



THE NEWS

OF THE MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS

Edition 340

MARCH, 1978

Price 3¢

Registered at G.P.O. for transmission by post as a periodical — Category B.

MELBOURNE BUSHWALKERS COMMITTEE 1978/1979

PRESIDENT:	Graham Wills-Johnson	P) 524-720	B) 341-2127
SECRETARY:	Rob Hayes	P) 786-4306	B) 615-4262
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Geoff Crapper	P) 955-793	B) 254-502
	Michael Griffin	P) 435-7829	B) 479-2479
TREASURER:	Bob Ayre		B) 541-6713
WALKS SECRETARY:	Alex Stirkul		B) 359-8557
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	Shelley Hayes	P) 786-4306	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Libby Quarterman	P) 82-6976	B) 51-0371
WALK EDITOR:	Arthur Francis	P) 725-7074	B) 341-2123
WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER:	Rod Mattingley		B) 350-1222 x 721
"NEWS" CONVENOR :	Alison Blaker	P) 859-4647	B) 67-9607
GENERAL COMMITTEE:	Caroline Strickland	P) 336-7337	B) 62-0081
	Elizabeth McKenzie	P) 836-1023	B) 66-6046 x 457
	Eileen Ayre	P) 900-431	B) 951-422
	Bob Douglas	P) 419-6427	B) 630-6174
	Rex Filson	P) 88-3683	

April 23 SOMERS-PT. LEO-FLINDERS Easy Medium

(Continued from previous page)

LEADER: Janet White

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.00 p.m.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 miles.

A pleasant coastal walk with some rock scrambling. Please bring water for lunch parka, woollen jumper and bathers (if you're that way inclined).

April 30 MT. STEWART, WAGGS RANGE, CULLEN RANGE

LEADER: John Hodges Medium

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 9.15 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 12 kms.

FARE: \$4.00

MAP REFERENCE: Yea and Longwood 1:50,000

A short steep climb up Mt. Stewart with an excellent view of surrounding country side. Along Waggs Range and then down and up Cullen Range. Bring water for lunch.

Weekend Walks

March 23-28 A.W.T. 8 MT. WILLS-TOM GROGGIN

LEADER: Michael Griffin (43-57829) Hard

TRANSPORT: Private.

MAPS: 1" = 1 mile FCV: Feathertop (minimal), Glen Wills (minimal), Benambra (majority of trip), plus 1:100,000:

Kosciusko and Jacobs River. Note: 1" = 1 mile Benambra + Glen Wills covered by 1:100,000 Benambra sheet. The three 1:100,000 sheets mentioned cover practically all of the walk (nice colours and contours, too)

My rough estimate of the distance comes to 75 miles. As Tuesday will involve a long drive home, we need to cover nearly 70 miles in the first four days. Be fit (and preferably insane). It would appear that there are some long stretches without water - bring a good-sized container (e.g. 1/2 gallon). We start from the Omeo Road, climbing Razorback Spur to Mt. Cooper. Then past Mt. Martin and down to the Mitta Mitta near Yankee Pt. The Eustace Gap track takes us to Wheeler Gibbo and north to Sassafras Gap. We then zig zag our way via the head of the Saltpetre Creek to Mts. Gibbo and Anderson before diving off the Benambra sheet in the direction of Mt. Pinnabar. Somewhere ahead is Mt. Hermit (lost in scrub?) and finally a southerly stretch near the Murray River to Tom Groggin. Much of the walk appears to be on ridge tracks. I will not be in the clubrooms before the walk and will meet the party on the Omeo Road. Please see G.W.J. for bookings, information and friendly counselling.

April 8-9 MT. LANGHI GHIRAN TO WARRAK (Beaufort Area)

LEADER: Eileen Ayre (90 0431) Medium

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 2.00 p.m. Saturday

FARE: \$6.00

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8.30 p.m.

MAP REFERENCE: Beaufort 1:100,000

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 17 kms.

