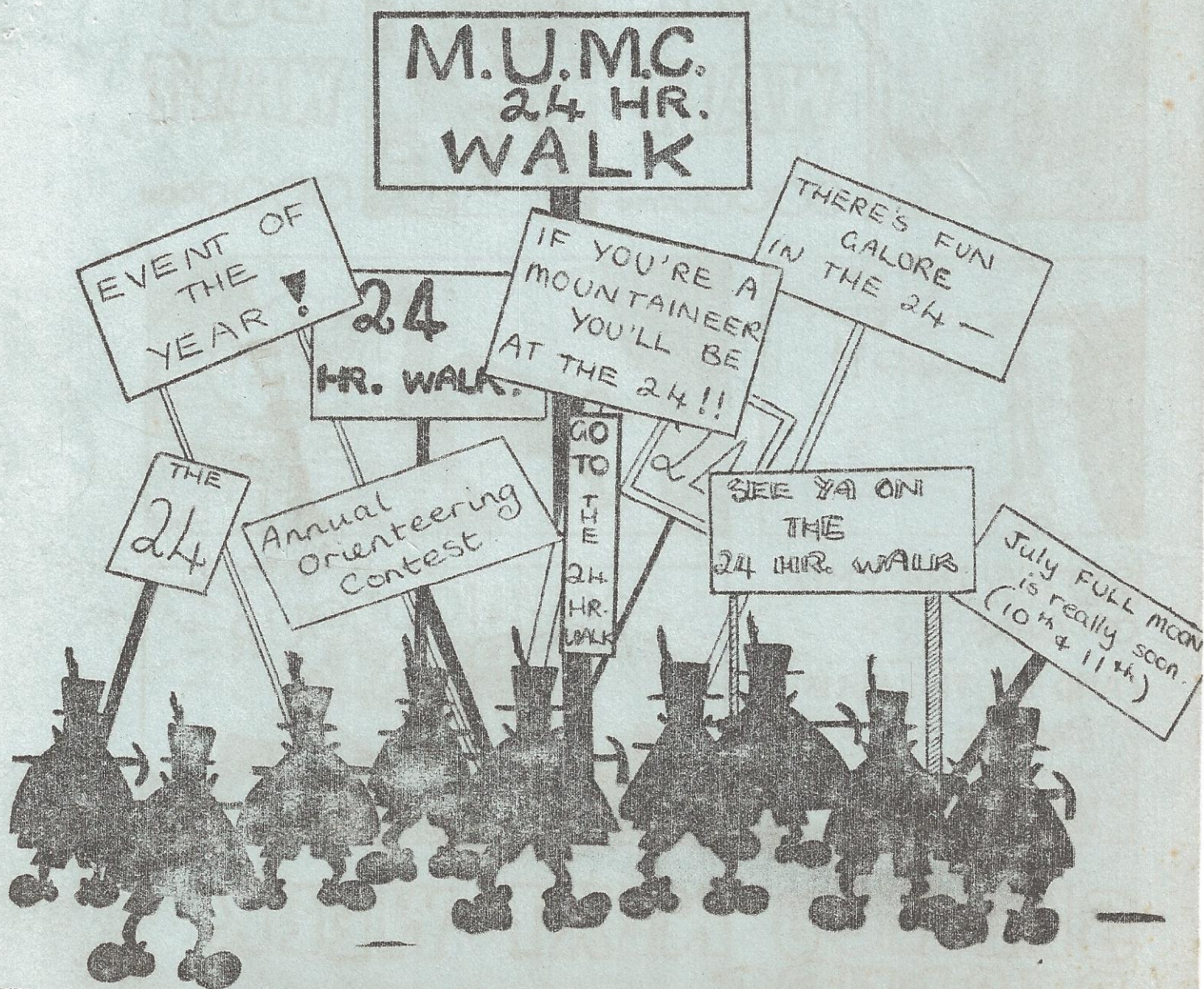


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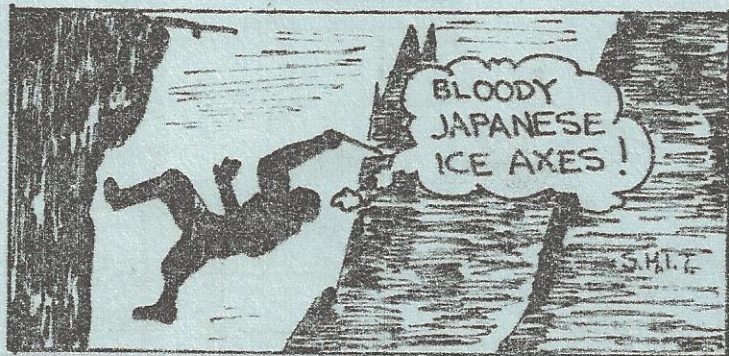
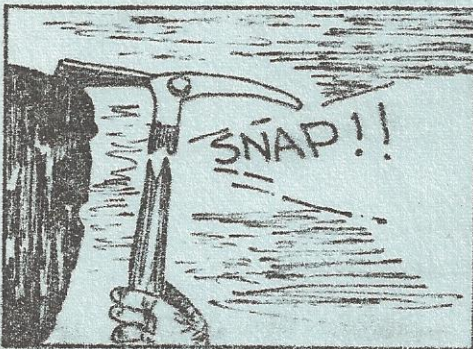
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The Mountaineer

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There is plenty to wade through in this edition without inflicting an editorial upon you as well. (This is one of the fattest Mountaineers ever!... You lucky people!) Besides, all my ideas have been pinched by the people who have written the articles.

TRIPS PROGRAMME

There are only two ways to book for a club trip:

- (a) Place your name and other details in the trips book.
- (b) Only if the above is not possible, ring Harry Schaap before 9.00 p.m. on 80 3581.

July 3
(Saturday)

Training Jog for 24 hour walk.

Site: Royal Park

Leaving Beaurepaire at 2 p.m.

Features: Opportunity to select your team.

: Hints for beginners, perhaps?

July 4
(Sunday)

Day Walk- Campaspe River.

Area: Mitchell's Falls to Pipers Creek.

Features: Waterfalls, rock formations in Campaspe Gorge, Picnic lunch, with a little fishing.

Leader: Gary Whipp... "I catch my lunch" !

Standard: Easy

Transport: Van, if everyone books early.

July 8
(Thursday)

Informal talk on Orienteering.
(With special attention to 24 Hour competitions),
Experts: Tony Kerr (eminent orienteer)
Ron Frederick (MUMC IV Team Manager)
Bob McNaught (Decoration)

July 10-11

24 Hour Walk.
Venue: keep guessing....
Organizers: Bob McNaught (course)
: Harry Schaap (catering)
: plus others.
See page 23 for more details.

July 15
(Thursday)

Party: B.Y.O.G.
Venue: 30 St. Vincent Place, Albert Park.
Leaders: Glay, Rod Tucker
Standard: Fluid ounce to celebrate the 24 Hour Walk.

July 17-18

a) Walk- Powelltown.
A pleasant walk along the old timber rail-ways, visiting some old sawmills.
Leader: Rod Tucker
Transport: Private
Standard: Easy-Medium

b) Canoeing- Big River.
Leader: John Bennett
People will only go on this trip with the leader's approval.

July 20
(Tuesday)

Monthly meeting.
Speaker: Bill Bewsher? on Leadership.

July 21
(Wednesday)

Talk on snow walking.
Sports Union Activities room, 7.30 p.m.
Speaker: To be found
Recommended for beginners.

July 24-25

Beginners' Snow Walk.- Baw Baw Plateau
Standard: Medium
Transport: van
Leader: Judy Whitaker et al.

July 25
(Sunday)

Orienteering- King Lake.

July 30
(Friday)

MUMC DINNER DANCE.
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Place: Wattle Park Chalet
Cost: \$4.00 Single.
Dress: Yes.
Bookings: See page 7.

- August 1 (Sunday) Day Walk - Healesville-Mt. Riddell-Badger Ck.
Leader: Robyn Rattray-Wood
Standard: Easy
Transport: Van if sufficient numbers.
- August 4 (Wednesday) Talk on snow and ice climbing.
Sports Union Activities Room, 7.30 p.m.
Compulsory for beginners on the Alpine Instruction Course.
- August 7-8-9 Alpine Instruction Course.
Leader- Required
Transport- Private
Standard- Medium
Features: Mt. Feathertop, MUMC hut,
Gluewein, gringer, yetties.
- August 7-8 Rock climbing: Grampians
- August 10-13 Snow Walk- Feathertop- Bogong.
Leader: Graeme Oakes.
- August 14-15 Ski-Touring - Snowy Plains.
Leader: Pat Miller
Transport: Private
- August 15 (Sunday) Orienteering.
- August 17 (Tuesday) Monthly Meeting.
- August 21-22 New Zealand Alpine Instruction Course.
Leader: John Bennett
- August 21-22-23 Three day walk (Non snow).
Details to be finalized; see trips book.
- August 28-29 Snow Walk- Mt. Bogong.
Leader: Martin Wardrop
Standard: Medium-Hard.
- September 4-5 Beginners' Ski-Touring- Baw Baw Plateau.
Leader: Pat Miller
- September 5 (Sunday) Orienteering.
- September 11-12 Walk - Jordan River- Wood's Point. (3rd
(No Snow). Time).
Leader: Gill Hume (pronounced Jill).
Transport: private
- September 19 Day Walk -Warburton- Mt.Little Joe-LaLa Falls.
Features: Rain Forest, Fern gullies,
Waterfalls, lyrebirds.
- September 21 (Tuesday). Monthly Meeting.

September 26
(Sunday)

Orienteering.

EARLY JANUARY 1972:

9-10 day walk in the Eastern Victoria Divide. Anyone even vaguely interested please ring Paul Hobson, 60 1721 (Business) or 51 2501 (Home).

