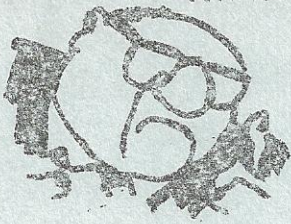
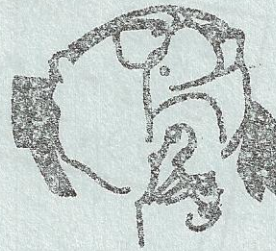


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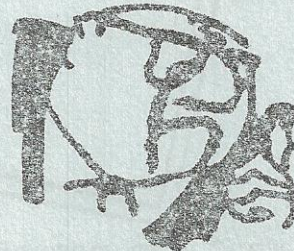
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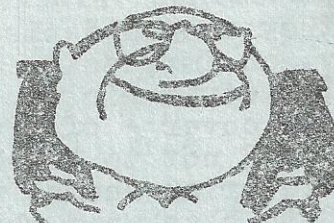
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...of petty tyrants..?



-or stick with the
old, big ones!

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This is what the new edition of Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering looks like. As you will note, there is something missing.

Yes ! We need a coverphoto. If you take slides, photos, watercolours, anything, look through them, pick out a few and let us borrow them.

A few guidelines to selection are--

- 1) They should depict some piece of equipment in use, with say, an impressive mountain as background.
- 2) The cover picture will be higher than it is wide to fit the cover - of course, the whole of the original picture need not to be shown.
- 3) Victorian scenes are encouraged.
- 4) Both black and white, colour photos or slides are wanted.

Please leave them at Aikman's Rd. in the box above the map cabinet or hand them to Rex Niven, Laurie Patrick or Sue White - preferably by the end of first term.

AND PLEASE MARK THEM WITH YOUR NAME!

The Mountaineer

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB



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Parkville, Vic., 3052

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In view of the steadily increasing number of women on the committee, perhaps clause 10 of the Constitution should be changed to read "at least one of the remaining elected Committee members shall be a man."

So begins our (please note use of plural) first editorial. The club now has, not only a female president, but also "co-editesses" (ugh!) - "co" by means of a constitutional amendment and "editesses" by a further motion. (An item of interest for those who didn't quite make it to the AGM.)

This year's Committee is relatively young, with a majority of undergrads. This in itself would seem an interesting situation when compared with the relative age and therefore wisdom of bygone committees.

We are already faced with serious problems - overlarge membership, the non-involvement of many of these "members", lack of leaders and people willing to assume responsibility. And, on top of this we are now woman-infested!!!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT ALL???



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23/3/73

Despite the increase in membership, the meeting was attended by the same small contingent of interested and interesting "people". The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented and were, as usual, challenged on several (insignificant) points, but due to the lethargy of all but the challenging (or stirring?) few, were eventually accepted (even with the vigorous but happily unintelligible comments of Mr White, Jnr, carrying on the family tradition).

The major events of the evening were the constitutional amendment (that there be provision for up to two Editors) and its proposed amendment (that there be up to ten editors). The latter was finally defeated by a large majority and the former passed by a somewhat smaller majority; the less said about the discussion the better - any verbatim report would be libellous. A further amendment was proposed and carried - that "editors" be replaced by "editresses". (Gee thanks, Nick.)

Mr Stuart Calder of the Forests Commission (this would perhaps explain his rather defensive attitude) addressed the meeting. Nick White's report and discussion of this follows later.

THE EDITORS

COMMITTEE MEETING 3/4/73

Several items of equipment were not returned to the Store last year and the new L.H.S.O. is trying to recover these. Loss of equipment should be impossible this year due to the introduction of membership cards - these must be produced before equipment can be hired.

Appointment of non-committee positions proceeded (will the real Bruce McGregor please come forwards?!?!)

A clean-up campaign is to be carried out in and around Aikman's Road - the departments upstairs have now come to an agreement with MUMC over the locks on the gates and the removal of rubbish.

The estimates for 1973 have been passed by Sports Union and now have to be approved by the Recreation Grounds Committee. They include a new canoe, skitouring equipment and several other important items.

LOST - a set of manners - last heard of on Sarah Jane missing at Anne River. Finder please contact Gill Hume.

People who climb up mountains are known as mountaineers.
People who come back are known as survivors.
Professional survivors are known as guides.

1973 Committee:

President	Robyn Fraser
Vice Presidents	Graeme Oakes
	Arnold Wheeler
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Treasurer	Geoff Lay
Ass. Secretary	Laurie Patrick
Trips Secretary	Rob Jung
Stores Officer	David Caddy
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	Fiona Shaw
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	John Yuill
Climbing Convener	Peter Kissane

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Canoing convenor	Gary Whipp
Caving convenor	Alison McCready
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" observer	Robyn Fraser
Tracks and Huts delegate	Judy Frederick
Search and Rescue "	Duncan Stevenson
" " " observer	position vacant
VNPA delegate	Marg Henderson
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CCV "	John Terrell
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Computer Programmer	Bob Cannon
24 hour walk Organisers	Duncan Stevenson, Brendan Holland, Geoff Fagan
" " " Caterers	Gill Hume, Anne Foley, Liz McGowans.

Non-committee positions ctd.

Dinner Dance Organisers
Assistant Stores Officers

Open Day Organisers

Publicity Officer
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O-week (1974) Organiser
Catering Officers

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Margot Thompson
Robyn Flint, Peter Nelson

OTHER CLUBS

The MELBOURNE WOMEN'S WALKING CLUB was formed in October, 1922, with the assistance of the Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Club. In the early days their members did some intrepid carrying trips; however, over the years enthusiasm has waned somewhat, and although there are a few who indulge in such trips, the majority of the week or longer trips take the form of a base camp, from which day walks are done. A walk is held each Saturday or Sunday, and also in the evenings during summer. Transport for most trips is by private cars; about six bus trips are held during the year, but the number of train trips is unfortunately dwindling, owing to the diminished rail services over the years. Social evenings are held twice a month. The present membership is about 170, of which about 50-60 could be classed as regular walkers. Inevitably, with the introduction of mixed clubs, the average age of the members has risen, in fact, younger women are usually advised to join a mixed club. As is probably the case in most clubs, the membership covers a wide cross-section of the community.

Contact: Miss M. Barrett, (Secretary)
4/15 Fellows St.,
Kew, 3101. Ph. 86 5214.



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 the trips being organised (or sometimes cancelled) at short notice. Those interested in these activities should keep in regular contact with appropriate club members and check the trips book.

Note: Details of all functions can change at short notice and will be posted in the Trips book at Aikman's Rd.

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 St. 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 Aikman's Rd. (1 to 2 p.m. weekday lunchtimes or 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. Tuesdays.)
- (ii) Ringing the trip leader.
- (iii) Ringing John Yuill 379 8826 a.h.

