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Sleep warm - Loch

PS. Also have all the usual other gear such as tents, packs, boots, clothing, maps, books, rockclimbing equipment, etc.

We have also brought out a new Price List but is more a guide to what we stock to what the price is at present, since prices seem to rise unfortunately.

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Snow Walking at Mt Baw Baw

(Photo by J. Chapman)

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Mountaineering Melodrama:

Villian (Big bold bad black bearded beast):

"Into the bush!"

Heroine: "No, no! I'm only 13"

Villian: "This is no time to be superstitious!"

EDITORIAL

In recent weeks there has been considerable discussion about the Mountaineer - its function in the Club, whether this function is being fulfilled or not, the Editors and their function, the format of the journal etc. etc.

Much of this discussion has been initiated by the overdue appearance of this August edition, (the Editors being at fault of course!) However, I feel criticism of the Editor(s) will not stop delays occurring - editions have been late in the past and no doubt will be so in the future. This fact only serves to emphasize the basic problem faced by all the committee in this Club (and most likely other University clubs): that is, committee positions are held on a voluntary basis, and University work - study, exams, essays etc. - take precedence over Club affairs.

As Club membership grows in size, (and surely this is to be encouraged, not discouraged), the amount of work required by each committee member increases. A means of getting around this problem would be to (i) hire full time people for those positions requiring considerable work (secretary, treasurer, even trips secretary). However this is obviously not practical from the financial point of view, nor is it in the interests of the Club as an informal group sharing and fostering an interest in bushwalking and associated activities; or (ii) the committee could consist mainly of post-graduates who presumably would have more time to devote to Club activities. This situation has occurred, unintentionally, in the past (e.g. the 1972 committee had only 2 undergraduates) and has received considerable criticism from many Club members. It was felt that as the majority of members are undergraduates, they and their views should be fairly represented on committee; also a number of postgrads are not on campus and hence not up-to-date with current activities.

It appears that a practical solution for this general problem is not easy to achieve. As far as The Mountaineer is concerned, a number of methods to reduce the time consuming work involved, have been suggested: We have seen, in past regimes, the appointment of an assistant editor who was, as the title suggests, to assist by rounding up articles, collating, duplicating etc, thereby allowing the Editor to do his job, viz. to edit the journal. History has shown however, that such a system did not work. The Editor invariably found it easier and quicker to do the work himself for the assistant was rarely available (intentionally or unintentionally), when needed. Similar fates appear to have beset any attempts to establish "Duplicating Officers, Collating Officers" etc.

A desperate attempt to spread the workload was made last year by forcing a Constitutional change which allowed for 2 editors on the committee. It was thought equal status would ensure greater cohesion and 2 enthusiastic editors would get through the work in half the time. But the maxim "2 heads are better than 1" has not worked in this situation. In fact more time wasting has probably occurred: consultation on most matters must now occur, and equal status doesn't automatically assure that both editors will have coinciding free time for discussion.

The role of The Mountaineer has been considered one of keeping people, particularly offcampus members unable to get to the Club, in contact with the Club, and to keep them informed of current affairs, whether this be the latest gossip or what trips are going where and when. In the present situation though, much of the information is out of date by the time the journal reaches its readers. It is particularly disconcerting to find the most interesting trip in the programme was on the weekend before the programme arrived! It has therefore been concluded that the only way to avoid such problems is to change the format of The Mountaineer.

The idea considered most plausible is to have one major issue per year, and a number of newsheets during the year. It is proposed that articles for the major edition would be only those of wide interest (many present articles are considered to contain too many "in" jokes, and hence only of interest to those on the trip), and of good quality. Depending on available finances, photographs could be included, and a quality production achieved by offset printing. The newsheets, appearing about every 6 weeks would contain the current trips programme and brief accounts of interesting happenings.

It is felt that such a system will enable a good quality journal to be produced without alienating noncampus members, and this would require less time, and present less problems than at present encountered in producing an edition of The Mountaineer.