Canoeing: Because of the nature of this sport, i.e. its dependence on river levels, suitable weather, and the availability of a car to transport the boats, it is difficult to plan a trips program far into the future. Please watch the Trips Book for coming trips. Future trips will be to the Yarra, Thompson, and Delatite Rivers.

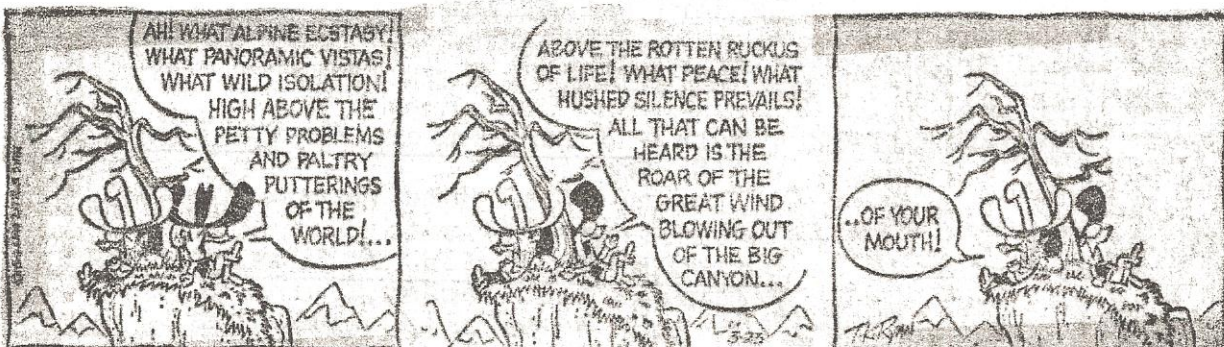


Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering. This is now available for \$1.00. We are very grateful to Pat Miller and Adrian Davey for their contributions.

Leadership Course:

A proposal for a leadership course was received from one of the members of the club. The proposal is being discussed and investigated by the committee.

Orienteering: The committee is going to recommend to the V.O.A. that women's courses be shortened by about two-thirds in length.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,

I am becoming increasingly alarmed about the direction in which the club is moving. The large size of M.U.M.C., as reflected in last year's turnover of just under \$10,000 and the large share of activities of this club, makes it increasingly necessary for tighter organization. We may soon be reaching the status of a business corporation where we may be showing, perhaps unintentionally, less respect for the needs of our members and more respect for the mighty dollar.

We cannot return to the 'good old days', when the accounts did not balance and membership lists did not exist, but I wish to make a plea for less bureaucracy and a more personal touch in helping keen new members and other people interested in our activities. Our activities must remain purely recreational and not largely financial.

The problem is how to recapture that old atmosphere about which Tom Kneen always seem to talk, without letting the club run into chaos.

Unfortunately, as an embedded bureaucrat, I cannot offer any solutions.

Harry Schaap.

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The following letter was sent to M.U.M.C. :-

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a donation to the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club, being a small way of expressing my thanks for the shelter of the M.U.M.C. hut on Mt. Feathertop when I was lost on the mountain on the afternoon of Monday 19-4-71, after walking up the Bungalow Spur track. I could not find my way back after passing the Memorial Cross when snow started to fall. When I came on the hut, I was wet through and almost frozen. I was able to dry my clothes and I stopped in the hut for the night, during which there was a very bad storm. The temperature in the hut was 42, and water in a tin outside the hut was a block of ice in the morning. Every-thing was covered with thick snow. I don't think I would have survived the bitterly cold night in the open. I found my way back to Harrietville down the North-West Spur on Tuesday, guided by the plastic markers on the trees. Thanking you again.

Yours truly,

Don Angus.

(This donation will be used for the hut.)

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MEETINGSLeader of the New Zealand Patagonian Expedition

We were fortunate to be able to arrange a meeting at short notice on Wednesday 19th May at which Ray Vickers addressed the club. His magnificent slides on the southern South American Alps were well supplemented by many interesting comments on life in Patagonia.

American National Parks

Roslyn and John Steel discussed and showed slides of many American National Parks at the monthly meeting on Tuesday 15th of June in the S.U. Activities room; from the glaciated northern parts to the desolate but spectacular Grand Canyon. Slides and comments on the flora, fauna and management of the parks were included. Each park is serviced by park rangers who provide guided day trips and extended trips. While one can trip off alone, or in a private party, much more is learnt about the environment in the guided parties. An unfortunate feature in many of the parks is the feeding of the previously wild deer, elk, moose, bears etc., by tourists on summer causing them to lose their independence, and this has disastrous consequences during the winter snows.

IF YOU HAD FORGOTTEN, MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE STILL!!-
Every third Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Sports Union
Activities Room.

Many thanks to Robyn Rattray-Wood for providing
supper at the above meetings.



"That settles it! Let's turn back."

THE LIBRARY

A number of people have had books out for more than two months. Could those people return books to the library as promptly as possible please, as some books are in constant demand. Also- a reminder to write all loans in the exercise book please!.

Club copies of climbing guides are not available for loan without the librarian's permission. A club copy was found in a wet and dirty condition at the foot of Arapiles. The club copies are for reference only, and to use a guide on a climbing trip, people are to buy their own.

Any suggestions for additions to the library to be left in the letterbox for the librarian to peruse.

Sue White,
Librarian.

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Screen -Printed Oxo-men:

Ros Escott will screen-print your Windcheaters/ T-Shirts/ Track-Suits etc. with an Oxo-man in black boilproof ink. As I am not at Aikman's Rd. very often, preferably see me personally at Flat 11, 33 Armadale St. Armadale. Otherwise, please leave at the club-rooms with name, where you want the print (eg. back or front) and 50 cents in an envelope firmly attached, and leave a message for me at 502410 so that I can collect them.

Ros Escott.



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Refunds on Club trips: Any-one who went on the Cradle Mt. Reserve Trip, the Otways trip, or the National Fitness Canoeing course can collect refunds from Aikman's Rd.

M.U.M.C. DINNER DANCE!! Don't forget to book at the club-rooms, or ring Judy Hill (3975336), Judy Whitaker (8785447) or Lyn Tucker (854815). Nobody in their right mind will miss the social event of the year! Don't worry if you can't rake up a partner, (or if you're not game to ask anyone)- there are always plenty of people who buy single tickets.

Available at Aikman's Road:

Guide to the Victorian Alps.....\$2.00

Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering...
\$1.00

LEADERS' LISTS FOR BUSHWALKING

At its meeting on May 10th, the committee decided against drawing up any list of recognized leaders for the general field of bushwalking. Points in favour of such a list include: (a) Recognition of a person's ability.

(b) Provide the trips secretary with a ready list of leaders.

(c) Provide an incentive for people to plan and organize trips- as this would have been a necessary qualification for admission to the list- thus decreasing the work load of the committee and trips secretary.

(d) Generally increase competence of leaders, particularly in the First Aid field.

Some of the many points against the list are:

(a) Introduce another organizational block into what may appear an over-organized club.

(b) Impracticalities in grading leaders for various trips, eg. a leader for a daywalk may not be qualified to undertake a Bogong snow trip.

(c) Activities such as those that M.U.M.C. indulge in are enjoyed much more amongst "peer groups", rather than in a "teacher - pupil" relationship as may develop with a leaders' list.

(d) If implemented, the necessary gradings of skills would introduce a "boy-scouts proficiency badge" system.

(e) Someone contemplating leading club trips should not need a "promotion incentive" to do so.

The committee meeting reaffirmed, however, that where the mountaineering discipline requires a high degree of skill, or specialized equipment, such as caving, rock-climbing, canoeing, leaders lists are necessary.

Tony Kerr.

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Melbourne University Sports Medicine Centre

The Sports Medicine Unit is open to treat injuries at the following times:³

Tuesday- 2.00-3.00 p.m.

Wednesday- 2.30-4.00p.m.

5.00- 6.30 p.m.

Thursday- 5.00-6.30 p.m.

Saturday- 3.00-6.00p.m.

The Store. The club has several expensive new tents, packs, and sleeping bags, and some of these (especially tents and sleeping bags) have ^{been} brought back in a very poor condition; ie. wet, dirty, and trampled on. Please be careful with this equipment, or more \$2 deposits will be lost. Also, remember that parkers and chooffas are for club trips ONLY.

SKI-TOURING

At present, ski-touring in this club is done on an informal basis mainly by those with their own equipment,. Because of the interest by club members ~~in~~ ski-touring, and the lack of interest shown by Muski, it has been decided to put ski-touring equipment on next year's Sports Union estimates. I am preparing the submission to the Sports Union and anyone with suggestions on the equipment we should ask for, or who wishes to see the draft of the submission should give their name to me. Any comments on how the ski-touring equipment should be used, the function of a sub-committee (if any) etc. would be welcomed by the committee and may also be given to me.

Bob Cannon.

VICTORIAN SKI ASSOCIATION (V.S.A.) NORDIC
COMMITTEE

Following the recent Nordic Film Night and the interest shown by so many in ski-touring/racing/jumping, the Nordic committee have decided to hold a wax-in in July. This evening, probably Wednesday 7th or 14th of July, will take the form of a discussion on equipment, waxing techniques, and skiing styles. It will be conducted by experienced personnel from the committee and will feature segments from the Nordic training film prepared by Michael Brady. In addition, the training sessions as detailed below will be conducted on the cited mountains. If you are interested in receiving an invitation to attend, please contact Phyllis Thomson on 254291. (Limitation on numbers is necessary to ensure reasonable tuition. Any other enquiries could be directed to Ian Thomas.

Ian Thomas.