TRIPS PROGRAM MAY -JULY

- May 5-6 SEARCH and RESCUE PRACTICE - Yarra Junction
Transport: Private.
Lecture and practice weekend at the St. John's Ambulance Training Centre, Britannia Ck. Rd., Yarra Junction.
Maps: Juliet and Gembrooke 1:50,000
Open to all members of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs - this includes MUMC.
- May 5-6 GRAMPIANS: Mt WILLIAM.
Leader: Don Fell
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
Map: Ara rat 1:100,000 National Mapping
Mt. William is the highest mountain in the rugged Grampian Ranges.
- May 10 SLIDE NIGHT -MONTHLY MEETING
Venue: Sports Union Activities room.
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Featuring Martin Wardrop's Queensland Extravaganza - provided he doesn't pike. Anyone else with Queensland slides should bring them.
- May 12-13 Mt. DONALD
Leader: Robyn Fraser(Ph. 85 1261)
Standard: Medium-Hard
Transport: Private
An interesting part of the Alpine Track
- May 14-18 INTERVARSITY CANOEING- BURRINJUCK RESERVOIR
Mon.-Fri. (Murrumbidgee Rvr. near Yass)
Leaders: Gary Whipp
Rod Tucker
Organising University: N.S.W.
- May 14-21 COBBERAS REGION
Leader: Craig Devlin (Ph. 2881762)
Standard: Medium-Hard
Transport: Private
A region of rocky rivers and brumby tracks.
- May 19-21 LAKE TARTI KARNG and ENVIRONS
Leader: Ian Moore
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
A trip to the famous lake and nearby mountains.

May sometime

CRADLE MTN.--LAKE St. CLAIR

Standard: Hard

Tony Sherwood is interested in organising a private trip to the Reserve in the May vac. Should you be interested, see him at Aikman's Rd. Snow camping experience is a necessary prerequisite.

May 24
Thursday

SOCIAL-LUNA PARK

Leader: Robyn Fraser (Ph. 851261)

Begin with a pizza at St. Giorgias, Carlton.

May 26-27

SOCIAL WEEKEND

Organiser: Arnold Wheeler

Standard: Bludge

Transport: Private

Venue: to be decided

Barbeques, day walks, instant pud inversion cantest etc. etc..

June 2-4
Sat-Mon.

Mt. COLE STATE FOREST-Queen's Birthday

Leaders: Rob Jung

John Yuill

Standard: Medium

Transport: Van -fare \$3-\$4

Map: Mt. Cole State Forest FCV 1":1mile

Interesting three day walks in some beautiful forest country.

June 7
Thurs.

OCCASIONAL DINNER

Venue: Union

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Cost: \$4.00 per head -includes grog.

Bookings: at Aikman's Rd.

Speaker on the Expedition to the Carstenz Glacier in West Irian.

Martin Wardrop should be contacted for further details.

June 9-10

CATHEDRAL RANGE

Leader: Roy Snoekstra(Ph. 388440)

Standard: Medium--Easy

Transport: Private

Map: Cathedral Range VMTC

Suitable for beginners. An interesting area which has been proposed as a National Park.

June 9-10

CANOEING- one day
Leader: Rod Tucker
Gary Whipp
Transport: Private
Venue to be decided

June 14
Thurs.

24 HOUR WALK TALK
Venue: Sisalkraft Theatre
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Come and get some clues on the 24 hour walk
It is strongly recommended that all
beginners to 24 hour walking attend.

June 16-17

24 HOUR WALK (The Event of the Year in the
MUMC Calendar)
Transport: Van - fare about \$6
Venue: Somewhere in Victoria
Organisers: Brendan Holland, Geoff Fagan,
Duncan Stevenson, Gill Hume, Anne Foley et al.

June 21.
Thurs.

24 HOUR RECOVERY PARTY
Leader: Glay
Standard: 7oz. glass
Venue: 30 St. Vincent Pl., Sth. Melbourne.
Time: 7.30p.m.
Come and commiserate/recover/celebrate after
the 24 hour walk.

June 23-24

CANOEING - one day
Leader: Gary Whipp
Rod Tucker
Transport: Private
Venue: to be decided according to river
levels.

June 24
Sun.

PUFFING BILLY DAYWALK
Leader: Harry Schaap
Transport: see trips book for details
Standard: Easy
Ride on the Puffing Billy and a walk in the
Sherbrook Forest

June 28
Thurs.

MONTHLY MEETING
Speaker from the C.F.A. to talk about bush-
fires.
Venue: Sports Union Activities Room
Time: 7.30p.m.
This talk is recommended by all who went to
Kosciuko late December '72.

June 30-July 1

FLAGGY CK. GORGE CRAWL
Leader: Required
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
Spectacular gorge and waterfall near Lake Hume.

July 4
Wed.

BEGINNERS SNOW WALK TALK
Venue: Sports Union Activities Room
Time: 7.30
Yes, you can camp comfortably in the snow. Come and find out how. The talk is a necessary pre-requisite for beginners snow walk.

July 7-8

BEGINNERS SNOW WALK
Standard: Medium
Transport: Van - fare \$4.50-\$5.00
Baw-baw Plateau

July 10
Tues.

MONTHLY MEETING
Slide Night and Get Together
Venue: Sports Union Activities Room
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Bring your slides of recent (and not so recent) trips.

July 14-15

CANOEING - one day
Leader: Rod Tucker
Gary Whipp
Transport: Private
Venue: to be decided later.

July 15

ORIENTEERING - MUMC-organised contest
Organisers: Ron and Judy Frederick
Transport: Private
Venue: Probably Blackwood-Gisborne area.
Exact venue to be announced in the next Mountaineer.

July 21-22

BEGINNERS SKI TOURING
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private
More details in next Mountaineer.

July 26
Thurs.

DINNER DANCE - the Social Event of the Year.
Venue: Villa Borghese, 7.30 pm.
Cost: \$4.50 & B.Y.O.
Organiser: Robyn Flint.

July 32

ORIENTEERING

Leader: Rex Niven

Standard: Ridiculous

Transport: Tram

Cost: 3 Teddy Bears

Venue: Myers: Map: None

Meet at 153rd Teddy Bear biscuit packet in grocery department.

Rockclimbing trips to Arapiles, Cathedral Range, Werribee Gorge, Grampians, etc, will be going at 2-3 week intervals during these months. Details of these will be posted in the Trips Book.

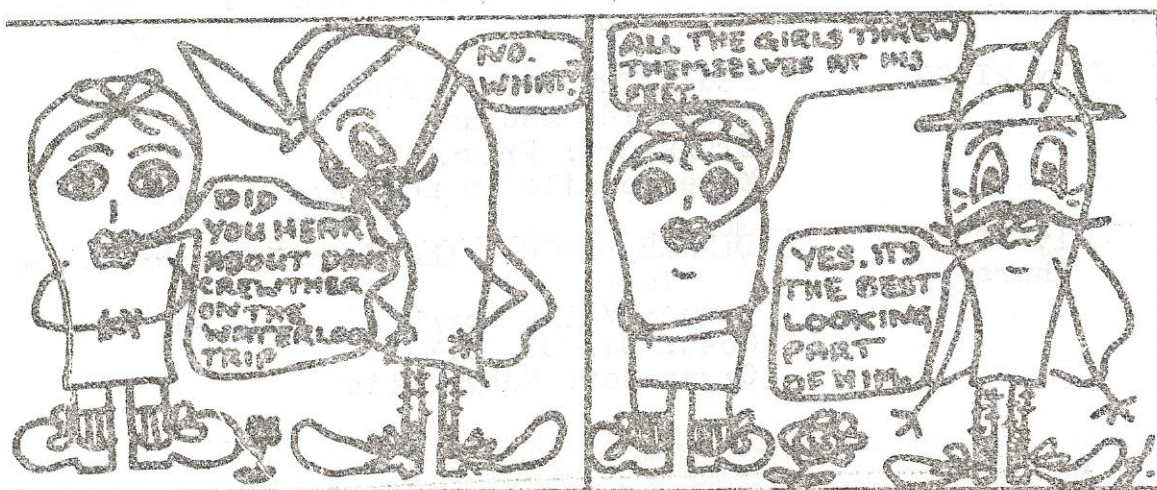
In addition to the above programme there will be langlauf (skitouring) trips, canoeing, day walks, caving, rockclimbing and orienteering organised or changed at short notice. For more complete information see the Trips Book at Aikmans Road.

