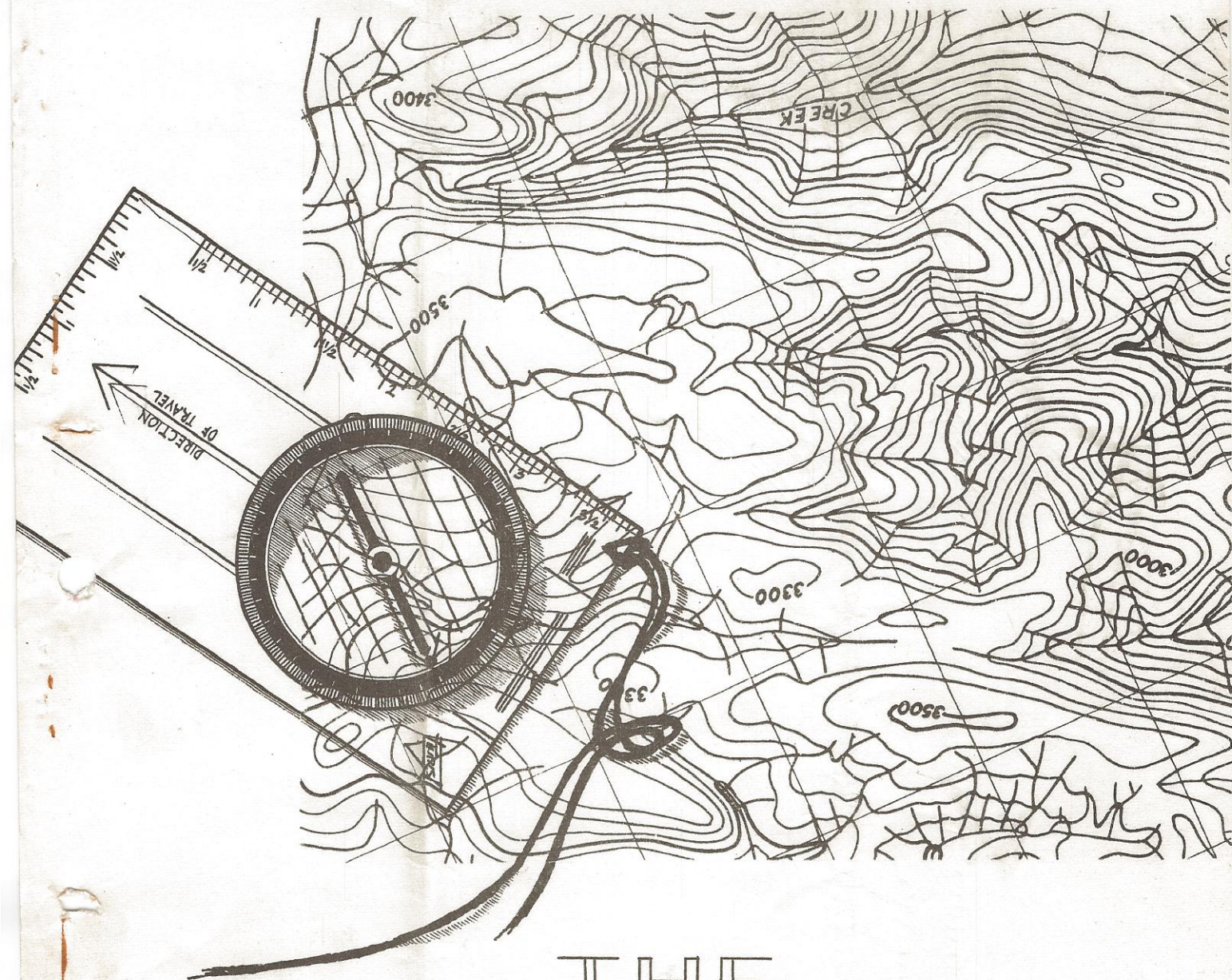


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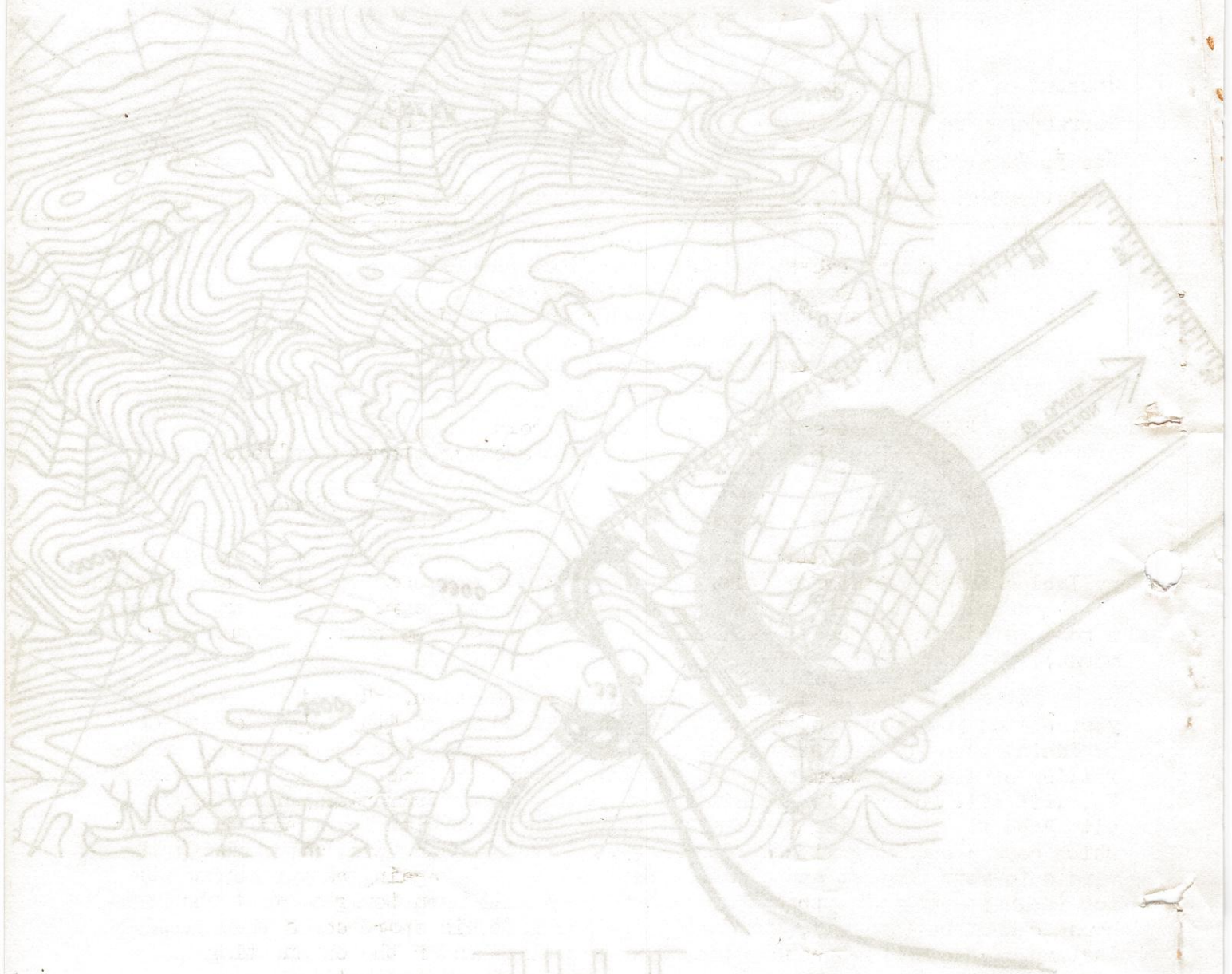
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"To sit on rocks, to muse o'er flood and fell
To slowly trace the forest's shady scene,
Where things that own not man's dominion dwell
And mortal feet hath ne'er, or rarely been;
To climb the trackless mountain all unseen,

This is not solitude; 'tis but to hold
Converse with Nature's charms, and see her stores unrolled."

(Byron)

I think it is an attractive poem Say it over to yourself and let the syllables slide out comfortably. The words and sentiments blend and are soothing to the sensitivities of even the most boorish mountaineer. Altogether, I feel, a most refreshing piece to lift the heart of the study-burdened bushman (or woman).

But nay, think again from a different orientation. Repeat the verse to yourself as you curse and resume your weary plodding on "the 24". Not at the beginning when you are warm, your feet are dry, inside you are supported by the feeling of a recent warm meal and outside you wear a thick cloak of enthusiasm. No, wait till you really are sitting on rocks, in a dark, nightmarish forest with "the flood" probing the small of your warm back with icy finger rivulets, which come a-sneaking via the lobes of your blue-frozen ears. Then mumble the verses to your nearest mate, smile that sickly smile again, as you remind him for the umpteenth time that there should be a full moon tonight, that the hash-house cannot be far away, that you think you left his spare socks there Instead of the correct conclusion, I am sure that under the extenuating circumstances, Lord B. himself would not object to your substituting :-

"This is not solitude - this is just Hell!"

