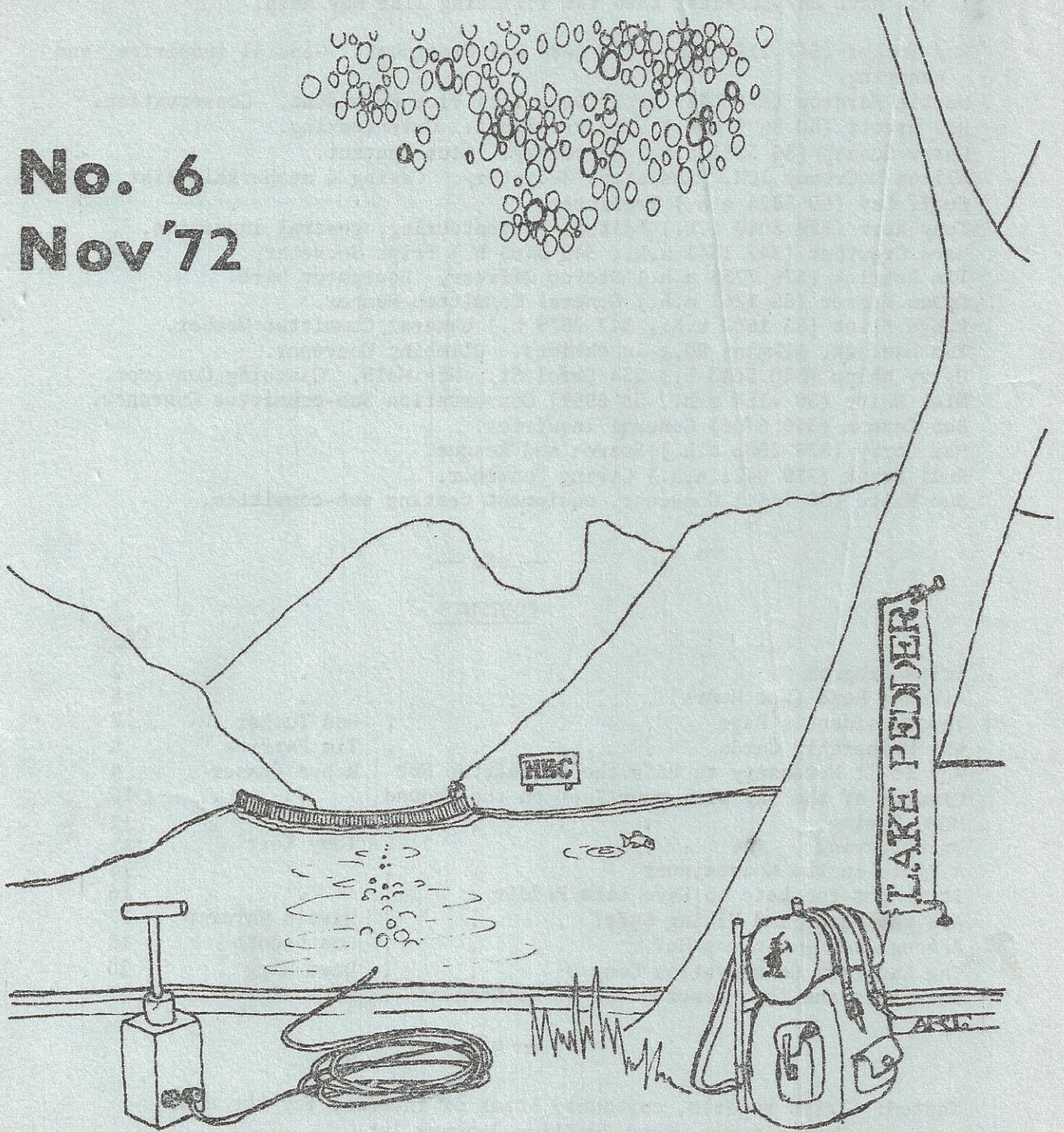


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Wanted: Trips reports, cartoons, items of interest for the next Mountaineer. Copy deadline January 1st.



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MUMC - more than just a service organisation

In complying with its constitutional 'Aims', MUMC provides many facilities and publishes much material in fostering interest in Mountaineering. One of the main facilities offered, much to the credit of the succession of 'Lord High Stores Officers' is the equipment for hire housed at 'Agnes Place'. Just to comply with the constitutional aim, i.e. to be a service organisation, is insufficient incentive for the few doing the work. A major return for the work output is the bringing together of a group of people with similar outlooks on life. It is MUMC acting as an association of people that is the main 'raison d'etre', and from this it is logical that those who join MUMC solely to make use of the services, without becoming a 'full' member by entering MUMC activities, are not well received. Thus the yearly spate of new members who join after exams solely to benefit from the equipment hire service are refused this service unless they have previously been active with MUMC; in this way the limited supply of equipment is available to 'full' members only over the long vacation.

Black Monday, or Tuesday or?

Victoria will be a tinderbox this summer; everyone venturing into the bush must make doubly sure that campfires are sited well away from undergrowth and that they are well and truly out before retiring or moving on. A recommended addition to group equipment is a small radio via which total fire ban days can be recognised. Diets should be preplanned to allow for days of uncooked meals.

Your last exams?

Do you feel adequately qualified to fulfill a useful position in society? The answer in most cases will be no. As there are insufficient people with an understanding of the principles and applications of 'conservation' in our governing bureaucracies, you may find the Canberra Conservation Course, as described in this issue by Dave Hogg, attractive.

Tony Kerr

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TRIPS PROGRAM

Meetings, bushwalking and orienteering trips are planned well ahead whereas the more specialised activities, rock-climbing, caving, canoeing etc. which generally cater for smaller groups, are subject to variations with trips being organised (or sometimes cancelled) at short notice. Those interested in these activities should keep in regular contact with the appropriate club members (as listed on the front page).

Standards of Trips

Bushwalking trips are classified according to the following:

- EASY considered easy for those who are moderately fit but not necessarily experienced.
- MEDIUM fair for fit people. Some previous hiking experience is desirable. Hard for the unfit or inexperienced.
- HARD difficult for fit experienced walkers. Impossible for others.

Transport

Transport to and from venues of club trips is by picnic van or private car. For van trips, it is essential to know numbers as early as possible. The van for day trips departs from Batman Ave. near Swanston Street between 9 and 9.30 a.m., and normally returns by 6.00 p.m. For longer trips, the van leaves the car park immediately north of the Union Building at 6.30 p.m. on the night before the first listed day of the trip (i.e. normally on Friday night). The van normally returns to the Union before 10.00 p.m. on the last day of the trip.

Any club member wanting to run his own trip using a club organised van may do so provided there is sufficient room on the van.

Bookings

There are three ways of booking for a trip, the first being the most preferable.

