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A new academic year begins and veterans of the club will be seen casting furtive glances around Aikman's Road to assess the forces. They will find them rather depleted, what with an unusual glut of marriages and many mountaineers leaving for places afar and further. As at the beginning of most years they will be forced to look to new members to swell the ranks and keep the club active, on the social as well as the serious side.

Unfortunately our freshers and freshettes will have just suffered a bout of lectures and advice on the dangers of extra curricula activities; the high first year fail rate; and the need for preparing for each prac. session, reading so many hundred of irrelevant references a week, and keeping up with lectures. If the academic hierarchy are true to form, they will have been advised to avoid student activities during their first year, it being used to assess the work required of the m, to orientate to their new surroundings, etc. etc. One year at the university without extra activity is sufficient to put one well on the way to becoming a Bailleau fixture, where the highlight of the week is coffee in the Bailleau snack bar. Those who don't become fixtures will break out in third term and fail anyway.

On the evidence available there is little correlation between mountaineering and failure in exams. The large number of club members who have obtained, or are studying for, higher degrees would invalidate any such claim. The 'get-up-and-go' men seem to find time for trips on three or four weekends a term, the odd party, and still do themselves justice in November. It is the armchair mountaineer, who is often an armchair student, talking but seldom doing, who misses out both ways. Get with it: it is better to be enjoying a weekend in the mountains than sitting at home doing naught but think of the work that should be done, and then be jaded for Mondays lectures.

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In first term we have the autumn season, the best time of the year for rock-climbing, bushwalking, or just plain going away. Try a few trips, they are an excellent way to meet new friends. In second term the odd snow or winter climbing trip can provide that needed break from the books. Spring brings warmer weather and the mountains look their best, but third term is the time to settle down and work, for that is when it counts.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

To travel in a van with twenty or thirty other "Mountaineers" is to travel as a club.

In the van, one can make many new friends.

In the van, yarns are told.

In the van, singing takes place. It is not necessary to know the words, much less the tune.

Club personalities shine in the van.

The expense of van travel is shared by all.

Frivolities, such as tossing someone's boot - or someone to the end of the van cannot distract the driver.

The van stops halfway. The "Club" enters a cafe and eats and talks.

As a beginner, four years ago, the van portion of the trip was, and still is, a highlight of the trip. It was in the van that I heard the origin of "OXO". It was in the van that I heard "The B..... From The Bush". It was in the van that I met Max, Peter, Geoff, David, Cath, Sue, Carol, Robyn, Fred, etc. etc.,.....

I expressed some of these points at a recent committee meeting and a committee member, who prefers to travel by car three or four people he has known for months, perhaps years, said "Kerr!, you are a reactionary, conservative, b.....!"

Do you agree? i.e. Should the club run all trips by private transport.

Tony Kerr.

Editors Note: The question never arose as to whether the club should run all trips by private transport, The question considered was whether private transport should be considered as an alternative for a trip when it appeared that the van would only be carrying a few people. This would be cheaper for the people concerned and would lessen the financial drain on the club of subsidising partly filled vans.

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NEW EDITOR WANTED

Owing to a severe case of marital entanglement I will be obliged to relinquish the irresponsibility of The Mountaineer. Anyone of reasonable competence seeking an interesting and rewarding position on the committee would be illadvised to consider it. However, if you consider yourself sufficiently incompetent to cope, and you have two friends, get them to nominate you.

A knowledge of club politics will improve your chances of election. Select the group whose support you desire. If it is the conservatives make yourself useful at Aikman's Road at lunchtimes. This does not mean actually doing anything; just make useless suggestions, like a new map catalogue, and offer to do things you have no intention of doing anyway. For the support of the Alpine Boozing Club it would be an idea to show your skill with a pen by producing six new verses of 'The Ball of Kerrymoor' or a new version of 'Cafoozalum'.

A good trick is to gain official backing from the retiring committee. This is best done by having a retiring committee member endorse your nomination. With this means beware of Stores Officers who have recently given away exclusive advertising rights and the like. Best results would come from Trips secretaries and Treasurers.

17th June, 1965

Mr. P.W.Kneen,
Melbourne University Mountaineering Club,
Union House,
University of Melbourne,
PARKVILLE. N.2.

Dear Mr. Kneen,
Further to your visit and letter to me I have obtained certain test results on Nylon Climbing rope which I trust will satisfy your enquiry.