See you on the 24 it's worth the price just from the point of view of the tantalizing menu.

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If your current copy of The Mountaineer has a red line down the first page then it means we have not recorded you as paying a subscription for 1962-63. You may renew your membership by filling out the form on the previous page. If by some not altogether remote chance, your supply of journals is cut off and you have paid your subs, let the secretary know and the error will be corrected.

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The 24 Hour Walk

Date : Weekend of 14th - 15th July.

Preparation : Friday 13th July, Men's Lounge, 7.30 p.m. Details regarding area, what to wear, how many "hash-houses", also sale of maps, chocolate etc.

Booking : This is the same as for normal van trips.
Phone Fred Mitchell on Day MY 1111, Ext. 44.
Evening JB 5270

Leave your name, address and phone number. Conditions for booking are that on leaving details with Fred, you automatically agree to pay either the full cost of the trip to the leader BEFORE BOARDING THE VAN, or a cancellation fee at some later date.

Cancellation without cost may be made, per Fred Mitchell, up to one week before the trip is scheduled to leave.

Cost : £2. Cancellation fee £1.

This year's organisers are as follows:

Planner : Brian Capon

Walk Supervisors : John Cole, Peter Connell

Transport : Ken Lorking

The club would like to thank the organisers for the time and effort they are putting into running "the 24".

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Yet another of our friends is reported to have "shot through", headed in the general direction of Europe. Best wishes to Geoff "Juff" Shaw, friend and member of a highly esteemed 'Kindred Society'.

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The club extends an oxometrical welcome to new donor member Dave Myers.

Search and Rescue Section

The S. & R. section of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs is a voluntary organisation made up of experienced male bushwalkers owning the necessary equipment.

A call, setting the organisation into operation, will be an official Police call.

It is assumed that a person registered with S. & R. will maintain himself and his gear in a state of readiness.

The M.U.M.C. in the past has played its part in this organisation. Any experienced male members of the club interested in this work are asked to contact your club delegate John Cole, at a club meeting.

Club members are advised that the Youth Hostels Association has informed us of another "Bill Kennewell" tour which is being organised to the Flinders Ranges between Sept. 29th and Oct. 13th 1962. Approximate cost will be £37. For further details contact:

Miss Janet Brown,
Youth Hostels Association of Victoria,
161 Flinders Lane,
Melbourne.

Phone MY 1041 (work)
XU 1469 (Home)

The club is calling for nominations for a first year representative to fill the position on the committee called for under the constitution. Nomination forms should be signed by a proposer, seconder and the nominee (all of whom must be club members) and be either handed to the Secretary or placed in the club box before Monday 9th July.

Verses Inconsequents

Inspired in a Frightened Mind upon viewing a Raging Storm in a Teacup

Why is it always the way with men,
That they can't take censure when it touches them?
What is it makes us, like a punctured hen,
Squawk all day and then at night again?

It's really amazing how we pass the buck,
And rack our brains for disparaging muck
To throw at our mentor, who shows excellent pluck
In doing as told by his bossess, worse luck!

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I have to feel sorry for our dear old Sec,
Who for no fault of his is up to his neck
In people's displeasure; now hang on a sec -
He only signed letters - well, what the heck!

The decision to send them was not just Marty's.
He just has to write them and that's all his part is.
(The trouble begins with people at parties,
'Cause a man likes to think how exceedingly smart he's).

Now, one way for us to show more enterprise
Is consider, and not falsely rationalise.
And then p'raps to find, when we've cleared off the flies,
That the fault lies with us, and that's a surprise!

For one of the greatest of virtues, I'd say,
Is admitting our faults, be they small, on the day
That we're shown them - not running away
With excuses, i.e., if we have them as sometimes we may.

Oh, curse our emotions
Which give us such notions
Of things that are right and things that are wrong.
What we need, for a surety,
Is greater maturity,
And then we'd discover that life is a song.

GAZ.

PROPOSED TRIPS AND MEETINGS PROGRAMME

Friday, 6th July: Men's Lounge. Slide night. Details later.

Sunday, 8th July: Day Trip. Details later.

Friday, 13th July: Men's Lounge. Preparation for 24 Hour Walk.

(Saturday, 14 th July; 24 Hour Walk.

(Sunday, 15th July:

Weekend, Friday 20th Hibernation Hike. Leader : Barry Pullen.

