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ATTENTION MEMBERS

Time passes very quickly. Before you know it, it will be February 1972 and time for the Annual General Meeting.

This is the time to elect office-bearers, express your views on policies which will effect the club, etc. It is also the time to decide whether "WALK" should be published or not.

Think on these matters and formulate opinions NOW! Don't come to that meeting, merely prepared to cast your vote "with the mob". HAVE YOUR OWN OPINIONS AND IDEAS AND BE READY TO EXPRESS THEM!

Give thought to the selection of the committee. Who would make a good President? Who would "fill the bill" as a Secretary? Remember that it is a demanding job, requiring a lot of time and effort behind the scenes. Remember too, that a woman can serve as President and a man as Secretary.

A Treasurer has to attend to the banking and bookwork during the week and attend all club nights and business meetings. That takes a couple of nights a week out of your spare time.

Who is willing to be News Convenor? This means attending all business meetings, taking notes, chasing leaders for walks previews, receiving and "vetting" all articles contributed, typing 10 or 12 stencils and ensuring that "NEWS" appears regularly. You can "kiss one weekend a month goodbye" if you take on that job!

Are you, yourself, willing to serve the club in any capacity? There is a lot more to being a "true blue" member, other than just attending walks. Are you willing to give one Monday night a month for committee meetings and additional nights for sub-committee duty? Are you prepared to act as club delegate to other organizations? Would you be willing to act as the duty officer at club nights and be responsible for introducing newcomers, cleaning-up and locking-up after everyone else leaves?

And now we should look at "WALK" You will all remember that at the last A.G.M., the majority were in favour of printing the 1972 edition, even though an editor was not appointed at that time. You will remember that Rex Filson subsequently called a meeting of all interested people AND VERY FEW PEOPLE TURNED UP OR OFFERED TO HELP IN THE PRODUCTION!

Subsequent to that, a special general meeting was held to vote for the cancellation of "WALK '72". The vote was lost and printing continued. THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED IN FAVOUR, DID SO THOUGHTLESSLY! Very few people subsequently helped. Of those that did, most fell out after one or two meetings and very few people will stick it out until "WALK" hits the bookshops.

Think about this and find out how many people are needed to produce the magazine. Find out before you vote on "WALK '73"! You need an editor, an editorial committee (3 or 4 people), an advertising manager, a distribution manager, typists, article contributors and photographers.

What are you going to do to help? When you have decided what you will do,
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approach others and see what capacity they will undertake. MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE COMPETENT AND WILLING TO SEE THE JOB RIGHT THROUGH! If you have enquired of the membership and cannot be certain that the right people and sufficient numbers are available for the task; "DON'T VOTE FOR THE PRINTING OF WALK 1973!"

- Geoff Kenafacke -

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Meetings are held in the Clubrooms, 14 Hosier Lane, at the rear of the Forum Theatre, every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

SOCIAL NIGHTS:

November 23rd (Tues.) Tenpin Bowling at the Golden Bowl, Camberwell, at 8.00 p.m. Afterwards, supper at the home of Graham and Marijke Mascas. If possible please bring a plate of food. See Roger Brown for further details.

December 1st (Weds.) Film - 'For Love of an Eagle'. 8.15 p.m. From Sth. Africa on mountaineering in Natal with excellent shots of attacking eagles. A film for pure enjoyment.

December 8th (Weds.) Film - 'Shadow of Progress' Westernport - the other side of the story. 8.15 p.m.

December 10th (Friday) SQUARE DANCE - see supplement to "NEWS".

" 18th (Sat.) BARBECUE - "OPEN HOUSE" at the home of Graham and Stuart Hodgson Pine Ridge, Sheffield Road South, Montrose, p) 728-1734. See Map of directions in clubroom. Arrive Sat. afternoon, bring your own everything and stay as long as you like.

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WALKS REPORT:

A total of 190 people were out walking for the month of October. This included 50 visitors.

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SEARCH & RESCUE:

The Club were alerted to join the search for a missing schoolgirl on Mt. Buffalo. We thank the 3 members of our Club - Joan Whyte, Roger Brown and Harold Peterson who gave their time looking for the girl.

The Search & Rescue Federation is wanting more experienced walkers who would be willing to be called for future searches. Next year we will probably have one less as Roger may be doing National Service, so we would like at least one replacement. See Bob Steel if you are interested.

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PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND:

There was a poor showing of people at this weekend, considering the number of members is about 215. The 30 or so who attended enjoyed themselves greatly. The orienteering was a big success and it is intended to hold another.

