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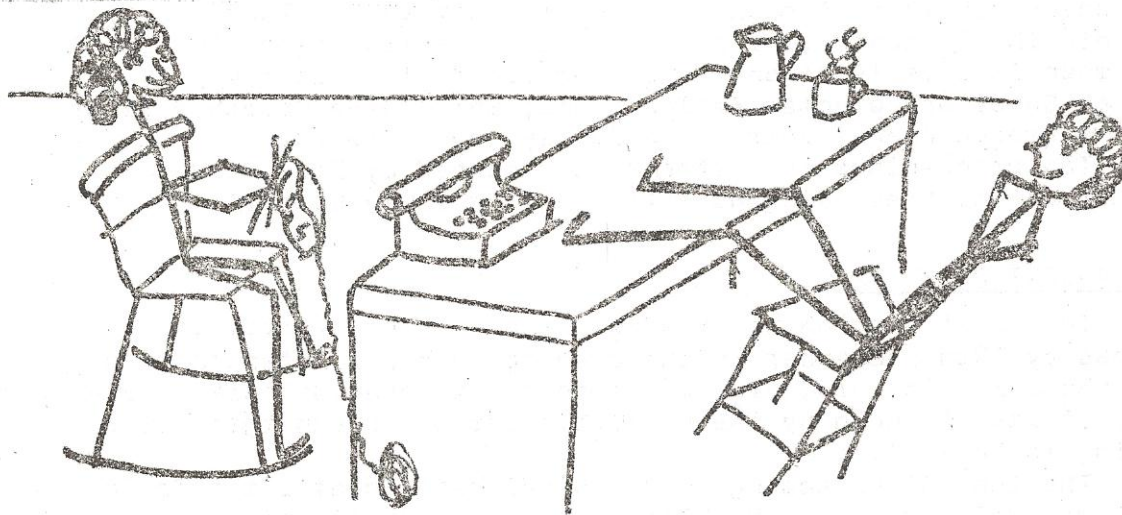
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EDITORIAL

This is going to be a 'striking' editorial - the Editors, having finished their exams, are incapable of further cerebration.

As a recent lunchtime public opinion poll at Aikmans Road has indicated, only 7.5 people read the editorial anyway. To these faithful souls we tender our regrets and apologies - to the others we say "Bad luck!"



AIR DROPS IN SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA

The National Parks Service of Tasmania has banned the placing of air drops in the Eastern Arthurs (including Federation Peak), the Western Arthurs and Mt Anne. This has been caused by the terrible mess left at air drop sites by bush-walkers. Air drops will be possible at Pass Creek, Junction Creek, and the South Coast Track. Further details, including air drop rates, can be found on the notice board at Aikmans Rd.

OXO BALL, 1973

The Oxo Ball this year was held at the Villa Borghese in Kilsyth. Tickets were not really necessary for admission - only the ability to orienteer your way through endless miles of fog to get there.

Once the Mountaineers had got used to the unaccustomed grandeur of their surroundings, a queue 20 yards long formed at the lavish smorgasbord table, provoking the comment, "Mountaineers are very stomach-oriented people."

The most pressing question as the evening wore on was, "Have you found it yet?" Those successful searchers were rescued from behind the band, who were already overcome by requests for such obscure curiosities as Virginia reels, which were not part of their repertoire. As was remarked, "It's a local band - they don't understand us, and we can't tell them what we want 'cause we were all too p----- last year to be able to remember."

The President handed the microphone to Mr G. Fagan, Esq., who handled the proceedings with almost professional aplomb. After much testing, the Scungiest Beard award went to Duncan Stevenson, while the Frozen Gnome award went to Rod Tucker (who was distinctly heard to remark, "I wouldn't mind 'Made in Japan' but when it says '99c' on the bottom you feel a bit cheap.") Graeme Oakes was elected Fallen Angel, while Dave Crewther (last year's Frozen Gnome) shared the Cuddly Couple award.

The proceedings were effectively closed by Nick Reeves (Piker of the Year) singing 'It's Raining in My Heart.'

THE ASCENT OF MT OXO

The first showing of this epic was held as advertised on Wednesday 19th Spetember in the evening, and was intended mainly for those working graduates who cannot get to a lunchtime meeting. It was attended by the projectionist and 5 undergraduates living in Parkville.

The lunchtime showing in the Sisalkraft Theater the following week was well attended. Highlights included Martin Wardrop photographing a leech, John Yuill eating in various places and positions; Don Fell sleeping and resting in various places and positions; GLAY in numerous odd situations; past presidents

giving evidence of the mental deterioration that accompanies this appointment; and vampires Cannon and Hume at their most blood-curdling.

OXION

This is perhaps best described by the following verbatim reports:

- "Shut the door; we're not letting you out until we've sold everything!" by Oxioneer Arnold Wheeler, followed by - "Does someone else want to take over the Oxion? I'm bidding for this myself" to "Fancy having to buy your own belt back!"

The proceeding then got a little out of hand:

- "Any more advances on 10c?" (Arnold)
 - "Oh, I'm bidding against myself!" (Gill Hume)
- but was it any wonder, with such items being offered as:
- "A magnificent pair of mittens - they keep your fingers cold"
 - "A cape guaranteed to survive any blizzard in the Dandenongs"
 - One of Dunlop's free weather booklets sold for 5c as "The Bureau of Meteorology's catalogue - just select your weather, write in and they'll arrange it for you"
 - Gill Hume paying \$1.01 for a Back-to-front-and-upside-down MIMC Mt Bogong map.
 - Nick Reeves' comment: "God, what a nut!"

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

July 31st. The team to compete in the I-V 24 hour walk (which was organised by Monash) was finalised. It consisted of Gill Hume, Jacquie Rand, Ros Wood, Tina Buckland, Greg Craven, Roy Snoekstra, Steve Cress and Graeme Oakes (manager). A combined Mumc-Monash B.C. is to be held to discuss the gathering and processing of information about the use of the Alpine area and huts.

Sept. 11th. One of the results of the above meeting is that Arnold Wheeler is organising the investigation of the use of Alpine huts. People planning alpine trips are asked to collect a check sheet from Aikman's Road and fill it in with the necessary information from hut log books. The women's I-V team was successful in winning back the Silver Boot were second (again!) to Newcastle.

TRIPS PROGRAMME

Meetings, bushwalking and orienteering trips are planned well ahead whereas the more specialised activities, rockclimbing, 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 contact with appropriate club members and check the trips book. Details of all functions can change at short notice and will be posted in the trips book at Aikman's Road.

NOTE: The trips leader may organise a meeting before the trip, in which case attendance is compulsory; if it is absolutely impossible to attend the meeting, the leader must be contacted before the date of the meeting. If no meeting has been planned, it is the responsibility of everyone intending to go on the trip to contact the leader at least 4 days before the trip leaves, to arrange transport and equipment. Anyone failing to do this will not be allowed to go on the trip.

Standards of Trips

Bushwalking trips are classified as follows:

- 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 trips (normally on Friday night). The van normally returns 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 if 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 Road (1.00 to 2.00 p.m. weekday lunchtimes or 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays).
- (ii) Ring the trip leader.
- (iii) Ring John Yuill 379 8826 A.H.