Sunday 22nd July: Location: Bell Point, Walkerville, Cape Liptrap.

Time : Weekend, 27th July, leaving 6.30 Friday.

A simple trip for people who would like the chance to relax
at an interesting campsite by the seaside.

The sentiment with which I suggest it closely paralleling
that expressed by the following quote from Mr. P. Cerutti.

"Learn to run slowly.

"All athletes can do with a complete hibernation period of
at least three days, especially in the winter time. During
this time no work at all is engaged in, or training. The
athlete will rest, read and sleep, moving around only as
much as is needed to get his food, etc. Such hibernation

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is excellent in some hut by the ocean or in the mountains.

"We live in an environment that makes occasional hibernations normal.

"One rises from them like a giant refreshed."

Percy Gerutty.

Friday, 27th July : Men's Lounge. Films on climbing.
Sunday, 29th July : Day Walk. P.A.P.A. Leader : Viv Pulford.
Friday, 3rd August: Mt. Feathertop. Leader : Doug "Gaston Dag" Hatt.

Winter snow camp. It is intended to camp first night at Feathertop Hut and if possible climb Feathertop itself on that afternoon. Next day will be across the Razorback Ridge towards Mt. Hotham to Bon Accord Hut. On the third day descend Bon Accord Spur to Harrietville.

Equipment : Parka, Sleeping Bag, Boots, 4 pairs of socks, gloves, sun-glasses. Fuel stoves a big advantage.

Transport : Could be a van trip but only if numbers large enough.

Booking : Via Fred Mitchell.

Leave phone number at which I can contact you.

Doug Hatt. WM 8658.

Weekend, Friday 17th Mt. Donna Buang - Mt. Vinegar - Dom Dom Saddle.
to Sunday, 19th Aug. Leader : Gwyn Davies.

SKIPPING NOTES

Skipping Trip

Skipper : B. Pullen

There were no exceptional circumstances regarding our departure and the trip proceeded as other day trips until we reached "One Tree Hill".

After fossicking around near old mine shafts and some mild road skipping to warm up we approached the first pitch. Several parties set out, Miss Gillbank, Messrs. Horne and Johanson being prominent as route finders, Mr. Jacobson bringing up the rearguard and Mr. Hick's entertaining with the new kangaroo technique favoured by some Queensland skippers. Ropes were not used as no amount of imagination could stretch this particular pitch past - "very easy - easy". (Grade 1, Scottish skipping standards).

Later, matters were different, difficulty of the pitches increased exponentially. "Easy - not so easy" to "fair enough - only fair" past "mild middling difficult" to "middling mild severe". Then after lunch a true severe (Grade III, S.S.S.) was encountered. This was ably skipped by several members, newcomers acquitted themselves creditably and seasoned skippers were well extended.

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The day was happily concluded by all partaking of a chinese meal at the Lingnan.

Barry Pullen

The following may now be considered skipping leaders:-

J. Jacobson
D. Horne
M. Johanson

Special mention to

G. Ripper
L. Gillbank
F. Hicks

HISTORICAL NOTES

An article recently appeared in "Scottish Clan History". Vol. XI, No. 1.

..... during the crisis of 945 when a state of war existed between the Farquitar and the Robertson clans. Ian (The Red) Farquitar while scouting on the side of Ben Ibridch observed a party of Robertsons moving upon the Farquitar encampment. Now Farquitar was a champion skipper and he set off to warn his clan. To reach the camp at the north end of the Firth of Petdie took him one hour and being alerted his clan were able to save themselves

In 1958 a test was made which had the over 40 years Scottish cross country champion run the same route but he was unable to better $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

A Vanishing Glacier : The Sun, 11.5.62

Wellington (NZ) - One of the South Island's main tourist attractions, the Franz Josef Glacier, has receded 3100 feet since 1951 and is still retreating.

Since 1952 the Geological Survey Department has taken photographs of the glacier weekly to illustrate the recession - between 1960 and 1961 it was 300 ft.

Similar recession of the terminal face has been noted at the nearby Fox Glacier, but no departmental measurements are available.

A German authority said recently that a recession in glaciers throughout the world had been noted in the past few years.

May Vac. "A small party stayed one night at the Upper Jamieson Hut on the Jamieson River about 10 miles from Fred Fry's on the Howqua River west of Mansfield. This hut was built (so the visitor's book reports) from the timber of one tree by Fred Fry, an old, well known identity, and two local bushmen in 1947 and was last visited by an M.U.M.C. party in 1953 which included Roger Riordan and Prof. Cherry. The hut is still in good condition although the chimney is in need of repair."