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DUTY ROSTER:

In future there will be 2 committee members on duty each club night. The enquiry table will be situated just inside the door.

November, 24th - Sue Ball, Graham Mascas.
December, 1st - Jenny Mead, Geoff Kenafacke.
" 8th - Joy Seymour, Bob Steel.
" 15th - Pam Lambeth, Rex Filson

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WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Cowley, 10 Wheatland Road, Malvern, 3144. p) 50-8095
Geoff Crapper, 26 Evans Avenue, Moorabbin, 3189. b) 95-7666. p) 95-5793.

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MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE CLUBROOMS ARE NOW OPENED AT 7.30 p.m.

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WALK PREVIEWSDAY WALKS:

- December 5 LAUNCHING PLACE - YARRA RIVER - OLD WARBURTON RAILWAY - MILLGROVE
 Leader: Marijke Mascas p) 50-2995 Easy
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00.
 Map Reference: Gembrook 1:50,000.
 An easy walk along the Yarra River banks (if floods have subsided) and then following the old railway line. No hills to climb.
- 12 SAN REMO - POWLETT RIVER BEACH WALK (including family walk)
 Leader: Joy Seymour p) 41-4790 Easy
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.00.
 Map Reference: Woolamai & Wonthaggi 1" = 1 mile.
 This walk will include some cliff climbing (beware of farmers who have signs on their fences to keep out - prize stock) Also sand walking, water wading (perhaps) and over the sand dunes at Kilcunda. We finish the walk at the mouth of the Powlett River. If the day is hot we will be able to go surfing so bring your togs.
FAMILY WALK:
 Leader: Marijke Mascas p) 50-2995
 The route for this walk will either be at the Kilcunda end or at San Remo. Families come along and enjoy the sea and surroundings.
- 19 LITTLE RIVER - KNOBBY SPUR - CATHEDRAL LANE
 Leader: Andy Price Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 9.15 a.m. Fare \$2.50.
 Map Reference: Thornton 1:50,000.
 This is a pleasant walk through hills mainly on tracks. Rewarding for those prepared for a 2000' climb through bush. Good water at many points but bring some for lunch.
 Pretty country with a few views. This walk is not recommended for beginners.

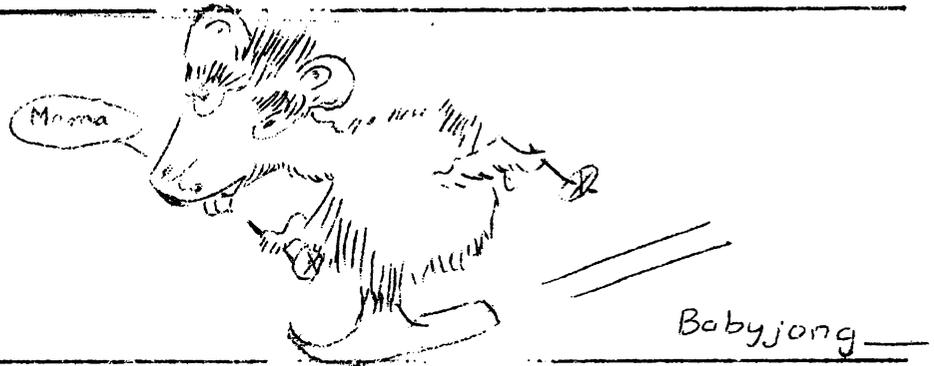
WEEKEND WALKS:

- December 3-5 SANDY POINT - BEACH WALK TO DARBY RIVER AREA
 Leader: Peter Bullard p) 50-5234 Easy
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$5.00. 13 miles.
 Map Reference: Yanakie 1" = 1 mile.
 A walk where there are no hills, we will be walking along the beach so there will -- we hope -- be plenty of swimming & sun bathing.
 A good weekend for beginners and the not so energetic,
 CARRY WATER FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND.
- " WINDY SADDLE - MT. WILSON - OBERON BAY
 Leader: Roger Brown p) 57-6729 Medium
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$5.00.
 Map Reference: Wilsons Prom 1" = 1 mile.
 This walk will take in one of the most spectacular peaks on the "Prom". It will provide an all round panorama of the southern half of the Prom. After Mt. Wilson we will proceed to Oberon Bay and camp. On Sunday there will be sufficient time to climb Mt. Norgate if so desired. Long trousers would be an advisable asset.
- " SOUTH POINT - WILSONS PROMONTORY
 Leader: Art Terry p) 93-3617 Medium-Hard
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$5.00.
 Map Reference: Wilsons Prom 1" = 1 mile.
 A rewarding walk to the most southern point on the mainland, superb coastal scenery after a short scrub bash -- long trousers and gloves are essential -- Camp on Saturday night will be at the mouth of picturesque