If you wish to lead a trip and/or have an interesting place to go please see the Trips Secretary Rob Jung at Aikmans Road ... or leave a message in the envelope above the MAP CABINET.

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

Would you please remember to bring your membership cards when coming to the Store to hire equipment, as we cannot issue anything without seeing them. This complication is necessary to prevent the loss of valuable gear to non-members who then "forget" to return it. Also, if you are lending your card to someone else so that they can borrow MUMC equipment (on your behalf), please come and see me beforehand.

David Caddy (L.H.S.O.)



RUMBLEGUTZ RETURNS

After a two year absence, this noted oxometric cook and gourmet has returned to our midst. He intends presenting us with a page about food in each issue of the Mountaineer and would welcome any suggestions, recipes etc.

Rumblegutuz has spent the past two years at the School of Unnatural Sciences attempting to obtain a Third Degree in Cookery. (It is perhaps worthy of note that chronic gastritis is prevalent in Yogistan - I think)

CINNAMON: if you like cinnamon, why not include it in your little bag of munchies for your next walk. It can be a tasty addition to stewed fruit or used in cinnamon tea.

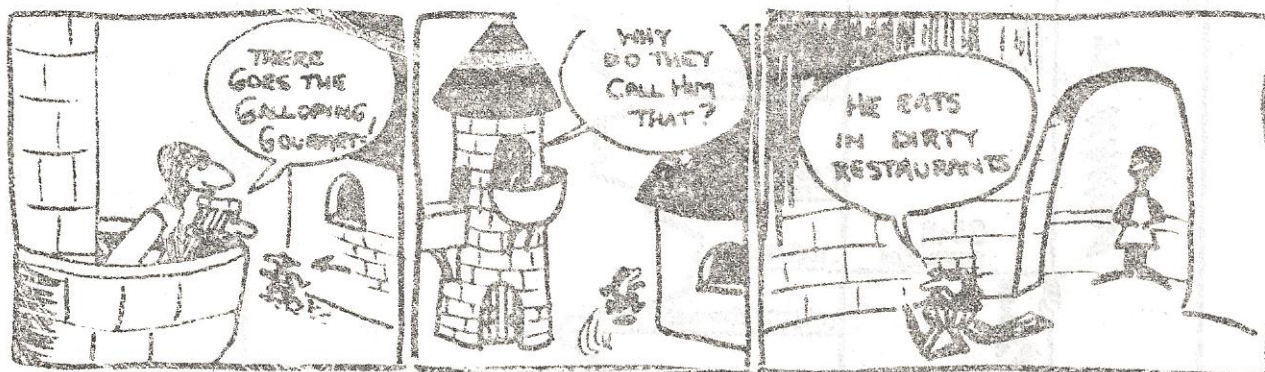
Cinnamon Tea: It is simple and tasty but I advise you to try some at home first.

Place 1 teaspoon of 'Tasty' brand cinnamon in a saucepan and add 1 teaspoon (or more to taste) of sugar and a good cup of water. Stir while heating over a moderate flame. Remove just prior to it boiling. Can be sprinkled with chopped nuts or coconut before drinking.

DAMPER: For those of you who do not like dampers hidden within a carbon crust..... why not steam them??

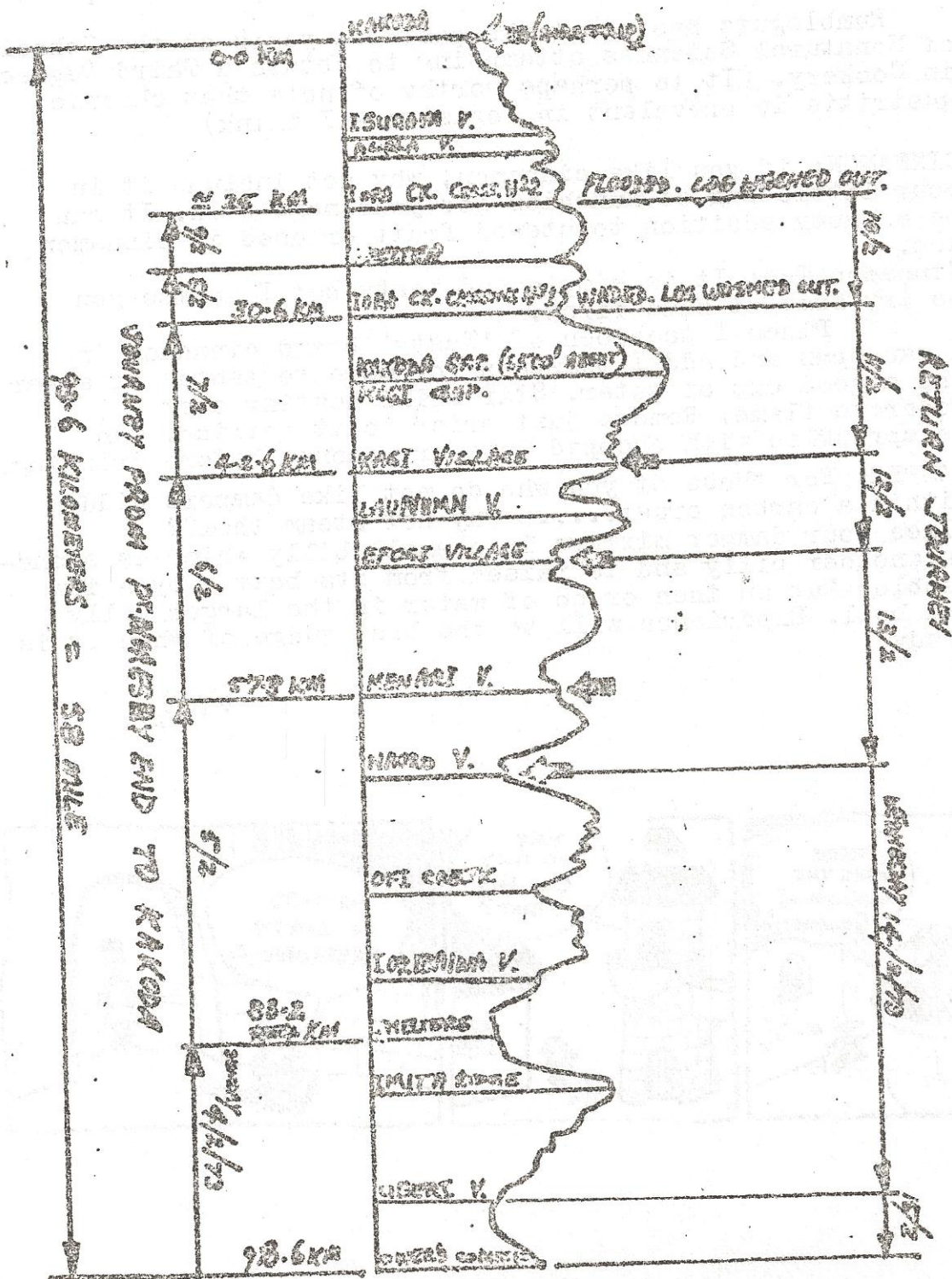
Place your damper mixture in a small billy which is stand-in another billy and is raised from its bottom by a few pebbles Put an inch or so of water in the larger billy and boil. Experience will be the best judge of when it is ready.