But The Mountaineer is your journal, and decisions on its future are up to you (the editors are after all, merely your elected servants!) Do you want a magazine at all? What is your opinion on its current format? Do you want it changed? Any comments, complaints, or violent disagreements with the proposal set out above can be aired in the next Mountaineer. Don't be afraid to say what you think - in writing; further ideas will be appreciated!!!

Marcia McDonald.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir & Madam,

With regards to the editorial in the last Mountaineer, the Treasurer and the Trips Secretary notice with some concern their sudden banishment from the committee. We respectfully apply for re-admittance.

You are our most obedient servants
Rex Niven
George Kuczera.

The Editors take note, and hope that such lapses of memory do not occur in future editions!

The Committee,
The Trips Secretary,
The Editors of The Mountaineer,

Dear Comrades,

It is now accepted that this years beginners' ski touring trip was not entirely successful. It is also reported that beginners' trips in general are spoken of in less than kindly terms. Let us therefore indulge in a brief period of review and self examination.

Out trips secretaries have generally held that quantity is better than quality and hence that as many people as possible should be introduced, however briefly, to as many new activities as possible.

We have accordingly seen the annual beginners' stampede and oldies reunion at Wilsons Promontory, after which the stores officer is reduced to hysterical acceptance of tales of loss, damage and woe. For their part such beginners as are present, learn while crunching their own dehy, mainly from watching the oldies tucking into sherry and cheese, claret and steak or ratatouille, rather than by any formal instruction.

We then have the beginners' canoeing, about which little need be said, provided the custodian of canoes escapes the eyes of the law during his frantic drives at high speed, towing long vehicles, in chase of his tribe of budding submariners.

The problems of specialized equipment begin to be demonstrated by beginners caving trips: with cars already full of ladders and helmets, the organizers must consign a pile of ownerless, fizzing trog lamps.

But for producing real chaos, the beginners' ski-touring is the great hope. Imagine remote mountain roads never graced by a snow plough, a sudden cold snap driving snow into the foothills, campsites miles away, a mountain of sticky skis and soggy boots, and cars already full to bursting.

So it came to pass that this years course was not very satisfactory, with the second group having some trouble finding leftovers (both people and equipment) from the first group.

Accordingly, I would like to make some suggestions for future beginners' trips, ski-touring in particular. Perhaps there should be none; it may well be possible to take beginners on easy base-camp touring trips, or combine with the snow camping weekends. However, some 'formal' instruction is probably desirable, particularly for those without alpine skiing experience.

It would seem that essentially problems arose over equipment. Obviously then, this must be an individual responsibility, with skis, wax kits etc. being hired, transported, and returned by the person intending to use them. It is, I think, quite unreasonable to expect either the trips secretary or the trip leaders/instructors to run an equipment hire and exchange service on the trip.

For an adequate introduction to Nordic skiing, a beginners' trip should be at least over a weekend. Instructors willing, there could be several trips to spread available equipment over as many people as possible. Full weekend trips would allow use of better alpine areas with easier access, and with more reliable snow conditions.

Consideration could also be given to restricting the number of beginners to that which the leader feels he can adequately and safely instruct.

Peter Griffiths.

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30th Anniversary Dinner

Dear Club Member,

This year MUMC is celebrating its 30th Anniversary with a buffet dinner on

THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER, 1974 AT 7.45 pm IN UNION HOUSE,
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.

The special guest will be

Dr J.G. MOSLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION AND MUMC MEMBER

Dr Mosley will speak on current conservation problems, particularly those related to the Alps and Tasmania.

Bill Bewsher, honorary life member and one of the Club's founders will propose a toast to MUMC.