As I explained previously, it is both difficult and dangerous to measure the percentage extension at breaking point of the rope, but we were able to obtain some results at the nominal breaking load as stated in B.S.3104. The test was done on a no. 3 and a no.4 rope.

Test Results

No. 3. -(1.1/4" circ)

At 20% of the N.B.L. the percentage elongation was20%

At the nominal breaking load of 1.56 tons

the percentage elongation was40%

The final breaking strain of the rope was1.86 tons

No. 4. -(1.3/8")

At 20% of the N.B.L. the percentage elongation was18.5%

At the N. B. L. of 1.87 tons

the percentage elongation was40%

The final breaking strain of the rope was... ..2.08 tons

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES MILLER AND CO. PTY. LTD

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NOTE It appears that the West German Perlton climbing rope, favoured by many for artificial climbs, does not show any elasticity until loaded to 3,000lb. This makes the rope unsafe for free climbing as at this load there would be considerable injury to a climber, and it is above the safe load most protection.

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Climbs for the Connaisseur

Show Piece Crack (Mt Rosea) This awesome looking crack which strikes the eye when walking down the track would be the best of the variation finishes to either Tourist Direct or Flypaper Wall, and one of the most enjoyable pitches in that region of Rosea. The climbing is not difficult, though at times a little strenuous, but its situation is particularly exposed. The approaches also offer excellent climbing, an exposed and delicate traverse from Tourist Direct, and a strenuous and technically harder, direct approach from Flypaper Wall.

Arachnus (Mt Arapiles) This climb, which offers a direct assault on the Watchtower, was one of the first done in this region of the cliff, but has not received the attention it deserved. The climb is recommended for its top two pitches. Delicate balance climbing in a situation far more exposed than is usual for this form of climbing. The position of the first belay in relation to the rifle range however, makes the climb a little more nerve racking on Saturdays.

Vampire Crack (Hanging Rock) Short, sharp and very sweet if climbed correctly. A top rope climb, or a lead protected by a bolt at the crux. Lightly built climbers often spoil this climb by thrunching through the squeeze at the bulge. Connaisseurs, and heavier climbers move out at the bulge to a delicate bridge and chimney- moves which are a delight.

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Tom Kneen 81-1346

Inspection may be arranged by appointment.

Happiness is - finishing your pitch on a V.S. climb and realizing the next one is the crux.

Fallen Angels Club News

In early December Kevin Sheehy was leading up the top section of Thunder Crack at Mt Arapiles when he dislodged a chockstone and fell back onto his top piton which was some distance below. The fall was held by Pter Myers who lowered Kevin to a firm footing below.

A fall in such a serious situation heralds a new era for the Fallen Angels. However, we are still eagerly awaiting the fall which requires a prussick to regain footing. That would be a feat worthy of honorary membership. Unfortunately, the most members of the club have been very apathetic of the late and the burden has been falling on a few; that is, only a few have been falling on the burden.

Accident Report.

On the Sunday of Australia Day Weekend, a pair were ascending the Mixed Climb on Mt. Rosea. One member was wearing a converted motor cycle helmet, mainly for laughs, and was belayed just above the mantleshelf. The other was leading up the next pitch. About 30' up the leader dislodged a sizable rock and informed his second in the appropriate manner. The second moved in against the overhanging wall, but the rock ricocheted, struck his helmet and grazed his nose. The helmet was fractured. The second was dazed for one minute, let out a string of curses for another five, and then suggested they continue climbing.

The incident was painful on occurrence, is amusing on reflection, and but for the hard hat could have been much more serious. It is hoped that many more of these will be worn on Victorian cliffs in 1967.

Note: A survey on climbing accidents in N.Y. state, U.S.A., showed that 80% of climbing fatalities could have been avoided if the victim had been wearing a hard hat. So far climbers in Victoria have been blessed with a lucky star but it may fade.

Confucious say - "Woman who fall head first from cliff liable to have crackup".

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A Fable.

Gather round, little ones, gather round as the night shadows fall and I shall tell you a great story of long ago, of the dream time when the world was new and before the Great Engagement Epidemic swept through the land.

For there were in that country a race of people, strange... people who were wont to do strange things. For they roamed among the hills and the valleys laden down with all manner of strange goods and chattels; and they tried to tie the mountains down with string and took delight in hitting metal spikes even into living rock; and they tried to remove the mud from the bowells of the earth; and they ate strange food and wierd and wonderful were their rituals and ceremonies. And they called it fun to spend their days in verdant scrub so thick a dog could not bark therein. And in general much time they spent in beating around the bush (for in the city, when they did it they called it 'a committee meeting').