John Griffiths

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The Temple. June 1st. Party : Lyn Cady, Rosemary Day, Pete Smith, Rod Coles,
Doug Hatt.

The Temple has been the scene of several well-documented climbing trips over the past two years. Two major routes on the face were put up at Easter 1960. Buddha's Wall and the Cat Walk. Buddha's Wall - the harder of the two - leads directly to a big overhang and then traverses to the left on to a broad ledge. Pete and Lyn climbed to below the overhang but then turned it on the right keeping to the exposed face and after a chimney traversed back to their original line along the upper lip of the overhang. From here they put in a direct finish clear to the top of the 3rd tier - the summit of the Temple. From the overhang on - some 500' of climbing on an exposed face - this was a new route. Pete proposes to call it "the Hanging Traverse" and all congratulations should go to them both on a terrific effort.

Rod and I climbed the easier Cat Walk and had little trouble with this very interesting and varied climb to the top of the first tier. Here we found the twin chimneys green with moss and pouring with water. By sharing the lead however we finally crawled out the top into the sunshine and wind. Our climb took about 3½ hours, but that of Pete and Lyn took some 6 hours.

Doug Hatt

AUSKI has moved into new premises - 9 Hardware St. (opposite Hicks, Bourke St.)

A group of non-climbers at Pine Valley Hut last vac. were quite impressed by the array of ropes, slings, karabiners, etc. draped around the hut. They were even more impressed by a lengthy discussion one evening on the various rock climbs in the area by the several climbing parties also using the hut. Finally one of the non-climbers summed up his attitude to rock climbing. He remarked, "I prefer terra firma - and the more firma the less terra!"

Grampians - Queen's Birthday Weekend

On Friday, June 1st an exodus left Melbourne attempting to reach the Grampians. Half were destined to spend the night hut-bound in the Hall's Gap caravan park. Probably more comfortable than those who braved the rain to erect tents at the traditional campsite.

The rain persistently re-occurred throughout the remaining 3 days, offering an excuse for many desiring to spend the day in bed. There was, however a population shift on Saturday resulting in over 60 M.U.M.C. members competing with a V.C.C. contingent for campsites. A number of our more notorious members were driven across the road where they erected a runt sized marquee. Those who followed them were later to regret it.

It is also rumoured that a few hardy souls walked to the Rosea lookout and certainly many are known to have started.

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That night, with few exceptions, everyone moved to the Belfield (that was) where a large hall, a genial host and an assortment of musicians of doubtful authenticity enabled everyone to let themselves go (in their own differing ways).

On Sunday a few climbs were done in wet, dangerous conditions. In addition many private cars headed off to view such things as waterfalls, the Grand Canyon, aboriginal cave paintings and the Elephant's Hide.

On Monday most cars left fairly early, about as the weather began to clear. Even though the weather had left much to be desired and though no walks were officially organised and few climbs were done, it seems that the majority enjoyed the trip (some perhaps a little over-enthusiastically) and I am relieved to report that I have heard of no cases of pneumonia - not even from those who travelled in the back of a utility.

Chris Davis

Sugarloaf Weekend. June 8th - 10th

It used to be said that you haven't been to the "Loaf" unless you have slithered and staggered up the track bespattered with mud and soaked to the skin in the dead of night. If this is so then members of this party can justifiably claim to have "really" been there.

In spite of the inauspicious start the trip proved a worthwhile restful weekend. Considering the wet conditions and the shortage of club leaders, a surprising amount of climbing was done. Everyone had the opportunity to do at least two climbs and several new members showed that they could be on the climbing lists in the near future.

On Sunday belaying was practised by means of drop tests over one of the overhangs at the summit of the Sugarloaf.

Doug Hatt

The latest issue of "Mountaineering" (March 1962) to hand contains two articles of great interest - one on the subject of mountain rescue.

Stretcher lowering is illustrated, and detailed notes given on belays, stretcher lowering technique, ropework etc. The second article concerns nylon climbing rope and its technical properties, and comparative figures are given for other synthetic fibre ropes.

This article is written by Mr. F. Solari, who has carried out a great amount of valuable work in this field.

"Mountaineering" is published by the British Mountaineering Council.

F.J.M.

LOOKING FOR BOOKS ON MOUNTAINEERING?

Evan's Bookshop (east side of Swanston St., between Lt. Bourke and Lonsdale) has a surprisingly well stocked shelf on mountaineering, at least 20 books. Titles include : Karakoram, East of Everest, The Ascent of Alpamayo, Himalaya Venture, One Mountain and Two Rivers, Our Everest Adventure, White Spider, Man of Everest, The Mountains of Youth, The Story of Everest and quite a few others.