- (i) Place your name and other details in the 'Trips Book' at Aikmans Rd. (1 to 2 p.m. weekday lunchtimes, after 7.30 p.m. Tuesdays).
- (ii) Ringing the trip leader.
- (iii) Ringing the Trips Secretary, Dave Crewther (340 5465 b., 347 1541 a.h.).

TRIPS PROGRAM NOV '72 - MARCH '73

Nov 18-19 Post-exam
Sat-Sun bludge

Post-exam Bludge - Howqua River-Frys

Leader: Rex Niven

Standard: Impossible bludge

Transport: Van - Fare \$3.50-\$4.50

Venue: North Court 6.30 p.m.

Tremendous daywalks (to Governors, Eagle's Peaks etc). Bring lilos (wetsuits for the non-hardy), bring jaffle irons.

Nov 25-26 Canoeing
Sat-Sun

Surfing at Point Leo (if waves are OK)

Leader: Gary Whipp (Ph. 340 5654 b.h.)

Standard: Wet

Transport: Private.

Nov 25-26 Work Party
Sat-Sun

MUMC Hut Work Party Mt Feathertop

Leaders: D. Crewther, R. Fraser

If there are a surplus of workers for the FVWC work party there are plenty of jobs to be done on MUMC hut. Also work to be done on way up N.W. Spur.

Nov 25-26 Work Party
Sat-Sun

FVWC Hut Work Party at Mt Feathertop

Standard: Pleasant

Transport: Private

The aim of this workparty and the one the following weekend, is to rebuild the FVWC Hut coldporch outside the hut. This will significantly increase the room inside the hut.

Nov 30 Meeting
Thur

'Ye Olde Monthly Meeting'

Venue: Sports Union 7.30 p.m.

Bring your slides of recent trips. Come and discuss your latest plan for saving Lake Pedder, Mt Feathertop etc. Supper provided.

Dec 2-3 Caving
Sat-Sun

Caving Trip for People who Ought to have been Caving

Leader: Alison McCready

Standard: Easy

Transport: Private

Venue: Buchan.

Dec 2-3 Work Party
Sat-Sun

FVWC Hut Work Party at Mt Feathertop

See above.

- Dec 7 Meeting Tasmania Trips Meeting
Thur See M. Wardrop or D. Crowther (Ph. 347 1541)
Venue: Coffee Lounge, 7.30 p.m.
To finalize details of January trips to Cradle
Mt Reserve.
- Dec 9-10 Bushwalk Razor-Viking Area
Sat-Sun Leader: Martin Wardrop (Ph. 878 0469 after
Dec. 1st)
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
A wilderness area under threat from the
Forests Commission. One of the more inaccessible
areas of the North Eastern Alps.
- Dec 9-10 Bushwalk Mt Terrible-Big River
Sat-Sun Leader: Craig Devlin (Ph. 288 1762)
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private.
- Dec 13 Meeting Pre Christmas Get Together
Wed Venue: Sports Union 7.30 p.m.
Lavish MUMC supper supplied. If available, the
Great G. Fagan will recount his exploits in
Europe. This could be a progressive evening
moving on to various Mountaineering haunts in
and around Parkville - possibly even to St.
Vincent Place, Albert Park. Bring refreshments
and any spare plates of goodies.
- Dec 16-17 Bushwalk Upper Yarra River-Falls Creek
Sat-Sun Leader: G. Lay (Ph. 69 3824)
Standard: Medium.
- Dec 16-17 Canoeing Goulburn River
Sat-Sun Leader: Leigh Sutherland
Lunch and dinner at Chateau Tobilk. Finish
at Lake Nagambie.
- Dec/Jan 26-2 Bushwalk Bogong Village-Fainters-Dibbins-Hotham-
Tues-Tues Feathertop
Leader: Ron Frederick (Ph. 874 8111 b.
419 1073 a.h.)
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
Starting date subject to confirmation. Should
reach Feathertop Hut for New Year celebrations.

- Jan 2-9 . Bushwalk Hobson's Annual Hike
Tues-Tues
Leader: Paul Hobson (Ph. 60 1721). Letters to 450 Little Bourke St., Melbourne, 3000
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
Annual Hike - this year to the most interesting section of the Victorian Divide. Contact Paul for more details.
- Dec/Jan 26-1 Bushwalk Gorge 'Crawl' Through Gippsland
Tues-Mon
Leader: Martin Wardrop (Ph. 878 0469)
Standard: Medium-Hard
Transport: Private
An enjoyable summer trip with medium-hard bushwalking and some 'unpredictable liloing' in and around the Snowy Gorge, Little River Gorge and the Mitchell Gorge.
- Dec/Jan 27-10 Bushwalk Cobberas-Snowy Mountains Area
Wed-Wed
Leader: Rob Jung (Ph. 379 2545)
Standard: Medium
Transport: Mixture of public and other
Benambra-Cobberas-Pilot-Murray River Gorge-Ramshead-Kosciusko-Townsend-Twynham-Tate-Jagungal-Table Top Mt-Kiandra Diggings-Kiandra.
- Dec/Jan 30-1 New Year Feathertop New Year Celebrations
Sat-Mon
Leader: Harry Schaap.
- Jan 6-7 Bushwalk Pine Mountain, on the Murray River
Sat-Sun
Leader: Martin Wardrop (Ph. 878 0469)
Standard: Medium-Hard
Transport: Private
Come and visit a new area for MUMC. The area, near Corryong is a site for a proposed national park.
- Jan 13-14 Canoeing Surfing and Exploring - Phillip Island
Sat-Sun
Leader: Marg Harrison.
- Jan 20-21 Track clear- FVWC Track Clearing
Sat-Sun ing
Likely date for clearing of Alpine Track and Bon Accord Spur Track.

- Jan 20-30 Bushwalk Cradle Mt- Lake St Clair
 Sat-Tues
 Leaders: Martin Wardrop, Dave Crewther
 Standard: Medium-Hard
 Cost: \$40 plus food, film etc.
 See trips program for meeting Dec 7. Two trips are being run at the same time in order to have a reasonably small number in each group. The areas they visit may be slightly different.
- Jan 27-29 Bushwalk Bryces Gorge-Mt Darling
 Sat-Mon
 Leader: Craig Devlin (Ph. 288 1762)
 Standard: Medium-Hard
 Transport: Private
 Maps - Snowy Plains VMTC
 Macalister River W'shed VMTC.
- Feb 1-28 Bushwalk P.P. Wardrops' Guided Tour of Queensland
 Thur-Wed
 Leader: Martin Wardrop (leave phone messages C/- 878 0469)
 Standard: Medium
 North Queensland: Hinchinbrook Island; Herbert River Gorge and Wallaman, Garrawalt Falls; Bellenden Ker National Park and Mt Bartle Frere; Cairns to Cooktown; Black Mountain. Possibly a few days bludging on a coral island.
 Transport: rail to Ingham (north of Townsville) then hitch hike north. About \$50 return, first class rail sleeper.
- Feb 3 Canoeing Yarra - Day Trip
 Sat
 Leader: Garry Whipp.
- Feb (Late) Bushwalk Cradle Mt-Lake St Clair
 Leader: John Yuill
 Trip is going in late February, contact John Yuill (379 8826). Specific details have not yet been decided.
- Feb 24-25 Canoeing Goulburn River-Molesworth
 Sat-Sun
 Leader: Tony Kerr (Ph. 329 8040 a.h.)
 Transport: Private.
- Mar 17-18 Canoeing Beginners Canoeing - Lake Nagambie
 Sat-Sun
 Leaders: Rod Tucker and Garry Whipp
 Standard: Easy.