And it came to pass that these people (whom we shall call the oxo-people, for such they were known to themselves) came nigh unto a mountain named Feathertop, a mountain so beauteous they exclaimed: Lo, here we shall build a temple, here in the wilderness for 'tis meet we should worship here.

So they set to work, and formed committees, passed motions, and drew plans and calculated and argued, for it is proper that all these things be done, little ones if the bailiffs are to be kept off. Then one day fools came out of the east bearing posts. And lo, soon the temple site became like unto a fortified hilltop. All day long the slaves laboured under the burning sun and in the evening they returned to their camp where beauteous maidens waited on them hand and foot. And they had with them a strange machine from Zipangu which they addressed with blood-curdling oaths, whereupon it made a great noise. And they were wont to cry at interval, as if in pain, a great lament that sounded like 'Araldite', or so some say.

And so the months passed and they worked on; and the rain came and the snow came and the wind blew upon that house, yet still they worked, even unto the depth of winter. And in the summer they came again and worked some more till one day they could say; Lo, 'tis finished. And they heaved a mighty sigh of relief, and looked upon what they had done, and saw it was not too bad.

But, little ones, do not think there were no doubters among them. For some there were who said; Nay, it is not possible; and; it is too much like hard work; and again: we will come in the winter when it is finished and you have done all the work. But woe unto them! they shall learn too late that you only get out of something what you put in.

And there was one who greatly liked the work of the chief of the maidens who gathered food, so much so that she agreed to gather his food for ever.

Children, all these things I tell you are true, though there are many who say it is a myth, or the work of a tribe of super-men, or a stranded craft from Mars.

But there are still among the wise old men men of our tribe a few who were there when these things happened. And if you still doubt, and wonder, go unto the mountain yourself and see, and marvel, and you will find it is just as I have told you.

Napoleon of Crime Meets Downfall

In Karns, in Switzerland, the police announced they had finally apprehended The Nude Mountain Skulker, a gentlemen, who had been upsetting mountain - climbers by leaping at them from behind rocks dressed only in gym-shoes and a straw hat.

THE CLIFFS

Part I; Granite Faces and outcrops

By G.T.F.

With their sweeping lines, deep cracks and vast smooth slabs the big granite cliffs give superb positions and a degree of apparent exposure not approached by cliffs of other rock types in Victoria. However granite is rarely climbed in comparison to the other rock types, and the "free" granite routes give climbers unnecessary technical difficulty, with the more strenuous and less practised techniques of chimneying, jamming and the layback being extensively used on rock where friction is difficult to assess, particularly when wet.

The granite outcrop areas nearer Melbourne could be used well to practise and improve these techniques for the more difficult climbs on the 'The Cathedral' and the 'Cerge' at Mount Buffalo, and a granite equivalent of Hanging Rock boulder problems is therefore an attractive possibility.

CAPE WOOLAMAI (Phillip Island)

Situated 70 miles from Melbourne, the sea cliffs at Woolamai offer interesting situations on weathered but surprisingly sound rock. The Pinnacle traverse, with its spectacular jump across the pounding surf is understandably the favourite, but the great wall offers several absorbing routes. With the approach of summer climbers will doubtless return to these picturesque cliffs.

WILSON'S PROMONTARY

Although not traditionally a climbing area, "The Prom" has many granite cliffs and outcrops which await evaluation by rock climbers. The distance from Melbourne of 130 miles handicaps it as a practice ground, but relaxing exploratory trips would be valuable and entertaining.

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TENERIFE

ON the right-hand-side of the Hume Highway near Euroa is a hill with obvious granite outcrops. Two years ago a group of climbers paid its only recorded visits, and over several weekends climbed the only recorded route; short and artificial. Beyond boulder problems its potential is not great.

MOUNT BUFFALO

The "mecca" for granite tigers, Buffalo is one of the major climbing areas in the state. The "Great Wall of China", the "Cathedral", and the Buffalo Gorge, including more recently its North wall, give superb climbing, free and artificial, and routes such as "Maharajah" on the "Cathedral", and "Emporer" and "Fuehrer" in the Gorge are perhaps the fiercest routs in the state. There are lower standard routes at this scenically beautiful national park, and they allow climbers of all standards to disport themselves with much gaiety and frolicksome good humour, but only in summer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 1967

The Annual General Meeting of the M.U.M.C. is to be held on Friday the 7th. of April at 7.30 pm.. Election of Office Bearers will be held at the meeting. A selection of slides will also be shown.

NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations are heargy called for the positions of :

President
Vice President(s)
Treasurer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
trips Secretary
Stores Officer
Editor of Mountaineer
Committee Members (2)

Nominations must be signed by the nominee, nominer, and seconder and must be lodged with the secretary not later than 7.30 pm., Friday 31st. of March.

POSTAL VOTING

For the convenience of the many active and interested members who would find it difficult to attend the A.G.M. the

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committee has decided to allow postal votes to be lodged in special circumstances. Members who reside, the address being current on M.U.M.C. records, beyond fifteen miles of the G.P.O. Melbourne may apply on the form below, which must be lodged with the Secretary not later than Friday the 31. st. of March. A ballot paper will be mailed to them which must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 7.30 pm., Friday 7th. of April. Any members who apply to lodge postal votes are not eligible to vote, in person, at the A.G.M..

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REQUEST FOR POSTAL VOTE

To: The Secretary,
M.U.M.C.
Beaurepaire Centre,
University of Melbourne.

Name:1....

Address:
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Miles from G.P.O. Melbourne:.....

Signed:
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GOOD GRIEF !.

A FREE ADD !

Cider devotees please note. Norman Adeney & Co. are no longer selling through the Berwick Inn. Their products are now available at their place in Narre Warren, just off the highway and at Fysh's Licensed Grocery in Mt Waverly (at a higher price).

Hot of the M.U.M.C. teleprinter...
Mr and Mrs Caffin were chased by bushfires in the Port Davey area and will be late returning to the mainland.
Maybe we will have the R. Caffin Memorial Prize for Journalism after all.

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Are You aspiring to the title of Miss (or Mrs) Downgrade of 1967? If so, you may be interested in the following definitions of common adjectives, blatantly plagiarised from an American source.

- EASY - The second party's appraisal of a pitch described as difficult by the party making the first ascent.
- MODERATE - ditto for a pitch the first party called severe.
- MIDDLEING - pertaining to a pitch you'd rather not lead again.
- DIFFICULT - obsolete; forced into disuse by second party's penchant for downgrading a climb so described.
- SEVERE - obsolete for the same reason.
- INTERESTING - describes a climb one grade higher than you'd care to lead at the moment.
- FASCINATING - one grade higher than you'd care to lead ever.
- IMPRESSIVE - pertaining to a climb on which expansion bolts are required for direct aid, but cannot be placed.
- IMPOSSIBLE - this adjective, along with inaccessible, is long gone into limbo; the 19th. century writer used it to describe climbs subsequently made by girls in their teens, and no-one will repeat his mistake.

As is usual, of the dozen articles promised for The Mountaineer only two have been forthcoming. The whole club is at fault here (and that includes you) as it is a club magazine. The worst offenders call themselves friends of the editor, although I have a better name for them which I cannot put into print as the committee has requested that I follow an editorial policy of active self censorship. It is a fortnight beyond copy deadline and with only nine pages of material the editor will be forced once more to impose reminiscence, controversy, and general bulldust upon you.

The following article was first suggested to me in September last year whilst a number of climbers were imbibing in a convivial glass of wine at J.Wa. At the time I considered it rather unethical and declined the venture. Two months later, this time drinking beer at P.P.s, the matter was once again brought to my attention and a half dozen bottles was mentioned. I have not yet received the half dozen, but here is the article.

A TRIBUTE TO IAN SPEEDIE (H.F.)

B.E.? M.E.Sc. (pending)

Convenor of Climbing Sub Committee 1965 -66

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In 1962 a difference of opinion on club policy between the Climbing Sub Committee and the General Committee, combined with some interesting personality clashes, caused the Sub Committee to become virtually non existent. The Climbing Leaders, who comprise the Sub Committee, either left M.U.M.C. for the V.C.C., or gave up climbing altogether. With no-one to advise and encourage, younger climbers were not fostered and M.U.M.C. climbing became non existent. Several attempts were made to revive the Sub Comm. and climbing but a complete lack of high standard leaders made this difficult and any climbing done by the club was of a relatively low standard compared with that done elsewhere in Victoria. This was the situation when Ian became climbing convenor in 1965.