One great thing about this trip is the opportunity to share the camaraderie of the campfire without having had to earn it by carrying a heavy pack throughout the weekend! One Saturday afternoon the van will take us to a campsite beside a dam, and on Sunday all we will need to carry is our day packs. Sunday's walk will involve a reasonably steady 900 metre climb up Mt. Langi Ghiran from where

there is a pleasant view over the surrounding country. The rest of the walk is downhill through fairly open country, but as a couple of patches are scrubby, some might like to bring their longies.

APRIL 14-16 SHEEPYARD FLAT-THE BLUFF-MT. BULLER-SHEEPYARD FLAT

LEADER: Michael Griffin Hard
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue 6.30 p.m.
 FARE: \$10.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: Sometime after Disneyland.
 MAP REFERENCE: Watersheds of the King, Howqua and Jamieson Rivers 1" = 1 mile.
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 6 Tyrometres.

The program neglected to mention an important ingredient in this solid trip - the Bluff. The complete route is as follows: Sheeppyard Flat - Eight Mile Hut - Rocky Ridge - The Bluff - Pike's Flat - Corn Hill - Mt. Buller - Doughty's Road - Sheeppyard Flat. If anyone is still alive on Sunday afternoon Timbertop could provide an alternative finish. Camp on Saturday night will hopefully be Pike's Flat area, so be prepared for a sunrise start on Friday, and carry a good torch! I suggest you keep the pack weight down as much as possible (no kitchen sinks) and you will most certainly need to be fit. You might like to join me on the Easter A.W.T. stretch for a bit of a preview!

APRIL 14-16 SHEEPYARD FLAT-JAMIESON RIVER-EAGLES PEAKS-HOWQUA RIVER

LEADER: Alex Stirkul Medium
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.
 FARE: \$10.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m.
 MAP REFERENCE: VMTC "King, Howqua and Jamieson".
 APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 28 kms.

Are you tired of being passed at high speed on every weekend walk by Geoff and Simon, and then seeing them disappear over the horizon in a cloud of dust? Well, if you are, come on this walk, because the likelihood of that happening has been removed. From Sheeppyard Flat the route will be over Lickhole Gap and then down to the Jamieson River where we will camp. Sunday will entail climbing Eagles Peakes and following the ridges back to Sheeppyard Flat. I would like to respectfully suggest to beginners and occasional weekend walkers that they will enjoy themselves more on the base camp trip.

APRIL 14-16 SHEEPYARD FLAT (Base Camp)

LEADER: Cameron Payne Easy.
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.
 (See leader for details).

APRIL 28-30 MT. MARGARET-TALI KARNG-WELLINGTON RIVER

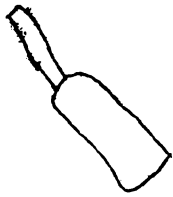
LEADER: Geoff Law Hard.
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.
 (See Leader for details)

APRIL 28-30 McFARLANE'S SADDLE-TALI KARNG-WELLINGTON RIVER

LEADER: Peter Goodwin Easy Medium.
 TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Avenue, 6.30 p.m.
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9.00 p.m. Sunday.

This walk is covered by Tyrone Thomas' 100 Walks in Victoria, Walk No. 93 Page 135. Only the first 2 days of this walk are being undertaken. The first night we will camp just off the Moroka Road at McFarlanes and

since the walk is 1/4 mile down the track you should bring water for the night and for breakfast. The walk is fairly flat until near to Lake Tali Karng where we descend steeply. On the Sunday we will climb up the ridge and then we will walk a steady descent down to the river. Please note that the track crosses the river quite a number of times and so you should be prepared to wade a little! The distance covered is approximately 23 miles.



WINE BOTTLING

WHEN: 22ND APRIL 1978



WHERE:

THE HAYES' HOUSE
104 KANANOOK AVE
SEAFORD STH



COST:

PER BOTTLE OF WINE

APPROX.
RED: \$1.50
WHITE: '90¢

TIME: 2 P.M. UNTIL ??