Canoeing: The canoes are now stored at Harry Schaap's home in Balwyn. There may or may not be work parties prior to canoeing trips. Details will appear in the Trips book at Aikman's Road.

THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

By your esteemed President who commented on seeing Angy's engagement ring - "Gosh! Am I slow?" - Ed.

Coming Publications

Next year the club will be undertaking a number of publishing activities. New editions of the Guidebook and Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering are due while the new Songbook is nearing completion. Black and white photographs are urgently required for these and other publications with which the club is associated. Photography is certainly a popular activity on club trips but is usually confined to colour slides. Why not try some black and white films this summer? We will be very glad to receive any suitable photographs, particularly of the Victorian Alps.

Pedder Papers

A copy of the Australian Conservation Foundation's publication "Pedder Papers" now resides in the club library. The major portion of this booklet is a paper by Keith McKenry of Monash University. This paper gives a critical analysis of the controversy and has led to the H.E.C. threatening to sue him for libel. The booklet makes excellent reading and is a useful adjunct to the L.P.A.C. book "Lake Pedder". Although the Pedder issue has been all but completely lost, (even Les Southwell would agree with me on this now) I feel that post mortems of the Lake Pedder case are very useful. Keith McKenry has pointed out that one of the factors contributing to final outcome was a certain amount of disjointedness in the case presented to the Select Committee of Inquiry by conservationists. Lessons learned from this may well be useful in the future, particularly with reference to conservation in the Victorian Alps and submissions to the Land Conservation Council.

Rescue Stretcher

The clubs rescue stretcher has at last arrived! Ordered about 18 months ago, this stretcher has been built for us in England where its type is used extensively at Mountain rescue posts. Our stretcher is to be placed permanently in the Feathertop Memorial Hut where it will be readily accessible for rescue on the Mountain.

Beginners Courses

Each year the club runs no less than six beginners courses in various club activities. These courses are always very popular and are often booked out weeks in advance. The club intends to make an appraisal of beginners courses so that future organisers can be guided by experience of their predecessors and people who have attended the courses.

If you have any comments or criticisms of the beginners courses run this year, please direct them to Rod Tucker, C/- MUMC. All comments will be gratefully received.

Duties of Trips Leaders

The new version of "Duties of Trip Leaders" which resulted from a meeting of club members earlier this year is now available. It is club policy that all leaders be issued with a copy of this, but anyone else who would like a copy should ask Dave Crewther or Rod Tucker.

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WHY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

People have written to the committee both opposing and in favour of membership cards for MUMC. The attitudes of those against appears "just another piece of petty bureaucracy" and "waste of time and money", whilst those in favour claim that when they have been overseas in the past such a card would have been of considerable help in getting in to clubs there.

The main reason why I proposed their introduction was as a (relatively) sure means by which stores officers may identify a person as a member of MUMC. We have been caught by one person who, claiming he was a club member, hired gear and disappeared with it. Of course one could always insist on some sort of identification being produced and checking that against a list of club members (remember - not all club members are Union members) but this is time consuming and embarrassing - especially if they joined after the membership list was produced!

Thus the main purpose of a membership card is an authority to hire equipment from the club. And in the process to protect our club equipment from other extraneous bods. If anyone can suggest a better system, please do. At the moment this seems the simplest and easiest way to me and the committee.

Tim Patrick

L.H.S.O.

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Aikmans Road

It is hoped that diligent stores officers will be able to open the Club Rooms between 1 and 1.30 p.m. most weekday lunchtimes. Likewise, Aikmans Road and Agnes' Place should be opened most Tuesday nights between 7.30 and 8 p.m.

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FIRE HAZARD - Beware of fires this summer. Observe total fire bans.

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WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO PAINT THE FEATHERTOP HUT

Friends and fellow MUMC members - We are under attack!

To the less informed, in 1965-66, devoted members of the club constructed a Memorial Hut on the N.W. Spur of Mt Feathertop. Not only is it a place of refuge for Any weary travellers, but it is also a base for All MUMC alpine instruction activities, and for winter and summer club trips. (The log book has shown that hundreds of bushwalkers have used our hut since 1966 - and the overwhelming majority have expressed their pleasure, appreciation and admiration for the hut. Also, it is interesting to note that MUMC members form only a small minority of all hut users.)

The views from the hut are of course magnificent in any season. The hut is spherical in shape - built of aluminium triangles and covered with aluminium sheeting. Unfortunately there is a fair amount of "unplanned" glare - especially on a bright sunny day. Because of the hut's exposed position, we tend to "advertise" our permanent presence to the whole of the alpine region. Bright, Mt Buffalo, Mt Bogong, tend to be some of the "privileged" vantage points for MUMC hut viewing.

"Visual pollution!" is the accusing cry increasingly heard from that species of human being called bushwalker and mountaineer - and more especially, from those who resent our obvious intrusion in this beautiful wilderness area. Pressure has also been brought to bear by people interested in developing the Harrietville-Feathertop region as an alpine holiday resord. Attacks in the press have made pointed reference to MUMC's exclusive "lodge". We must therefore make sure that "our own house is in order", before we can fully enter into the Feathertop dogfight. At the present moment, we are investigating the durability of a number of different types of paint, and also their harmonious blending with the environment. One panel of the hut was test painted before the winter season, and is under observation. The emergency food supply and 1st Aid Kit are to be thoroughly overhauled and upgraded (included is a mountain rescue stretcher which has been especially imported from England for the hut, and at considerable cost). We are also very much concerned with soil erosion on the Feathertop summit tracks, and on the traverse between the N.W. Spur and Mt Little Feathertop - and are keen to investigate the problem in conjunction with the soil conservation authority.

Have YOU any extra suggestions to make?

The Federation Hut on Mt Little Feathertop is also of unpainted aluminium but is hidden from view - nestling in a small saddle. However, "Melbourne Bushwalkers" will also have to follow what is regarded by many MUMC members as a regrettable and unnecessary precedent.

Robyn Fraser

(Co Warden Mt Feathertop Hut)

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WANTED: Sleepingbag, Superdown, good condition, up to \$30, Phone John or Roy 38 8440.