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TRIPS PROGRAMME

- October 10
(Wednesday) Monthly Meeting and Slide Extravaganza
Venue: George Paton Room
Time: 7.30 to 10.00 p.m.
Coffee afterwards in the coffee lounge.
- November 17-18 Post-Exam Bludge Weekend
Venue: Redman's Campsite, near Lake Bellfield
in the Grampians
Leaders: Fiona Shaw, Alison McCready, Jenny
McCloskey
Transport: Van - cost \$5.00
Standard: Easy to Hard
Superb daywalks to Wonderland Range, Mt William
- canoeing, swimming, fishing in the lake.
- November 20-27
(Tuesday to Tuesday) Shoalhaven River Gorge
Leader: Bruce Rigby
Transport: Train (see later notes)
Standard: Easy - Medium
Spectacular gorge scenery with opportunities
for swimming. See later notes.
- November 22
(Thursday) Luna Park Evening
Leader: The President
Transport: Optional - meet at San Georgio's
Pizza, Cardigan St, Carlton at 6.30 p.m.
- November 24-25 MUMC FEATHERTOP HUT WORK PARTY
Leaders: Hut Wardens (Peter Griffiths, Robyn
Fraser, Ian Moore)
Transport: Private - see trips book for details.
- November 24-25 Federation Feathertop Hut Work Party
For details ring Tom Buykx 49 3877
- Last 2 weeks of November Kosciusko National Park Epic - Hannells Spur
(UP!) Kosciusko - Jagungal -etc, etc.
Leader: George Kuczera (who else?)
Transport: Private
Standard: Hard.
- December 1-2 Pre-Christmas Weekend Party
Organiser: Marg Henderson
Venue: Sorrento
3592 Nepean Highway Portsea - see trips book)
Transport: Private
- December 5 Monthly Meeting
Venue: Sports Union Activities Room
The last monthly meeting for the year - bring
along all those slides you didn't get around
to showing during the year. A magnificent supper
will be provided by our caterers.

- December 8-9 Mt Clear - Mt McDonald area
Leader: Greg (V12) Craven
Transport: Private
Standard: Medium - Hard
- December 9 Orienteering
Venue: Wait and see!
Organiser: Tom Andrews
The format will differ from the usual contest.
It will be a relay event, with 4 people per team, each covering a course log of about 5 checkpoints. There will be only one course and a mass start at about 11.00 a.m. An unlimited number of teams may be fielded by each club.
- December 20
(Thursday) Christmas Party at Glay's
(30 St Vincent Place, Albert Park)
See Trips book for any further details.
- December 29 -
January 1 Bushwalk; Pinnacles - Billy Goat Bluff - Mt Kent
 - Moroka Gorge
Leader: ?
Transport: Private
Standard: Medium - Hard
Numbers limited to about 10
- December 29 -
January 6 Bushwalk - Kosciusko National Park
 Thredbo to Thredbo via Kosciusko and every other 7000-footer.
Leader: GLAY
Transport: Private
Standard: Medium - Tourist
- Late January -
early February
(1974) South-West Tasmania
 La Perouse - Precipitous Bluff - Port Davey
Time: about 2 weeks
Standard: Medium - Hard
If interested, contact Rob Jung soon for details

Shoalhaven River Trip:

This trip takes in some of the most spectacular gorge scenery in Australia, including the Bungonia Gorge and Troy Walls. At one point the gorge is completely cut by Blockup Gorge. It is anticipated that we will swim, float, etc, past this, which is quite safe, but a large 100% waterproof groundsheet or 'canyon bag' will be necessary to float packs round. A pack floats high if wrapped up.

Train tickets must also be arranged - cost is about \$15.50 for a second class seat with student concession. They must be booked in plenty of time, and Bruce Rigby will probably organise a block of seats if paid well in advance. WATCH THE TRIPS BOOK FOR DETAILS.

For those booking their own tickets, the nearest station is Tallong (just after Goulburn). The trains are the 'Spirit' and the 'Southern Highlands Express' to Goulburn and Tallong.

The area offers endless swimming in the mighty Shoalhaven and diverse vegetation, from primitive cycads to man-eating burr plants.

Rockclimbing trips will appear at regular intervals in the trips book. They will be to the usual places - Mt Arapiles, the Grampians, and Werribee Gorge, Cape Woolami, etc.

Canoeing trips are also liable to be organised at short notice, and details can only be obtained by watching the trips book.

Caving went into a temporary recess while the subcommittee was inconvenienced by exams, but is still alive and well, and is now coming out of hibernation. The first event will be a Saturday Seminar on October 13th (see details on later pages) followed by a trip to Buchan on the next weekend ie October 20 - 21. More trips will be organised after the exams, both for beginners and more experienced trogs - so keep watching the trips book.

Long vacation walks also need to be planned at this stage. A few are listed in this trips programme, and more will be listed in the Christmas Mountaineer. However, the place to plan an extended trip is not in the Mountaineer, but at Aikmans Road!

POST-EXAM BLUDGE WEEKEND

Your editors are already bludging - come and join them and Jenny McCloskey at Redman's Campsite near beautiful Lake Bellfield in the Grampians. For those in their first year in the club, this is the famous post-exam bludge - you should go on at least one in your lifetime!

For those more energetic bludgers, Saturday will feature day-walks - a hard walk to Mt William; a medium walk through the Wonderland Range, and an easy walk up Mt Rosea. For those to whom bludging is not merely a means but an end in itself, there will be swimming, canoeing, fishing, liloing, eating, sleeping, or any other form of bludging you can think of.

Saturday night activities will include the usual gourmet meal, where everybody tries to outdo everybody else; Club gluhwein; and the damper-making and pizza-making competitions. The winners will be those with the longest damper and the tastiest pizza (to be judged by the leaders - of course!)

Sunday will be spent in recovering from Saturday and in continuation of the noble art of bludging.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

I feel I must correct any misconceptions about orienteering arising from Mr Ferren McIntyre's letter published in the July (September?) Mountaineer. It is a well-known fact within the Victorian Orienteering Association that MUMC uses its orienteering contests as practice for the big event - the 24 hour walk. Let us examine this year's 24. Its most important features were -

Location - in and around a river gorge subject to flash floods.

Map - a multi-coloured extravaganza produced at great cost and showing even historical features.

Contours - carefully drawn to be aesthetically pleasing and with simplified features to engender confidence in the beholder.

By careful planning all these features have been incorporated in MUMC orienteering contests. Locations have included the wildest country around the Lerderderg Gorge with check points strategically placed in gullies (sometimes called chimneys by bushwalkers) or ringed by mineshafts (a must for right legs). All maps have been printed on bio-degradeable paper in two colours with 50-foot contours (hand drawn from field observations). Of course, to frustrate the competitor who takes it seriously, check points have been placed on the marked spurs; however this occurrence may not be repeated.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of this year's 24 for having stuck rigidly with tradition, although I do feel that coloured maps are an extravagance. It is much more exciting when rivers, roads, and contour lines are the same colour. Our standards are improving every year, and to further impress upon mountaineers the importance of accurate navigation, MUMC contests will in the future be using a 50-year-old map with 100-foot contours. Controls will of course be air-dropped into position from a height of 153 metres.

To ensure the continuing standard of MUMC mapping, however, volunteers of the calibre of Mr McIntyre will be required to spend valuable hours in the bush looking for obviously obscure features such as wombat holes and dead kangaroos. Only then will MUMC be able to organise an event and say 'All is not lost'.

D. Fell

P.S. Hot tip for next year's 24 - floods and blackberries.

