws of bushwalking sent her charges straight up the nearest hill (Mt. Samaria) immediately after breakfast. Art arrived at the top way ahead of everyone else. Did you say you were eating skim milk and pumpkin seeds, Art? Despite the cold wind and low cloud we were heartened by a glorious view of the Broken River Valley, with the new Lake Nillahcootie below us.

After a wet lunch, the sun managed to peep through while we scrambled around a picture-skewy waterfall. The remainder of the day was rather damp and bracken but spirits were revived when we reached the campsite - a lovely clearing in a steep-sided valley with the ruins of several farm buildings and stacks of mushrooms to boot. It brought back memories of Mitchell's in the Jamieson River area.

Sunday found us visiting the so-called Kelly tree with its inscription "1878 Kelly shot Longan". The steepest climb of the trip was in the afternoon namely Haystack Hill where Mike began cursing his gym boots. It's the tread you know, they haven't got one. A couple of miles along an open ridge with views of Mt. Charlie (i.e. Timbertop) brought us to the van.

When the day-walkers scrambled into the van, several male members of the party stared in open-mouthed disbelief - the ratio was fantastic, nearly 5 to 1. I must go on a few more day walks, eh fellas?

Henry Crumb

NEW MAPS : Dyelines of the Provisional Compilations of the 1:50,000 series of Alexandra, Eildon, Mansfield, and Buller (making up the old Alexandra, and Mansfield 1 inch = 1 mile map sheets) are now available from the Central Plan Office of the Lands Department. These maps, although not up to date with regard to track information, do present the first coverage of this area in contours, and as such should be of considerable use to Bushwalkers.

Barry Short

AN ENTIRE BOOKSHOP IN A SUITCASE!

Well, at least, we have a caseful of bushwalking publications suitable for building up your holiday reading matter.

WALK 1969 :- Sample the literary talents and follow the exploits of your fellow club-members. Instead of sending a Christmas card - send a copy of "Walk" to your friends. Cost 30c.

"THE MELBOURNE WALKER 1969" :- is recommended for its informative articles featuring National Parks and Mallacoota. Cost 30c.

"SKYLINE 1968" :- of immense interest to all Tasmanianophiles. Cost 25c.

"THE MONASH BUSHWALKER" - a new publication. Cost 25c.

"A GUIDE TO VICTORIAN WATTLES" is a handy companion volume to Victorian Eucalypts. Cost \$1-50.

BOOK REVIEW

"WILD-FLOWER-HUNTER"
(Illustrated)

-- by H.J. Samuel
Constable & Co., London

Ellis Rowan, born in the mid-nineteenth century, became a talented painter of wild-flowers, her quest for more and more rare subjects often led her on many adventurous walks here and overseas. The account of her explorations along mountain and bush tracks makes this a book of special interest to bushwalkers.

Her father had bought 30 acres, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the summit of Mt. Macedon, and built "Derriweit" which may still be seen by those climbing the mountain. Guilfoyle, the director of the Botanic Gardens, was consulted; and the place was soon surrounded by a landscaped garden of native bush and exotic plants from all over the world.

The Government bought her collection of Australian and New Guinea wildflower paintings-while in USA she illustrated some of the first wildflower books. She ended her days at Upper Macedon at a smaller place known as "The Cottage" where there was a tame platypus in the creek at the bottom of the garden. She died in 1922, aged 74.

-- (A.S.)

SUMMER PROGRAM

The Summer Programme has just been printed and is now attached to "News"

SONG BOOK :

The songs for December are Botany Bay (well so what if you already know it) and Five Hundred Miles. There was to be 4, but due to a certain letter not arriving on time (i.e. 2 hours before publishing) there is only a one-sided song sheet.

It is Mike Griffen doesn't think his article is a censored one

W A L K S P R E V I E W S

DAY WALKS :

December 22 QUEENSLIFF-PT.LONSDALE-SALT LAKE (Swimming)
 Leader : Greg Harwood p) 50-4784. (Dead-E a s y.)
 Van leaves Batman Av. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-80.
 Carry water. Map: Corio Special Military.
 PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOW A VAN TRIP THEREFORE
 PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

January 12 DAYLESFORD LAKE - TIPPERARY SPRINGS -
HEPBURN SPRINGS. (Extremely E a s y)
 Leader : Janice Wright p) 29-3418. Train leaves
 Spencer St. 9.30 a.m. Buy a Sunday Excursion to
 Daylesford. Fare \$2-15. Map: Daylesford Military 1"
 There will be opportunities for swimming if the
 weather is hot.

January 26 WARBURTON-MT.LITTLE JOE-MT.TUGWELL-Medium
LA LA FALLS.
 Leader : Mario Attard p) 544-8493. Catch bus from
 Whights Tourist Bureau in Flinders Street leaving
 at 10 a.m. Buy day return ticket to Warburton
 costing \$1-90. Bus arrives back in Melbourne 9 pm
 Map: Gembrook Military 1:50,000.