The cost of the three-course meal including light refreshments and drinks will be \$6.50 per person. You can book by sending your cheque to '30th Anniversary Committee', Melbourne University Mountaineering Club, c/- Sports Union Melbourne University, Parkville 3052, or by payment at 'Aikman's Road' from 1.00-2.00 pm daily. Tickets will be issued and booking closed on 1st October, 1974.

Harry Schaap, Tony Kerr,
Organisers.

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NEWS GOSSIP AND TRIVIA
*****1. Committee Meetings

- (i) Please note: the Club CONTACT is now GILL HUME, 663 Station St, Carlton, Ph: 38-5986. This number should be given to parents, relatives, friends, or anyone who is likely to worry if you are late returning from a trip. It is important that these people know the Club Contact can give them information concerning the whereabouts of those on club trips.
- (ii) David Leser was accepted for S & R.
- (iii) The following are to represent Melbourne in this years I.V. 24-Hour Walk at Sydney on 31st August-1st September.

Mens team - Iain East
George Kuczera
Ian Moore
Jolyon Shelton

Womens team - Liz Brown
Gill Hume
Jacquie Rand
Roz Wood

2. Annual Dinner Dance: this year it was held at the Danish Club and all who attended considered it to be a great success, despite the 12 o'clock curfew. Many thanks go to Barbie Whitely and Rob McKernan who put a lot of effort into making the dance such a success. Also thanks must go to Geoff Lay, or rather his parents, for enabling the celebrations to continue at his house after closing time at the Danish Club!

- (i) Once again a number of awards were handed out to deserving members of the Club: "Piker of the Year" went to Tony Kerr who has been in brilliant form over the past year - not only did he refuse to come to the Dinner Dance, and to the 24-Hour recovery party, but he also piked from his own snow walk.
Rex Niven received honourable mentions in this section: as trips secretary, he has not been on a single Club trip this year!
- (ii) "Fallen angel" award went to that redoubtable rope stretcher, none other than the climbing convenor himself, Nicholas Reeves. Perhaps it is for this reason that Nick considers the climbing convenor a "doomed ideal".
- (iii) "The Frozen Gnome" this year went to a most deserving recipient - Peter Griffiths. (For those who do not know, the award is given to one considered the least likely to marry in the next 12 months - the prize (?) consists of a china garden gnome frozen in ice brought back from the antarctic many years ago). Appropriately, Peter spent some months in the antarctic a couple of years ago, and probably has not yet thawed out, thus ensuring suitability for the award!

(iv) Steven White, with the help of some charming female Club members, once again selected the "Scungiest Beard". The lucky gentleman chosen was John Terrell : his prize being a rusty razor blade and ribbon, though perhaps a hair tonic would be more appreciated!

(v) Although the "Mr Equipment" award was not given this year, (perhaps a reflection of inflation and general student poverty), two new awards were instituted. It has long been felt that the males held monopoly over the awards (after all there are few girls who would qualify, or at least wish to qualify, for the Scungiest Beard) so an award was given to the sexiest (female) bottom. Sue White was the lucky winner, and gained a bottle of "cheap and nasty red" for her efforts.

(vi) This year the "Geoff Fagan Memorial Prize" was instituted. Over the past years Geoff has won a reputation for doing deeds above and beyond the call of duty - particularly in helping the female freshers on beginners' trips to the Prom. He seems to have become considerably quieter this year, no doubt due to his forthcoming marriage. However, John Yuill has shown such zeal in his dealings with the females of the Club that there is little danger of Geoff's fine example fading. Although challenged by a late effort from John Chapman, Mr Yuill's efforts did not go unrewarded and he carried off the prize.

3. Two people with more to celebrate than most at the Dinner Dance were the President, Peter Kissane and Josette Docherty, who announced their engagement. They are to be married in November. Congratulations and all the best.

4. A note from librarian Ros Wood : If you have any suggestions for books for the library, please leave the titles and any other relevant details at Aikmans Road within two weeks of receiving this Mountaineer!