(We assume from this that Mr Fell is offering to organise next year's 24 Hour Walk, and is arranging to have mountain lions strategically placed along the route, hence the use of dead kangaroos: Secondly, we would like to warn MR McIntyre that the term 'volunteer' is purely a courtesy title. Finally, we would question the validity of Mr Fell's comments re this year's 24 Hour Walk - he wasn't even on it!!! - Editors)

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BAW BAW TOURING ASSOCIATION

The BBTA was formed in 1971, its aims being:

- (1) the promotion of Nordic skiing and walking on Saw Baw and adjacent areas.
- (2) the construction and maintenance of ski and walking tracks and to assist in the construction and maintenance of shelter huts at appropriate locations in the area.
- (3) to gather, collate and distribute information on touring routes and other relevant subjects.
- (4) assist in searches persons lost in the area.
- (5) to develop and foster interest in the protection and rehabilitation of indigenous flora and fauna.

Membership is open to any interested person and MUMC is a member club.

BBTA organises the following events:

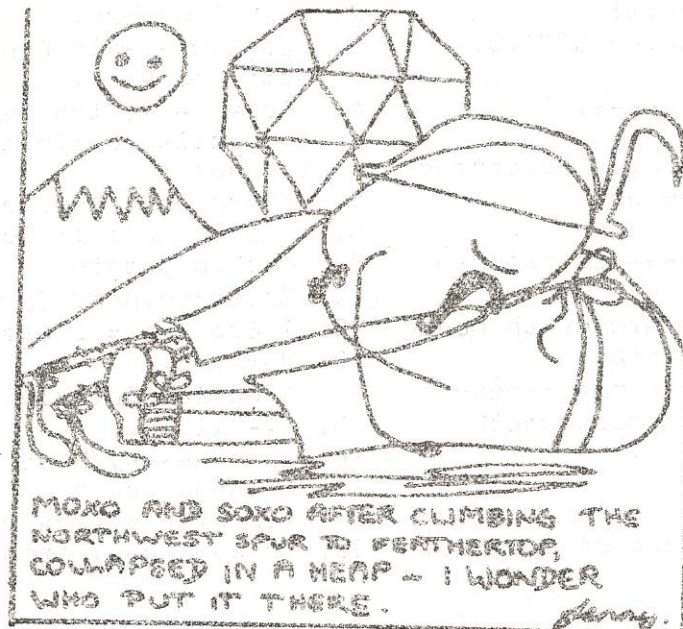
- Tullicouty and St. Phillack Cups (ski races)
- Ski orienteering
- a ski instruction weekend.

For further information, the club library has copies of BBTA's monthly newsletter.

David Caddy.

A note from the Store

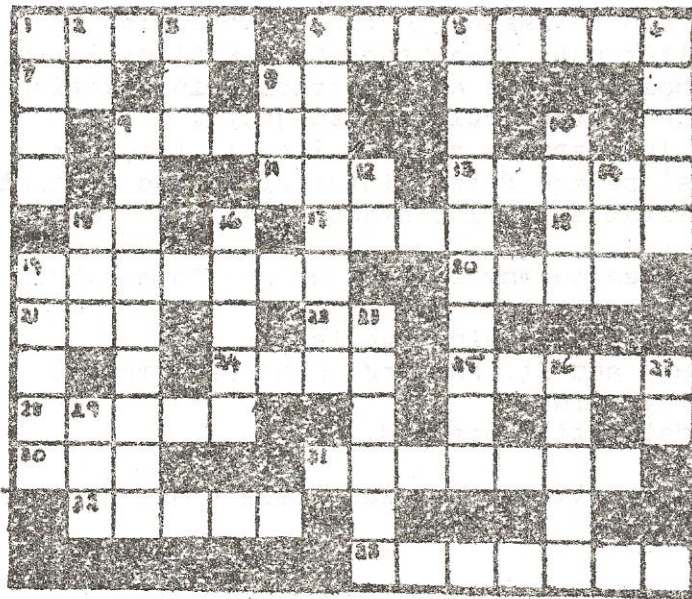
If anyone intends going on an extended trip and will be requiring large quantities of store food, the L.H.S.O. would appreciate knowing it as soon as possible.



MOXO AND SOXO AFTER CLIMBING THE
NORTHWEST SPUR TO FEATHERTOP,
COLLAPSED IN A HEAP - I WONDER
WHO PUT IT THERE.

Jimmy

IAN MOORE'S CROSSWORD NO. 3



ACROSS

1. Half a river.
4. An editor.
7. Used for inversion
8. Lord High Stores Officer (initials).
9. Roaring Meg -----.
11. --- Cruachan.
13. ----- Mountain, a homestead near the Cobberas.
15. R.I.
17. To boulder ---- is frowned upon.
18. Tales of --- are often heard about Glav's trips.
19. Nickname for a hut warden.
20. Iain ----, fastest mouth in the club.
21. Club call.
22. A.R.
24. The best number of leeches.

DOWN

1. Type of hole prevalent around Aberfeldy.
2. See 7 across.
3. Legges --- in Ben Lomond National Park.
4. Robyn - -, the recipient of a surprise birthday party at the Hut.
5. The club's gourmet.
6. A peak near Mt Bogong.
8. Mashed potato.
9. Mountain near Tamboritha.
10. 1 Baw Baw = 2 Baw ----.
12. Not yes.
14. A device for sleeping on.
15. --- Niven.
16. Anna -----, Himalayan peak.
19. A range south of Marysville with high spring rainfall.
23. To come back from a trip.

25. Opposite of over
 28. Peak on Baw Baw plateau.
 30. Yon.
 31. George - -, snowpole of the year.
 32. ----- Kissane - climbing convenor.
 33. Name of the old mill at Baw Baw.
26. ----- Dave - the male half of this year's cuddly couple.
 27. President's initials.

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RUMBLEGUTZ *****

I thought this issue that as a lot of you are preparing for exams I would not distract you with visions of gourmet camping food. Instead I spent some considerable time perusing through the Archives and discovered some writings of extreme importance and relevance.

The first regards sleep. Now as everyone knows, as the exams draw nearer this assumes an increasingly important role in the student's life.

" Like all other forms of pleasure, sleep may become a passion, for persons have been known to spend three quarters of their life asleep; and like all passions, it then produces only baseful effects, namely slothfulness, indolence, debility, stupidity and death. "

In the first frantic rush for the bush after exams the following may be of use.

" First Aid in the Bush:

-if in consequence of a broken bone or other injury, the patient is unable to walk, take a gate from its hinges, lay him carefully upon it, and have him carried by assistants to the nearest house. Having reached the house, lay him on a bed, and undress him with care and gentleness. If any difficulty arises in getting off his coat and pantaloons, rip up the seams rather than use force. This being done, proceed to ascertain the nature of the the injury _____ wounds are self evident. "

For those planning summer walks.

" Stroke of the Sun:

This proceeds from exposure to the sun's rays and exhibits the same symptoms as apoplexy, commencing with vertigo, loss of sight, ringing in the ears, etc. and must be treated by cupping or bleeding, and in every respect as directed for apoplexy. Extreme heat sometimes however, produces a state of prostration without head symptoms; for which cold affusion and rest are the best remedies."

And to finish by justifying my existence as gourmet extraordinaire, here is a thought for those scroggin addicts.