R. G. G.



WANDERING THE KAKODA TRAIL

write report of Vincent Vincent



ALONG THE KOKODA TRAIL

Dear Folks,

As you can see from the enclosed drawing we had our ups and downs during our hike along the Kokoda Trail and back.

The return trip was not entirely our choice. The Iora Creek was in flood and had washed out the log crossings and as our food stocks were low we were obliged to return to Kagi.

At Efogi we were able to radio civil defence to avoid having them press the panic button. We had by this time been hiking for nine days, sleeping mostly in rest houses.

The Trail is no steeper at any stage than the North-West Spur of Mt Feathertop, is equally well defined, but does become slippery in sections when wet. Villagers (men, women and children of all ages) who frequent the track fare much better in the wet because they use their toes as crampon points. The presence of villagers and their villages adds a new dimension to our hiking experiences, particularly being able to purchase pineapples, passionfruit, mandarin, banana, sweet potato, tomatoes, eggs and even tinned fish en route.

Recently, informative track signs have been placed along the Trail to direct walking competitors, the prize being won by a party of five locals whose best time was fifty-two hours. Perhaps Melbourne Uni Mountaineering Club will enter a team in next years race. By then there should be enough aluminium foil food wrappers to mark the Trail from end to end.

Cheers,

Robert and Vivienne Vincent.

Advertisement:

For sale: 1 pair Trampers, size 7½
Price approx. \$10

Contact Rex Niven,
Queen's College Ph. 3476007
or Aikman's Rd.

Anyone interested in a Snowy Bluff- Moraka Gorge- Pinnacles
Castle Mill-Castleburn Ck. walk during the May vac.
please contact Rex Niven.
(Standard: medium-hard)

Report of Mr Stuart Calder's talk at the A.G.M. and an Analysis
of the Forestry Commission of Victoria.

The Environment and Recreation Branch of the Forestry Commission of Victoria was set up in 1970 and is composed of a multidisciplinary team concerned with multiple use of Victoria's forests. This active approach to the management of forests contrasts with the purely materialistic image of some years ago exemplified by demands of the post-war housing boom when Premiers would open roads into new forest areas.

The basic philosophy of the branch is "maximising the forests' impact on man". Planning in order that such aims can be met requires a detailed knowledge of the forest as a resource, the physiography, the inherent quality and its potential for uses such as recreation.

The Branch is not preservationist, but rather it resolves conflicts between different uses of forests. They can be regarded as a valuable resource with many different uses including recreation in its various forms. Mr Calder discussed many aspects of use by people including problems of too many people using the one area and thus despoiling it. For a sustained quality of recreation to be maintained in a forest area then management of the area must be undertaken, which may take forms such as track building.

Uses of forests for other purposes was also discussed. The creation of more reserves, thus lessening the timber available to the logging industry, would increase the costs of building by making the use of other materials necessary.

The Branch had undertaken an interesting study of the Baw Baw region. Some figures given were that 30,000 visitors went to the Baw Baw village. Of these 65% went as day visitors just sightseeing, 8-9% were skiers, and 25% went to toboggan and play in the snow. Walkers were not prominent at this time of year. There are now FCV visitors' books at various points on the Baw Baws. Mr Calder pointed out the requirement for different routes which were necessary for walkers and for ski tourers. He also quoted a figure for the value of alpine areas as a water resource of \$500 per acre per annum.

The above is a brief coverage of some aspects of Mr Calder's talk. Much of this talk sounded a bit hollow particularly to a sceptic, however the Environment and Recreation Branch's philosophy is admirable and to a large extent sound. The doubts I have are mainly of the Forestry Commission itself and one cannot help thinking that to a large extent the Environment and Recreation Branch is acting as window dressing for the Commission. Some of these doubts were brought out by Mr Calder's answers to some penetrating questioning. These were that:

1. Wilderness areas needed to be at least 100 000

2. It was still necessary to log virgin areas such as the upper Wonangatta valley even though timber was now becoming available which was regrowth from the 1939 bush-fires. The amount of timber to be logged in Victoria was assessed and set by the Commonwealth - Stated Forestry Agreement which is not due for revision until 1976.

3. From the commercial viewpoint there was no distinction which could be made between Alpine ash and Mountain ash as to quality or the type of uses to which it could be put.

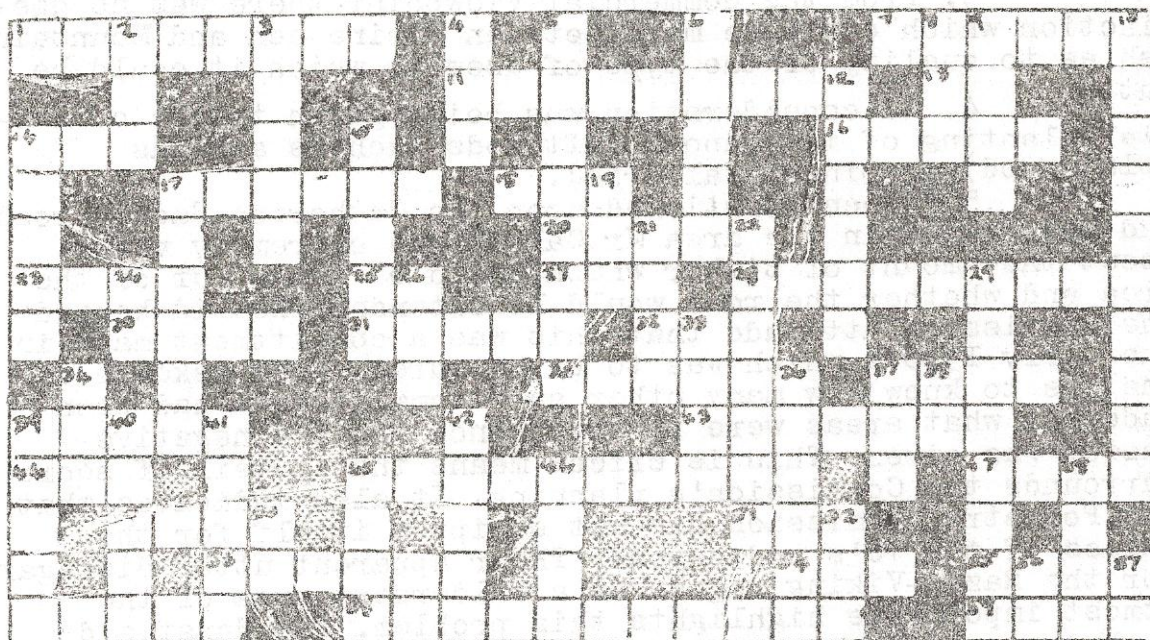
4. No consideration was being given to the commercial planting of indigenous softwoods such as acacias (blackwood) or pines (Calytris).