CLAWING AT THE SKY WITH YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND

Rockclimbing in the club during third term saw the retirement (temporarily only) of the convenor, Tim Hancock, to his books to study for final law exams. A stalwart band of climbers, however, on several weekend trips to the Grampians, Arapiles, Hanging Rock and Werribee Gorge, ascended many easy routes and attempted a few hard ones.

On June 26th at Arapiles, Jol Shelton and Peter Kissane did a moonlight ascent of Diapason (5,205 ft), while Chris Hume heckled below in the darkness. The next day Peter and Jol did Syrinx (10,510 ft), while Chris took his sister Gill up Diapason where she discovered the not so subtle art of falling off. Sunday saw Jol and Peter (with a hangover) pike off Orpheus (14,375 ft) - actually they never got started, and instead do The Hurricane Lamp cracks (7,275 ft), while Chris and Gill did Arachnus (8,350 ft).

The following weekend in the Grampians, at Mt Rosea, Jol Shelton, George Kuczera and Marcia McDonald did Saturday Special (12). The star climber here was Marcia, as only she could easily fit in the "stomach traverse". Her suggestion to anyone who wishes to do this climb - diet first! Chris Hume and Anne Bevan climbed that meandering route, Tourist Direct (7,520 ft) while Steve Roylance and Peter Kissane got lost on Flypaper Wall (8,420 ft). The next day at Eastern Wall, Yangtse (8), The Chink (10), Sampan (11), Saki (3) and Chou Cheem Nee (4) fell to a furious onslaught of determined climbers (??)

A fortnight later Roger Barson, Chris Hume, Peter Kissane, Anne Bevan and Sue Beatty returned to Mt Arapiles. Soon after finishing D Major (9) and D Minor (11) on Saturday morning a cry of "Argus" (the VCC equivalent of Oxo) heralded the news that a climber (not an MUMC member) had fallen off Scorpion Direct (17), and was tied to a ledge on "Flinders Lane", 400 ft up Tiger Wall. While Roger expertly bandaged his wounds, the stretcher which is kept on a nearby farm was fetched, and finally taken up Ali's (4,260 ft) and over to Flinders Lane. The unconscious climber was lowered 125 ft down to a narrow ledge, and then Chris Hume also rode the stretcher the last 200 ft to the ground, over a 50 ft overhang, while Peter and Roger lowered away with bated breath (and sore hands). The climber was taken to Horsham Base Hospital where he received twelve stitches in his head and was discharged the next day, with a headache. He had fallen about 25 ft, but if he had not been wearing a helmet, would almost certainly have been killed.

Meanwhile back at Arapiles the next day, after recovering their ropes used in the rescue, Chris, Anne and Peter went to climb Ejaculation (13,190 ft), a finger-jam crack in the organ pipes. But after Chris wrenched his wrist, and Peter peeled twice, it became obvious that only Anne Bevan could do it. So after a round of boulder problems all adjourned to Castle Crag, where Peter Kissane fell off leading Trapeze (10). Sue Beatty was so impressed with this fall that she wants to go back to Arapiles "just to fall off Trapeze too!"

A week later the same group went to Eastern Wall, where you Likee? (7), Dim Sim (8), Mah Jong (8), Confucius (13), and Samaurai (12) were conquered. But everyone piked on Hari Kari (14). This climb has a

gymnastic start. After climbing up a few feet to an overhang, one must swing out on two tiny finger-holds, and then put the right foot in a hole next to the right ear. What comes next nobody knows, although George unsuccessfully tried to levitate at this stage!

The same weekend Graeme Oakes led a group of climbers to Hanging Rock, where he led The Long Rib (12) without any protection, mainly because there is nowhere to place any. The same situation applies to most other climbs at Hanging Rock.

In the last few weeks several day-trips to the Amphitheatre at Werribee Gorge have been organized. George, Marcia, Chris, Peter, Anne and Pauline O'Connor have conquered Brutus (13), Execution (12), Persecution (12), Big Ears (14), Hadrian (16), Death Gate (12), Sweet Chariot (10) and Ben Hur (13). All climbs at Werribee Gorge are only one pitch, and can easily be top-roped. It is recommended as offering better scope for day-trips than Hanging Rock.

Chris Hume and Roger Barson also returned to Arapiles, where the score with Ejaculation was settled, and Chris performed a neat trick by both leading and seconding Procul Harum (M3,100 ft) on Castle Crag, and doing Cunrak (10,55 ft) in between.

P.S. The author of this article wishes to remain anonymous, lest any of those mentioned above knock a boulder in his direction on the next climbing trip.

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WANTED - PHOTOGRAPHS

I am interested in hearing from people with any black and white photographs of, or connected with, the Victorian Alps. Suitable photographs would be of any of the mountains in the Alps, waterfalls, gorges, rivers, plants and animals, huts etc. Of particular interest would be any historical photographs.

These photographs should be of fine grain, since their intended use is reproduction in a book/publicity pamphlet on the Victorian Alps. Please send any prints to me

C/- MUMC, Beaurepaire Centre,
Sports Union,
University of Melbourne.

All prints will be returned after I have looked at them.

Martin Wardrop.

MUMC CAVING

A report by Allison

After a lapse in MUMC caving activities due to exams, several trips are planned for the rest of this year and early 1973. The first of these will be yet another beginners' trip to Buchan - this will include several interesting and beautiful caves, but numbers may be limited due to lack of equipment.

Another more advanced trip is planned in January or February, and on December 26th, NIBICON (Ninth Biennial Conference of Australian Speleological Clubs) commences in Sydney. Lectures, study groups and seminars on a wide range of topics associated with speleology will continue until Friday, and at the weekend, field trips will be made to a number of caving areas including Jenolan and Yarrangobilly.

Buchan has also been the scene of several exciting developments. Conservation of the area containing Honeycomb Cave has been achieved, and two important potholes have recently been discovered in the same area. Anyone wishing to assist with the opening up and exploration of these should contact the Victorian Speleological Association.

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ORIENTEERING

by Tony Kerr

MUMC continues to be represented at the now fortnightly Orienteering contests. Club members have organised two recent contests - Ros Escott, Barry Parsons et al. organised the September 17th contest, and Bob Cannon organised the Australian Orienteering Championships held near Steiglitz in the Brisbane ranges on October 1st. MUMC women continue to do well with Judy Frederick winning the Australian Women's Championship and Ros Escott (last years winner) coming second.

MUMC will next be organising a contest on April 1st, 1973. If you would like to help, please contact Tony Kerr.

A permanent course (red and white posts) has been established in the You Yangs and it is hoped that this will enable school groups to take up the sport. Maps and compasses will be available for such groups through the Physical Education Branch, the V.O.A. or from the You Yangs F.C.V. Ranger Service.

Participation in Orienteering is increasing rapidly in Victoria with over 150 entrants per contest; with the main interest in the less competitive sub-intermediate and novice sections. It has been estimated that if the current growth rate continues, all of Melbourne will be enjoying Orienteering by 1981.