Although Ian began climbing in 1963 at an M.U.M.C. course he very soon became discouraged with apathy to climbing and climbed independently with Mike Stone and Bruce Hocking. In early 1964 I had begun climbing on the then infrequent club trips and would often see this trio quietly appear at the foot of Sugarloaf or Jawbones, wander up what in those days was considered a high standard climb, and just as quietly disappear. This lack of contact with M.U.M.C. was probably a good thing as then the club had an antiquated attitude to the difficulties of a climb and young climbers were discouraged from attempting a climb of real difficulty.

About this time a chance meeting with Peter Jackson encouraged Ian and Mike to try their hand on the steeper and undeveloped rock at Mt. Arapiles. The 'Piles was still in its infancy and new routes were there for the taking. Ian and Mike worked systematically along the faces picking out all the good crack lines that looked as if they'd 'go'. 1964 saw a great increase in the number of climbs at Arapiles and many of them had the Speedie Stone tag attached to them. In fact, so familiar were they with the cliff that when the V.C.C. finally commandeered them they were requested to write the "Climbers Guide to Mt. Arapiles". The story of the eighteen months wait and the financial difficulties arising from this publication is so well known that it does not bear repeating.

In 1965 Ian returned to the University to study for a Master's Degree. As the year wore on the work load made it difficult for him to climb as often as he would like and he found it difficult to maintain a high standard of climbing. However, he had always had a desire to promote climbing as a university sport and realised that climbing at an enforced lower standard would put him in an improved position to encourage new climbers. When John Cayley resigned as convenor Ian defied anyone to stand against him and was elected unopposed.

With typical vigour he set about the task of recruiting Climbing Leaders, many back from the V.C.C.. Some had commercial interests in climbing and Ian suggested that the

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growth of climbing might benefit them financially. Backed by a keen and enthusiastic committee he set about reforming M.U.M.C. climbing by reintroducing such things as a minutes book and club trips.

The seed planted in 1965 blossomed in 1966. The climbing course was an unprecedented success producing beginners of a higher standard than ever before. A complete new generation of M.U.M.C. climbers developed, sufficient to form the basis of a vigorous climbing club. Beer consumption by climbers was at its highest for years, though 10 o'clock closing did as much for this as Ian.

late last year Ian relinquished his control of the sud committee to the new wave of climbers he had done much to create. His remaining weeks in Melbourne he spent gazing objectively at his creation. Nauseated he left for India last November.

CLIMBING COURSE FOR 1967

The dates for the rock climbing course for this year are

Wed. 12th April - Lecture and slides at Trophy Hall
Beurepaire Centre followed by a party.

15 - 16 April - Weekend of instruction and climbing at the Sugarloaf.

29 - 30 April - Weekend of instruction and more advanced climbing at Mt. Arapiles.

The aim of the course is to produce beginners of a standard where they can safely lead climbs under supervision at subsequent club trips. The lecture is designed to show what climbing is all about and the party afterwards enables you to meet climbers and ask them any questions you have. Sugarloaf is a gently angled cliff and will enable you to learn safety technique and overcome any fear of exposure on easy rock. The ~~safety~~ social overtones of the weekend make it very enjoyable even if you decide that climbing is not for you after one attempt. Arapiles offers climbs of all standards on steeper and more interesting rock.

Last years climbing course was the first of the new approach where advanced rockclimbing is taught. The success of the method is shown by the fact that many of the instructors on this years course were pupils on last years. This does not mean you will be dragged up climbs far beyond your ability. The leader is expected to appraise your ability and put you on climbs that will enable you to use them to the fullest.

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FORTHCOMING TRIPS

Den of Nargun

The Nargun was a mythical creature which was composed of stone except for breast and arms. It would drag passers by into its cave. When attacked by spear or bullet these were turned back and thus wounded the assailants.

The 'Den of Nargun' is situated in the Glendale National Park. One of the lesser known National Parks in the state on the Mitchell River. The den consists of a pool below a waterfall surrounded by a rock wall and subtropical rain forest. The park is north of Stratford in Gippsland 180 miles from Melbourne.

Little River Gorge

Doug Hatt was interested in the area but since his death little has been about it. It was recently visited by the V.C.C. party who did a couple of climbs on the Devils Backbone.

The Gorge is reached by going to Buchan then travelling up to Wulgulmerang and taking the Bonang Rd. to the Little River where a good campsite is to be found. Two miles further on is the turnoff to the Gorge Lookout. From this the whole 1,000 ft. deep gorge is seen.

There does not seem to be any 1,000 ft. of continuous climbing but many of the cliffs are up to 500 ft high.