Nordic Training Squad and Coaching Classes:

June 12, 19, 25, and July 4 : Tatra, Mt. Buffalo.
 July 10 & 11 : Tatra Nordic Championship, Mt. Buffalo.
 July 17&18 : Wangaratta Ski Club Nordics, Mt. St. Bernard/
 Mt. Hotham.
 July 24 & 25: Victorian Championships, Falls Creek.
 July 31 & Aug 1 : Mt. Baw Baw Nordic weekend.
 Aug 7 & 8: Coonamar Club Open Cross Country, Mt. Buller.
 Aug 14 & 15 :Mt. Baw Baw- Tullicoutty Cup
 Aug 21 & 22 : Victorian Interclub Heats, Falls Creek.
 Sept 1 : Victorian Nordics, Tatra, Mt. Buffalo.
 Sept 4 & 5 :Charles Derrick Memorial Cross Country, Mt. Hotham

Instruction will be given by experienced racers, either prior to, or at the completion of the race to interested spectators or cross-country skiers, explaining techniques, waxing, race technicalities, etc. A-grade, Open, Ladies and Junior sections will be held at each event, so all comers are welcome.

A PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINEER

Congratulations to Carla Van Driel and Pat Miller on their engagement.

Congratulations to Gwyn and John McLean on the birth of triplets- all daughters.

Congratulations to the two MUMC IV teams. The girls came first, bringing the silver boot home with them. It is displayed in one of the Sports Union trophy cabinets. Unfortunately, the male team lost time looking for four misplaced checkpoints, and sleeping till dawn beside a swollen creek. However, after 11 hours without scoring, they came a good fifth. Congratulations to the Newcastle Men's team on their win.

Commiserations to Lyn Tucker who has been bed-bound with glandular fever for many weeks. However, many thanks for producing the front cover for this issue, Lyn.

John Taylor, renowned speliologist, won the Blackwood Instant Pudding Inversion Test through 'accidentally' spilling some of his measured quota of water. However, his time of truth came when the contest demanded the eating of the pudding. Dave Crewther is to be recommended as M.C. for all future inversion tests; after suitable priming, of course!

From the Mt. Pilot Logbook: Confucius says: Young couple who go on hike together likely to have naughty intent.

Committee is a noun of magnitude; signifying many, but not signifying much.

Rumour has it that all 24-Hour Walk control points will be near roads. (Don't believe it).

Commiserations to Bob McNaught (chief organizer of the 24) who badly strained an ankle in a recent football game.

Congratulations to Arnold Wheeler who won his last orienteering contest by 4 seconds.

Approximately 200 interested people attended a "Nordic Ski-ing" evening at the B.P. Theatre on Friday 14th May. Unfortunately, most of the films shown depicted down-hill slalom ski-ing and "après"-ski-ing.

The highest known tree in the Barmah State Forest is 153' high.(An item of interest for those who appreciate the flavour of Happy Ade).

A PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINEER

The Fish Of The Month Award goes to those four unfortunate people who were washed out of their tent in the Otways.

$$1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3 = 153 !$$

Gluewein had an interesting effect on some people at Blackwood.....

Obviously, all the alcohol wasn't boiled off..(or was Piker Wardrop just acting ???!)

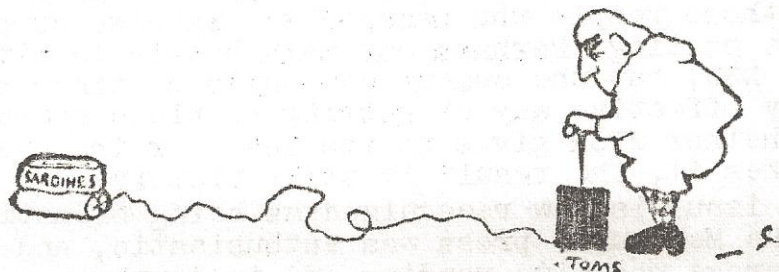
The 153rd day of the year was celebrated on June 2nd. (In case you forgot).

On Thursday 10th June, the Club agreed to put on a display in the City Square at lunchtime, for Jacee Week. When the climbers began by running up the drainpipes on the wall of the building, a City Officer (imagining suicidal intentions) had to be calmed down with explanations. After throwing their ropes over the top, the climbers took it in turns to abseildown and prussik back up, much to the amazement of a few onlookers. The cavers also arrived and threw their ladder over the wall; they eventually worked up the courage to trot up and down also. The static display was only a mini version of the usual Open Day display- a tent strung up against the fence, and a few packs etc. on the ground. (We were not allowed to use the lawn, and we were also told that the seats were for sitting on, and the concrete path was for walking on. Duncan produced a black billy and made tea on his chooffa, but none of the spectators had the courage to try it.

Overheard at Aikman's Road: I think I'll go on Pat's trip in the May vac., she's likely to be slower than Martin....

Did YOU know that there are 2.93×10^{97} cubic Angstroms in a cubic Megaparsec ?.....

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COLONG CAVES

From the Save Colong Bulletin:- (May 1971).

The Melbourne organizer, Lawrence Rentoul, arranged for 290 proxy share-holders to attend the A.G.M. of Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd. This year, the number of people wishing to attend outstripped the supply of proxy forms. By about 2.30 p.m. more than 300 people were in the lobby of the A.M.P. Theatre. The chairman of A.P.C.M. announce the reason for moving the meeting to Melbourne as recognition of the two directors (out of 10-) who came from Victoria. The Colong committee stated previously that the main reason was to escape from conservationist shareholders in NSW and that by holding the meeting in Melbourne, they were jumping "out of the frying pan and into the fire". By the time the meeting was well under way every seat in the theatre was taken, and many people were standing and sitting in the aisles.

Results of the meeting:-

1. The chairman, Sir Grant Ferrier, does NOT WANT to mine Colong, but the Board WILL if it is cheapest for the company.

The Colong committee rejects this foolish hope, and is determined that the Company will never reduce its costs at the expense of the unspoiled beauty of the Colong Caves. The point was made repeatedly that APCM has vast reserves of limestone at Marulan, and that it could mine these without damaging public reserves at either Marulan or Colong.

2. Sir Grant said that the Marulan Study by his Company's geologists will be completed in 3 to 4 months. What APCM wants, is to negotiate for enlarged leases at Marulan in exchange for their lease at Colong. The Colong committee is not, however, willing to agree that there should be any enlargement of leases at Marulan until their necessity is adequately demonstrated.

3. Sir Grant offered to meet the Colong committee but said that we had not asked for a meeting. Milo Dunphy, (Hon. Sec) then asked to meet the board after APCM's Marulan study is completed, but before any action is taken by APCM. Sir Grant said that he could not bind the Company in the future by such an undertaking.

4. The Colong campaign now has a large and enthusiastic band of supporters in Melbourne. The committee again wishes to thank all those people who managed to organize support or come to the meeting. Perhaps our main battle is with the Government of NSW, but the cement company's meetings have proved a very effective way of getting people concerned and active. Whether APCM gives up its lease or the NSW government takes it, the result is still victory.

5. The Colong issue is now recognized as being of national importance. The Melbourne press was enthusiastic, and the resulting coverage was wide-ranging and in depth.

The Melbourne Age announced after the meeting that the Colong Caves "have become Australia's biggest Conservation issue". The publicity in NSW and Vic alone has moved the issue so much closer to a conservation victory.

How you can help save Colong:-

The Colong committee needs money to continue its work. In its work, costs for legal advice, stationery, specialist reports, photographs, mailing costs, telephone calls etc. have to be met. You can help to contribute by sending a donation, becoming a shareholder, and/or becoming a registered subscriber of the Save Colong Bulletin.

By becoming a shareholder in APCM you will register your protest with the company that holds the iniquitous mining lease and enjoy the benefits of being a one-share shareholder. Please send \$3 and your name and address to the address below if you wish to become a shareholder.

By becoming a registered subscriber of the "Save Colong" Bulletin, you will be in touch with the latest developments in the Colong battle and help reduce our mailing costs. The Save Colong Bulletin is published bi-monthly. Please send \$1 and your name and address to this address if you wish to become a subscriber for one year.

The Treasurer,
The Colong Committee,
18 Argyle Place, Sydney, 2000.

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DECLARATION OF NEW MARYBOROUGH WILDFLOWER RESERVE

A new 82-acre reserve, named the Snake Hill Wildflower Reserve, has been declared in the Maryborough district by the Forests Commission, Victoria, under the Forests Act, 1958. It is located across the joint boundary of the Wareek and Bung Bong sections of the State Forest, half a mile south of the Pyrenees Highway and approximately five miles west of Maryborough.

Mr. Harold Beer, District Forester for Maryborough, initiated this action which has resulted in the declaration of this new attraction for naturalists and conservationists. Mr. Beer has listed over 30 different species of wildflower growing in the forest environment of the reserve, and he states that at least 4 of these warrant special protection.

Mr. Beer is hopeful that the Snake Hill Wildflower Reserve will be the first of several to eventually be declared in the Maryborough district. He has pointed out that reports on a number of other equally worthy areas will be prepared as soon as opportunity offers. The fact that the best wildflower patches in the district are found on poor quality sites is an advantage, insofar as there should be little likelihood that other activities will jeopardise their existence.
(1st June, 1971).

IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS TO TRIPS PROGRAMME:

1. The price of the dinner dance tickets will not be \$4.00, but slightly less; probably \$3.50.
2. Bill Bewsher will be speaking at the next monthly meeting on Leadership, on WEDNESDAY JULY 21st, in the RAYMOND PRIESTLY ROOM. The beginners snow walk talk will now be held on TUESDAY JULY 20th, in the Sports Union Activities Room.

ORIENTEERING RESULTSLabertouche, May 22:

Senior Men:-1.A.Wheeler, 2. T.Kerr
 Senior Women:-1.C. Kerr, 2. R. Escott.
 Intermediate:-1.R. Wilson, 2. J. Poppins
 Novice:- 1.G. Brown, 2. R. Bowden & J. Giddeys.

