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TRIPS AND MEETINGS PROGRAMME.

Friday 5th. August. Showing of winning slides and presentation of  
prizes in the Slide Competition. 7.30 pm. History Theatre, Old Arts.

Monday 8th. August. Talk on snow and ice climbing technique in  
preparation for the Alpine Climbing Course, 7.30 pm History Theatre  
Old Arts Building. Recommended to all those going on the A.C.C.

Thursday 4th. August. Informal climbers meeting at Poynton's Pub

12th -15th. August. Alpine Climbing Course at Mt. Feathertop  
Leader: John Retchford. Instruction will be given in snow and ice  
climbing technique. Van leaves Union Car Park at 6.30.p.m.

Fare: \$6.00 , Cancellation fee \$2.00.

Thursday 18th. August Film night. Dr. Zhivago at the "Metro" in  
Bourke Street. To raise money for the hut. Tickets (\$1.70) are  
available from Tony Kerr. Bookings close Friday 4th. August.

Thursday 18th. August. Informal Climbers meeting at Poynton's Pub.

19th.-21st. August. Walhalla. Leader: Brendan Holland. Van leaves  
Union Car Park at 6.30. pm. Fare \$4.00, cancellation fee \$1.50.

Easy walking and exploring in one of Victoria's most prosperous  
and interesting gold mining areas. The last weekend walk before  
the exams.

26th.-28th. August. Caving at Buchan. Leader: Caveholes. Private  
transport.

Friday 16th. Sept. Parents and friends night for the F'top. Hut.  
Ormond College, 7.30 pm. Slides and Movies of the Hut building will  
be screened. Invite all your parents and send along your friends.  
Supper provided.

Thursday 1st. Sept. Poyntons night.

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17th.-18th. Sept. Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs Weekend Marysville. Private transport or bus from Whight's Tourist Bureau 6.30 pm. Friday 16th. Day walks on Saturday and Sunday and a dance on Saturday night. Asocial weekend to meet walkers from other clubs. Sunday 25th. Sept. Day walk, details to be announced.

Trip bookings - At Aikman's Road any lunch time, at club meetings or phone Dave Hogg (871630).

Are you booking for all trips ?

All Sports Union members going on club trips, including climbing trips, Hut work parties by private transport, are provided with an accident insurance cover of \$200.00, provided their names are lodged with the Sports Union Office prior to each trip. Members going on trips are therefore advised to book in the usual way to obtain this cover. Sports Union insurance is also available on private trips by arrangement with the trips secretary.

#### VICTORIAN WINTER MOUNTAINEERING GROUP.

Earlier this year about 20 people from various walking and climbing clubs (including M.U.M.C.) formed a group for the promotion of winter mountaineering and ski-touring in Vic. No club was formed but it was decided to send out a monthly newsletter giving details of coming snow trips (both club and private) which interested people could join. A list of names and addresses of the group members has been circulated to assist in trip organisation. The group meets in a private home on the first Wednesday of each month. The activities to date have been the erection of a small shelter at Mt. Stirling as a base for skii-touring in the area.

Any interested people may join the group by sending 50c to Rob Taylor c/o National Fitness Council, 147 Collins St. Melb. CI. Further details from Dave Hogg or Rob Taylor (634936)

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# REPORT FROM THE STORES

Now in stock at Agnes Climbing Cupboard (ask for \*\*\*\*\*)

Bolts: black rolled mild steel 5/I6 (for artificial) x 1½" I2c/I0  
5/I6 x 2" I2c/I0  
¾" x 2" I4c/I0

Aluminium channel for etriers. Sufficient for set of three; \$1.50  
(ie. 6' , 3 rungs, 8"wide)

Terylene cord (breaking strain 500 lb.) for etriers 3c½fot0.

Coming soon;

Rawlplug drills & holders to take above bolts without grinding

Samples of American Chrome Molybdenum pitons.

Nuts of various sizes.

Currently being tested:

Australian made Edelrid braided nylon rope. Sample tested was  
similar in size to No. 3, gave at 3800 lb.

Knots.

Webbing- ½", 1", 2" and relevant stitching of joints.

Rumour has it that a well known climber has been testing Caffen  
(rhymes with coffin) produced channel pegs by buying them when  
halfway up a new artificial line, then jumping 20' on to them. No  
deaths have been reported yet so we assume they held. Although the  
gentleman in question did vanish for a week muttering about 'flu.

## SITUATIONS VACANT COLUMN.

1. Editor for the newsletter.

2. People to raise money for the F'top Hut.

3. Someone to make a stretcher to specifications provided by C'mmTEE

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Latst report from the Hut, from ~~xx~~ our special co-respondent.

It is standing up well to the visitudes of the weather with 2 feet  
of snow around it, the stove worked splendidly and a fearsome  
animal ("at least six feet long with pink hair and green antennae")  
was captured but escaped before it could be roasted and divided up  
among the native bearers.

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