David Hogg, who is currently in New Zealand with the Australian Orienteering Team, is putting much work into Canberra Orienteering. He recently had a large article plus photo in the Canberra Times which produced a greatly increased attendance at following events.

Coming Melbourne events are on Nov 19; Dec 3, 17; Jan 14; Feb 4, 18; March 4, 18; April 1, 15. Details of venues will appear at Aikmans Road. If you would like to discuss any aspect of Orienteering, or would like to help plan any coming events, come to Aikmans Road at 8.00 p.m. on the Tuesday night after any event.

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"A PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINEER"

Alcoholic Parking Meter

Martin Wardrop arrived at the last committee meeting (October 4th) with symptoms of concussion ascribed to his collision with a wandering parking meter (or was it a parking sign?) at 10.15 p.m. the previous night.

'Happy Ade'

The Lord High Stores Officer has announced that due to the sustained efforts of his high pressure sales staff, the last packet of 'Happy Ade' has been sold. This may mean that our winter snowfields may once again keep the virginal whiteness, never more to be stained by the abominable MUMC snow dyers.

Editors for 'Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering'

So far, applications for this august position(s) have been received from Sue White and Adrian Davey.

Search and Rescue Applicants

Recent additions to the Club's S & R contingent include Gill Hume, Dave Caddy, Laurie Patrick, Fiona Shaw and Arnold Wheeler. The value of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs to the recent searches was immeasurable. Bushwalkers are uniquely equipped to search through virgin bush in all weather conditions. If you would like more information about the functioning of the S & R group, please contact Max Corry or Tim Patrick.

'24 Hour Walk Organisers'

Applications are called for the positions of 24 Hour Walk Organisers. Did you enjoy the last 24 Hour Walk? Do you have ideas for improving the event; perhaps you have a good area in mind. Do you have any culinary aims? It is fun to organise a 24 Hour Walk - looking for check points that will be hard to find at 2 a.m. in the morning; planning the course to maximise the number of 'barb wire' fences to be crossed; blowing the starting whistle and watching the ensuing chaos as 153 people disperse out of sight in a minute or less; etc. Tony Kerr and Harry Schaap will discuss what is involved with prospective applicants if desired.

Please forward your application to Harry C/- MUMC, Sports Union.

2nd Generation Mountaineers?

Congratulations to Chris and Bob Cannon (and Samantha?) on the birth of their twin kids, Giles and Lucy, during September. At age 2 weeks, Giles and Lucy, present at the Orienteering championships on October 1st, were very alert and playful. They enjoyed supplementing their bottled milk with grass and gum leaves, provided with loving care by Chris.

Quotes - Lake Mountain Search

- . Police bus roars into the search base - pressmen grab cameras and microphones - forty grim searchers surge off the vehicle, stride purposefully off through the trees - "rhubarb rhubarb..... eager searchers..... must have had their briefing on the bus..... look at them go!....." (long pan of disappearing backs). It wasn't until the bushies strolled back five minutes later that they realized that the bus had come all the way from Russell Street without a single stop.
- . Ros and Marg slept in the men's toilets because the police S & R beat them to the women's.
- . "Hullo mate. Someone was tryin' to have me on that you was a girl! Oh - sorry miss."
- . Someone should really have told the "Age" photographer that snow grows higher than gumboots.
- . Obviously two adjoining search groups can't use the same identifying call. So have you ever stood out in the middle of the scrub shouting "Bonox!?" It feels all wrong!
- . What's the penalty for larceny of a toilet roll - from Russell Street police HQ.
- . There we were in the middle of the clearing surrounded by photographers, and nowhere to change. Imagine the pressman's face when the hoary character he's about to film suddenly rips off his (or her) gear and pops into his searching apparel.
- . "The searchers say that conditions are the worst they have ever encountered." (Any press report, any search). If it gets any rougher I'll just have to leave S & R.

Quotes - Noojee Search

- . "What's that funny thing around your neck?" asked the forestry man.
"The funny thing with the red needle, pointing north."
- . And after a couple of days searching - "Excuse me Miss, can I inspect the seat of your trousers please?" "???" "Geez, I just lost all me bets! There's still a few threads there!"
- . "Well, this is the Lake Mountain reunion. When do we have the Noojee reunion?"

- . Did you know that lots of black japara parkas have compatible zips? Imagine twenty people zipped into a circle, walking off sideways looking for more members.
- . "I don't care if you did get drenched to the skin woman. You can't leave that thing hanging on my tent pole to dry off."
- . Never wear holy trousers in leech-country.
- . Bill Brand, from behind - "Hello! Here's our rough-headed woman bush-walker again" (thumps on back!) Whoops - not Marg after all.
- . "Local knowledge and experience is the key to the search" (Age, Wed. morning 23/8).
Wed. afternoon: Oxo-search group-x rescued three locals who'd been out all night (searching, of course!), who were so knowledgeable and experienced that without the benefit of map or compass they'd located the same tree three times in their efforts to get out. Their local knowledge unfortunately didn't include the location of either the road or of themselves.
- . Nothing is more frustrating than standing on a track at the end of a sweep, waiting for a four-wheel-drive to ferry you to your next area. For the benefit of future searchers, the following method of calling transport instantly has been proved infallible (over a number of tests!) Simply squat beside the tree nearest the road, and immediately at least one vehicle will appear - probably more, and probably including the police S & R Toyota. This method has never been known to fail!

Congratulations

John Bennett and Ellen Davies were married in September and are now living in South Australia. John and Ellens' absence from club canceeing activities will be greatly missed. They have both weathered MUMC membership for over ten years.

Brien Cohn and Judy Hill were married in August and are settled in Geelong.

John Gras and Lynne Tucker have also taken the plunge, being married on October 21st. Rumour has it that John was seen cleaning venetian blinds, scrubbing out the oven etc before the wedding. This must be a reflection on the new 'permissive society'.

Antarctic

After a break of a few years, MUMC will again be represented down south by John Zmood at Mawson and John Steel as Officer in Charge at Macquarie Island.

Returned

Geoff Fagan has returned after six months or so in Europe.

It is Not Too Late to Save Lake Pedder - The AGE, November 9

"CANBERRA - A Labor Federal Government would urgently look at ways to save Lake Pedder in Tasmania, which is being flooded to make way for a hydro-electric scheme.

Labor's spokesman on the environment (Mr Uren) promised this week that he would launch an investigation of plans to save Lake Pedder.

He said this review would go ahead with or without the co-operation of the Tasmanian Government.

The Tasmanian Premier (Mr Reece) was not available for comment yesterday afternoon, but official Hobart sources said the State Government would be unlikely to join any such survey. The sources said the Commonwealth had no power to intervene unilaterally on the Lake Pedder issue.

However, in a speech at Hobart town hall on Tuesday night, Mr Uren said that the Federal Government had 'potentially large' powers on environmental matters.