ACCOMMODATION
AVAILABLE

FURTHER INFORMATION SEE SOCIAL SECRETARY

SHELLY HAYES

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Official minutes will be posted in the committee room in due course.
Some points which came up:

- CORRESPONDENCE:** S.T.A.V. wrote asking affiliates under which of ten headings a government grant should be applied for. Secretary to reply, stating that we would prefer that which specified for purposes of a training course.
- TREASURER:** Balance Feb. 28, 1978: \$2,925.61. Bills passed for payment at the meeting totalled \$340.81. Current account to be moved to Monash branch of Commercial Bank of Australia.
- WALKS SECRETARY:** Numbers walking in January cannot be finalised because not all leaders have yet sent in their reports. Loss Jan. \$14. Alterations to Vicrail timetables may make earlier starts for Sunday walks possible, as mentioned at AGM. Possibility of 9.00 a.m. starts to be investigated for winter program. Leaders are asked to indicate in their previews the general locality of their walk.
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** 30 paid-up members. Subscriptions can be accepted only by Elizabeth Quarterman or Marilyn Blizzard or mail them in. Under the amendments to the Constitution adopted at this year's AGM members whose subscriptions remain unpaid after three months from the AGM become non-members - which means doing your qualifying walks all over again if you ever decide to rejoin.
- NEWS CONVENOR:** Closing date April 5, 1978.
- "WALK 1979":** The call is out for articles, photographs etc. Arthur Francis is anxious to hear from people with ideas. Question of A.W.T. tracknotes and articles was discussed - possibly a 15-20 page feature section. WALK BUSINESS MANAGER: Bob Douglas re-elected.
- WILKINSON LODGE:** Work party April 1-2, 1978. Mainly wood supply and fence repairs.
- COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:** Eileen Ayre elected, and to seek Janet White's support.
- FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS:** Geoff Crapper elected as delegate.
- V.N.P.A. & A.C.F.:** Elizabeth McKenzie elected as delegate.
- EQUIPMENT OFFICER:** Caroline Strickland. MAP CUSTODIAN: Alex Stirkul.
- SEARCH & RESCUE:** Rex Filson as delegate. Last year's contacts to be approached to continue.
- S.T.A.V.:** Rod Mattingley elected delegate.
- HONORARY & ABSENTEE MEMBERSHIPS:** Under the new amendments, Honorary membership can be conferred only by a General Meeting. The committee will recommend to the April General Meeting that Honorary Membership be conferred to those who held it during 1977, with the addition of Ken Briscoe. The committee conferred Absentee Membership on Peter Bullard at his request.
- DUTY ROSTER:**
- March 15 - Caroline Strickland, Rod Mattingley
 - March 22 - Alison Blaker, Graham Wills-Johnson
 - March 29 - Elizabeth McKenzie, Michael Griffin
 - April 5 - Rex Filson, Shelley Hayes
 - April 12 - Arthur Francis, Graham Wills-Johnson

(Continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

"Reach out for Kids" is looking for leaders to help provide bushwalking experience for under-privileged teenagers. Please contact Rex or Sue Filson if you are able to help.

MEETING HELD March 6, 1978
NEXT MEETING: April 3, 1978,
14 Hosier Lane, 7.00 p.m.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

Following last year's successful series on pre-opening activities for Wednesday-nighters, we now bring you the latest antidote for first-Monday pre-operative depression (or is that deprivation?). I'm told that those in the know are forsaking that well-known diet of dry bread and infinite patience and repairing to Pizza Napoli, Russell B/w Little Collins & Bourke Streets opposite Isabella's, about 5.45 p.m.

WALK 1979

The publication of "Walk" involves months of preparation and now is the time for members to consider submitting articles, photographs and track notes.

You are probably aware that Walk 1978 received an excellent review in the 'Age Weekender' and this has led to a wider spectrum of readers.

If you would like to submit photographs, keep in mind the fact that black and white prints give far superior results when finally printed in Walk.

If you wish to make the front cover, then Colour Transparency Film (Slides) are easiest for the printer (possibly vertical format with space for titles, in terms of cover design).