5. When questioned upon the Catherine Saddle road and activities in the area Mr. Calder was extremely vague about the amount of timber which would be taken out of the area and whether the road would be extended. He hid behind the Commission attitude that this was a commitment made in the early 1960's which was to be honoured. When asked how one was to know how many other such commitments had been made and what areas were involved once again a negative answer was given. This in effect means that a veil of secrecy surrounds the Commission's planning. It also indicates that the Forestry Commission has not equipped itself for the issues of the 70's and beyond. Their apparent utter disregard for the Razor-Viking region as a wilderness area of the utmost importance highlights this problem. The Mansfield timber companies have already devastated many of the mountain slopes in the Howqua, King and Jamieson valleys - is it necessary to enter the Stirling- Razor- Viking area particularly on the wonangatta side. Does this constitute planned management of the area as a whole or are all such available mature stands of ash in this and other areas to be logged? Will the timber contractors complete a road from top to bottom of the Wonangatta? What is the next area to which they may turn?

It is issues such as those raised above which the Environment and Recreation Branch must tackle rather than petty esoteric notions of how the Alpine Track should be managed. The Forestry Commission has become a law unto itself; it is to Victoria what the HEC is to Tasmania. It justifies its actions in the same language as the HEC uses and hides behind a similar smokescreen through which it is very hard to penetrate. Politicians belong within Parliament House and not within the State Public Service. It is obvious that the machinery is not in progress within the Commission to meet the planning of the future. It is certain that the Land Conservation Council is in a position to assess many of the problem areas of conflict between our interests and commercial interests, however it is reluctant to do anything on an area which is not gazetted. To counteract the Forestry Commission

in such areas will entail concerted lobbying activity of all kinds and in all directions. If we fail in this there may be very little left to enjoy when we go walking.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. A well-known peak in eastern Vic. - near the border.
7. --- Plateau - site of an early walking track.
11. Ron Frederick is a keen ---.
13. --- and behold!
14. Food container.
16. Shape of the Feathertop Hut.
17. Whose gorge? --- Gorge.
18. Australian Capital Territory.
20. After a tough trip it's usually great to get back to your respective ---.
23. The story of some trips could be made into an ---.
25. As

Down

2. --- Accord spur.
3. The president.
4. Low point between two mountains in a range. ---
5. Major ---, an explorer.
6. Look fixedly at.
8. Every one of.
9. Fuel for fire.
10. Saddle near Mt Buller.
12. Necessary for canoeing.
14. This type of person often visits I7 down.
15. Rock-climbing term.
17. A caving centre.
19. --- Groggin.
21. The Club.

27. An Australian bird.
28. Approaching Tarli Karng from the south via the --- Spur would be hell.
30. One of the editors.
31. General committee member.
32. An honour.
35. Town near Mt Tamboritha.
37. Similar to 23 across.
39. Tarli ---.
43. An unofficial club activity - related to bludging.
44. Popular 3-letter word.
45. The mountain which causes "North-West knees".
47. Compass direction.
49. Popular meeting places.
51. Verb of 48 down.
53. Victoria's highest peak.
54. Bruni's ---, south end of the Crinoline.
55. To trap a yeti, use a yeti ---.
58. ---'s Creek; Walhalla's original name.
59. ---- - Trap.
22. Nickname for cavers.
24. Is.
26. Walking in the --- is pleasanter than in rain.
29. Town near Cathedral Range
33. Nuts and ----s.
34. S&R leader.
36. A type of scenery common in the Alps.
37. Mt Hotham is -- thousand feet high.
38. An.
39. Australia's highest mountain is going round the bend.
40. Rock-climbing gear.
41. Peak near Mt Pinnibar and Tom Groggin.
42. A backward treasurer (Nothing personal Glay).
45. Necessary on trips - but sometimes heavy.
46. The --- can make walking unpleasant in summer.
48. ---'s Seat - site of a controversial quarry.
50. So.
52. Term for a rocky peak.
56. Re.
57. Greek letter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear EDITORS,

Although many club trips are fully booked well before the departure date, vacancies often arise when people pull out at the last minute and it is too late to find a replacement. Not only does this cause inconvenience to the organisers and in some cases financial loss to the club, but it means that people on the waiting list miss out.

Realising that while some cancellations are unavoidable, I feel that members should take a more responsible attitude when booking for a trip. If people were to:

- a) only book when certain about being able to go,
- b) check the Trips Book for transport arrangements and other details a few days before the trip, and
- c) cancel as early as possible if it is absolutely necessary to cancel, fewer people would be inconvenienced. To some extent, trip leaders could help by being at Aikmans Road at

lunchtimes for a few days before the trip. This is the best time to finalise arrangements and answer queries. People unable to attend Aikmans Road at lunchtime should contact the leader or Trips Secretary by telephone or letter.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney S. Tucker.

TO THE EDITORS:

I wish to protest about the use of that ugly word "editress". Female self-confidence is sufficiently stressed without such condescension and our language is already burdened with atrocities.

Chris Cannon.

Revision of GUIDE to the VICTORIAN ALPS.

Notes:

We still require comments on areas covered by the guide book. If you know anything that might be relevant (even if it is only a line or two) please let us know.

Photographs:

We are looking for photos for the guide book. If you have any black and white photos (landscape rather than activities or groups of people) we would appreciate seeing them - also as few black and white shots are taken in preference to slides, we would like some colour slides from which we will take black and white photos. It is, of course difficult to tell what slides will make good photos, but providing there is reasonable contrast and not too much red/brown a slide should convert fairly well.

It would be appreciated if these could be sent by May 10th to Editors - Guide book,
c/- MUMC, Sports Union.

Maps:

Could anyone who can draft maps for the guide book please contact us.

A letter has been received from the Wimmera Bushwalking Club in which they invite club members to participate in any of their walks. There is a copy of their trips program at Aikman's Rd..

If members have any queries regarding walking areas in that region write to the club-

Wimmera Bushwalking Club,
P.O. Box 575,
Horsham, 3400.

A Place in the MountaineerCongratulations

It appears as though the Melbourne University Matrimonial Club has again sprung to life - congratulations go to Tom Kneen and Dawn Wallace, and to Max Corry and Janessy Clarke on their respective engagements.

Another generation of mountaineers is arising. Congratulations to Peter and Carole Morgan on the birth of twins, to Sandra and Dave Hogg, and Bob and Yvonne Chappell also, with their respective new additions.

Caving

A body in the midst of descending rather rapidly gasped, "Excuse me, I don't want to fall on you"

"It's OK for two in here but three is a bit cosy"

Penguin and the little Feathertop Hut

Peter Penguin has been offered the position of Little Feathertop Hut Warden.

Maps

The Bailleau map collection has been moved to the ground floor of the library and will found to be most useful when planning trips. The staff are helpful and it is far less crowded than Aikman's at lunchtimes.

Ecology

Did you know that our ecological mountaineers live in a pigsty at lunchtimes??

Heard on the Beginners' Weekend

"Who's that cave-woman Alison?"

"Our leader's kept together with safety pins..."

"Your damper's boiling!!!!"

What climbing convenor does his belaying upside down and six feet below the belaying ledge?

Orienteering

April Fool's Day got off to a fine start when the first red bucket was seen swinging from the handlebars of a bicycle travelling along the highway - were mobile checkpoints to be the order of the day? Later on the Refresh Orienteering signs also became mobile and misdirected cars started arriving through the middle of the course, having gone down a gravel road and crossed four fords.