"We don't plan to bludgeon the State Governments by using it all the time. But we will ensure that environmental wisdom prevails and that it is not lost to State chauvinism", he said.

Mr Uren said the Federal Government must invest in Tasmania on behalf of all Australians and not only Tasmanians.

The Federal Government's view of Tasmania is different from the view of the Government elected in Hobart.

It would be best if these two slightly different views of Tasmania could, over time, merge into one ideal.

Asked yesterday what the Commonwealth could do to preserve Lake Pedder if the State Government did not co-operate Mr Uren said: "I won't telegraph my punches".

However, he said the Commonwealth could offer to pay the cost of a 'save Lake Pedder' scheme.

Mr Uren said he had been told by people who had just returned from the lake that the water was 13 feet above its normal level.

"I realise time is short, but I will move swiftly. I would like a combined Federal-State review to take place, including the Tasmanian Government, the Hydro-Electric Commission, conservation groups, and all sorts of experts from the Federal level."

"If I cannot get a combined study, I will instigate an inquiry from within my own department. We want to get quickly to the real economic and environmental costs of all alternatives."

ARE THE RAZOR AND VIKING SAFE?

The Save Our Bushlands Action Committee was formed in 1970 to fight to save the Little Desert from development and since then has retained a keen interest in most issues concerning conservation of wilderness areas. Most members of the SOBAC are also executive members of other conservation or bushwalking groups.

As a result of an SOBAC meeting about 2 months ago, a deputation met Mr Meagher, Minister for Forests, Dr Moulds, Chairman of the Forests Commission and Dr Grose (Chief of Management Division, FCV) on 20th September to express the opposition of many conservation, bushwalking and field naturalist groups to any logging or road-building in the Razor-Viking-Mt Speculation area.

The following is part of a report by the Acting Chairman, SOBAC, to a later meeting:

The specific requests made by the deputation and Mr Meagher's responses were as follows:

1. The deputation asked Mr Meagher to halt all development in the Mount Speculation and Terrible Hollow, Viking-Razor area so that the best use of the land could be determined by means of the procedures laid down in the Land Conservation Act.

Mr Meagher said he would not halt logging on the western flanks of Mt Despair. However, he said logging would be limited to this area which was not visible from the Viking-Razor. The work would be re-generated with alpine ash. Further Mr Meagher said the country east and west of the logging area would be maintained in a primitive roadless state. This included a large area around and to the north and south of the Viking-Razor (indicated by means of a boundary) and the Mt Howitt-Terrible Hollow area.

Mr Meagher's stance was that the Forests Commission had made the decision to preserve these latter areas some time ago. The Minister said he would send two copies of the relevant maps and diagrams to the Conservation Council of Victoria. He would not send the SOBAC a copy directly.

2. The deputation also asked Mr Meagher to agree not to allow logging or road-making in any proposed national park anywhere in the state. It was pointed out that such areas could be defined with the aid of a representative committee.

Mr Meagher said he would not do this because nearly all the forested land in the State was the subject of national park proposals and this would seriously affect the State's timber industry.

The major concern of the SOBAC at present is a continuation of attempts to have an Alpine National Park declared in Victoria. To this end the feasibility of producing a book on the Alps is to be investigated.

Martin Wardrop

BOGONG JACK - WHO WAS HE?

Bogong Jack, as a bushranger, was one of the cleverest bushman and horsemen that Australia has ever known, and is believed to be the first white man ever to cross the reputedly impassable mountain range between Gippsland and N.E. Victoria. But he was also a gentleman, educated at Cambridge, and an accomplished writer of comic songs.

Born John Payne, son of an engineer who incidently rode in the first steeplechase in history in 1803, he grew up in the country and took his love of horses with him to Cambridge. Unfortunately his additions to fox hunting and amateur coach driving interfered with his studies and it was decided he should go to Australia for a couple of years and work as a trooper with the Gold Escort Company of Port Phillip District. However, on arrival in Melbourne in 1854 he found his contacts had moved and the only town jobs he could get, as a gentleman, were indoors which he could not abide. To secure country employment he needed two hundred pound for horses and equipment and with this aim he worked as a boatboy and ortler for a leading Melbourne hotel.

Eventually he got a job as a stockman on the payroll at Benambra, bringing cattle in for slaughter at Omeo goldfields and down to Port Albert for shipping. Gradually he became aware of the advantages of working for himself and joined up with three other men who were doing well due to their unscrupulous habits of herding a few more cattle than their official tally from the station. However, the inspectors started closing in after a while so they decided to go bush and assess the prospects of the more valuable horse trade; separating horses from squatters whose extensive runs made it difficult for them to regularly check and brand their broods.

John explored a lot of the country during this time and found several routes across the ranges. This enabled them to establish a two-way traffic - taking Gippsland horses across for sale in N.E. Victoria and N.S.W. and bringing others back. The four routes most frequently used were:

1. Over the Barry Mountains to the King, Buffalo and Buckland rivers, past Mt Speculation and Howitt.
2. From the head of the Dargo across Hotham to Bright.
3. Across the Bogong High Plains to the slopes of Mt Fainter and thence to the Kiewa Valley, Towonga Gap and Bright or alternatively up the Kiewa further to Albury.
4. To the Upper Murray by the Mitta Mitta Valley.

Now and again they procured some cattle by honest means and delivered them to mining camps at a profit sufficient to enable them to establish visible lawful means of support. They had no trouble with the police and soon became popular figures at hotels, race meetings and dances. John was particularly well received on account of his accomplishment as a singer, and north of the divide he became well known as Bogong Jack (the stockman from out Mt Bogong way).

However, things did not go well for long and during 1859 Police activity in Omeo and Beechworth increased and the troopers became aware of horse tracks going over the mountains; traffic along these routes became

precarious. Several times John was under suspicion but he relied on his bushcraft and skill with horses to keep him out of the hands of the police, and since he avoided the use of firearms he did not excite public interest.

But things did not settle down, and with all the protesting horse breeders and improved communications, John was soon wanted north and south of the Divide and he decided to make for the hills. He took up residence at the hut on the spur of Mt Fainter (which they had often used as a stop-over while altering brands) and pleasantly passed his time reading, writing and prospecting. After a while a stranger passing through joined him in his prospecting, and although the two men got on reasonably well he began to suspect that 'Jack' might be the much sought bushranger, who was also reputed to had a hidden 'pot of gold'.

Then one day the stranger rode into Beechworth and told of his mate Jack being lost in a fog, and although no-one could believe it of the consummate bushman he certainly was never seen again. Months later a prospector recounted finding a skeleton in a gully below a high cliff near Mt Fainter, with a mark on the back of the skull which looked like a blow from a miner's pick. In the hut on the spur were a swag and saddle, and outside two fine ownerless saddle and pack horses were hobbled out on the grass.