5. Alpine Book Photographs

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BUSHWALKING

The 28th 24

Adrian Davey

It looked like rain. And as the vans revved up to leave the Union carpark (by some miracle, almost on time!) it seemed that this year's 24 Hour Walk (back on 6/7 July - remember?) was headed for a rather wet and miserable weekend. Although we dodged showers all the way to the start - closely guarded secret that it was! - it seemed to clear up, and we were lucky to have a fairly dry weather most of the event.

150 unsuspecting competitors lined up in picturesque disarray, and following the start went off in what seemed like 153 directions, leaving the organisers and a few stray hash house staff the unenviable task of drinking a now open magnum of champagne! As the organisers went off to set one of the early checkpoints, it was rather amusing to note several teams already well off course on their way to their first checkpoint!

At Hash House 1, a team of staff had arrived early, and were busy erecting tents, sorting out equipment, and preparing the haute cuisine that was a highlight of the event. Things were well in hand by the time the

first fleet-footed madmen swept in at dusk. Safer competitors, and those who couldn't navigate, kept arriving well into the night. A number of competitors immediately claimed that there were misplaced checkpoints; in particular, one on a knoll. The organisers were unconvinced!

The second leg promised to be a fairly long one, being in rather steep country, and negotiated at night. A large number of teams showed some reluctance to leave the warmth of the fire at Hash House 1! Nevertheless, most teams did continue, and Hash House 2 did a roaring trade from late at night into the early hours.

At the second Hash House, we were all kept entertained by a group from a car club who were holding a rally in the forest at the same time. Cars kept coming and going at high speed throughout the night. Many competitors reported high speed cars rushing out of the scrub as they struggled up some steep track towards HH2. Only one team, so far as is known(!) succumbed to the temptation for a lift.

By the second Hash House, some of the claims of misplaced checkpoints were getting rather assertive; one in particular, which happened to be on a spur shoulder. With great confidence, the organiser refused to investigate the matter until daylight, only to return from a tour of inspection with the rather humiliating admission that the checkpoint was not only misplaced, but was on entirely the wrong spur! Any shame on the part of the organiser was nevertheless somewhat overshadowed by the embarrassment of those few teams that had found the checkpoint, and maintained that it was in the right place!

By this time, rather large droves of competitors were pulling out of the contest (no stamina), and only a selection of teams were filtering through to HH3 and 4. Very few got beyond that, although several teams got one or two checkpoints in the fifth leg. The only team to complete the course were the eventual winners. Back in the fourth leg, some of the teams were a little thrown off the track by the very slight misplacement of a checkpoint in a gully, and one of the teams was a little disconcerted to discover the organiser bringing the checkpoint down to them - in the correct place!

In any case, nearly all teams which were physically inclined, kept going, despite these slight traps, and by the close of the event, a remarkable number of competitors had arrived at HH4, although a considerable number had already been disqualified. The Hash Houses were taken down in double quick time, and eventually all competitors were bundled into vans for the rather subdued trip home. Right on cue, Hughie opened up and it poured with rain until well after our return.

All in all, it seemed to have been a very successful event. Organising a 24 is quite an experience, and one which is more enjoyable than might seem. Naturally it was disappointing to have lapsed in concentration to the extent of misplacing two checkpoints, one seriously, but much of the extensive field work which preceded the event was very pleasant indeed. Nevertheless, it could not be claimed that the event can be organized in just a day or two - it tends to keep one busy for well over a month!

One thing is certain, the event just wouldn't be possible without the help of the hash house staff and the course checkers (who, by the way, weren't at all responsible for the misplaced points in the latter legs). Their assistance is greatly appreciated; so too is the interest shown by all the competitors, who by turning up in sufficient numbers made the event a financial success.

Just for the record, here are a few statistics:

1. 48 teams started; 22 of them All Male, 24 Mixed, and 2 Female.
2. 38 teams got to HH1 without disqualification

26	"	"	"	HH2	"	"
16	"	"	"	HH3	"	"
8	"	"	"	HH4	"	"

 and 4 teams got to some checkpoints in leg 5
3. Only one team completed the course, but in 24 hrs 09 minutes.