Yarra Junction, June 6:

Senior Men:-1.R. Harris, 2.A.Tarr OR 1.R.Frederick, 2.R.Boyce.
 Senior Women:- 1.J.Whitaker, 2. C. Kerr
 Intermediate:-1. K.Painton, 2. J. Giddeys.
 Novice:- 1.I. Baker, 2. G. Smith.

The Yarra Junction results are provisional only, since one checkpoint in the Senior Men's contest was accidentally duplicated; hence the two sets of alternative results.

ANGAHOOK FOREST PARK.

The Anghook Forest Park is about 1½ miles north of Airey's Inlet on the Bambra Road. A useful information sheet on the park is obtainable free from several shops in Airey's Inlet. The F.C.V. has constructed a 7-mile graded walking track that circles the park. There are 4 major types of vegetation: ironbark, stringybark or gum forest, and heath. There is a nice swamp as well as a reasonable view of the coast.

Uncle Sam intruding into the Cradle Mt.-Lake St.Clair National Park??

From the Australian Conservation Newsletter:-

"Omega Navigation Facility"

A further problem concerns the possible siting of an Omega Navigation Facility in the Upper Forth Valley, Tasmania. This may take the form of a catenary system suspended between two 1000 ft. mountains. This area is at present a roadless section of the Cradle Mt.-Lake St.Clair National Park.

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There was a young woman called Ros
 Who threw out her shirt just because
 People said it was tattered,
 Immodest and battered,
 And she looked and she saw that it was!

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BLACKWOOD WEEKEND

About 45 Mountaineers rolled up to Blackwood on the weekend of 5th-6th June for a weekend of Mountaineering festivities and bludging. The orienteering contest on Saturday was quite popular, with almost everyone entering. Certain orienteers spent quite some time at the last control point (which happened to be placed in the Bar of the Blackwood Hotel), but all eventually arrived back at the finish, with two thirds of all teams finding all checkpoints. Results of the contest were:-

(a) Senior event:

1. Martin Wardrip.
2. Barry Parsons
3. Dave Crewther

(b) Novice event:

1. Phil O'Connor
2. Rhonda Jones
3. Tony and Cath Kerr. (Good try Tony & Cath)

Saturday night saw a Barbecue followed by the World Championship Instant Pudding Making Contest. Eleven intrepid I.P. makers were lined up and issued with the essential ingredients. On the word "go" they were each required to make their I.P., invert it over their head for 5 seconds to prove that it was set, and then to successfully eat it. To the great delight of the audience, at least two pups failed the inversion test. The eventual winner was John Taylor, with a stirred-not-shaken peach I.P. Second was Martin Wardrop with chocolate.

Unfortunately, not all contestants entered with true sporting spirit. Cheating was quite prevalent, and ranged from splashing one's ration of water in order to get a thicker goo, to shaking one's opponent's I.P. while it was undergoing the inversion test:- quite a messy business. Ron Frederick was the most underhand of all. He inverted his I.P. with the lid on his billy, thus ensuring himself against the possibility of failure. This brought him disqualification from the event, and the World I.P. Making Control Board is considering barring him from all future events.

The I.P. making championship was followed by less serious activities such as dancing, drinking Rhonda's gluewein, and eating Gill's popcorn. No-one seems to remember how long Saturday night lasted.

On Sunday, the weekend's festivities concluded with a day walk to the Blackwood Mineral Springs.

Rod Tucker.

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Orienteering at Bullarto Reservoir, May 2nd.

This year's event did not quite have last year's novel touch of six inches of snow, but the record turnout of 72 competitors showed that Bullarto has much to recommend it.:-lightly wooded hills with well-defined ridges, plus the opportunity of trout-fishing in the lake and a barbecue under the pines. To save time, Ron, Judy and I left at 5 a.m. to lay the course on Sunday morning. This system seems to work quite well if the checkpoints have been marked with tape the weekend before, but if things do not go smoothly, it is quite embarrassing to be mistaken for a competitor returning early rather than an organizer returning late.

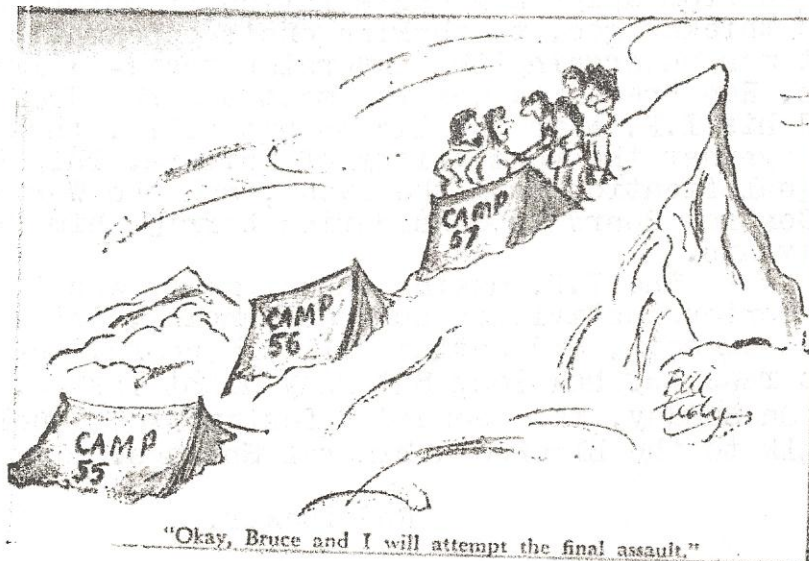
Results: Senior Men: Tony (P.P.) Kerr 148
 Alex Tarr 147
 Bob Cannon 135
 Senior women: Mary Trayes 82
 Cath Kerr 65
 Ann Hartnett 65

For full details see the "Victorian Orienteer".

Martin Wardrop

(P.P.: Puritanical President).

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"Okay, Bruce and I will attempt the final assault."

STOP PRESS: A canoeing trips program has just been produced:-
 Sat. 31 July, Day trip to Yarra. Aug 14-15, Delatite River.
 Aug 31. Yarra day trip to Warburton.
 Sept 25-26, Thomson River.

BACK WAY TO BOGONG

From Bogong Creek Saddle the Quartz Ridge track is at first quite well graded but after about 500 yards, the route turns suddenly uphill, while the first part of the track continues on. I followed this recently. It seems to have been put in for an old gauging station at the junction of Cairn Creek and the Big River and was recently blazed and recut by Malcolm Miller. There is a small but basically hut at the junction. It looks like a good fishing spot- the two creeks meet in a pool which had several trout in it when I was there.

I crossed the river and climbed up the Grammy Spur. There seemed to be a faint track, although it is hard to tell. Higher up in the snowgums where the spur meets the Horse Ridge there was quite a definite track. It is possible this spur was an old cattle route. Two and a quarter hours from the river brought me out on Tadjell's Point with the remains of the season's first snowfall still lying on the south side.

Next day UI returned via the summit, the Quartz Ridge and a long jeep track bash back to Clover Dam; made interesting by spectacular views of the West Peak and Quartz Knob cliffs, and the numerous lyrebirds along the track.

Tom Kneen.

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CLIMBING AT MT. ARAPILES.

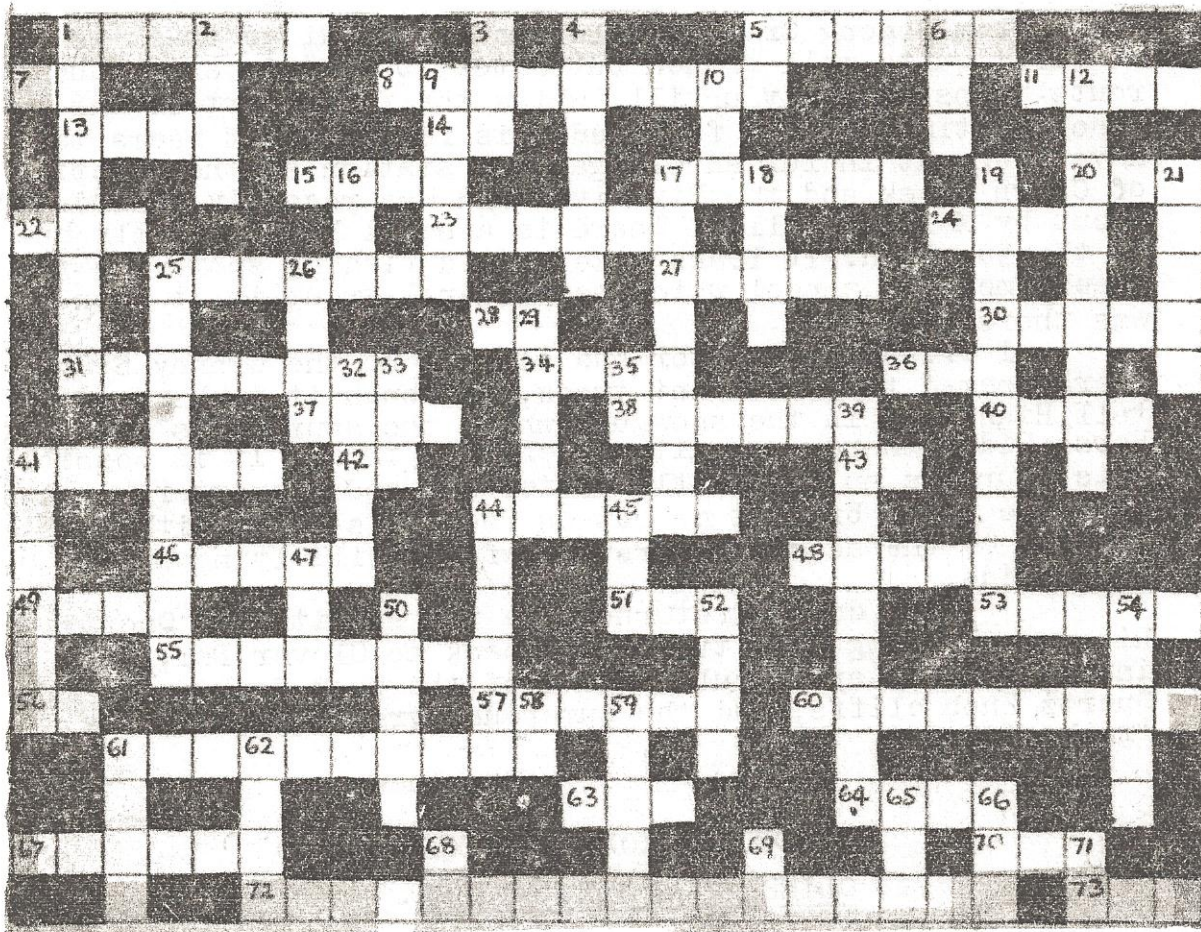
Recently, the committee received a letter from the Forests Commission about development planned for the Piles. This year the FCV is carrying out rehabilitation work on the tracks along the bases of the cliffs, consisting of cutting roads on contour, planting with local native plants and blocking old tracks. There will be access within about 35 acres around the camping area and along to the rifle butts.