The second hand section upstairs also contains at least a further half dozen titles.

In the last journal a statement appeared following a list of "Stubai" mountaineering equipment saying, "The above equipment may be purchased through the club or from Paddy Pallin Pty. Ltd. Members are urged to buy through the club due to economic and quality reasons, as other sources of mountaineering equipment are completely unreliable, as to price and quality of such equipment". We would like to point out that no slight was intended towards the firm of Paddy Pallin Pty. Ltd. or Stubai, but that the inference was directed at firms elsewhere.

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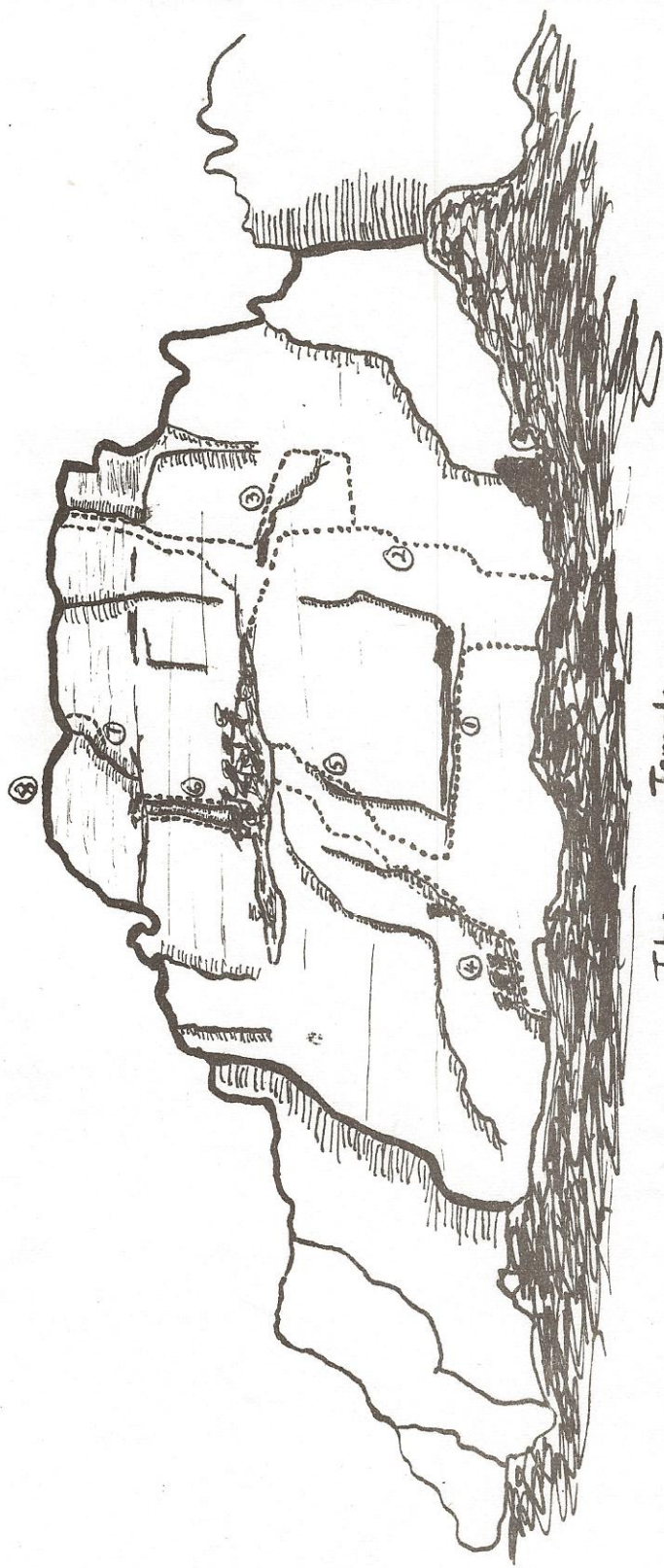
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The Temple

- ① The Catwalk
- ② Buddha's Wall
- ③ Hanging Traverse
- ④ Big Gully

- ⑤ Window from the gully
- ⑥ Twin Chimneys
- ⑦ 3^d Tier
- ⑧ Summit

----- Climbing Routes

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- ④ Big Canal
- ③ Handing Terrace
- ② Bridge's Wall
- ① The Cemetery

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