With regard to tone, flavour or theme of Walk 1979, ideas and advice from members would be most welcome. (I already have had some very interesting suggestions about the centrefold).

ARTHUR FRANCIS

Walk Editor 1979

FEDERATION (F.V.W.C.)

The next committee meeting of Federation is Tuesday April 4, 1978 at 6.00 p.m. at Sport Council Secretariat Building in Swan Street, Melbourne.
The F.V.W.C. have at last found a full time Secretary after several months of vacancy.

???

ODE TO OUR ALPINE NATIONAL PARK.

..... to the F.C.V. and others of their kind.

"Now they're planning the crime of the century

Well what will it be?

Read all about their schemes and adventuring

It's well worth the fee.

So roll up and see

How they rape the universe

How they've gone from bad to worse

Who are these men of lust, greed, and glory?

Rip off their masks and let's see ..

... that's not right"



WHY DIDNT SOMEONE
THINK OF THIS BEFORE,
A GORGEOUS CENTREFOLD
CALLED "BUSH NYMPH OF
THE YEAR". WITH THIS
TO LOOK FORWARD TO
I'LL WALK UP THIS
HILL FOREVER!

L O P E Z

The Cape Otway weekend was full of fun and games with plenty of time for swimming in both the ocean and the creek crossings. At one stage, Harold was seen swimming naked with Norm. Norm claimed that he wouldn't have come in if he'd known Harold's state of undress! At another part of the walk, when Tom and Mick went for water they found a lady having a shower under a waterfall. The showerer wasn't one of our walkers. Later on the walk, The Shady Scorpion stood on a snake, but neither attacked the other with its venomous sting/bite.

Geoff Crapper was seen carrying his cricket bat all Saturday in the pouring rain. During the game on the Sunday, Geoff said that he had to have two innings, or else he'd take his bat and go home. Those who play beach cricket should be warned that Norm is a good fast bowler, and Geoff C. runs a lot of people out when playing tippity run.

John Hodges and company spent a wet night on the walk when the extra seam sewn in their fly leaked. As a consequence, John was ribbed on the A.W.T. walk when he set up his multicoloured tent on the Walking Track. He used an A.W.T. snow pole as a tent pole.

The rest of the Alpine walk was fairly uneventful with nobody dropping out, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The two campfires on Saturday night were about half a kilometre apart, with all the quiet ones at one fire and the rowdy ones at the other. At the rowdy's fire, Rob entertained the company by baking a really light damper which was subsequently devoured for supper.

Overheard on the recent Cowes Beach Walk "This trip is not like a bushwalk. It's really quite nice!"

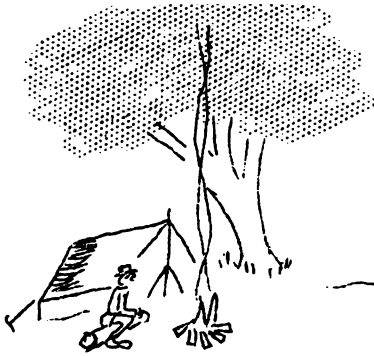
When discussing the proposed trip to Emu Bottom Homestead with the National Trust, Rod asked "How many nubile females have they got?" To which the reply was made "Mick Mann has just joined them, how many more do you want!!"

When two of the committee members were seen to be talking together over the dinner table, one of them was observed to have steamed up glasses.

Overheard at committee meeting -
"How about a walk centrefold, wearing only a pack".

Peter and Cynthia are welcomed back from their recent walk in the well known rainforests.

The pigeons which have been nesting in the ashtray on the second floor of the clubrooms have given everyone a surprise by their rapid rate of growth. From the February committee meeting to present they have grown from shells to fully feathered birds. All who visit the clubrooms will still have to watch their step on the way up the stairs.



ALONG THE TRACK

Being a private transport trip everybody arrived in at different intervals. Some didn't arrive until next morning, excuse being they couldn't find where we were camped.