A lookout for visitors and climbers is planned at the top of the Bluff above Central Gully. Signs will be erected warning people not to roll boulders, but the FCV recommends not to use the following climbs: No. 23 Castelle, No.24, Saracen, No.25 The Sandpiper, and No.26 Eskimo Nell.

To pay for the increased facilities, (more fire-places, toilets, drinking water and electricity), the Commission proposes to charge 50c. per person per day. I wrote to them opposing this strongly, telling them that the committee recommended an absolute maximum of 50c. per weekend for climbers.

Finally the district forester asks for 2 weeks notice to be given whenever possible for club trips to Arapiles. If any of the climbers want to discuss these things, the FCV asks them to call on:- Mr. W.G.D. Middleton, District Forester, Wail, 3415.

Martin Wardrop.

CROSSWORD CLUES

(Answers in next edition)

ACROSS

1. Subject of current conservation controversy.
5. Famous Tasmanian lake.
7. Go to Jail
Go directly to jail
Do not pass
Do not collect £200.
8. A popular snack.
11. Film brand.
13. Several MUMC members became ill in these mountains last year.
14. What do hat, mat and cat have in common?
15. He maintains Law and Order.
17. River in Vic. Alps.

DOWN

1. Mountain range in N-E Vic.
2. Sign.
3.pants are not recommended for the 24 hour walk.
4. Many people think long van trips are.....
5. Physical Education.
6. Big Bird.
9. L.H.S.O.
10. Also.
12. Mountains in western Vic.
16. Friend of Adam.
17. Everyone's favourite drink.
18. Most peopleup more often when sleeping on the ground.
19. Mountains surrounding 5 Across.

DOWN

20. Invisible.
22. Some women chase them.
23. Editor.
24. Beginners' Bushwalk.
25. Where the last editorial was written.
27. Martin.....Wardrop.
28. The...24 Hour Walk was held in Newcastle.
30. We hope to escape this when going away for a weekend.
31. Many club members have reached a high....of Orienteering.
34. The bludge trip is usually classified as
36. If you don't know,.....
37. Possessive adjective.
38. Lake near Mt. Buffalo.
40. Uni-dimensional.
41. Gras and
42. Someone without hair is ba..
43. Spur leading up to Feathertop.
44. The club has four.
46. Publication Sales Officer, 1970.
48. Glay's favourite food.
49. Necessary for snow trips.
51.man
53. Climbers must acquire this.
55. Duncan's.....
56. Aikman's
57. Queen's birthday walk.
60. Mountain near Mt.Buller.
61. Red bucket.
63. Means of transport.
64. Everyone has one.
67. Breakfast cereal.
70. Supplied on the 24 Hour,
72. Lord.....
21. Oh Sir....
25. Where the secretary destroyed his public image.
26. A four-letter word.
29. Popular meal on hikes.
32. My God how the moneyin.
33. Fake.
35. Science degree: B...
39. The ultimate test for instant pudding.
41. Winner of the IP contest
44. Recently married.
45. Beef Cubes.
47. Record Company.
50. Peak in 1 down.
52. Highest mountain in Tasmania.
54.George
58. Tiny Tim.
59. What do these names have in common?- Kerr, Thomas, Corry, Gras, Jelleff, Griffiths.
61. A..... helps us to find 61 across.
62. First Lady.
65. For headaches.
66. ElectroMagnetic Radiation.
- 68 Large size.
- 69.....course
71. Post partum.
73. The last checkpoint at Blackwood.

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Quotes from (Depraved) Dave Crewther on the Grampians Trip:

--I'm infinitely lazy once I get to bed.

-- Girls should be obscene and not heard.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The coming of winter heralds four major events in the Club Calendar, all of them a must for aspiring mountaineers. The first of course, is the 24Hour walk, a trip with a difference. Treated by many as a social event, it is the only trip in which the majority of participants need to know the rudiments of map reading and compass use. For those that are willing, the event can be used to test one's limits. Can you walk continuously for 24 hours? Can you think sufficiently clearly to distinguish north from south at 2 a.m. in the morning? The hash-houses should appear regularly throughout the 24 hours (depending of course, on your map-reading ability, and with them the roaring log fires and the hash house attendants with plates of hot food. At 3.30 p.m., could you leave this environment for the dark bleakness surrounding the cheery fire, to look for a coffee bottle hidden three or four miles away?

The beginners snow walk; you learn that you can camp on the snow, you can walk in an alien environment. Snowball throwing, following the leader in a thick snowfall; sliding down a steep slope on your groundsheet; standing quietly in the eerie silence; being clobbered as a snow gum springs up showering you with snow; using a chisel and hammer to butter your biscuits, taming a choofer: a trip with a difference, a challenge; a challenge that can be safely tackled if you are properly equipped. It is essential to attend the beginners' snow walk talk. If you aspire to go ski-touring, you should become an accomplished snow camper.

The dinner dance is a must for all mountaineers. Come singly or in pairs, to the one chance to mix without getting smoke in your eyes. The presentation of various awards- frozen gnome award, piker's award and many others.

Second term culminates with the Alpine Instruction Course at the club's hut near the summit of Mt. Feathertop. An insulated aluminium igloo that has accommodated forty with a squeeze, the hut is situated well above the snow line. Instructors on the course, veterans of many New Zealand trips, teach the hordes the basics of climbing steep snow slopes, the mechanics of belaying and self arrests with ice axes. Some intrepids test cornice construction, while others spend one night or more, in snow igloos. A great weekend (three days normally) for all. Book early as hut accommodation will limit numbers.

Winter is not a time for inactivity; get out of your centrally heated home, get out of the rain, up into the snow- by many this is regarded as the best time of the year.

Tony Kerr.

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EYEBALLS IN THE SKY DEPARTMENT: CLIMBING REPORT

Since my last report, MUMC climbing has hit an all time high. Many difficult routes have been repeated, and an impressive list of first ascents has been built up. Some of these ascents are important developments on the Victorian climbing scene.

At Mt. Buffalo, the new routes were "Lord of the Flies" (M4) by A. Thomson and D. Mudie, "Queen Elizabeth" (M6) by P. McKeand and T. Hancock, "Caligula" (17) by M. Stone (V.C.C.) and G. Talbett, and Haemophilia (15) by T. Hancock and Mike Swaine (U.N .S.W.M.A.C.....etc.). "Lord of the Flies" is a long route on the north wall of the gorge and deserves to become very popular. Hancock and Swaine also did the second ascent of the "Angel's buttress"- 950 ft. of hard sustained jamming up one of the most elegant buttresses in Victoria. Clive Parker, after many years of semi-retirement, extracted his piton hammer and claimed the ninth ascent of "Fuhrer" (M4). The 460 ft. route required one very cold bivouac in hammocks at the 350 ft. level.

After the first ascent of Mt. Frederick in the Grampians ("Resurrection", (16)) at Easter 1969, the cliff remained untouched, and virtually forgotten. Then in 1971, the climbing of "Gotterdammerung" (16) opened the way for a highly productive series of visits by MUMC members. Thomson and Lamb claimed "Brunhilde" (17) and "Seigfried" (15), Thomson and Talbett were responsible for "Ring Cycle" (16) and "Valhalla" (14), while Thomson, Hancock and McKeand pushed up "Blitzkrieg Wall" (17). All of these first ascents are difficult and sustained, and involve the unprotected face climbing which is a feature of the cliff. As its name implies, the 800 ft. "Ring Cycle" was a major epic, (with a benightment being avoided by fully 10 minutes). "Blitzkrieg Wall" is probably the hardest route on the cliff, and eliminates yet another "impossible climb".

McKeand, Hancock, and Thomson were responsible for four new routes at the amphitheatre in the Werribee Gorge.



This small cliff offers a welcome alternative to Hanging Rock. (bring your pitch helmet and you can continue on to the Lion Safari) !

In the Golden Days of the European Alps, cream cake and champagne was the accepted food for climbing trips. Nowadays, the most efficient way to get high is on pork and port at the V.C.C. annual Barbecue at Arapiles. The ensuing lassitude did not prevent Andrew Thomson from extending himself on the "Rack" (19), or Tim Hancock from spilling blood on the "Fang" (17). "Eurydice" (17) however, proved more formidable, and the 4-man international rope quickly diminished by two, (leaving one member hanging upside down from a snorkler foot jam). Tim Hancock and Gordon Talbett continued, completing yet another ascent of this superb climb.