Easy access is made to some of the potential cliff by means of a cut track down to the Devils Backbone which is a large projection out into the gorge.

The rock is very hard porphyry limestone which is predominately sound. To date two climbs have been described.

The area would be suitable for long weekend or Easter trips, etc.. The gorge is in a rainshadow area and thus would be dry when many other areas have wet rock and poor weather.

Following recent developments, Club members may be interested in the following device seen in Sydney recently, and thought to have been originally designed by the American Indians. It consists of a light H-frame with a rather small narrow bag. When last seen it was being carried by a young woman and the contents of the bag was happily sucking a dummy.

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PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE M.U.M.C. CONSTITUTION

There be inserted a new section 17(a) as follows:-

17(a) Absence from 3(three) out of 5(five) consecutive committee meetings without reasonable excuse as deemed by the committee shall cause a committee member's seat to be declared vacant, which may be filled as under section 16. Within 4(four) days of the committee's decision the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary shall send written notice of the same to the member concerned at his or her address as recorded on club files. The member shall have the right of appeal to an Appeal Tribunal as per section 39 by giving written notice to the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary within 14 (fourteen) days of the Committee's decision. The members of the Appeal Tribunal shall be appointed within fourteen days of the written notice by the member.

Section 39 to be amended as follows:-

39. A member so expelled, suspended or required to resign from the Club or has his seat declared vacant by resolution of the committee shall have the right of appeal to an Appeal Tribunal which shall be composed of three members nominated by the applicant and three members nominated by the committee, but not being members of the committee which shall then review the case; they shall hold meetings, at least three if necessary, to make a final decision as they deem fit. But if after fourteen days from the appointment of the Appeal Tribunal no decision has been reached by the said Tribunal, the decision of the original committee shall stand and there shall be no further right of appeal therefrom. Any deliberations of the Appeal Tribunal may in its absolute discretion be conducted in camera.

Climbs For the Connoisseur (Part 2 for the traveller to far places)

" The Pyramids of Gizeh are good as artificial mountains go. Though they can not compare for height with the Empire State Building and other more modern essays in loftiness, they are a much better shape and provide climbing of no mean order. Nature, with her usual kindly tolerance, has treated these mausoleums as she treats her own up-flung giants, and the weathered the hewn stone in true mountain fashion. The Great Pyramid (451 feet) has its broad slopes littered with debris, but the four cretes are sound and not difficult. The north-east arete, which is the normal tourist route, has its holds so

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polished by innumerable boot nails that it is becoming positively dangerous, like some popular British cliffs. The second pyramid (Pyramid of Kafre), which is four feet lower, gives better climbing and includes an exposed traverse. The angle is 52 degrees and the rope is not used. The standard is about Difficult; and before attempting the traverse the Arab guides remove their nailed shoes, close their eyes, and appear to pray. The leader on a smooth British climb has been observed to do just the same."

From The Mountaineer's Week-end Book by Showell Styles.

"For a Pair of Friends, twenty-four weather-bound hours in a seven-by-six tent may strain the friendship. The Married-Couple but this no place for cynicism. Neither singing nor Philosophic thought is likely to serve, and if one partner is bold enough to suggest a game, the other is more likely to jump at the suggestion.

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"Piracy". Length - 70 feet. AS. Severe.

This climb, on the north-west facing wall of Mount Stapelton, traverse onto the large diagonal crack which can be seen at the southern end of the wall, from the Flat Rock campsite. The route goes freely up the re-entrant corner just to the right of the lower part of the crack, the corner being capped by a good roof. On reaching this, an initially sealed piton crack will be seen going left. Within this refuge, many small black worms besport themselves, and further out, a green bush or two provides a botanical excuse for a traverse in that direction. Whatever one's inclination, traverse to the vegetation and beyond avoiding despoilation. Negotiate the buttress corner in order that the rope drag shall be reduced to a tolerable minimum. The crack, awkward and steep at first, is climbed 30 feet to the top.

First ascent 15/10/ 1966

J. Bennett, A. Spate.

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TRIPS AND MEETINGS PROGRAM

MAR.5 F.V.W.C. Moomba Day Walk. Bullarto and Bullarto Reservoir- Curry's Hill- Bullarto. Leaders - Vic Mountain Tramping Club. Transport: Train leaves Spencer's St. Station Plat 7, 9.30 am. Return by Vintage train. Fare \$2.80(approx) Tickets from Dave Hogg or at Spencer St. Map: Dalesford 1":1mile, Mil. Survey.