At first the hut was a useful overnight camp for drovers taking cattle up to graze on the high plains but all too often a tall lean apparition, booted and spurred and wearing a cabbage tree hat, began to appear at midnight and cause the cattle to stampede and soon it was used no more.

There are still reports of 'strange happenings' at Bogong Jack's Saddle, usually at the full moon. One bushwalking party are reported to have heard a herd of cattle being driven through during the night, although they could see nothing. For this reason the club are having a "Ghosting Walk" to visit the area on the full moon of September 23rd. Sceptics and believers are welcome, but the weak hearted are urged not to come.

Ros Escott. Ref. 'Bogong Jack' by Eric Harding.

(This article was received too late for the last issue. It is not yet known what befell the group that camped with 'Bogong Jack' on September 23rd - Editor.)

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True Story from Walk 1952

Jill (dishing out food)

"Bill's a nuisance washing up between courses and leaving his plate full of dirty water."

Bill (returning)

"Hi! Who's thrown out my soup?"

THE CANBERRA CONSERVATION COURSE

Dave Hogg

A degree course in conservation of natural resources and park administration at the newly established Canberra College of Advanced Education has so far attracted at least three mountaineers to Canberra and is tempting several others. The following information is presented for the benefit of those who may be interested in the course.

The course can be undertaken either as a three-year degree (B.Appl.Sc.) or a two-year diploma. Exemptions granted on the basis of previous study can reduce the lengths of these courses by up to one year. The majority of students enrol for the degree course. The College operates on the semester system in which the year is split into two sixteen week semesters and subjects (or units) are contained within a single semester. The core subjects for the conservation course are taught in the biology department of the School of Applied Science, but there is wide scope for tailoring the course towards one's personal interests, incorporating subjects from fields such as geology, geography, computing, statistics, journalism, economics and administration. Depending upon the subjects selected, the course can lead to qualifications in such fields as land use planning, wildlife or fisheries management, urban or national park administration, biological systems analysis and conservation journalism.

The standard of the course is comparable with a university course with some aspects such as the presentation of reports perhaps being of higher standard. This is no doubt a consequence of the emphasis placed on continuous assessment throughout the semester, examinations generally counting for less than half of the final mark and in some units being completely absent. While lowering the tension among students at exam time, the system of continuous assessment necessitates more consistent work throughout the semester, and this tends to retard extracurricular student activities. The College course is far from being an easy way to a degree, but differs from a typical university degree course in having greater practical orientation and lacking influence by the glamour of pure research which dominates many university departments.

Inevitably there have been problems with the new College, some basically financial due to government cutbacks in funds and some teething troubles in putting on a course that has previously not been attempted in Australian tertiary education. Nevertheless, the students tackling the course have found it on the whole to be very valuable and interesting, and there is no doubt that it will be in great demand with the growing interest in the field of conservation.

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FORESTERS AND THE PRESERVATION OF WILDERNESS

by Michael Feller

During one of my first trips with MUMC we tried to climb the Bluff. Although unsuccessful in our attempt a vision of the country we had travelled through remained with me always. We had started at the old 8 mile hut on the Howqua, climbed 8 mile spur to a small grassy area directly under the bluffs, then descended down to Upper Jamieson hut in the adjacent Jamieson River Valley. We had followed a rough walking track through virtually untouched forest, so remote and so beautiful - a true example of wilderness in Victoria.

Several years later I returned eagerly anticipating another unforgettable wilderness experience. The trip was certainly unforgettable, but for a different reason. My senses were assuaged by the destruction caused by man. Where once had lived a quiet and beautiful forest now existed the remnants of felled and mutilated trees, charred stumps, burnt soil, filthy shanty huts surrounded by rusty tins and broken glass, and bulldozed roads everywhere. "Civilization" had reached the area; the sawlog forester had moved in.

You may now ask: What is a sawlog forester? Well, from the Sierra Club's book "Voices from the Wilderness (in the MUMC library) comes the answer.

"The sawlog forester is the man who somehow thought that the college of Forestry was a trade school. He majored in Machinery Against the Land and learned almost nothing about the mechanism of land." Speaking about foresters and the land mechanism, an eminent biologist has said that an ecological conscience is a constant and trying burden on the owner, leaving him unable to communicate with most of his fellows, tormenting him with a constant awareness of grave wounds on the landscape - wounds neither seen nor tended by most others. The man we here call "sawlog forester" feels no such burden, or feeling it, is unmoved. There are very many of him and he does not see the forest for the sawlogs.

He constitutes, collectively, the greatest single threat to wilderness today. He covets the forest preserved in dedicated areas, even though it would meet but a year's demand for saw timber. Perhaps another year's cut, if not cut, would half meet the additional outdoor needs of the more crowded, more leisurely future we keep hearing about. But you don't know how much is eligible or needed for dedication because we don't have studies except for a few that foresters made. It doesn't matter, for if you ask the sawlog forester not to cut this conservation reserve - or even call it anything but an old-growth, decadent, diseased, and overmature stand - he is apt to consider you an extreme, shrill, single-use wilderness zealot who strikes at the heart of his multiple-use policy, to list a partial glossary of sawlog slogans.

Then you look further and find that we are badly behind in repairing the damaged land the loggers have been leaving in their wake in past centuries and have churned up more violently in the last decade. You learn also of the progress in finding substitutes that are far better than wood for some uses and safer too, as the fire-insurance companies insist.

Study, you find out, also reveals that the sawlog forester is well financed and often hits the slicks with expensive four-colour displays (paid for in your lumber bill) extolling multiple use and banishing wilderness lovers to the tree-free realm of mountain goats.

This profession is too new for him to know what degeneration his practices will produce if continued over several forest generations - particularly his practice of depriving the soil of the complex organic diversity which was there until he came.

This kind of forester, you finally perceive, exploits a confusion left over from the days of old when predators were evil. Biologists know they aren't: that instead, predators are essential to the improvement of species including forest species; but the sawlog forester won't allow himself to know this. The evil beetle and its allies are an excuse to rush in with chainsaws to save the forest from itself, to interrupt the essential play of the force of succession that alone, through the ages, has made the forest possible and durable.

Then there is always "roadside recreation" to develop by logging.

If this land belonged to the forester and not to the ages, it wouldn't be so bad. If there were an automatic replacement in kind so that the next generation of sawlog foresters could repeat the same errors on the same land, it wouldn't be so bad. If the quality of water and soil were not severely impaired, it wouldn't be so bad. If the ravages were committed on lesser, gentler lands that have to go commercial instead of being rushed up to the high dedicated borders to preclude good wilderness dedication for the future, it wouldn't be so bad. But none of the ifs work out it is bad, tragically bad - for soil, which is mined, and for wilderness, which is killed.

A man who hates trees cannot be all bad, W.E. fields might have interpolated. Right! Let it be said again that commercial logging operations are going to have to continue on 90% of the forest land - while it lasts. Research, if heeded, will make the land last longer; the better it produces, the safer wilderness forest will be. But wilderness forest is what is in planned peril right now. The peril grows plainer each day.