For those not in the know, the event was held in the Mt Disappointment State Forest, on the Kinglake 1:50,000 mapsheet, in the country east of Heathcote Junction.

A Beginner's Impression of the 24 Hour Walk

The thing which impressed me most was the intense atmosphere of competition surrounding the event. This was first noticed on Saturday morning when I arrived to find various individuals engrossed in the studying and marking of maps.

This competitiveness was also shown during the event. Being novices to the scene, our team gladly told anyone if they were on the right track to their checkpoint (that is, if we had been there ourselves - usually we were the ones asking for advice). However we soon found that some teams were not so eager to guide us, even if they were a dozen checkpoints ahead. For instance, when we were looking for checkpoint No.9, a "knoll", there were lots of torches flashing and people running into each other. As cries of "Have you found the knoll?" echoed through the trees, the number of voices answering "No, have you?" gradually diminished, as did the number of flashing torches! Obviously they weren't going to tell us.

We also noticed that most teams travelled via the roads. Having plenty of spirit but not much experience, our team decided to bush bash (in straight lines, of course) from one point to the next. We soon became aware of the wisdom of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson, who followed the ridges not the creeks - I always knew Grade S history would come in handy - but we didn't catch on to MUMC's theory of "follow the roads". When we did follow the roads, it was at the risk of being mowed down by a rally car, which just goes to show that a bushwalker's place is in the bush!

Anyway, the hash wasn't bad, and it was all invaluable experience - for next year's 24!

J.K. (? ed.)

...Yet another report from the 24-hour, this one by Iain East.

This years 24-hour Walk was, in general, a successful event - more so than previous walks I believe. The map this time was up-to-date and mostly accurate, qualities sadly lacking from the Meredith sheet. There were however a few problems that marred the event.

The main problem was, once again, misplaced checkpoints. 44 out of 47 teams could not find checkpoint 15 because it was misplaced, emphasizing that the organisers must have all checkpoints verified before the event starts. In this case three teams found the checkpoint and so demoralized

some other teams because it introduced the possibility that the checkpoint may have been correctly placed. By the time this doubt was cleared up on Sunday morning, it was too late for many teams to still be in the race.

After 2 successive years with havoc being created by misplaced checkpoints, it is time to introduce a new system regarding continuation if a checkpoint is not found: Immediate disqualification does nothing for the competition as a whole. Scout competitions assign each checkpoint a distance value and if the checkpoint is missed then this distance is subtracted from the total distance covered by the team in the 24 hours. However, even this system has its disadvantages: David Bayliss and his team lost a competition in 1973 by .05 miles, or a mere 88 yards!

A better system may be to introduce a penalty: if a checkpoint is missed then the team forfeits the last 2 checkpoints they visit. This may induce teams that miss a checkpoint to continue walking beyond the next hashhouse!

Another general complaint was the long road bashes, especially on the 3rd leg. It takes no navigational skill to walk down a road and count intersections. This type of course accomplishes nothing but breaking the teams that attempt it, especially those teams which aren't near the lead so have little incentive to keep on. The organisers could have only 1 reason for a course like this - to separate the sheep from the goats, to thin out the field. This leg was walked early in the morning and was probably more than just part of the reason why teams such as Graeme Oakes and Tony Sherwood's stopped at hashhouse 3, only to be passed by teams that did this section in the daylight.

A disturbing aspect of the walk was the large number of injuries to ankles, knees, and other sundry sections of leg. As one competitor said, "It's not for sheep stations", so why do people push themselves past their own limit? People should compete within their limitations and enjoy themselves rather than become masochists year after year. The fitness, or rather lack of it, was shown by the pitifully few teams that were still walking after sunrise on Sunday. It appears that the 24-Hour has become just an endurance test, rather than test of navigational skills.