We found the spot without difficulties but we had a good guide with us. We pitched our tents, then we sipped at chilled Rose and enjoyed the balmy evening and moon. The leader wasn't impressed at our high spirits and had a few stern words with us. We decided bed seemed a good place to go, needless to say we had an excellent night's sleep.

Next morning we arose bright and early and met the luxurious bus at the roadside. Everyone settled aboard, we started off up the winding track. Bushwalkers not being used to all the mod. cons, investigated everything, the bus driver wondered whether the bus would be in one piece when we departed.

We arrived at the start of the walk, much to soon, as everyone was just dropping off to sleep. Nevertheless we jumped off in good form and spirits and so the walk began.

We climbed Mt. Hotham amid much gasping, at the top we admired the surrounding country side. Needless to say Simon, Spencer and Phil galloped off on a side trip and met us in the evening. After Mt. Hotham we walked to Mt. Loch and had a pleasant morning tea. Then the keen walkers went to the top of Mt. Loch itself. The view was well worth the extra effort. We descended again and met up with the less energetic. We pushed on and went to Dibbins Hut where we had a brief stop. Then we went on to a lovely lunchspot overlooking the valley. Here we had a very pleasant and leisurely lunch. An hour and a half later we were off again. After a mile or so on the ridge top we started the great descent, which was very good for tightening up leg muscles. Everyone arrived down the bottom very hot and legs feeling jelly-like. There was a cool stream where everyone could go and cool down. We then picked up our packs again to look for a suitable place for the night. Rob & Geoff found a lovely spot with a beautiful swimming hole. Half of us stayed there, the others went further down stream. The people that stayed at the water hole quickly pitched tents, then went for a quick dip. The water was icy cold but refreshing and we warmed up by sitting on the sun warmed rocks. The evening passed pleasantly, with Rob treating us to his special damper which was enjoyed by all. Soon after we all departed to our respective tents, with John wandering around looking like the monster from the dark, checking to make sure that everyone was happily settled for the night.

SUNDAY

This day also started on an early note, would you believe we were ready and waiting when the other party came to join us.

The day started with a climb, that sorted out the sheep from the goats. The climb was a sneaky one where you think you are at the top only to find there is another climb and another. But everyone managed very well and we were all at the top before the leaders expectation. We had 10 minutes break to catch our breath. Then we went off to the snow plains. Here the walking was very easy and everyone set off at a good pace. The cattle were very surprised to see any humans and displayed a friendly interest, even escorted us for a short time.

(Continued)

ALONG THE TRACK Continued

By this time we reached the base of Mt. Jim where we had morning tea and the energetics went on to climb it. The group was much less than the Mt. Loch group. The rest of the party skirted around and met them on the other side. We then kept a good pace until we got to the base of Mt. Cope where we had lunch. Even less of the energetics climbed Mt. Cope. Lunch was pleasantly situated near a creek where we bathed our hot feet. Another hour and half lunch, we set off on the last leg of the trip, which was very straight-forward with a side trip to Cope Hut. We arrived at Wallace's Hut at 2.30 p.m. Some interested people went for a look at Wilky, the rest of us went to wait for the bus.

When the bus hadn't arrived at 3.00 p.m. we sent Simon to look for it. He hardly had gone when the bus duly arrived and looked better than ever. We all collapsed into the soft seats and the gentle sound of snoring soon filled the air.

We arrived back at the cars quite rested and pleased to see they were all in one piece. We stiffly unloaded, then went our separate ways.

Thanks Bob for an enjoyable weekend.

Satisfied Walker

A good politician always keeps his options open. I am not a politician. I do not think the club needs politicians. I am going to close my options now.

In a club as large as ours, there would be dozens of people with a contribution to make in the area in which at present I attempt to serve. The worst danger any club faces is that of becoming too set in its ways. Our club's constitution recognizes this danger. I think my immediate predecessor set an excellent example here, and one which I intend to follow. Twelve months from now (if there are no sudden revolutions in the meantime, of course!) it will be time to make way for someone else.