MAR. 11-12(or 13) FINAL Hut work party. Completion of all work on Mt. Feather top Memorial Hut, Cleaning remainder of the North-west Spur track, tidying up of site, etc, . Private transport.

MAR 18-19 Beginner's Bushwalking Course. Yea area. Organiser; Andy Spate, assisted by the cream of the Club's Bushwalking Fraternity. Van leaves the top of Batman Ave, 8.30 am. Fare \$3.00. Cancellation fee \$1.00. Map: Yea 1:50,000 R.A.S.C. Learn how to read a map, pitch a tent, carry a pack, cook dehy etc. A MUST for any beginners wanting to go on the Easter Trip.

EASTER TRIPS:

(i) Mar. 23-28. Grampians (walking). Leader Jim Newlands. Van leaves Union Car Park 6.30 pm. Fare \$8.00. Cancellation fee:\$2.00. Map: Forest Commission or V.M.T.C."The Grampians".

(ii) Mar 23-26 Grampians (walking) Leader: Dave Hogg. Van leaves Union car park 6.30 pm. Fare \$6.00 Cancellation \$2.00. Map as above.

(iii) Climbing in the Grampians throughout Easter. Private or Van transport (as above).

(iv) Mar23-28 Caving at Narracorte . Leader Nick White. Private transport,.

Mar31(FRI) Meeting, talk, get together of some sort or other. more details later.

APR 7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 pm. Venue to be announced. See the notice this issue re elections and constitutional changes. Additional entertainment to be provided by Max Corry with movies of life at Mawson, Antarctica.

APR.9 President's Opening Day Walk. Leader:the new President. Van leaves the top of Batman Av, 900am. Fare:\$1.40. Cancellation fee \$0.00.

APR.12(Wed) Climbing Course Lecture. 7.30pm. Trophy Hall. Beaurepaire Centre
All beginners interested in partaking in the the climbing course should attend.

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APR 14-16 Climbing Course. Sugarloaf. Private Transport. To instruct
absolute beginners in the techniques of safe rock climbing.

APR 21 (Fri) Talk with slides - Walking in South Australia. Mr Ellery
Hamilton-Smith. 7.30pm Venue to be announced.

APR 22-23 F.V.W.C. Search and Rescue Practice. Further details on the
notice board or from Don Allison (31 3221).

APR 25 (Tues) Anzac Day Walk. Details to be announced later. Van transport.
LEADER WANTED - Here is a golden opportunity for an enthusiastic
young member to plan and lead his (or Her) own Club trip. Contact
the Trips Sec if interested.

APR 28-30 Climbing course. Mt Arapiles. Private transport.

MAY 5-7 Den of Nargun. Leader: Sue White. Standard ; easy. Private transport
A lazy weekend in a sub-tropical rainforest in Eastern Vic.

MAY 9 (Tues) Talk on caving Further details later.

MAY 12-14 Beginners' Caving Trip to Buchan. Private transport.

MAY 12-14 Mt Stapelton (Climbing) Private transport.

MAY 17 (Wed) F.V.W.C. Annual General Meeting.

MAY 19-22 (3 days)

(i) Lake Tarli Kargn. Leader: Brendon Holland. Standard: Medium.

Map: V.M.T.C. MacAlister River Watershed.

(ii) Moroka Gorge. Leader : John Campbell. Standard: Medium.

Map: Moroka 1" : 1mi, Land's Dept.

Van for Both trips leaves the Union Car Park 6.30 pm. Fare: \$5.00

Cancellation Fee: \$1.00

INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CLIMBERS - held in Poynton's (upstairs room) on the 1st
and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

For trips bookings and further information re Trips and Meetings call
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"The Sea and the Snow" -Phillip Temple. An account of the Australian- New Zealand South Indian Ocean Expedition to Heard Island, which culminated in the successful attempt on Big Ben. A fascinating account of what can be done by a small, well planned expedition operating with meagre resources. Evidently getting there is half the fun.

"Food for Better Performance" and "Food for Survival after a Disaster" both by R.C. Hutchinson. Two short, readable books on nutrition which discuss clearly the body's requirements and how to meet them.

"On the Heights"- Walter Bonatti. A very personal account of some of Bonatti's experiences in the mountains of Europe, Asia and South America.