With these findings at hand, you have an obligation: to let others know how shallow the sawlog foresters love for wilderness is, to insist that he be relieved of the responsibility of guarding it unless he changes his ways. And certainly you let it be known that you yourself would gladly use second-growth timber products, or substitutes for wood, even at higher cost, rather than see outstanding primeval forests given over to logging, even "selective logging" (and maybe you remember the Montana definition: "You select a forest and you log it").

The foregoing conclusions, if not the the phrasing, have expert support within. At the very least, the remarks underline the need for first-rate conservation journalists to look hard at and report forcibly about what is happening to the forests. They must dig for themselves and beware of the conducted "show me" tour. They must not fear reprisals, they must fear what will happen if there is no reform.

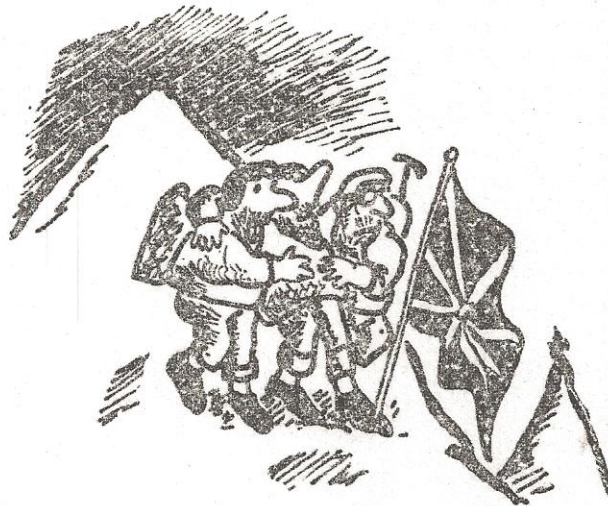
Conservation journalism will not be enough. Special study committees and symposiums will help. They won't be enough either. Only YOU can prevent fires - the slow fires, fed by myth, which still continue in our land, the ruin that history records so chillingly in faraway places.

Can you think of many true wilderness areas left in Victoria, (excluding the desert areas,) where you can travel for 10 miles without coming across a road or jeep track? Of course you can't. Is this a record to be proud of? Do you have any feeling for the bush at all? If you do, then get out and do something about it. Besiege the Forest Commission. Make other people aware of what is happening. Join the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Conservation Council of Victoria. Write letters. Complain to M.P's. - only through political action will any reform come. If politicians can be made to believe that the conservation bloc involves a large number of votes, then, and only then, will they act. It is up to YOU to get them to act.

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For those climbing in New Zealand we will have Cerro Torre metal iceaxes within 2 weeks to augment the few Simond axes in stock at the moment. More Simond are on order but their arrival before Xmas appears doubtful at the moment. We will have a few crampons - Simond & Makalu (adjustable) & a few super Everest. Mountain boots we are very short of & our next shipment is not due until February. For any of these items you are well advised to make your requirements known as soon as possible, even if you do not have all the necessary cash at the moment.

For the rockclimbers we are increasing the range of hardware all the time but seem to keep selling it, so please don't wait until the last minute before you decide to stock up. Tape is in reasonable supply, although we cannot necessarily offer you every brand all the time. We have added Edelrid webbing to Tigers Web Troll & Chouinard. Our trial shipment of Edelrid ropes is almost gone, but we have a bigger shipment due in a week or two. We have a few mammoth ropes also and a fair selection of sizes of kernmantle cords, quantities not large at the moment but more are expected. We have plenty of anodized Simond krabs at the moment but it will be some time before we get more of the plain. We have a few Cassin bluegate & a few Chouinard - Salewa. We have sorted out the position with defects in Chouinard krabs - all ours are marked & can be regarded as safe.

We now have on the staff an experienced rockclimber - Peter Watling. So if you want expert advice on gear - ask for Peter.

Nothing very new for bushwalkers - if you want either of our pyramid tents you should order ahead as production is still limited. No disasters have befallen those already in use so even the cautious may consider trying something new. We now have our stronger poles to & have not had any failures with them - not yet anyway! These are no heavier than before - simply made in a different way to eliminate the weak point - we will probably turn out a larger heavier pole later for those who want it. We are also having made proper extensions for use where flies are involved.

In packs we have supplies of the Hallmark range & expect the "Exodus" high-load & "Featherweight" models to be of most interest to bushwalkers. The "Exodus" has multifarious compartments & pockets, while the "Featherweight" is similar to the "Featherlite Mule" which remains in as short supply as ever. We think the material - heavy coated nylon - will prove stronger than that used in the light Mules. Bushgear packs are still in short supply but if you order ahead you will get one.

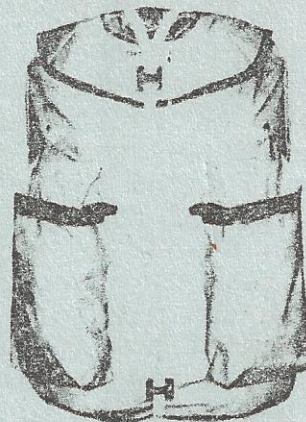
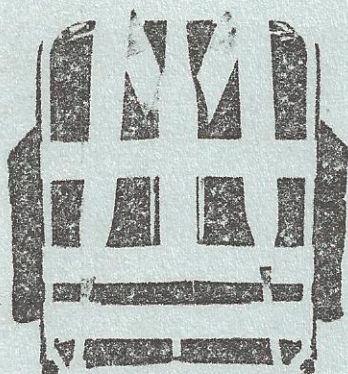
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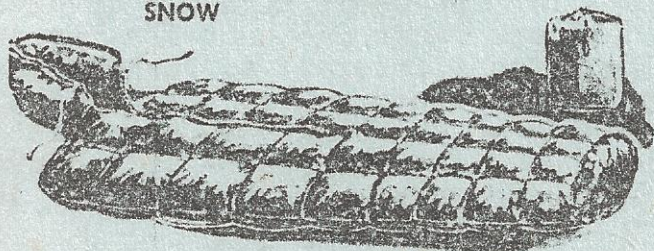
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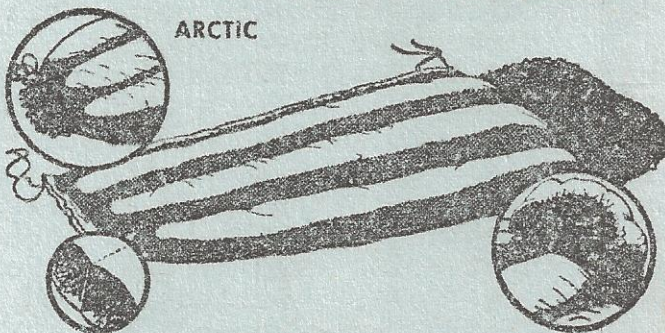
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