Turning to the year immediately ahead of us I must say, looking at the committee that has been elected, that I face the year with considerable confidence. Congratulations to all of you on your respective elections. I am afraid we are going to have to do something about the deficits that have been occurring in several departments - this will be noticeable mainly in van fares as far as ordinary members are concerned. Rises are quite unavoidable. They will be minimised if leaders do whatever they can to assure a full van on every walk. However, provided that we can keep our financial head above water, I am sure that a good year lies ahead.

----- W-J.

ARTICLES FOR 'NEWS'

All articles and walk previews to be printed in the next "News" should be forwarded to the News Convenor, C/- 53 Riverside Avenue, North Balwyn, 3104 or given to me (Alison Blaker) in the clubrooms by not later than April, 5, 1978.

Thank you to those people who contributed to this month's issue and looking forward to receiving some very interesting articles this year. Care to write to me!!

February 28, 1978

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to endorse the remarks by Marilyn Blizzard in the January Newsletter regarding the venue of the Club Dinner.

A centrally located restaurant in the urban area would be preferable for travelling purposes for such a widespread membership, ensuring a better attendance.

Yours faithfully,
THEA D. WILSON
(Flemington)

(Signed)

WALK AGAINST WANT APRIL 9, 1978

Distance: 20 kms: 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
33 kms: 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Route: Arts Centre Car Park, Albert Park Lake - Forashore to Brighton
- back via 3 parks and Alexandra Avenue to Botanic Gardens (33 kms).

Sponsorship Forms: On Notice Board or from E. McKenzie (89 2290)
Get the Department Secretary at work to take your form around.

Proceeds to projects, mostly educational in Asia.
(E. McKenzie starting 9.30 a.m.)

Also local Walks on April 16 in Box Hill area or Preston.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Eileen Ayre	(B) 95-1422 (H) 90-0431
Robert Ayre	(b) 541-6713
B. & A.S. Gray	P.O. Box 208, Hastings, 3915.
Rene Lays	70 Franklin Road, Cronulla, N.S.W. 2230.
Geoff Mattingley	(B) 561 4100 after 20.3.78 (H) 56 5667
Rodney Mattingley	(B) 350 1222 Ext. 721
Clyde Mitchell	Flat 5, 29 Rothschild Street, Glenhuntly, 3163.
Robyn Storer	(H) 347 7337
D.A. Wilcock	C/- "Ibis Creek", Collinsville, Q'land'. 4804.

NEW MEMBERS

Derek Black	2/10 Genine Avenue, Heatherton.
Michael Mann	55 Yarra Street, Heidelberg PHone 45 2977 (H)
Les Southwell	P.O. Box 110, Parkville, 3052. Phone 728 4913 (H)

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Rates for this year are as follows:-

Member over 18	£8	"News" Subscriber	£3
Junior Member 16-18	£4	Husband and wife	£12
Visitor (on all walks)	£1		

NOTE - Members who allow subscriptions to lapse must requalify for membership approximately 3 months after A.G.M.

1977/1978 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

Please complete and post to Membership Secretary, Melbourne Bushwalkers, P.O. Box 1751Q., G.P.O., Melbourne Vic., 3000 or

Complete and give to Membership Secretary, Elizabeth Quarterman or Marilyn Blizzard in club rooms, 14 Hosier Lane, Melbourne.

Enclosed please find cheque/money order/cash for £ _____
 (Member/Junior Member/Husband and Wife/"News" Subscriber) for my/our
 renewal of membership to The Melbourne Bushwalkers.

(MEMBER, or JUNIOR MEMBER, "NEWS" SUBSCRIBER)

NAME in full: Mr. _____
 (Block letters) Mrs. _____
 Miss _____
 Ms _____ (Given name)

ADDRESS: _____

Post Code: _____

TELEPHONE: (Private) _____ (Business) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

(HUSBAND AND WIFE)

NAME in full: Mr. _____
 (Block letters) _____
 (Surname) (Given name)

Mrs. _____

 (Given name)

ADDRESS: _____

Post Code: _____

TELEPHONE (Private) _____ (Business)(Mr.) _____

(Mrs.) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

(Husband or Wife)

DATE: _____