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- December 17-19 McADAM GAP - MT. MATLOCK - JORDAN RIVER - ABERFELDY
 Leader: Graham Wills-Johnson p) 52-4720 Medium/18 miles.
 Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m. Fare \$4.50¢.
 Map Reference: Matlock & Aberfeldy 1:50,000.
 Bring water with you on the van for breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
 Leaving our camp at McAdams Gap we will climb Mt. Matlock, where there is a fire tower from which, unless the Victorian weather is doing its usual thing, we should get a good view out over the valleys into which we are shortly to descend. The Bulk of the Walk is described with accuracy and detail in the MUMC Guide to the Victorian Alps pp5-5 & 5-6, and should appeal to those interested in old mining areas.
- Christmas/
 New Year
- December 25-28 THE BLUFF- No. 1 & 2 DIVIDE - MT. CLEAR - THE KNOBS - MT. MCDONALD
 Leader: Roger Brown p) 57-6729 Medium/35 miles.
 Private Transport.
 Map Reference: VMTC. Watersheds King Howqua & Jamieson.
 This long weekend is ideal for those who cannot go on any of the longer walks, whatsmore this is the ideal place to spend Christmas away from all the tourists and in the peace of those 5000ft. plus peaks. The area we are in is beyond description so I will not attempt to describe it except to say that the walk is mostly in Alpine Snow plain country with good views in abundance. Anyone who wishes to come on this walk I would appreciate you notifying me as soon as possible so as transport arrangements can be finalised.
- 27/12/71 - 3/1/72 SASSAFRAS GAP - DARTMOUTH - MT. BOGONG - WILKINSON LODGE
 Leader: Graham Mascas p) 50-2995 Medium/50 miles.
 Private Transport.
 Map Reference: Forestry 1:100,000. Agona Guide - Mt. Bogong.
 Transport arrangements have been made so that leaving Melbourne on the Monday 26th Dec. we can leave cars at Sassafras Gap and start our walk early Tuesday morning. Our arrival at Wilky will depend on many factors not the least being you! The planned arrival is Saturday evening 1/1/72 giving a 5 day walk but it is better to plan food for 6 days just incase we are late. There will be transport at Wilky to enable drivers to be returned to Sassafras Gap on the Sunday to collect their vehicles for return to Melbourne on the Monday Bank holiday of 3/1/72. The whole party is booked into Wilky for the two nights 1st & 2nd Jan. and some supplies could be arranged for collection and new year celebrations if sufficient notice is given.
 This walk in the Sassafras-Dartmouth-Bogong area is not common to the Club so come exploring into what is a new(?) area to many.
 Book early. Limit 10! Expected time of Return - Monday 3/1/72.
- 31/12/71 - 3/1/72 DAVIES PLAIN - MT. MISERY - ALPINE AREA
 Leader: Tyrone Thomas p) 89-5197 BLUDGE/15 miles.
 Private Transport.
 Map Reference: Glen Wills & Jacobs River F.C.V. 1"=1 mile.
 Davies Plain is between 5000' & 6000' above sea level, is near the Cobblers region, has excellent views of the Snowy Mts., Pilot & Cobblers and has extensive Alpine grasslands which should be at their best about New Year. We intend having a base camp and going for very easy walks in several directions from the Camp. Access is via Omeo and Benambra then northwards.
 We will camp on the Tambo River banks on the Friday evening and commence the return trip home about 2.00 p.m. on the Monday 3/1/72.
- 13 days walk THE SOUTHERN SNOWY MOUNTAINS
 Leader: Alex Stirkul b) 46-4841, ext. 22.
 Would anybody who is interested in the 13 day Christmas walk in the Southern Snowy Mts. as detailed in the September "NEWS", and who has not as yet notified their intention of coming, please contact the leader Alex Stirkul (b) 46-4841, ext. 22. before December 1st so that transport and food arrangements can be finalised.



ADVERTISEMENT: Middle-aged but active bushwalker seeks flat with all mod. cons. Must be situated in posh area and have superb views of the Dandenongs.

Wot! No engagements this month? Has the engagement epidemic finally died down? And can Spencer once again come out of hiding? The answers to these and other exciting questions may be found in next month's column (on the other hand, they may not be). So make sure you receive your next "NEWS" by smiling sweetly when next you meet Barry and Gwenda.