" Chocolate:

- is a nutritive and wholesome composition, if taken in a small quantity and not repeated too often, but is sometimes hurtful to the stomach of those with whom a vegetable diet disagrees. "

Until next time,


R. Gutz

VICTORIA - National Parks

Park	Area (acres)	Location and Features
ALFRED	5,676	On the Princes Highway, 300 miles east of Melbourne. Example of sub-tropical rain forest and contains many rare ferns.
BULGA	91	On Grand Ridge road south of Balook, South Gippsland. Ash forest and fern gullies
CAPTAIN JAMES COOK	6,700	On East Gippsland coast between Marlo and Wingan Inlet. Immense dunes, virgin forest and unspoiled beaches. Sighted by Captain Cook in 1770.
CHURCHILL	477	On Scoresby-Rowville road between Dane-nong and Fern Tree Gully. Wooded hills near Melbourne. Mainly for recreation.
FERN TREE GULLY	991	22 miles east of Melbourne, north of Upper Fern Tree Gully township. Scenic views, recreation, fern gullies.
FRASER	7,746	90 miles north-east of Melbourne on the western shore of Lake Eildon. Fauna, scenic views and boating.
GLENALADALE	403	18 miles north of Princes Highway at Fernbank, 180 miles east of Melbourne. Dry forest country near the Mitchell River, whose deep gorges contain sub-tropical vegetation. Includes the "Den of Nargun"
HATTAH LAKES	44,000	22 miles north of Ouyen, 300 miles north-west of Melbourne. Mallee flora and fauna, aquatic bird life.
KINGLAKE	14,100	40 miles north of Melbourne. Forested mountain country, waterfalls, fern gullies.
THE LAKES	5,238	200 miles east of Melbourne. Access from Sale (road) or Gippsland Lakes (boat). Costal flora and fauna.

Park	Area	Location and Features
LIND	2,882	290 miles east of Melbourne on the Princes Highway between Orbost and Cann River. Gippsland rain forest, flora and fauna.
LITTLE DESERT	87,069	Includes Kiata Mallee Fowl Sanctuary. Open country with high rainfall and poor soil. Wide variety of flora and fauna. Wimmera River frontage. 5 miles south of Kiata which is between Dimboola and Nhill and 225 miles from Melbourne via Western Highway
LOWER GLENELG	22,400	Off Portland-Nelson Road, along Glenelg River. Scenic river features and Limestone Gorge. Wide variety of native flora and fauna.
MALLACOOTA INLET	11,225	340 miles east of Melbourne near New South Wales border. Costal scenery, flora and fauna.
MORWELL	346	100 miles from Melbourne. Along Princes Highway to Morwell, Midland Highway to Yinnar to Jumbuck road. Tall forest with magnificent fern gully epiphytic orchids and good bird habitat.
MOUNT BUFFALO	27,280	22 miles from Bright, 200 north-east of Melbourne. Alpine scenery and flora, bizarre rock formations and skiing.
MOUNT ECCLES	974	6 miles west of Macarthur, 200 miles west of Melbourne. Scenic crater Lake and Lava "Canal"
MOUNT RICHMOND	2,036	20 miles west of Portland, 250 west of Melbourne. Examples of costal flora and fauna in Western Victoria.
ORGAN PIPES	162	16 miles north-west of Melbourne via the Calder Highway to access road then $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Basalt columns known as "Organ Pipes" with tessellated pavements.

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AUNT ABIGAIL

Once again Aunt Abigail is with us to take care of your problems and resolve your perplexities. We have received several letters since the last issue, and some of the most urgent have been answered below.

Remember, Mountaineers, your letters should be addressed to Aunt Abigail, C/- the Editors - she is waiting to hear from you.



Dear Aunt Abigail,

My girlfriend and I have been practising birth control using the common separate sleeping bag technique. Just how successful is this technique? What is the percentage of failures?

'Frustrated and Hopeful'

Dear Frustrated and Hopeful,

You will be pleased to know that you are using the safest form of contraception known to man. I have only known of a few cases where this method has failed. Unfortunately, as you may have found, the method is subject to some drawbacks and can be a little annoying at times.

Dear Aunt Abigail,

With regards to the article entitled 'Effects of Sexual Activity on Beard Growth in Man,' printed in Nature Vol. 226, May 30, 1970, which says beards grow faster because of sexual intercourse, anticipation of sexual intercourse, and even the presence of particular female company in the absence of intercourse, I would like to draw attention to the fact that upon the return of the rockclimbers from their August trip to the Grampians, all bar one had excessive beard growth. Of these, one particular individual came back with a growth of at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".

I am very worried about the state of morals in MUMC and want to know what a female member of the club can do.

'Concerned'

Dear Concerned,

Your worries are certainly justified, as the proliferation of beards in the club definitely indicates a rise in apres-climbing activities. You can therefore do one of two things; either avoid all bearded men, or, alternatively, join in on the fun.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

CAVING

The Victorian Speleological Association has organised Symposia on Victorian Caving, to be held at the University of Melbourne on October 13th, and will be followed by a party on that evening (Saturday). Final details have not yet been received, but will be posted in the trips book as soon as they are available. The Symposia will be of interest to anyone intending to do some caving, and will be followed by a trip to Buchan the next weekend, October 20-21.

The programme for the Symposia will be as follows:

9.30 - Introduction and welcome by the President of V.S.A.

11.00 Session 1 - CAVE SCIENCE

Biopaleology in Caving

Cave Detection Methods

Radio Location

Cave Documentation and Records

11.45 - 1.00 Session 2 - CAVING AREAS

Potholes area

Trog Dip

Scrubby Creek

Glenelg River

Limestone Creek

Lava Caves

Discussion and questions

(LUNCH)

2.00 - 3.30 Session 3 - TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT

Photography

Basic Cave Surveying

Cave Lighting Techniques

Vertical Caving Techniques

Discussion and questions

3.45 - 5.30 Session 4 - CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION

A.S.F. and Conservation Issues of Australia

Local Preservation

Local Conservation

Discussion and questions

MEETING CLOSED

The symposia thus cover many aspects of caving, and will be conducted by experts in their fields. It is hoped that we will be able to book a lecture theatre so that slides can be shown, but even if this is impossible, the talks will be worth attending and various caving equipment will be on display.

The trip to Buchan the following weekend will hopefully be the first of many during the rest of this year and next year. If you intend coming on any of these, please try to attend the symposia so that you can learn from the experts.

CLUB ACTIVITIESCONSERVATIONALPINE AREA

At a meeting between Monash bushies and MUMC conservation subcommittee, it was decided that the Alpine area will be studied jointly by both groups. Initial information (useful for the LCC report book) and submissions to the LCC will be organised and collated by us. With regard to initial information, Monash is preparing information from Victorian bushwalking club trip records. MUMC is to prepare all information from hut log books.

WE NEED HELP

If you are planning a trip in the vicinity of an Alpine hut, could you please help us by doing one log book and sending the raw information to us. See Arnold Wheeler at lunchtimes in the club-rooms or ring 83 5957 to obtain a coding sheet on which you can easily jot down the required information. Make an obvious note in the log book that the book has been 'done' by MUMC.

MELBOURNE AREA

We ask for volunteers to help in writing a submission to preserve the following areas:-

- Brisbane Ranges
 - You Yangs
 - Mt Macedon
 - Dandenongs
 - Wilson's Promontory
 - Mt Donna Buang
 - Gembrook
 - Torbreck Ranges and eastwards
- and others you happen to care about.

We are also doing Powelltown tram lines, Hanging Rock, and the Cathedral Range.