Quotable quotes as the numbers of competitors climbed over the three hundred mark --

"I came out here to have a nice peaceful day in the bush-on my bike!" (Gill Hume)

APITM ctd.

"I'm going to take the orienteering sticker off my car.....
I don't want to advertise it any more, there are too many people
coming already." (Tony Kerr)

One of the editresses' results were published in the Boys
Under 16..... (stop it, Fiona!)

Tony Kerr, observed playing squash instead of attending the
AGM of the VOA, was distinctly heard to say, "Oh, squash defin-
itely comes before orienteering."

Somebody about to depart on an Easter trip, after much mathe-
matical calculations was heard to say that his was going to be
the first high rise tent in history.

Another Subcommittee????

A letter from our former president says -

"I have nominated myself as Convener of the Double Sleeping
Bag Testing subcommittee (a two-person sub-committee) and
will report fully on the results of certain experiments at a later
date."

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CLUB ACTIVITIES and SUB-COMMITTEES

Conservation Sub-committee

This year we hope to have a say in Victoria's land use,
through the medium of the Land Conservation Council. Last year
a tiny core of individuals did all the work. We hope that this
year more people will help and so, do more things.

Some other subsidiary topics for research are:

- Mitchell River dam
- Air drops

We intend acting to save our bushland from unnecessary and
irrational alienation and to attempt to avoid any more "Lake
Pedders".

If you are interested in helping, see the conservation sub-
committee noticeboard at Aikman's Rd., or ring me at 4899761

Anne Bevan

Orienteering- MUMC organised event April 1st.

MUMC results:

Course A

Men:	R. Cannon	Time: 2.59.05
	I. Moore	3.00.30
	T. Kerr	DNF
	R. Frederick	DNF

Course B

Men:	J. Kearny	2.40.30
	S. Rosenthal	DNF
	D. Wright	DNF
	C. Kline	DNF
Women:	G. Hume	2.03.30
	E. Smith	3.50.00

Course C

Men:	R. Jacobs	1.14.30
	S. Pauley	1.33.55
	F. McIntyre	1.33.55
	A. Ramsey	2.04.35
	K. Gordon	2.06.15
	P. Nelson	2.36.30
	S. Whately	DNF

Women:	C. Buckland	1.47.30
	A. McCready	2.05.25
	C. Kerr	2.08.35
	F. Shaw	2.30.45
	E. Brown	DNF

Course D

Men:	D. Bayliss	0.40.25
	J. Natoli	1.10.55
	D. Fawkes	2.31.04

Women:	H. Scofield	1.22.10
	J. Rand	2.15.36

Groups:	J. Walker	
	E. Murray	1.40.48

Organiser's comments (??)

This was a mountaineer's course. The results indicate that certain persons should devote more time to mountaineering.

I would like to thank all the people who helped with the competition.

Don Fell

The Social MUMC

Yes! Mountaineers are not entirely roped to mountaineering - there are several cider, beer and fruit juice devotees who will find any excuse for a party (provided it's during the week!). These events are generally advertised at Aikman's, or occasionally in the Mountaineer. Then, of course, there is THE Social Event of the Year - the 24 hour walk - just ask any bandy-legged person in the club!

Following hot on its trail is the annual OXO-ball -this year being held at the Villa Borghese in Kilsyth. The date is Thursday, July 27th, giving you one day to recover before setting off on the weekend's hike! Watch the Mountaineer for map etc. later this year.

Finally the New Year's Eve party at Mt. Feathertop, tops off the year with a garnish of claret and dirty ditties.

So take your pick and climb the social and/or the active side of the MOUNTAINEERING Club.

Robyn Flint

Rockclimbing in the MUMC

The beginning of 1972 saw rockclimbing in a very precarious position in the MUMC. The only active climber was Tim Hancock, and it appeared that rockclimbing was about to die out as a club activity. As the history of rockclimbing in Victoria goes back to when it was introduced to MUMC by Prof. Cherry in 1947, its death as a club activity would have been a very sad day. Wreaths would have been hung off all the bolts on Sugarloaf, and . . . Mt. Arapiles painted black in memoriam.

However, thanks largely to Tim's efforts last year, that day never came. By the beginning of 1973 Tim was able to retire as climbing convener knowing that rockclimbing was a flourishing club activity. All those who climbed with Tim wish him the very best for his forthcoming marriage to Robyn Oswald-Jacobs, and promise not to divulge his oft-expressed views on marriage, at least not until after the event.

There were several reasons which led up to the low level of climbing activity at the beginning of last year. Probably the main reason was that most climbers in the past have climbed with the VCC, so that new members of MUMC got few opportunities to go on club climbing trips. This state of affairs was remedied in the latter half of last year, when ten club trips, and several private climbing trips were organised. The exploits (and flops) performed on these trips have been recounted previously.

Little climbing took place over the long vac., but so far this year four trips have been organised. The first, at Mt. Arapiles, resulted in the conquest of Orpheus (14), following a magnificent lead by an illustrious climber who, in all humility, wishes to remain anonymous. On the second, at North Jawbones, the Traverse of the Gods was tramlined in fine style.

But 1973 looks like becoming the "Year of Falls". Roy Snoekstra fell 35 ft. on Eagle Cleft at Mt. Arapiles, Graeme Oakes fell 40 ft. at North Jamboree, Chris Hume fell 25 ft. off Pagoda in the Grampians, and the author of this article fell off six climbs at Werribee Gorge. (He only tried six.) The "Fallen Angels" list is certainly growing!

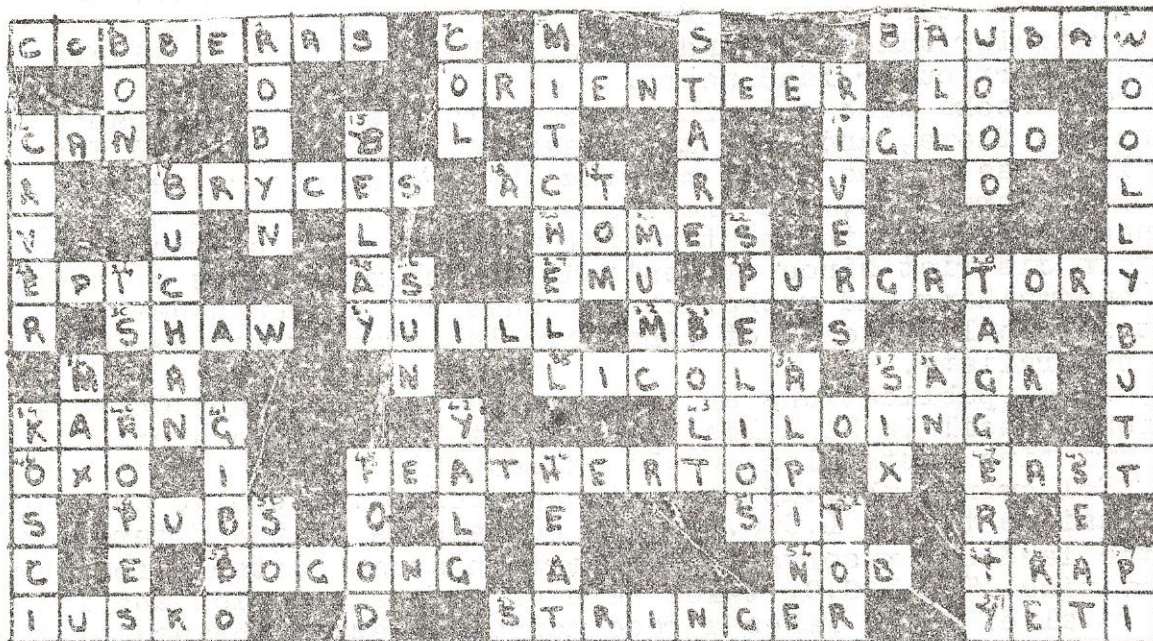
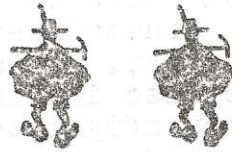
Nick Reeves has formed a new club -"Pikers Hard", and is producing a "Guidebook to Piking". This will go on sale later in the year, and the first printing will be of ten copies. So place your orders now!