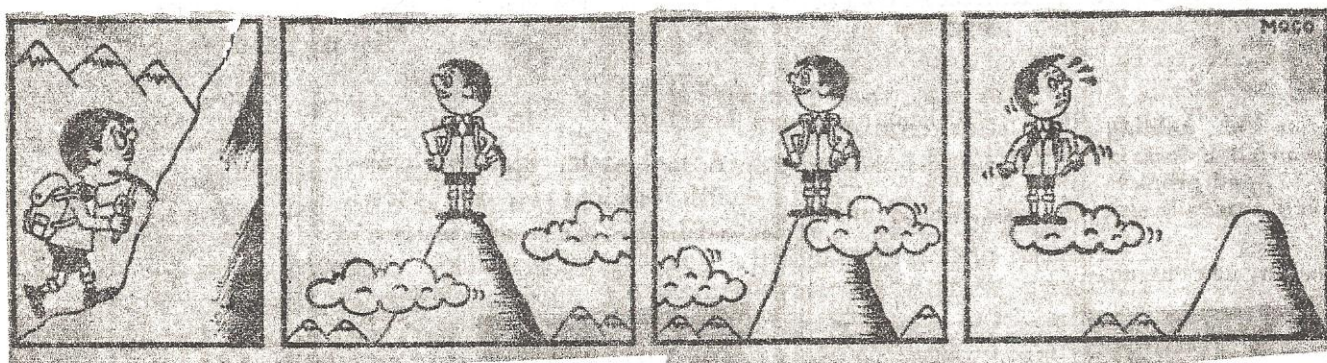
Also of note at Arapiles were Brenda Kaye on "Siva" (M3), and Alex Glouchowera on "Syrinx" (10). Alex was surprised to find the frozen bodies of six boy scouts clustered round the remains of a small fire of woggles and climbing ropes.

Finally, Mike Stone, Geoff Gledhill, (VCC) and Gordon Talbett did the first free ascent of "Pall Bearer" at Rosea. The fourth pitch, which had been pegged for 70ft, was done with three aids at the start of the pitch. On the last pitch, all four aids were eliminated, and this unbelievably exposed climb is now graded. (M2, 15).

"Loser of the Month" award goes to Andrew Thomson (the club S.H.I.T.) who, while strangling a darkie at Mt. Rosea, was attacked by a hail of sky-rockets- he reportedly did justice to his official position.

Les Pike.

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THE 24 HOUR WALK

July 10 it's on again. Twenty four hours of running, walking, crawling through scrub, across paddocks, over creeks, under fences in search of those elusive checkpoints. Then just when the torch batteries are dimming, the feet are aching, and the nerves are fraying, around the corner is seen Harry Schaap and his merry band of cooks, with a much appreciated hot, steaming, three-course dinner served by beaming mini-skirted waitresses.

Everyone will be there. Nearly two hundred triers with widely varying chances of success. A few veterans of many 24 hour walks:- Kerr, Tarr, Frederick, and maybe even Dave Hogg- will go running off into the distance, to be seen again only as a name appearing on those tickets at each checkpoint. Perhaps you will be one of these leading names, cursed by others as they come floundering in to the checkpoint hours later. More likely, you will be one of the majority; out for an enjoyable weekend, aiming to do your best and maybe beat a few of your friends. You may not expect to win, but you have no intention of coming last either. And I can assure you that you won't. Even the girl-guides could beat Webb and his army boys, or Southwell and his harem, or Cannon when distracted by his wife.

So get along to Aikman's Road any lunch time (before Tuesday 6 July) and book, or ring Harry Schaap on 803581 any evening. You must have at least one partner, but if you don't have one, come along to Aikman's Road and a suitable one will be found. Fellows, it's worth bringing your girlfriend- mixed teams get 6 miles start over the males. But girls, don't be conned too easily, because female teams get twelve miles start. (This spurs the men on in true hunting spirit).

We can't tell you where the walk will be yet, -only the organizers know this until the Saturday morning- but it will be about 50 miles from Melbourne in mainly undulating farming country with some scrub and forest, and perhaps a few roads. From 9.00, Saturday morning in the Beaurepaire Centre you can pay \$ 5.50 which includes van fare, maps, and all food for the weekend. The list of instructions gives grid references and descriptions of all checkpoints. It is then up to the competitor to choose the best route between checkpoints, remembering that each must be visited in order. The checkpoints and proposed routes should be marked on the map on Saturday morning. Then shortly before midday, everyone piles onto the vans and it's off to the bush to the starting point of the walk. At 2.00 to 2.30 the whistle blows and two hundred bodies disperse. What a sight! People in all shapes and sizes, in boots or sandals, shorts or slacks, T-shirts or parkers, all heading for the first of the checkpoints which are spaced a few miles apart. Then, some hours later, after ten to fifteen miles the first hash house is reached and

stomachs are filled, maybe clothes are changed, and feet are rested, before it's up again and off, via more checkpoints, to the next hash house. The team furthest along the course after 24 hours is the winner, and usually the most exhausted.

What equipment should you take with you? Some things are compulsory, others advisable.

1. Map, instruction sheet, matches: These must be carried, and are supplied on the Saturday morning by the organizers.

2. Compass: Each competitor must carry a reliable compass, preferably oil-filled.

3. Torch: Compulsory. Spare batteries and globe are advised.

4. Spare clothing: This can be sent to hash houses in a bag or pack. Spare pairs of socks and warm clothing for nighttime are particularly recommended.

5. Food: 15 miles can be a long way without any food. Chocolate, barley sugar, glucose tablets, or chewing gum are strongly recommended. Supplies can be sent to hash houses with spare clothes.

6. Water: Not necessary. Creeks should be flowing (but care must be taken in farming country as the water could be polluted) and water should be available at frequent intervals.

7. Protective clothing: A parka or waterproof coat is essential, particularly at nighttime.

8. Marking pen: (pencil, texta colour etc.)

Necessary to mark map.

9. First Aid: This is available at hash houses.

A few bandaids carried, and maybe some talcum powder at hash houses is sufficient.

What should you wear? Clothing depends largely on fitness and the weather. Since the country is not rough, strong boots are not essential unless the competitor has weak ankles. Gym boots or sandshoes are suitable. Leather soles should be avoided- they are slippery on damp grass. The main requirement is comfort.

Many competitors wear shorts to hash house one, and change into long trousers for the night section. A light jumper and light parka can be carried, or tied around the waist, and heavier clothing worn after hash house one. The choice is yours, but remember you must select comfortable clothes, particularly footwear, and you must keep warm.

There is a meeting on Thursday 8 July in the Sports Union Activities Room at 7.30 p.m. to enlarge on the above requirements and describe some techniques used in navigating 24 hour walks, (and give a few more hints on what type of course has been laid). Every competitor is strongly advised to attend this meeting.

So, please remember these timings:-

Tuesday, 6 July: Bookings close.
 Thursday 8 July: 7.30 p.m, Sports Union
 Activities Room-- Discussion
 on navigation, clothing and
 equipment.
 Saturday 10 July: 9.00 Trophy Hall, Beaurepaire
 Sports Centre. Maps distrib-
 uted, money collected, and
 the action starts.

This is the MUMC event of the year, so be there. Grab your
 partner(s), don't forget to book, and we look forward to
 seeing you all.

Bob McNaught.

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 X
 O Overheard on the Blackwood weekend: X
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 O Martin...You don't sound like Goodman when he played that. X
 X (To Dave, who was playing Rhapsody in Blue on X
 O his clarinet, propped up against the veranda post) X
 O Dave.... No, but Goodman wasn't drunk at the time! X
 X ----- X
 O
 X Quotes from the Secretary.... heard between midnight and X
 O 3 a.m. X
 XIt's just as well you can't quote these things in X
 O the Mountaineer. X
 XThere are three quantum levels of drunkenness: X
 O p.....up to the mouth, p..... up to the nose, X
 X and p..... up to the eyebrows, (which I am). X
 O I'm not as bad as I sound- my voice always gets X
 X hoarse after midnight. X
 OI can still say "spellological". X
 X (But he couldn't manage the Fig X
 O Plucker's Son !) X
 XIt's a pity I've destroyed my public image. X
 O (And while being put to bed by your editor).... X
 X ..I'll get into my lilo..... Don't do X
 O up the drawcord or there'll be an awful X
 X mess! X
 O
 O XX

In case you didn't realize...The store is open on Thursday
 nights (especially for those poor hard working members who
 are no longer at Uni) between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m. Glay
 would LOVE to have some visitors occasionally.

EASTER WITH THE V.M.T.C.

When Mumc announced the Easter trips to an area which has seen no less than 7 club trips in the last year (plus 2 which were advertised but may not have eventuated), I began to look for somewhere else to go. The VMTC (Victorian Mountain Tramping Club) programme caught my eye with a trip to Rodger River Gorge. Do you know where the Rodger River is? I didn't, but after some time found it on a 1"-1mile FCV Murrindal sheet running into the Snowy River at Jackson's Crossing, some 11 miles from Buchan. This being 230 miles from Melbourne made it a feasible trip for Easter.

On Friday at 10.00am, the party assembled in Buchan. There were then 3 mumc members present, and Don Alison arrived a little late. The VMTC I noticed, do not make a habit of late starts; they were all there early. We motored for some 11 miles from Buchan to the start of the Jackson's Crossing track, where we left the cars and set off for the 6 mile walk to the crossing. We lunched along the way, and were somewhat delayed by the maze of new logging tracks not marked on the map, but arrived on a cleared spur above Jackson's Crossing about 3.00 pm.

One can imagine our delight at observing that the river was low, and even better, the recent floods had cleared away all the scrub for some 30-40 ft. above the present river level, leaving sand banks and lush green regenerating banks. Indeed, a super-highway for us to use while moving upstream. The crossing was easy, knee deep, 100 yds wide, and quite warm. We moved upstream to find our lush banks were nettles and blackberries, and the sand was coarse, soft, and filled our boots. Progress was slower than we had hoped for, and a bit tiring, but not too bad. We camped on a sandbank about 3 miles upstream.