A pleasing aspect of the results was the mixed section winners - this victory shows that "outsiders" still have a chance of showing the Club heavies a trick or two, and that you don't have to be an A Grade orienteer to win the competition.

You may not have to be an orienteer to win, but results show that it sure must help: Tony Kerr and co won, whilst Ian Moore, Don Fell, Barry Parsons etc. (ad nauseum) were well up at the front.

Finally, congratulations to Robyn and Dave, and Tony and Team on their wins. And a thanks go from all the competitors to Adrian Davey, Peter Griffiths, and all the hashhouse staff for a job well done.

Results of the 1974 24-Hour Walk

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|---|---|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| A | 1 | Tony Kerr |) | |
| | | Peter Morgan |) | Completed all checkpoints |
| | | Tim Dent |) | |
| | 2 | Greg Martin |) | Completed all but last check- |
| | | Phil Waring |) | point |

- B 1 Robyn Storer) Got to 29 and back to HH5 by
 David Hall) 1250
- 2 Elaine Murray) Got to 29 and back to HH5 by
 Ian Moore) 1323
- 3 Nick White)
 Marg James) Got to HH4 at 1143
 Rudi Frank)
 Chris Murphy)
- 4 Don Fell)
 Fiona Shaw) Got to HH4 at 1236
 Liz Brown)
 Barry Parsons)
- = 5 Keith Thomas)
 Claire Armstrong) Got to HH4 at 1300
) (Monash team)
 Lorraine Tomuns)
 Henk Smakman)

C No Winner

(Leaders were Gill Hume and Jacquie Rand, who went well of course and had to get a lift to HH2. The other team, whilst not as successful at getting checkpoints, did manage to navigate to HH2 without assistance!)

Feathertop Hut

This year has proved to be a bumper one as far as snowfall goes, and the current August vacation will doubtless see plenty of activity on the mountain.

A work party during the autumn replaced one of the main windows on the hut, the glass of which had been broken after the restraining cord had failed. Please take care when opening the windows, and report any leaks, hinge problems, or difficulty in closing. In particular, please remember that the windows are not to be used as doors, even if the snow outside is at a convenient level.

It seems that there are several people still holding onto keys for the hut basement. It would be appreciated if ALL keys could be returned to the hut wardens as soon as possible. Holders may find that a new lock is substituted without warning if the keys continue to vanish. Following an extensive tidy up of the basement recently, it would be appreciated if things could be left in reasonable order. One thing to remember is that it is advisable to leave no equipment, wood, briquettes, etc, within sight of the grille.

The population of assorted rodents and marsupials in the general vicinity of the hut still gives occasional trouble. It is high time all visitors carried away ALL their rubbish, including food scraps. In times of approaching clash with developers who propose to operate on the mountain, it will be profitable if the users of the hut are consistent in their regard for the environment in this way.

Following the drowning of a person crossing flood-swollen Stony Creek recently, the North West spur track has been deviated to cross the creek at a good log a little downstream of the original crossing - which was a broken V shaped log, the first crossing of the main creek on the way in. A work party spent some time before the recent alpine instruction course cutting the track, and blazing it with orange material. Until the new track "wears in" a little care will be needed (especially at night) not to miss the turnoff.

Revised track notes would now read:

Cross the Ovens River on the remains of an old bridge immediately east of a tree marked in blue with DLS/413. Head east across Keatings farm, past a hayshed, into the valley of Stony Creek. The track is initially a cattle pad, but the valley narrows, and after crossing some swampy sections, the track climbs up a little onto the south slope of the valley. The track then drops into a small creek, crosses it, and after a few metres steep climb, continues along the side of the valley slope, gradually descending to stream level at a bend in the creek. The track continues at this level, and comes to a fork on a small grassy flat. Take the left hand track to a good big log across the creek. The right hand branch goes to a crossing further upstream which is unsafe except at low flow. From the log, the track follows the creek bank upstream for a few metres and then turns steeply up the slope. It then contours up the valley for 50m or so and rejoins the other track on top of a narrow little spur. From here, the track descends onto the flat, and then climbs steadily up the valley, to a spur, from which it descends steeply to a crossing on the creek.