If you are interested, please ring Anne Bevan on 83 5957. Please decide definitely within 2 or 3 weeks of receiving your Mountaineer as we should have a meeting for submissions writers at about that time, when the Melbourne report book is out.

Your friendly fanatical conservationists,

Anne & Arnold

THINK LITTLE, NOT BIG

As mountaineers, the members of this club know better than most people the value of an unpolluted environment; the exquisite beauty of an untouched mountain, the solitude and peace of the high country, the indescribable attraction of the bush.

(Continued)

We should, more than most, realise our responsibility to keep the environment intact. This responsibility extends beyond writing letters to the Prime Minister and local members; it extends to our whole way of living.

Our responsibility involves the simple things; like thrifty use of electricity. This may sound very fussy, but how many of us have stood on the Baw Baw Plateau and remarked at the Vallourn-W power station and the vast amounts of steam, smoke and heat being spewed into the atmosphere (not to mention the associated consumption of fossil fuels). A similar case hold for hydro-power. The less power required, the less water, and fewer 'Lake Pedders'.

Although these oversimplifications are not the be all and end of all of the 'envirot', the concept of 'Think Little' is fundamental to the survival of this planet.

Exactly what can each member of MUMC do to fulfill at least part of his responsibility to Mother Earth? The list could go on from cover to cover but some simple guidelines are as follows:

- THINK LITTLE. Don't be manipulated into buying more than you really need of something. At many theatres, for example, only large packets of sweets are sold, but don't be conned - this is the kind of reckless attitude which is the root of much of the environmental exploitation. Refuse to buy an article which is obviously presented to reap both consumer petty cash and natural resources. (You don't really need that packet of Kool Mints anyway.)

This is only one rather corny example, but remember that in general 'bigger' is not 'better' for anybody or anything except the pockets of a few.

- STEEL CANS. Try where possible not to buy steel cans, especially of soft drink or beer, etc. But returnable bottles, and even disposable paper and plastic cups are preferable to disposable cans as they require 'infinitely' less energy and resources to produce.

- DON'T LEAVE LIGHTS ON. If you added up all the power wasted by the careless use of electric lights and appliances, the total would be dazzling. Remember, this is using up precious natural resources and polluting the atmosphere with heat, CO₂, CO and various other by-products of combustion.

- USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT. Cars undoubtedly raise the quality of life, immediately, but what of the future? Use public transport where possible (especially to travel to and from Uni.) This of course creates decentralised pollution, which is certainly not good, but roughly equivalent amounts of fossil fuels are consumed and cities are slightly more habitable for every car off the road.

- BUY FOOD IN BULK. When preparing for trips, buy food in bulk, and with as little packaging as possible. (Always buy goods with minimum packaging.) Don't let shop assistants put a handful of goods in a bag - paper or plastic - it is just unnecessary. Bulk stores sell many goods, including muesli, porridge, spreads, etc., in minimal packaging and will even fill your own re-usable containers. Don't forget also that the club sells bulk chocolate,

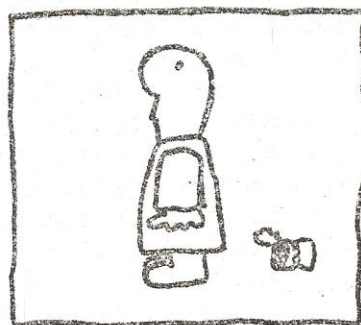
dried fruit, vegetables, Refresh, soup, etc. Even when cooking in the bush, 'think little' when lighting a fire - dead wood is also a natural resource and takes years to accumulate. Even dead trees look ugly with all their lower branches wrenched off by arsonist bushwalkers.

These thoughts are not meant to read like some bible, but merely try to point out that it is not necessary to hop on the environment bandwagon to fulfil one's responsibilities to the future. It's so easy, you don't even have to go out of your way to live thriftfully.

Just remember that money and convenience are not scarce resources; think little and make sure other people know you think little - when they realise how easy it is, they might try it too; then we could feel proud that we have done something.

Bruce Rigby

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solution? ... who needs it?

Ski Touring - In Memoriam

We regret to announce the passing, after a long illness, of this season's ski touring. Those who have experienced its joys bestowed upon them during its fleeting existence in this world, will not quickly forget the lingering embrace of purple klister, the crunch of rock against ski-tip and face against rock, the lurid oaths hanging on the crystal mountain air.

While the bruises heal and the mental scars vanish,

Requiescamus in pacem.

ROCKCLIMBING

The usual type of climbing report has not been received for this issue - as must be apparent from the letter to Aunt Abigail, the climbers have been up to other things. Here then is their offering.

Nick Nick
Reeves the Man
Went to the OP Shop last week.
Said to
The woman there,
"Show me something sleek."
"A pair of secondhand dungarees,
A dozen berets too,
A suit of woollen underwear,
And holey PA shoes."

Nick Nick
Reeves Reeves
Piker Hard, MUMC,
Went rock
Climbing one day
Though he had a sore knee.
Nick Nick
Said to his Friends,
"Friends," he said, said he;
"You must never go up to the top of a cliff,
If you don't come down with me."

Nick Nick
Reeves' Friends
Put on their climbing gear.
Nick Nick
Reeves' Friends
Climbed up to the top of a cliff.
Nick Nick
Reeves' Friends
Said to themselves, said they;
"We can get down to the foot of the cliff
And be back in time for tea."

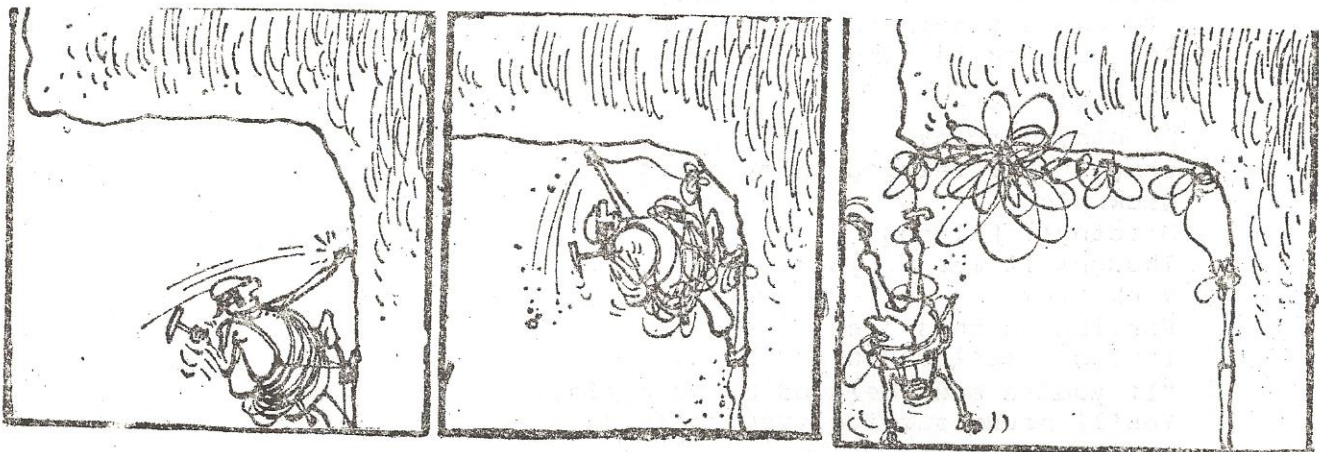
Nick Nick
Dorothy Dorothy
Sang, "It's raining in my heart."
Nick Nick
Dorothy's Friends
Thought it was a ()art.
Nick Nick
Replied to this jest
In tones restrained and cool,
"If you're ever belayed by me again,
You'll never survive, you fools."