- Will Tyrone go? -

HERE ARE 2 VERSIONS OF A RECENT WEEKEND EPISODE:

1. Have you ever had trouble illuminating your tent at night? If so, just contact Dave Thomson for he is the expert light man. On a recent trip lead by Art Terry his tent was seen glowing many hundreds of yards, away lit with the power of 4 candles, an overheated primus stove, a mass of burning grass and a smouldering groundsheet. Dave is also an expert on sauna baths in tents for during the holocaust his tent was heated from 50° to 140° in very rapid time.

2. Those two incendiary agents extraordinaire Dave 'Fiery' Thomson and Graham 'Fossil' Hodgson gave a superb display of the art of pyrotechniques at "Bennies" a few weeks ago. Eye witnesses present described the magnificent exhibition of lighting effects produced by the out of control choofer inside Dave's tent. The whole effect was further enhanced by the strategic placement of four lighted candles by the two showmen within the confines of the tent. The resultant spectacular apparently was truly a sight to behold according to the number of times "C'est magnifique" and "cor blimey" were heard uttered by the small group of entranced onlookers. Dave has let it be known that a repeat performance could be arranged at some future date if enough sincere requests are received from persons wishing to set fire to their tents in a grand manner.

Bushwalking must appear to be an insecure pastime to some. One person was seen on a weekend walk a few weeks ago carrying a toy rabbit. He did not say whether it was his security bunny or not.

Beware! Mattingley and his Marauders have returned. We would like to welcome back Rod, Barbara, and Harry after their six month trip around Australia in Rod's trusty Land-Rover.

-- Who is Harry? --

We also welcome back Rex and Sue Filson who have been travelling overseas for four months. I believe they ran in to Alex and Dorry while out mountain - climbing one day, it's a small world!

It happens to be that time of year when some people in the Club are starting to think about who will be running for what position at the next Annual General Meeting in February. Positions such as President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. come to mind readily, but I wonder if anyone has ever thought of adding the following office-bearers to those already in existence. I offer the following brief list of positions together with suitable candidates which was arrived at after much painstaking effort and research.

- Club Whip -- Geoff Kenafacke
- Compromising Situations Officer - Graham Wills-Johnson
- Marriage Guidance Delegate -- Jenny Mead
- Constitutional Adviser -- Rex Filson
- Brown Spoon Custodian - Roger Brown
- M.B.W. Chef (specializing in steam puddings) -- Tyrone Thomas
- Inspector of Morals - Stuart Hodgson

Heard there is a certain newly married female member who should never lead a walk. Was directed by husband to drive down Riversdale Rd. till she crossed Punt Road en route to Alfred Hospital. Hubby later received frantic 'phone call. Appeared she'd faithfully followed his instructions but couldn't find Punt Road in the Box Hill area.

Mummajong gave up on the recent Orienteering Competition, couldn't find the first checkpoint, so instead of going on he turned back to camp.



ALONG THE TRACK

FROM SUMMER TO WINTER IN 24 HOURS OR A WALK IN A NEARBY RAIN FOREST
Saturday 25/26th September. Leader: John Sparksman

Fifteen eager walkers set out for Mt. St. Leonard on a sunny, warm Saturday morning. One attempted to walk extra light by leaving his pack in Batman Ave. but his attempt to live off the land and his mates was quickly foiled by the observant leader. In order to save petrol the van stopped halfway up the mountain road and the leader told us to get out and walk the rest of the way. So we did with some characters stripping off to shorts and others to bikinis. By the time we reached the top of Mt. St. Leonard the author felt like a foreign legionaire after a pack drill but was shamed into silence by 3 boy scouts, dwarfed by their packs, who had nonchalantly walked up the short cut.

From Mt. St. Leonard a mossy, bush road followed a gentle ridge to the Kalatha saddle whence we followed the road to the Xylophone bridge over the Murrindindi River a spot flanked by wattles, grassy plains and plenty beer bottles to show that somebody had enjoyed themselves. We also passed a turn-off marked "Siberia" on the way but the significance of this did not dawn on us until the next morning when an icy wind blew. Those boastful characters who talked of an early morning dip in the Murrindindi were now seen standing between two fires eating their breakfast with gloved fingers.