The valley was alive with wildlife. Emus, kangaroos, a wombat, and snakes were sighted, (emus in very large numbers). The river was warm and not overfilled with fish. Don, (the VMTC fisherman) extracted 2 eels and 2 perch in 4 days, and one small trout was caught. Birds were everywhere.

Saturday was another lesson in setting off for MUMC. At 8.30 sharp, the time set for starting walking, everyone was ready. Not almost ready, but standing at the leader's fire, ready to go. This was repeated every day, and not one member was late in the whole trip. (It puts a few of us to shame). Saturday was filled with a 15 mile day walk to the southern end of Snowy River Gorge. We walked and swam there and back. (Mainle walked, but swam at rest stops). The view of the gorge was poor, and did little more than make one want to see it better. Being a hot day, the snakes were active.

Sunday saw us shoulder packs and head East over the range to the Rodger River, arriving for an early lunch at the old homestead.

It was reported in 1965 that the farm had been abandoned but there are now some fences, yards, and a bus fitted out with someone's private equipment. The bus provides a residence which was unoccupied when we visited, and is not locked, but is obviously not intended for the use of walkers. There were cattle grazing in the area, and the old homestead is in a bad state of repair. One building is badly rotted and overgrown with blackberries, but still standing, and the other consists only of a roof. The walls have collapsed leaving the gabled roof sitting on the ground. There are also walnut and fig trees. It is a superb campsite. From there we set off downstream, climbing over a spur to avoid a U-bend in the river, and arrived at the top of a bluff some 800ft. above the Rodger River Gorge with a superb view of the entire gorge. We then remained above the gorge and moved through easy country to the Snowy River where a river crossing was made N.Z. style with 6 people on a log. It was not a place to slip, the river being waist deep and very fast flowing.

The Rodger River makes a most unimpressive entry to the Snowy. The Gorge ends some 400 yds from the Snowy, and The Rodger ends in a narrow, overgrown backwater, a dismal end for a magnificent River. It is probably because of this dull end which is the most frequently observed part of the Rodger, that the Gorge is so seldom visited.

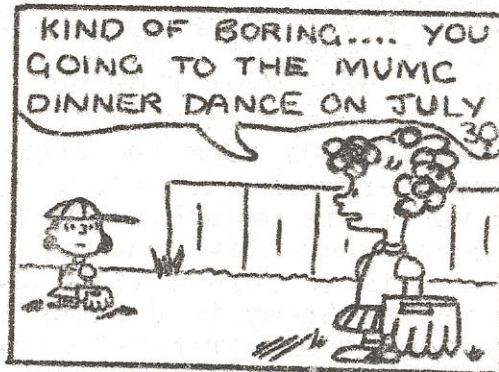
We walked the mile up the Snowy to Jackson's Crossing to camp on lush grass under tall stringy-barks. The old hut here is overgrown with blackberries and would not offer much shelter. (If you could get in).

Monday we returned to our cars following the same route as on our inward journey.

The trip overall was most enjoyable. The VMTC is a club with a balance of old and young, and it is very apparent that MUMC misses a lot by not having older members. It is probably because they have active members in the club for 20 years and more that such a wide range of areas is visited. I strongly recommend that anyone looking for a trip to somewhere 'different' consult their trips program (on our notice board). I think our hard men could learn a thing or two from the VMTC and our peak-baggers would be wise to keep their ~~beating~~ to themselves. All in all, I would sum up the VMTC as an excellent club from which we could learn a lot. It is a pity there are not more 'visits' to other clubs paid by our club members.

Another interesting question arises from this trip. Why has the club ignored the area for bushwalking? It is close enough for a weekend caving trip, but being too far away was the reason I was given for not having an Easter trip there!! There is a vast area which should be covered in the guidebook, and about which we know nothing. Perhaps in the future we can spread our trips to this part of Victoria. This comment is intended as food for thought, not as a dig at past and present trips programmes.

PAT MILLER.



ANNUAL DINNER DANCE FRIDAY JULY 30th
AT WATTLE PARK CHALET.
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT AIKMAN'S ROAD.
SEE YOU THERE!

Projecting present day trends in the club to the time when we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary (1994) is basically a very amusing exercise which could become somewhat alarming. Just imagine the time when the General Board of Directors and Controllers (replacing the present committee in 1981) meet for their daily session in conference.

At such a meeting, we would have the world's finest specialists in the Mountaineering field. Chairman of the Board, Director of M.U.M.C. Holdings Pty.Ltd., and president of V.O.A., Sir Anthony Kerr, M.U.C.K., will deliver the Lord Hogg Memorial Address on "Upper Management Control". At the same time, our anxious and humble Honorary Secretary, Professor Martin Wardrop, A.A., D.R.U., F.R.S., seems very busy studying the reports from our 27 sub-committees and sister companies. Also present at the meeting will be the Company's Under secretary of hiking, Dame Judith Cohn, T.R.A.P., and the Treasurer, the Right Honorable R.C.Cannon, M.P., B.O.O.M., Q.C.

When the address ends, the distinguished industrial and business leader, Manager of M.U. and M.C. Supermarkets and Hive Enterprises, Herr Harold A.Schaap, rises to his feet to ask the first pointed political question. While speaking, sighs of dismay due to lack of firm bureaucratic principles can be heard from Sir Anthony, and the Corporation Chief Planner of Trips, Mr.Gareth Whipp, L.S.D., B.U.S.H.. Immediately, the Board's Senior Vice-President, the Right, Right, Reverend Bishop Rodney Tucker, D.O.G., P.U.B., makes a slanderous censure motion against Herr Schaap.

Due to the absence of Lady Escott, overseas in the U.S.S.R. gaining experience in fitness, sex, and health, the censure motion is defeated. The defeat is largely due to the lack of interest shown by Madame R. Jones, O.X.O., who is busily engaged in telephone conversation with members of the Chinese Peoples' Sporting Republic. (Madame is Editor in Chief of the "Daily News", Director of M.U.M.C. printing Enterprises, and Chief Educational and Technical publisher for the Company.)

With question time over, the OXO-Anthem, sung simultaneously in twenty languages is beamed from Feather-top; directed by General Manager Oakes, to the Board's board room and the Canberra residence of Lord and Lady Hogg. The triumpherate of OXO flags is lowered from the snow-capped summit by adventurers Mitchell, Feller and Kneen, under the watchful eye of computer-paper-brain-Thomas.

Harry Schaap

P.S. Car stickers with "Save MUMC from Bureaucracy" are available at the store for 5 shillings, plus tax, postage, and wrapping. No return, biodegradable.

INTERVARSITY 24 HOUR WALK REPORT

Alas, MUMC returned from the Newcastle 24 Hour Orienteering Contest with only one boot- the women's. However, the contest was marred by a number of "missing" checkpoints and a flooded river. Despite these drawbacks, all competitors enjoyed the trip, and found the area chosen for the competition to be as beautiful and spectacular as any Victorian walking country.

The victorious female team consisted of Brenda Kaye, (Captain), Gill Hume, Robyn Flint and Leigh Sutherland. The male team was Ron Frederick (Captain), Gary Whipp, Barry Parsons and Graeme Oakes.

The team travelled by train to Newcastle (Thanks to Sports Union and MUMC for their financial help). We were accused of bringing Melbourne weather with us, as Newcastle ^{was} under water and slowly submerging as we arrived. We received typical Mountaineering hospitality in the form of a most comfortable house, and "Henny Penny" chicken in vast quantities. The first representatives meeting was unfortunately held on the Friday night, and as a result, business was kept to a minimum in order to give the competitors a good night's sleep.

On the Saturday morning, a large bus transported competitors south to the area covered by the "Morniet" sheet. On the bus, "Notes on the area" were handed out, and these proved most interesting to interstate visitors. Team members also received an "Instruction and advice" handout containing comments such as: "cliffs terminate all steep ridges", and "water fit for addition to car batteries".

The female team ignored the remote high-scoring checkpoints, and instead, picked up the more accessible ones. This approach proved to be a winning move and had the added advantage that it took them to only one of the four misplaced checkpoints.

Unfortunately, the Men's team chose a route which took them to 3 missing controls in a row. These caused the team to waste much valuable daylight, and when a raging torrent flowing feet above the ford was encountered in the early hours of morning, the men's chances of retaining the "Golden Boot" looked slim. However, dawn brought beautiful weather, and after a drink of Sustagen the team surged forward only to encounter another missing checkpoint-and as a result, were a little late in finishing, despite the fact that they covered 7 miles in the last hour in an attempt to finish in time. Consequently, the men's team finished about fifth out of a total of nine teams.

At the second representatives meeting, the organizers wisely presented the trophies before protests could be discussed. However, teams were given credit for checkpoints visited if they could convince the organizers that they had been to the correct spot.

Some members who were able to stay, spent the Monday sampling the produce of the Hunter valley, while the remainder of the team tried to sleep on the "Spirit".

To conclude on a serious note though, the contest emphasizes the importance of the use of course-vetters. (People who check the course). Organizers should read Dave Hogg's excellent publication entitled "Planning an Orienteering Contest"- available from MUMC.

Finally, those who are interested in canoeing, should start practising for slalom contests, as there was general agreement among the IV representatives that the scope of IV Mountaineering should be broadened, and slalom canoeing would be a logical starting place.

Ron Frederick,
IV Manager, 1971.

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MORE QUOTES:

Tony..(to sec. of Latrobe U.M.C.)

...Do you think you've benefited from this meeting?

Latrobe Sec...Yes, I've met Marty.

Martin....I've got weak ankles you know.

Tony.....Yes, he's symmetrical about his middle.

Harry....I'm getting too old for this club.

Jeff Rossely.....The causes of the American Civil War were sex...sex...sectional!

At Anne and Gill's party....

I'll drink anything.....Tony.