N. N.
R. R.
Climber extr adinaire,
Lost his
Finger strength
And went flashing through the air.
Later on,
Justifying,
Said, "Don't believe a word.
It wasn't my lack of finger strength,
It was heckling from the herd."

Peter Kissane
Put up a notice,
LOST OR STOLEN OR STRAYED,
NICK NICK
REEVES REEVES
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MISLAID.
Last seen
Wandering Vaguely,
Quite of his own accord;
He tried to get up to the top of a cliff
- FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

Nick Nick
Reeves Reeves
Hasn't been heard of, it's true.
Peter Kissane
Said he was sorry,
George and Joel did too.
Peter Kiseane
(Somebody told me)
Said to a man he knew,
"If people go up to the top of a cliff, well,
What can anyone do?"

- composed by Jenny McCloskey & Peter Treby
With apologies to A.A. Milne



Several days later, a reply also in verse (?) was received from Nick Reeves himself. He was most adamant that it should be printed exactly as submitted, so to avoid a lawsuit, we have complied with his wishes.

'Apologia Pro Vita Sua'

Whenever I climb, there's always you.

There's always you and me.

I always climb, you sometimes cheat.

"I can climb any climb," says Pete

"Well that's very odd 'cause I can too"

"But I use aid," says Pete Kissane

"I use aid" says he.

"That's a good eleven" I said to Pete

"Eleven! you jest" said Pete Treby

"I thought it ought to be twenty-two,

I find all climbs so hard" moaned Pete

"That wasn't an easy climb to do."

"But eleven is what it is" I said to Pete

"Thank Christ you led it" said he.

"Let's look for climbs" I said to George

"No you go" mumbled he to me.

But I woke him up and we found a few.

"That's a climb all right" said George.

"As soon as I saw the rock I knew.

But I'm an engineer, you wouldn't guess

Notice how I argue rationally."

"Let's do some climbs," I said to Jol

"Let's not" said he to me.

"I'm not afraid" I said to he

So I held his hand and shouted go:

You bludger and off he flew

"I wasn't afraid" said Jol, said he

"I'm never afraid with you."

So whenever I climb there's always the crew

They who won't climb. - and me.

"The climbs I could do" I said to the crew

"If it wasn't for you" and they said "True!

We never could live up to you, but we know

We pike," says the crew, says they

"But isn't that what all climbers should do!"

Once again inspiration from and apologies
to A.A. Milne

Nicholas Reeves.

A PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINEER

There have been no known engagements, marriages, births or deaths this month.

Flat available: Ron and Judy Frederick's two bedroom flat in King William St., Fitzroy, is looking for occupant(s) for March, April and May 1974. If interested contact them on 419 1073 (evening).

For those followers of Rumblegutz - a sasquatch is the Canadian type of yeti.

If anyone is intending contacting any of the Who's Who people, it might be an idea to check their address first. Five of them have changed their places of abode. (the new addresses are in this issue's Who's Who.)

Quotes from the Alpine Instruction Course :

John Retchford: Has somebody got a spoon handy?

Somebody: No, will a fork do ?

John Retchford: Forks are no good, they're too damn leaky!

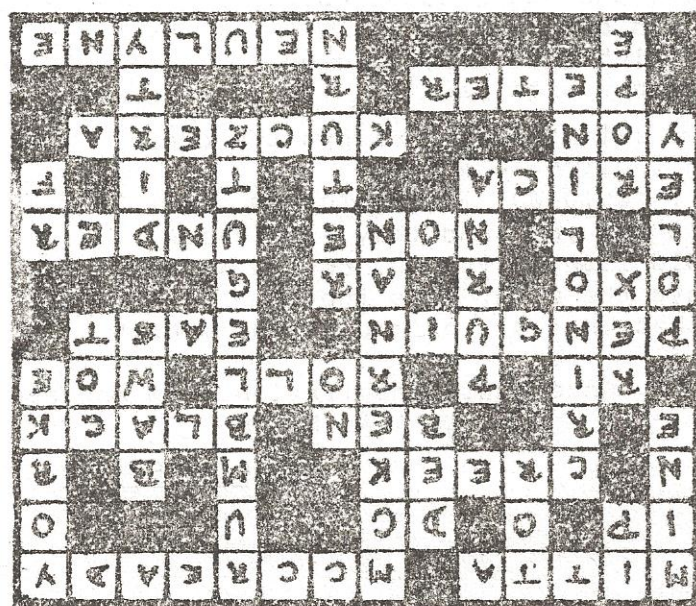
John Retchford said, after stepping aside to let somebody else lead in the soft snow-

"This is called the 'why have a dog and bark yourself' Syndrome"

from the Annual Ascent of Mt. Feathertop:

Jim Keary: (commenting on the weather) : Gee, what a s----house day. I'm glad we brought the ropes.

Peter Kissane: What are you going to do ? Hang yourself ?



The following trips report was received from Michael Feller who is at present in Canada. In the covering letter he also sends his regards to all those who know him and also those who don't.

THE MOST MISERABLE MOUNTAIN I HAVE EVER TRIED TO CLIMB.

As our small plane approached Chutine lake, snuggled deep in the mountains of northwestern British Columbia, we quickly surveyed the surrounding country, seeking out the easiest routes to the nearby peaks virtually all of which were unclimbed. What commanded our attention most was a huge lump of a mountain rising 2600m. very abruptly above the lake which lay only 290m. above sea level. This unnamed mountain was the major object of our expedition. From our vantage point it looked extremely uninviting - its lower slopes were sparsely covered with scruffy trees clinging desperately to cracks and ledges. Between these slopes and the small summit icecap lay 1500m. of barren rubbly slabs and cliffs.

We landed rapidly and planed over the water to a pebbly beach at the northern end of the lake. No sooner had the seven of us disembarked when hordes of mosquitoes attacked - and they continued attacking mercilessly until the minute we left, three weeks later. They forced us to remain liberally covered with insect repellent and well clothed, despite the warm 30° weather. During the next three weeks I was able to wear shorts only twice - when we were travelling on windy glaciers. In the absence of wind they would attack us even on the most remote glaciers. The unloading of the plane completed, our pilot wished us good luck then took off flying west over the mountains, back to the Alaskan panhandle town of Petersburg which we had left an hour previously.

Alaska is an incredible place; one worth visiting merely to see the best and worst of North America. It is endowed with endless ranges of majestic mountains, abundant wildlife, and mile upon mile of untouched wilderness, but also boasts bakeries that smell like hospitals, houses with plastic lawns (in a climate that produces extremely lush growth), rifles in every second car, and a population which is talking of separating from the United States because of the opposition by "southern environmentalists" to the construction of a pipeline which is to carry oil across Alaska from north to south.

We set up camp, then bear-proofed our food by suspending it in sacks from a tree on a ledge 7m. up on a cliff face. That evening, once the mosquito attacks had decreased slightly the no-see-ums moved in. These are tiny black insects whose bites leave one smarting and stinging. They are small enough to penetrate mosquito netting, so the only effective methods of avoiding them are covering oneself (plus sleeping bag) with repellent or completely closing one's tent and sweating it out in hot weather.