A good breakfast, and a brisk walk along the road to the Murrindindi Falls saved us from getting frost bite. Here we had to cross the flooded river on a slippery log flanked on the unstream side by deep and treacherous whirlpools and on the downstream side by the jagged rocks of Victoria's own Niagara. Undaunted by this obstacle and reassured by the leader's willingness to fish us out somewhere near the Goulburn we crossed each in his own fashion. A body count on the other side established that no one had been lost and now for a scramble through the bush on the other side to a bush track which took us to the Yellowdindi and later through the Bull Creek up to Yea Rock.

From now on the weather could best be described as variable. It either poured, drizzled, blew a gale, hailed or showered. At Yea Rock, where I am told there is quite a beautiful view, the party crowded into an old forestry hut and lit a fire whose smoke was more noticeable than its warmth. After a quick lunch it was downhill all the way to the Maroondah Highway where we arrived 2 hours ahead of schedule, telepathic communications having failed to summon the van earlier. Since bushwalkers can never stand still we now walked along the road in the direction of Melbourne to the delight of passing motorists who thought we were extras from a TV film of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. Seldom was the arrival of an empty Gronows van greeted with more enthusiasm and if the "wet look" is now fashionable, this party was certainly right with it.

- Paul Baxter -

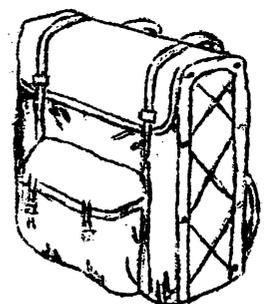
Those members who helped construct the Bill Gilleo Memorial Track at Tarli Karng in April, may be interested to know that it has been completed. Members of the Ben Cruachan Walking Club finished the job in mid-October. We understand, that the Minister for Tourism, Mr. Harking will be invited to officially open it shortly.

Remember how we didn't see very much birdlife at Hattah during Queens Birthday Weekend? A recent visitor had a different experience. She counted 600 pelicans at Lake Lockie in one afternoon.

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Dear Madam,

It is my positive belief that a statement (attributable, I believe, to a certain Major Grippe Yarfeet who as an officer and a gentleman should know better) which appeared in the July issue of our august publication:

"It rains in the east, it rains in the west,
But it rains on Tyrone's walks the best."

stands in need of correction, because

It isn't only Tyrone's walks which bring the water down.

"The weather doesn't look the best", said Artie with a frown.

"Let's take your car, Spence", Susie said, "And head straight back to town".

The sky went blacker overhead, and Hughie SENT 'ER DOWN.

We floundered up through bracken wet upon Mt. Warrick's side
(Or should I say we swam upstream against the rushing tide?),

And all about the chilly fog a view to us denied.

We stumbled on o'er slippery rocks on a ridge oft far from wide.

The wind it howled, the heav'ns were open, we thought they'd never close.

And so we splashed down to our camp upon the River Rose,

Where wombats by the score are found - I believe of hairy nose.

Alas - they all had umbrellas so I could only see their toes.

A local farmer thought the girls, all wet through, looked a sight,

And offered us the usage of his cowshed for the night,

Which some accepted. He was so painstaking and polite

He brought their packs up in his truck next morning. They walked light!

(Scandalous! Should be drummed out of the regiment!)

A certain law of nature says that things just MUST go wrong,

And that is just what happened to the present dismal song.

Of all things, Sunday passed with not a cloud the whole day long!

From Typo's ridge the views entranced the slowly-drying throng.

The brighter side of life, Madam, is none of my concern.

I leave to others to describe, when things to cheerful turn.

With soggy matchbox in my hand I try my tale to burn,

But even THAT won't work! (Oh upper lip, you must be stern!)

Your obedient servant, Madame,

Brigadier J.C.Paddyboot-Wrinkletoes (ret'd)(drowned).

THE PRESIDENT'S DIFFERENT WEEKEND

So what was different about the annual President's weekend held 30th and 31st October? For one thing the number of people attending was greatly reduced from previous years but this did not stop those who attended from enjoying themselves.

The first car loads arrived at the campsite around Saturday lunchtime. After we pitched our tents, everyone relaxed in the warm sunshine and ate their lunches. Bob really went soft, brought his own, comfy chair to relax in. A wireless was also heard playing somewhere in the background, makes one wonder what has happened to bushwalkers.

After lunch some of the more energetic people decided to go walkabout. Under the leadership of our President off we went to visit the Murrindini Falls. On reaching the impressive sight of gallons of sparkling water pouring down, we stopped to enjoy the warmth of the sun. One girl was already stretched out on the rocks, wearing her bikini, hoping to gain an early suntan. One very keen photographer took a shot, claimed he was taking one of the bloke sitting next to the 'sun lover'. Eventually we hauled ourselves up from our comfy positions and continued on for the rest of the afternoon. After returning to the campsite we found several other bushies had arrived including 'Rocker' Lance who had gone missing on his motor bike earlier in the day.