(From here, the track climbs steeply up the north west spur, passes a "Steep Descent" sign, and eventually reaches the hut!)

Hut Wardens

Beginners Snow Walk at Mt Baw Baw

Late one Friday night in July, 28 people camped at Tanjil Bren in strong winds and imminent bad weather. Next morning even the masochistic leader, Dave Caddy, showed signs of reluctance, being among the last to pack up.

Mt Baw Baw was ascended via the chair lift to the village. One hardy, or impecunious, member decided to stroll up the track in the belief that it was quicker, or at least cheaper. A short waltz through the snow, followed by lunch stop which saw a gigantic snow ball fight, continued throughout the weekend. There were some perpetual complainers about the levitated snow (experienced snow walker and poor thrower no doubt!) Camp was duly set up after lunch and most of the party proceeded to do some ground-sheeting or climb a nearby hill for the views(?).

The morning light showed the beginners to have some ability; the only collapsed tent belonging to some supposedly experienced snow campers. Camp was broken early (for a snow camp) at 12 o'clock, to walk over the summit of Mt Baw Baw, this being conquered amidst falling snow. The party walked back to the village via the snow pole line, an attempt at ground-sheeting down the main ski run being averted by the vigilant leader.

It was agreed that the weekend was a great success in initiating people safely to the comforts (?) and pleasures of snow walking and camping.

CANOEING

Up the Creek - with your canoeing correspondent

The regular meeting of the Canoeing Sub-committee was held on 10th July. Fortunately the fire had been earlier lit by the maid and was piled high with wet wood. This serves to keep the heat in and to dry the wood so more wet wood can be dried later.....? Those intrepid armchair canoeists, 'the convenors' were there, as well as up and coming canoeists such as Tim and Ross, and various heavies like John, John, Phil and Heidi.

The possible splitting of MUMC was discussed and all were strongly opposed to any suggestion that we were not an essential and integral part of MUMC's diverse activities.

Now to important things... The canoeing section has recently built three new kyaks and so far only one has been patched.... after going down rapids backwards, sideways, upside-down and occasionally frontwards a certain Mr Forbes Brien's luck ran out. As well as these boats, new lifejackets and stack hats have been purchased. It is also hoped to get the pavillion room where we store the boats improved and we hope that the number of people lost under the floor (15 last year) will no longer exceed those lost at sea or river (14½ last year if you include David).

Anyone interested in coming on any canoeing trips should put their name in the trips book at the appropriate time. If you are a beginner don't worry as many of the trips are suitable for beginners, and if they're not we'll tell you when the next easy trip is. And remember if you want to find out about canoeing just come along to the next advertised work party and talk to us.

We are arranging a number of eskimo rolling sessions for aspiring kyakists. This is an essential skill in harder conditions....it is also known as "How to paddle upside-down and still breathe." And still there's more... We are at last affiliating with the Victorian Amateur Canoeing Association. This means, among other things, that there will be a Slalom every month that we are eligible to go to and improve on that other famous and oft neglected skill "rock avoidance".

And finally watch this column for the patented T. Hughes method of avoiding the dreaded canoeists curse or 'wete feete disease', and also news of impending screenings of some canoeing films.

John Templer.

The following articles may seem to be somewhat out of date due to the tardy appearance of this edition!, but since very little has been heard from the canoeing section of the club in recent months, it is hoped that these will provide information about past activities in canoeing for those interested.

(Eds.)