I had 2 flagons of club claret in my room, but I drank one.
.....Rod

At the De-briefing of Prom Trip leaders:

Boom.....And why did you take Keith Thomas rock-hopping?

Dave..... Because he wanted to go.

Boom.....I would quite like to fly to the moon, but I would never take Keith Thomas rock-hopping!



SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA

Lake Pedder- Mt. Anne Circuit; Dec. 70 - Jan. 71.

Including at one stage or another the following persons:-
Tony Kerr and Ron Frederick (leaders), Cath Kerr, Duncan Stevenson, Judy Whitaker, Arnold Wheeler, Marg James, Ann Bevan, Tom Kneen, Les Southwell, Peter Weinstock, James Lerk, Bob Vincent, Ev Smith, Peter Hicks, Kath Houghton, Libby Jardine, Brendan Holland, Phil Wilkinson, Maurice Easton, John Buchanan, Ros Escott.

Hobart is probably an interesting city, but not on a drizzly Sunday Dec. 27th, when anyone with any sense is at home nursing a Christmas hangover. But if you're "one of them", as the man at the airport so aptly put it, you feel obliged to brave the elements and take a last look at civilization (?) before piling into a bus and heading South West.

At 7.00 p.m., our voyage of discovery through the Tasmanian mud officially began, assured by our infallible leaders of a pleasant campsite by a creek a short distance in along the track to Lake Pedder. At 9.15 p.m. we set up a sodder camp on a sloping scrub-covered saddle some distance from official water. I alone had already found five varieties of mud - water covered mud, pungent mud, snaggy mud, uphill mud and downhill mud.

Monday 28th dawned on us late and brought the news of an unchartered river flowing through the tent. Marg was greeted by a yabby who emerged from under her groundsheet (Looking a bit the worse for wear) and bid a hasty retreat when offered a fattened leach for breakfast. Brendan voiced our feelings well in a happy burst of song about our noble leaders. (Unfortunately, due to censorship regularities, it cannot be printed).

The campsite at Pedder was well established when we arrived, as three of the party had flown in a week earlier to set it up for us, and sixteen hungry souls were greeted by the homely scene of Luigi Southwell tending the coals under his famed Deb Pizza. The catering service provided hot tea for everyone, and "possum bread" which James conveniently found somewhere in the bush.

On Tuesday, the weather improved to mild rain and mist, and we climbed Mt. Solitary for views of endless button-grass plains that must be traversed to reach the still-obscured Mt. Anne. James got a nasty bite by the summit cairn, and Ann decided to bear her stomach-ache in silence after Maurice (our medical consultant) told her "Go into the tent and strip, and I'll be with you in a minute".

Wednesday 30th started off wet, so we decided to stay that way and circumnavigate the lake - most of which had to be 'aqua-stamped' because there was no beach. However, the water was quite pleasant and usually below that "uncomfortable depth". Peter and Ev short-cut it back to camp from the SW end, and found the middle only chest-deep.

The superb sunset brought everyone down onto the beach, after tea, and was followed by a vigorous game of keepings off, until the light faded and permitted too much cheating- it took about 10 minutes to realize that the person who actually had the ball wasn't playing anymore!

On Thursday 31st, we climbed the Franklands in beautiful weather for spectacular views of the Lake, Mt. Anne, the Arthurs and Federation. We watched the numerous planes coming in and out along the beach, one of them removing John with self-diagnosed glandular fever, and returning with half a dozen bottles of beer, which Brendan had somehow managed to trade him for.

NewYears Eve was celebrated with a noisy singsong and the distribution of various goodies. Arnold noticed at 12.05 that it hadn't rained all year, and Tom reminded Huey that he had 80 inches to go! At 12.10 we held a 1971 Rain-Water tasting, and it was universally accepted as a good year with a delightful bouquet.(reminiscent of rich beef broth!) . We retired to bed rather late, and were just settling down when Arnold informed us that Ann had a tick. This was eventually removed by Dr.Easton who consulted the First Aid Book and was told to "seek medical advice",

New Years day was a long dreary button-grass bash around Mt. Solitary, and across the Huon Plains. There were few highlights to brighten the monotonous slush,(except Cath Kerr trying to pull Brendan out of a thigh-deep bog), and Bob and Ron completely reorganized the Scouting movement. We reached Huon crossing at dusk in drizzly rain, and then a pleasant road-bash brought us to Condominum Creek and our food-dumps.

Saturday 2nd was a tent day. Sleep in; Lie in; live in; eat in. Food dump tins make good washing machines and baths and we all emerged somewhat cleaner, especially James, who we couldn't help but notice washed all his clothes. Some more energetic souls hitched down to the Scotts Peak dam construction site, but only the bikini-clad member got a guided tour!

Saturday 3rd. A beautiful day, with glorious views made the climb up to Mt.Anne most rewarding. We lunched on the Mt.Eliza plateau overlooking Lake Judd, (why is Judy always so sleepy?) and then crossed the boulder field to the Northern End, where we left our packs in view of Lot's Wife. A final scramble/rock-hop up to the summit, and there lay all the peaks and features of the South West beneath us. A short traverse across the steep, scrubby northern slopes of the Knife ridge then brought us to an attractive but exposed rocky shelf where we secured our tents to the stones.

In the later hours of a long and restless night, the psychiatrists tent was opened, and the problems of the party were discussed and solved. Kath Houghton's dislike of dehyd was related to events in her early childhood and subsequently cured; a rehabilitation program was developed

to overcome Ev's non-involvement; and everyone's motives for coming to this end of the earth were challenged.

A heavy mist delayed the onset of Monday morning till about 11.00 when it was decided to send a party of intrepid men out to survey the next, and most difficult part of the trip. Others returned to the summit to sleep in the sun. Marg took her evening ablutions in a remote rock-pool, and quite by coincidence our explorers found a new route back to the camp. The women of the tribe cooked tea.

Tuesday dawned spectacularly with only the surrounding peaks visible above the sea of pink and golden cloud. We set off early and carefully picked our way over the huge dolerite blocks to the rifle-sight notch that lay between us and the bulk of Mt. Lot. This had to be negotiated individually and ropes were necessary on the rock face of the Easter Wall. The rest of the day was spent traversing the 45 degree slopes of Mt. Lot on loose rock and slippery pineapple grass down to the shelf. The scrub was so thick that some means of communication was necessary, and Tarzan Lerk organized the Bush Telegraph from treetop to treetop. We camped by a picturesque lake and the rain set in again until James, Bob, Ev and Ros made a birthday cake for Huey, and sang and celebrated far into the night. He smiled on us warmly for the next 5 days!

Wednesday morning brought all the tents to the ground at an early hour, and many angry persons were soon on their way through the fairly open country and up onto the small saddle beneath Mt. Sarah Jane, a symmetrical cone of dolerite columns lying on the quartzite rock of the shelf. Plots of retaliation thickened as we sat in the sun on the summit, and Bob was strangely quiet. After an early lunch, we dropped over the western edge of the plateau, and headed for the button-grass flats of the Anne River valley. The descent began on awkward quartzite and then lead through impenetrable head-high scrub at 100yds an hour. (Overheard in the bushes: "We'll have to get going again as the person in front is 3 ft. ahead already"). Libby won the prize for the most bruised bottom.

We camped the last night by the Anne River, and Bob solved his problem by abducing two tents securely in the trees and inviting everyone to BYO Groundsheet. Phil was convinced to come ("only as a spectator, though"), and was very disappointed as he stayed awake all night and everyone else went to sleep.

Thursday promised to be hot and sticky, so rather than re-enter the scrub, we elected to river-bash the necessary $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. (Cath Kerr actually got her feet wet). $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours later, we were still picking our way tediously in fast flowing water over loose, slippery rocks. (Every body surfed rapids with a pack on?). Tony felt that the leader of a trip should have the same powers as the captain of a ship at sea, but Ron and Judy declined even though Bob

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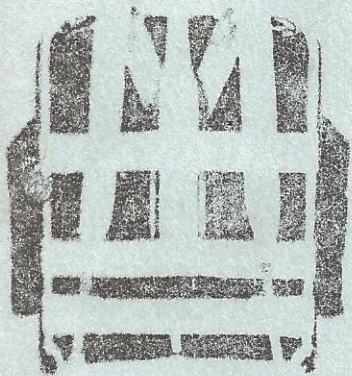
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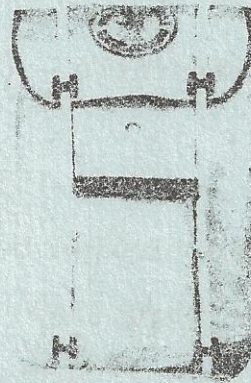
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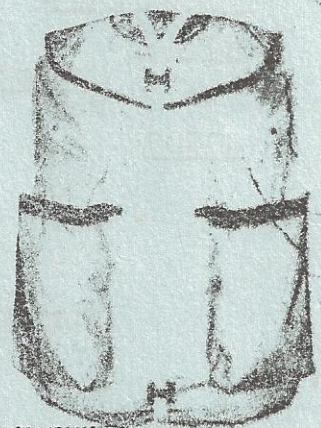


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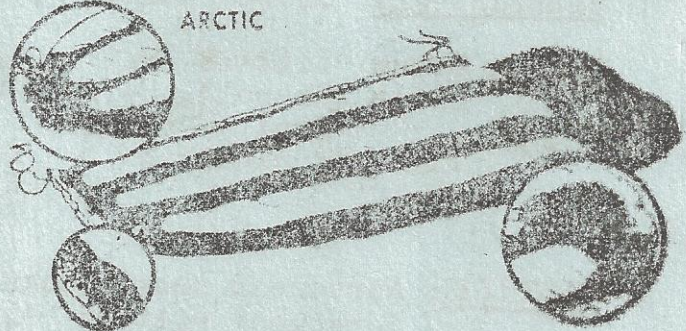
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