Now was the time for the Murrindindi Restuarant to open, managed by the President and First Lady but with B.Y.O.(bring your own) and D.I.Y.(do it yourself). There were meals of all descriptions, Dampers, Rabbit, to name a few, and good old Vesta (ugh).

The winners of the Cookery Contest were awarded with Golden Billy's which look too attractive to be spoilt on a bush walk.

A Singsong was then started, accompanied by Bob playing his harmonium and Joy bashing away on her aborigine music sticks. (not quite a corroboree). It was discovered after several songs that Peter had his tape recorder going, should make interesting

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listening to, especially the song 'In the Quarter Masters Stall'. The famous Mascas mulled wine was most welcomed by many thirsty mouths. Before everyone retired to their abodes for the night, watches were changed to daylight saving time.

Sunday dawned warm and sunny once again. Why don't other weekend walks have weather like this. Eager eyes were studying the orienteering instructions attached to a large tree and after pairing off in small groups, we left at 5 minute intervals armed with our maps and compasses. The first checkpoint being the waterfalls we headed off quite confidently. Climbing up past the falls, we came across Mummajong turning back in disgust, had given up trying to find the first checkpoint so decided not to go on. He certainly wasn't going you know where with you know who that time. The others continued on, coming across each other at different times. A few people had nasty scares from snakes which had come out of hiding because of the summer weather. The surrounding mountains rising up around us were splendid sights and down in the valleys and beyond were luscious green fields. After much 'orienteering' the last check point was reached and then another mile brought us to camp. Finally everyone arrived back, the 1st and 2nd winners were presented with crepe paper sashes and tin trumpets. Ed was able to blow his own trumpet. Photos were then taken of the celebrities.

The time had now come to start departing. Rex was seen collecting ants from the tree and placing them in a plastic bag. He must be branching out from collecting lichens.

The bushies who were at the President's Different Weekend agreed that it had been most enjoyable.

Many thanks Graham and Marijke and for the work put into the prizes.

A contented member. - Joybelle -

PAPER SLEEPING BAGS.

The September issue of "Industry Today", reported that a Disposable Paper Sleeping Bag is being introduced commercially in Britain.

The article read, "Tramps of the World have proved the economy and warmth of sleeping between newspaper. Now the paper sleeping bag is being introduced commercially. It was premiered recently at the Outdoor Holiday Show in London. This disposable paper sleeping bag protects against rain and cold. The outer layer is a waterproof membrane sandwiched in special paper. Beneath the middle layer is heavy paper, followed by a crepe lining, soft against the sleeper.

The luxury paper bag devised by the London-based Reed Group is, of course, not designed for park bench sleeping. It is intended for the camper and sportsman who sleeps rough. It can be used for up to two weeks, depending on weather conditions and the way it is looked after.

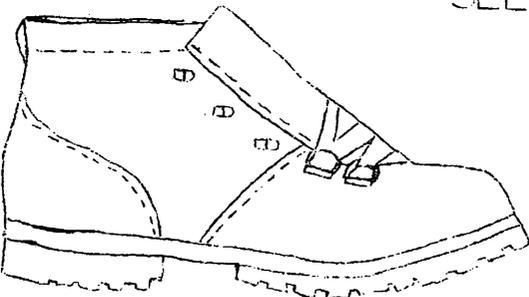
It is presumed that this will be much lighter and more compact than the conventional sleeping bag so it will be a boon to blokes like Roger as they can carry more tins! On the other hand, it would be unwise to lay around campfires as Tyrone has been known to do, and Sue and those other "weed-puffers" would definitely not be able to smoke in be

One last thought It is to be hoped that this will not create a litter problem around campsites.

In the October issue of "NEWS", Mummajong made reference to the club's recent spate of matrimonial madness. A Mathematician recently told me that "club couples" account for 29,84% of our current membership. Thats a pretty drastic way to avoid membership fees and what's more, its going to mean a loss in revenue, amounting to \$60 a year.

NEWS CONVENCOR'S NOTE:

I thank all those faithful contributors to "NEWS" this month. Those unable to be printed this month have been held for further issues. Please continue to forward any "News", walk writings and other items of interest. Leaders of January Walks should hand their Previews in as soon as possible. - Joy Seymour -



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