February 2 KINGLAKE-WILD DOG HILL-YOW YOW CREEK-
ONE TREE HILL. M e d i u m
 Leader : Michael Griffen p) 90-4554.
 Van leaves Batman Av 9.15 a.m. Fare \$1-20.
 Map: Yan Yean Military 1".
 Do not miss the opportunity to search for WILD
 dogs and yow yows.

February 9 GISBOURNE-LITTLE BULLENGAROOK-MT.GISBOURNE
 Leader : Bill Downing p) 88-1149 Easy//Medium
 Train leaves Spencer Street 9.30 a.m. Fare \$1-75.
 Buy Sunday Excursion to Gisbourne. Maps: Lancefield
 and Ballan Military.

WEEK-END WALKS :

January 18-19 LILLO DERBY-WERRIBEE GORGE (Swimming)
 Leader : Shirley Trotter p) 56-2496. Dead e a s y.
 Van leaves Batman Ave 1.30 p.m. Saturday.
 Fare \$2-00. Map: Ballan Military 1".
 PLEASE NOTE A VAN WILL BE BOOKED FOR THIS
 TRIP (nothing to do with psychedelic happenings) AND
 MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO COME BY VAN AND
NOT PRIVATE TRANSPORT UNLESS UNAVOIDABLE.

January 24-27 MT.FEATHERTOP-RAZORBACK-MT.HOTHAM
BON ACCORD SPUR-HARRIETVILLE. Medium
 Leader: Art Terry p) 93-3617. Van leaves Batman Av.
 6.30 p.m. Fare \$6-50. Come and spend A.N.A.
 week-end on the high peaks, with plenty of time to cover
 the distance.

February 7-9 PHILLIP-ISLAND CAPE WOOLAMAI - BARRY'S BEACH.
 Leader : Alec Proudfoot p) 98-3155 Extremely easy.
 Van leaves Batman Av 6.30 p.m. Fare \$3-20.
 Plenty of opportunity for swimming amid beautiful coastal
 scenery.

((For December 15-- Yarra Glen-Highbrow Hill. Buy a Sun Exx to Tarrawarra, not
 Yarra Glen. as scheduled in Spring Program '68) Leader A. Bailey)))

DUTY ROSTER :

December 13	Maria Verginis	January 10	Barry Short
20	John Brownlie	17	John Sparksman
		24	Shirley Treloar
January 3	Sue Taylor	31	Michael Griffen

 There is no Committee Meeting to be held during January 1969.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Jan ABBOTT,
10 Charles Street, Hampton. p) 98 8431.

FELIX HARDING CHRISTMAS WALK:

Members booked on Felix's walking party at Christmas are reminded to buy a Return Rail Ticket to Wangaratta.

CONTACTS FOR CHRISTMAS WALKS

1. Loch Wilson phone no. 53-7353
2. Sue Taylor " " 397-6029—
3. Ian & Mrs. Win Bennett phone no. 43-1921

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9 HARDWARE ST. CITY.

ALL Correspondence should be addressed to :

HON SEC. MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS,
BOX 1751Q, MELBOURNE. VIC. 3001.

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THANK YOU once again to contributors for their continued support, to News assemblers, printer, anyone who has helped in any way with this issue.

I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS - WHEREVER YOU ARE GOING
FOR YOUR HOLIDAY BREAK I HOPE YOU HAVE LOADS OF LEISURE TIME FOR
ENJOYABLE WALKING.....

FIVE HUNDRED MILES

1. If you miss the train I'm on
You will know that I am gone,
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles,
A hundred miles, a hundred miles,
A hundred miles, a hundred miles,
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles.
2. Lord, I'm one, Lord, I'm two,
Lord, I'm three, Lord, I'm four,
Lord, I'm five hundred miles from my home
Five hundred miles, five hundred miles,
Five hundred miles, five hundred miles,
Lord, I'm five hundred miles from my home.
3. Not a shirt upon my back,
Not a penny to my name,
Lord, I cannot go home this a-way,
This a-way, this a-way,
This a-way, this a-way,
Lord, I cannot go home this a-way.

Repeat first verse.

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BOTANY BAY

1. Farewell to old England forever,
Farewell to my rums calls as well,
Farewell to the well-known Old Bailey,
Where I once used to look such a swell.

C h o r u s: Singing tooral li-ooral li-addity,
Singing tooral li-ooral li-ay,
Singing, tooral li-ooral li-addity,
For we're bound for Botany Bay.

2. There's the captain as is our Commander,
There's the bos'n and all the ship's crew,
There's the first and the second-class passengers,
Knows what we poor convicts go through.
3. Tain't leaving old England we cares about,
Tain't cos we mis-spells what we knows,
But becos all we light-fingered gentry,
Mops round with a log on our toes.
4. Oh had I the wings of a turtle dove,
I'd soar on my pinions so high,
Slap bang to the arms of my, polly love,
And in her sweet presence I'd die.
5. Now all my young Dockie s and Duchesses,
Take warning from what I've to say,
Mind all is your own that you touchers,
Or you'll find us in Botany Bay.

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