"Belaying the Leader- an oribus on climbing safety" The Sierra Club. If you haven't read this book, you should. If it doesn't make you think you are either perfect or likely to join your ancestors in the not-too-distant future. Highly recommended.

"Snowy Mountains Walks"- The Geehi Club. A new edition of this book is available. This book is a model of its type.

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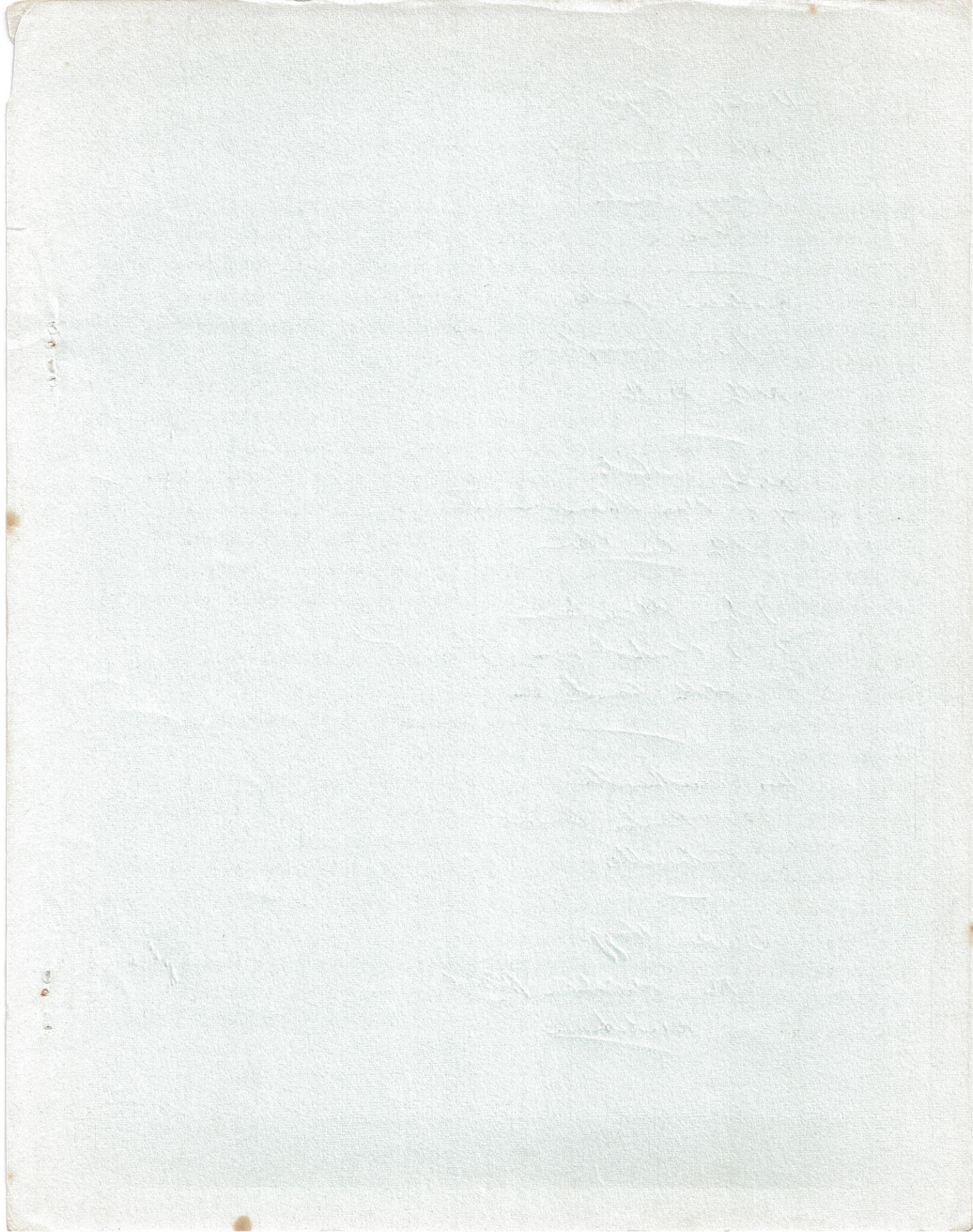
"Red Peak" Malcolm Slessor. Another expedition book, this time of the British-Soviet Pairs expedition. Much of the interest lies in the description of the problems involved in organising such an expedition.

"The Bushman's Handbook" -H.A.Lindsay. One of Australia's foremost naturalists discusses methods of finding water and food, making fire and living in the bush.

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