The next day we decided to explore the northern side of the mountain, so with four days food, we set off on an upward traverse. On flat ground the forest was pleasant enough although strongly insect infested, but as soon as we reached the slope we hit what was to plague us on all sloping forested land for the rest of the trip - devil's club. This is an extremely prickly vine-like plant whose needles easily break off when embedded in the skin, to produce festering sores a day later. Weilding ice axes like machetes we chopped our way slowly upward. Occasionally, we left the devil's club to fight our way through swathes of slide alder. Slide alder trees have very twisted trunks and grow in dense thickets severely impeding progress. After rising 400m. we came to sets of bluffs through which we managed to find a route although several times our handholds were only stems of devil's club. Finally we reached a broad open ridge then traversed 3 km. on relatively easy ground around the base of the mountain to a small lake beneath the snout of a glacier. We camped there for the night.

The next day, in gloomy weather, we climbed a bump 1000m. above our camp to find that the northern side of the mountain offered only one possibly feasible route - an extremely steep snow couloir to the jagged summit ridge. The eastern side of the mountain looked even worse. Glacial recession having been rather severe in this area, the bottom 500m. consisted of smooth, polished, vertical walls.

We set off the next day in thickening cloud to attempt the couloir route but soon gave up due to poor visibility, warm rain, and dangerously sloppy snow conditions.

Deciding that the route would not really go and with little food to spare we returned to base camp the following day. There we decided that two of us should paddle our rubber dinghy the 5 km. to the south end of the lake, build a raft from the remains of a mining prospecting camp we had flown over, then return to pick up the rest of us. The south end of the lake appeared to offer better climbing opportunities. A day later they returned with a magnificent raft made out of wood and forty four gallon drums (which once contained helicopter fuel.) In their absence the rest of us climbed a glacier across the valley from the mountain to attempt another peak but bad weather again forced us back.

After a few hours of strenuous rowing and a pleasant respite from the insects we reached a beautiful white sandy beach at the southwest corner of the lake. There we reformed base camp and bear-proofed our food in a forty four gallon drum. Although we observed bear tracks several times, we unfortunately never saw any bears.

Next day it was decided that Fred and I should attempt the mountain by a prominent snow-streaked gouge in its west face while the others attempted some peaks to the southwest.

After a leisurely start we paddled the dinghy across the lake to its east side then hid it in some bushes and began the arduous ascent. After an initial patch of ballbearing scree we zig zagged our way via ledges and gullies up a 600m. band of sparsely vegetated cliffs. We frequently used trees for holds and as we sweated upwards we were continuously attacked by mosquitoes and higher up by orange-coloured sandflies. Repellant was useless because it was sweated off so quickly. We eventually reached a rocky ridge which slowly curved into a terrace across the mountain as a scree terrace. Just before and below the scree we found water for the first time since leaving the lake. We levelled out a platform barely wide enough for the tent, which was then secured with the help of a piton and many boulders. It was an outstandingly airy campsite, as we could look out of our tent, beneath our overlapping fly, to our basecamp 1000m. almost directly below.

A sleepless night was followed by a 3a.m. breakfast to have us away at 4, by then well and truly light at those northerly latitudes. The weather looked ominous but our spirits were high. We traversed across the ledge then climbed some heather covered slopes to a rock ledge which took us to the gouge, most of which was then in cloud. We decided to try the snow but weren't impressed by its sloppy sugary nature. We were impressed, however, by the several avalanche grooves which had vertical walls and were 5-6m. deep! We could only cross these via a rock band which had protruded through the snow. After wading up through the snow we then left it and gratefully climbed onto the rock wall on one side of the gouge. Using pink ribbon to mark our route we negotiated a series of easy but dangerous rubble covered ledges and gullies which eventually ran out, forcing us back onto the snow which by then was even soggy. It then became shallow, overlying ice. The higher we climbed the worse the conditions became. Visibility decreased to 20m., it began to snow and pieces of ice and small stones came hurtling down out of the mist. Finally we kicked out and cut a 1.5m. deep trench across a 45° slope to a ledge on a rocky rib. There we had lunch and eventually decided to retreat, less than 400m. from the summit, in view of the generally bad conditions.

That night, back in the tent, I was suddenly awakened by rustling noises and falling rocks outside the tent. Immediately I thought of grizzlies and mountain lions, in whose territory we were trespassing. As I got out the torch I heard more falling rocks as if set off by a large animal walking around. The torch failed to show anything so I went back to the sack. About ten minutes later the noises started again but another search with torches failed to show anything. I moved our packs closer. When the noises started again I woke up Fred.

A discussion of grizzlies and mountain lions ensued with the result that we both pulled our ice axes closer. Finally, after an hour or so I decided to go out and determine what was keeping us awake. After lifting up my pack I picked up a large grey mouse in my torch beam. He had been nibbling on the pack straps, salty from sweat. After a brief but futile chase I returned to the tent. Just as we were dozing off to sleep again there came a crash of rocks above us followed by wailing siren-like noises as they plummeted down. This was followed by thumps and crashes as they hit the ground around us. After a minute or so the rockfall ceased, and, somewhat subdued, we drifted off to sleep.

Next morning, in the midst of a massive sandfly attack, we packed and descended back to the lake. Even out on the water the mountain continued to hurl its sandflies and mosquitoes at us, and considerably chastened, we returned to basecamp.

That was our last attempt on the mountain which is still unclimbed. Our party managed to climb eight peaks in the remaining week and a half before flying back to Alaska.

Party: One New Zealander, three Australians, three Canadians - a typical "Canadian" expedition.

Time: July 1973

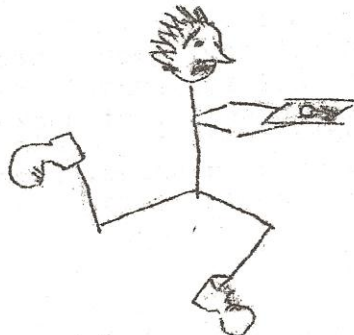
Michael Feller.

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STOP PRESS - VICTORIAN ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Victorian Orienteering Championships were held on Sunday 30th September at Slaty Creek near Creswick. The course was set by Tom Andrews of Red Kangaroos, using a recent photogrammetric map. (The old map was drawn in 1929 - the main peaks were shown as explosions and creeks were drawn free-hand.)

The Women's Championship was won by Judy Frederick (MUMC) who has been turning in consistently good times all this year. The winner of the Men's Championship was Sture Lantz (Tuckonie), the best for MUMC being Bob Cannon. Other MUMC competitors were Tony Kerr, Ron Frederick, Don Fell, Barry Parsons, Ian Moore, John Yuill, David Bayliss - we extend our apologies to any we have omitted.



PLEASE HELP THE L.C.C.

By now most readers of the 'Mountaineer' and frequenters of Aikman's Road should know something about the Land Conservation Council (L.C.C.). It is a body which is setting out to examine all aspects of land use in Victoria by working through various zones one at a time. They ask for submissions on the various areas from all quarters - big business, small business, conservationists, bushwalkers; in fact any body - and, combined with their own survey data, use this to formulate recommendations or suggested land usage plans which (hopefully) are used in making government policies. (These plans are actually available to the public several times during their evolution so that additional submissions, criticisms, etc., can be made.)