The Rockclimbing sub-committee has decided that the borrow- of club equipment will be limited to seven days, and that any

equipment lost must be replaced, or paid for, within fourteen days. This has become necessary because some people have taken weeks or months to return or replace gear.

Anyone wishing to go rockclimbing, even if they didn't attend the beginners' course, should come to Aikman's Rd. at lunchtimes, when most club trips are organized, or ring 491862 any evening.

Peter Kissane



BOOKS - LCCV PUBLICATIONS

The demands for land are many and varied, and may conflict with each other, so it is important that decisions as to use of the land are based on factual evidence. For this reason the Land Conservation Act in 1970 brought into being the Land Conservation Council of Victoria, whose function is to "carry out investigations and make recommendations with respect to the use of public land in order to provide for the balanced use of land in Victoria."

When the L.C.C. are ready to carry out an investigation of a particular area, they advertise in the daily newspaper for any information available. Mountaineers can contribute by giving information about walks, climbs, fauna, flora and photographs of the region. Studies are also initiated to collect new data.

The results of such investigations are published in book form. At present three of these books have been published:

- a) South-Western corner of Victoria (around Portland)
- b) South Gippsland Lakes (Shire of Rosedale)
- c) North-Eastern Victoria (around Corryong)

The information set out in each book includes a summary of the philosophy of resource conservation, a history of the area, the nature of the study area (including climate, geology, physiography, fauna and flora) and a detailed description of the environment of subdivision areas within the region. Also included are discussions of land use, including the hazards of particular kinds of land use and the potential conflicts between particular land users.

The books also contain numerous tables and photographs of fauna and flora, and maps and diagrams relating to land form and land use of the area, marking the areas most suited to outdoor recreation, and therefore can be most useful to mountaineers. Perhaps the most useful would be that on the North-Eastern district since it mentions a number of areas suitable for bushwalking and rockclimbing. That on the South-West district would also be of considerable interest to bushwalkers and naturalists.

These publications are obtainable from the Land Conservation Council in St Kilda Road and at \$2 each are a steal - the printing costs alone would exceed this.

Following publication of these books, the public may make submissions to the L.C.C. within 60 days as to the future use of the land eg. reservation of certain areas suitable for our activities. The L.C.C. takes note of each submission and from the total of these makes a recommendation as to the use of the land, which may be criticised by those who made submissions. The final proposal of the L.C.C. is then introduced for parliamentary approval.

Rob Jung.

~~THE SAGA OF MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN MOUNTAIN TRIP~~
 To be sung to the tune of "Mary had a little lamb."

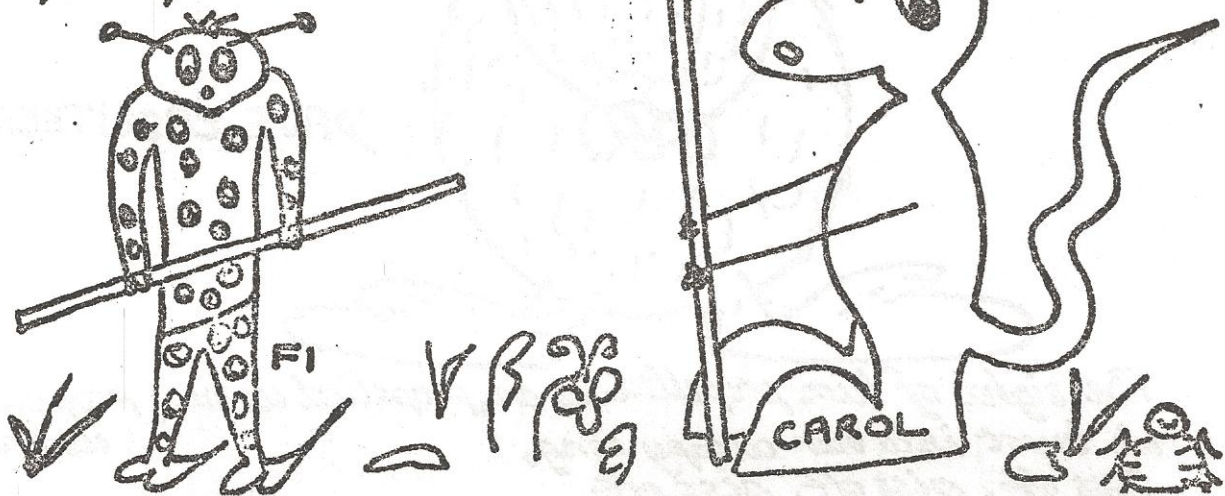
To Devonport our flock did fly, flock did fly, flock did fly,
 High, high in the azure sky,
 As heavy as lead we fled.

Twice in Devonport we met Maxwell, met Maxwell, met Maxwell,
 He blew his horn, oh so well,
 As we snaked and curved to Waldheim.



Farewell, farewell oh Crewther's gang, Crewther's gang, Crewther's
 Piss off, piss off, piss off we sang, gang,
 As we parted, heading for the Cradle.

Fi and Carol two girls we know, girls we know, girls we know,
 Stole the poles designed for snow,
 To put up their hike tent.



Donald Fell turned twenty-one, twenty-one, twenty-one,
Dried frog and scotch were what he won,
What fun, what fun, what fun!

DONALD
FELL



DRIED
FROG,
AND
SCOTCH



We chundered up to Pelion West, Pelion West, Pelion West,
We had to stop for many a rest,
Blast, we met Dave Crewther.



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DAVE CREWTER

The sight of him propelled us on, propelled us on, propelled
We burst into our driggy song,
Piss off, piss off, piss off.

Down in frog flats under the beeches, under scatches, under beeches,
Martin made love to the leeches,
And boy did they love him!

MARTIN
MAKING
LOVE



LEECH MAKING LOVE

Kathy got a leech in her eye, leech in her eye, leech in her eye,
Don't let forth a gloating cry,
"This leech will painfully die."

He pulled out his pocket knife, pocket knife, pocket knife,
So he could take that leeches life,
By cutting it in half.

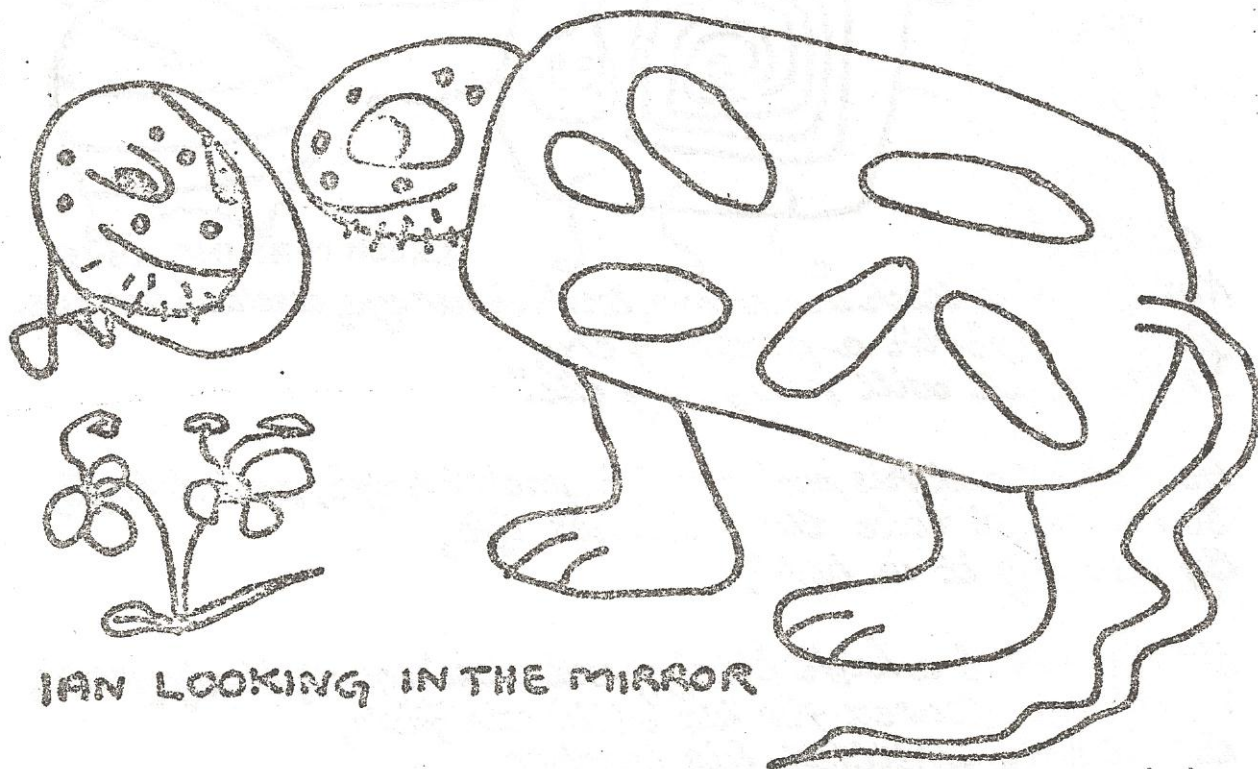
Helen carried a knife bloody great, bloody great, bloody great,
Poor hen feared for his ultimate fate,
But it only whittled his leeches.



HELEN
WITH HER
BLOODY
GREAT
KNIFE.

On Paddies' Nest we met Cawther's gang, Cawther's gang, Cawther's gang,
 Piss off, piss off, piss off, we sang,
 So he pissed off to Mr. Oakleigh.

Ian brought a mirror to shave, mirror to shave, mirror to shave,
 A cleaner cut mirror we never could have,
 Sing hurrah for the goons.



IAN LOOKING IN THE MIRROR

Ossa by night was quite a hike, quite a hike, quite a hike,
 Our leader Martin did not pine,
 Bad luck David Cawther.

The peak bagger would have loved this trip, loved this trip,
 We only made one little slip,
 We didn't bag Mt. Doris.

Martin cunning bloke took the boat, took the boat, took the boat,
 He thought it such a screaming joke,
 That others had to walk to Cynthia.

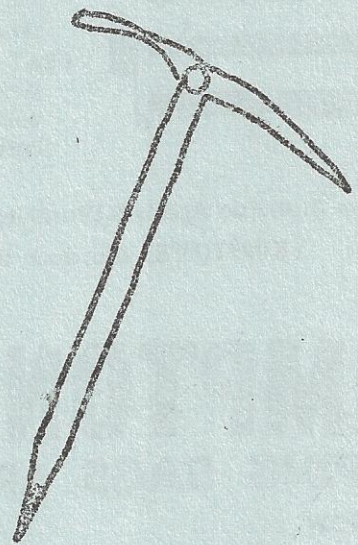
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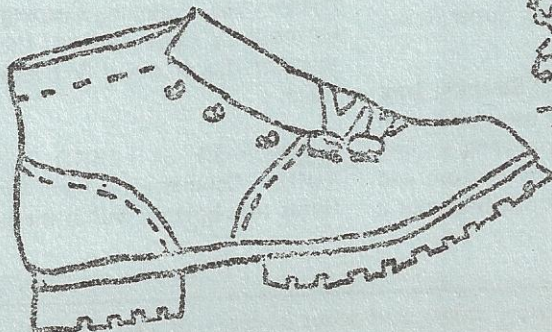
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Well - cheers, Loch!

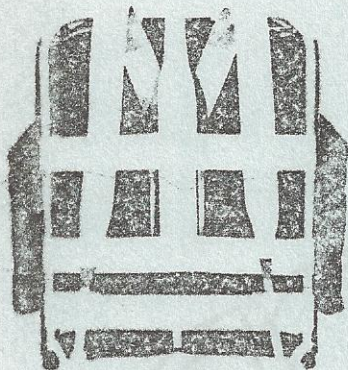


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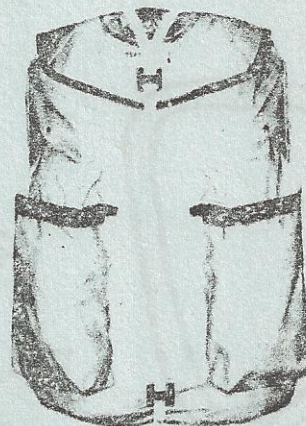
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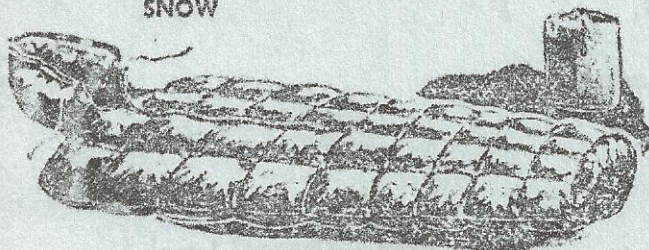


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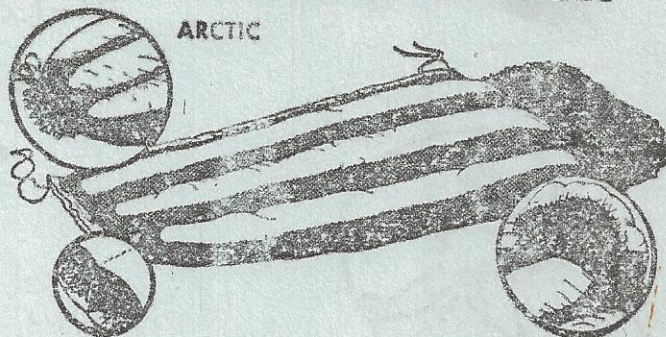
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