The L.C.C. needs the support of every concerned person who is capable of writing a letter, now more than ever. It appears that the L.C.C. is being discredited all round the state, by representatives of the timber industry, actively supported by the Forest Commission who see the activities of the L.C.C. as threatening to their longstanding role of masters of forest management. Unfortunately, the Forest Commission has traditionally been exploiters of the timber resources with no regard for others uses of the land such as recreation and conservation of wildlife and vegetation. It is 'cheaper' to bulldoze virgin bush and plant pine trees than it is to buy equally suitable agricultural land and plant the same pine trees.

Remember, developers and business interests (such as the Forest Commission) are only too eager to make 'their submissions', Conservationists must show that they have equal might; now more than ever the L.C.C. needs our support - YOUR support.

The word is that Mr Borthwick feels he has lost the support of Cabinet, and this combined with the discrediting of the L.C.C. speaks bad news. Believe it or not, the conservationists have made considerable gains in recent years, but now appear to be resting on their laurels. We need to re-establish a militant approach - militant, that is, in terms of writing letters and spreading the word.

WHAT YOU CAN DO - write short sincere letters to Mr Hamer and Mr Borthwick. Tell Mr Hamer that conservationists are still alive, that the L.C.C. is a very valuable organ, and that we resent the hindrance of other Government departments (eg. Forest Commission.) Tell Mr Borthwick that somebody still loves him and that you support the L.C.C. and what it is doing. Address your letters c/- Parliament House. Also write letters to your local members in an effort to regain Cabinet support.

Unfortunately it is a numbers (of letters) game which will decide who gets the most say. If you don't know addresses, etc., ask Arnold Wheeler or Bruce Rigby. It only costs 7¢ and 20 min.

--- SO NOW MORE THAN EVER THE LCC NEEDS YOU!

Bruce Rigby

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WINGAN INLET	4,730	23 miles south of Princes Highway at a point about 310 miles east of Melbourne. Coastal scenery, littoral bird life, and "jungle" flora. First landing place of George Bass in Victoria in 1797.
WYPERFELD	139,760	287 miles north-west of Melbourne and 30 miles north of Rainbow. Mallee flora and fauna (especially the Mallee Fowl).

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Telegram from Antarctica:

Oxometric doings below the Antarctic Circle - on 22nd July the attempt on Rumdoodle summit was made as expected. Another summit, Frog Peak, was climbed. Setting off for Fold Island this week with dogs - approximately one hundred miles over sea ice. Please send down more champagne,

Cheers, Zmood.STOP PRESS (YET AGAIN):

It is anticipated that a meeting will be held in late November or early December by Pat Miller and Rod Tucker. The purpose will be to introduce New Zealand to MUMC members who might be interested in going there, and also to talk about the preparations necessary for a trip to New Zealand. Keep watching the trips book for all details as they come to hand.

Well, hope you all enjoyed the snow as much as Sylvia and I - we got in our seasons skiing at Nelse last weekend - I used Alfa boots, peg bindings and waxless skis for the first time - they proved adaptable to and useful for roadbashing, snow, water, mud and grass skiing - Sylvia's yellow Klistervox attracted a haystack but the waxless skis were no problem. I fell through some snow/ice into a puddle 6" or so deep which let a little water into the Alfas - otherwise feet stayed dry - what skiable snow we found, on the Baker spur side of Nelse, was very good and firm. The waxless climbed very well, but were slower than waxed downhill - an advantage to some people, not to others. I liked the peg bindings, even with a pack on - felt much more firmly attached than I used to with Trampers in cable bindings.

We pitched the Tawonga tent in snow near a small stream on the edge of the bush at the head of Nelse creek. The evening was warm so left the doors wide open. As soon as we were in bed the mist cleared and became a very cold night, so we weren't as warm as usual, especially Sylvia who found she had slept most of the night half of the closed cell foam - still we didn't get cold enough to get up and reorganise - maybe its just sheer inertia. The water (about a quart) in the billy had a firm layer of ice in the morning, but the Borde stove boiled it in just under 20 minutes in the open air. With slow burning we got nearly 2 hours on a tankful - but this seems a bit of a freak result. The small kero stove went for 3 hours and still had a little in the tank.

The SIGG fuel/water bottles have now arrived together with other items such as pot grippers, plates, frypans, and 'scout kettles'. All items are well made and much superior to most of the cookware and water bottles that have been about. The fuel bottles come in 600 ml (more than a pint) and 1000 ml (less than a quart) are in light strong seamless aluminium with a strong hard plastic screw cap which gives a good seal with water, shellite, kerosine or whatever. Prices are \$1.80 and \$2.00 and seem excellent value. There is also a 1000 ml bottle at \$3.20, anodised inside and out which can also be used for fruit juice. The pot grippers are 70¢, aluminium plates 85¢ - \$1.15, steel frypan with detachable handle \$3.20, Teflon coated griddles \$2.00 - \$3.10. For the walker who has everything there is a cast aluminium tent peg, with 3 flanges for 40¢ each. The 'scout kettles' are shaped billies with lids that double as plates. They have a wide handle that seems cooler to handle and also locks in the upright position. Prices range from \$4.80 for a 3 pint model to \$7.90 for 1 holding more than a gallon.

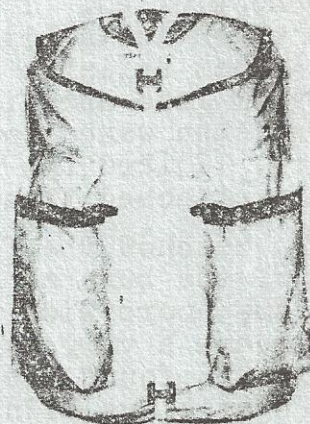
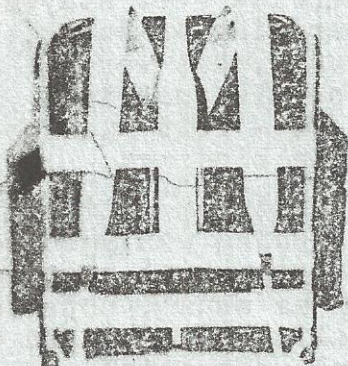
In absence of snow we went wandering in the Flinders Ranges in search of wild flowers, which were plentiful in parts. Did some scrub-bashing with a high-load pack with orange nylon bag without getting too tangled or damaging the cloth - the colour is a bit gruesome but may get some dark green or somesuch as well later, as 6 oz. Kordux green seems a bit scarce and not quite as robust as the nylon.

Now is the time to (in fact it is well after time) to plan your Christmas needs - we are doing all we can to ensure an adequate supply of gear, but it is obvious that shortages and delays will continue. Already we are unable to consider the making of any more special designs before Christmas. If your gear needs major repairs please bring it in during October. Don't be disappointed later. - Cheers, Loch -

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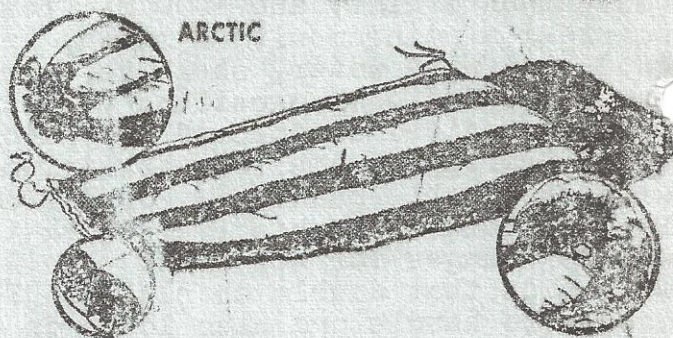
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