Intervarsity Canoeing

I.V. canoeing was held, during the May vacation, about 20 miles from Grafton in northern N.S.W. The slalom course was set up on a stretch of very fast water below a hydroelectric station, and at the start of the course there was a very large sign warning canoeists against attempting

"this wild and uncontrolled tributary of the Nymboida River". We were further warned of the "danger of submerged rocks and logs" (very unusual things to find in a river!)

Despite the warnings your intrepid band of MUMC canoeists, Cathie Seccombe, Karen Roberts, Dave Iser, Tony Sutherland, Ross Seedsman, and myself, decided to compete. The result was a very enjoyable 2 days on a testing slalom course, and while we did not win, neither did we lose - we came in about the middle of the field being 6th in the slalom and 3rd in the downriver race. Our best success was the Canadian event in the downriver race, where the touring Canadian paddled by Dave and Tony, proved far superior to the slalom boats on a course which consisted almost wholly of flat water.

The highlight of the slalom event must have been Dave Iser's battle with gate 20, where he managed to capsize his boat in every run but one. Dave's best effort was to right himself by pushing off the bottom, only to be tipped back in again whilst waiting for the cheers of the crowd! He eventually managed to finish the run but his timer had been stopped following so many reports of capsizing.

Although we were not as successful as in the 2 previous I.V's., due mainly to the loss of a number of experienced canoeists from the Club, there are enough promising newcomers to canoeing to auger well for future I.V's., including the 1976 event, which we will be assisting Monash to organize.

Tim Hughes.

Ice on the MacCalister, Rocks in the Delatite, and Seedsman in the Yarra

....by Tim Hughes.

A number of canoeing trips have been held during second term. The first was a three day expedition to the MacCalister River near Licola, which turned out to be a most enjoyable weekend despite the weather and over abundance of cow pads right where we wanted to camp. The first day proved to be an easy paddle, the excitement to come on the second and third days as the river flowed in a large loop away from the Heyfield-Licola road, passing through a range of hills. This stretch of water contains some really good and testing grade 3 rapids, especially when the river is high, as it was that weekend. These rapids seemed to bring out the best in the new canoeists, who, despite the inevitable capsizes, did very well. The weather however, was so cold that it was almost necessary to defrost the canoes before putting them in the water in the morning: the site of canoeists defrosting their paddles over the fire in the morning is not a common one. It appears that for quite a while to come the incomparable MacCalister fire will be the yard stick by which all good canoeing fires will be measured.

Our next trip was a weekend on the Delatite, which was unfortunately at a fairly low level and hence some damage to the boats could not be avoided. The camping spot was changed from the usual site because on the last trip a billy goat not only collapsed tents but attempted to devour the fibreglass kyaks. No such problems were encountered at the new camping site.

Then came one of the most memorable trips, when "BigRed" Seedsman finally led his first (and last? - "this leading isn't all it's made out to be") trip - a beginners' day on the Yarra. Unfortunately the trip only went about 3 miles instead of the intended 11, but the weather was sufficiently warm to enjoy some good water fights, and also play about in

some of the rapids. Towards the end of the trip it was remarked that the definition of leader was "the person who spends the most time in the water rather than on top of it". However, it was a really good day, as those who weren't beginners paddled boats they had not previously used, hence everybody learnt something.

CONSERVATION

South West Tasmania by Steve Bennett

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and to see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

Thoreau (Walden and Civil Disobedience 1845)

Today the woods, the areas yet to be despoiled by man, are steadily disappearing. Geoff Mosely (ACF), compiled a map showing areas in south-east Australia which are more than 3 miles from a road, and hence potentially definable as wilderness. In Victoria a minute area falls into this category. By contrast, the south-west of Tasmania has an area of potential wilderness approaching 2 million acres. Sir Edmund Hillary was quoted as calling S-W Tasmania "one of the last great wilderness areas in the world".

What do we understand when we talk of wilderness? The Lake Pedder Committee of Enquiry, in 1973, used the word to describe an area "generally unaffected by man and man-made works, which provides outstanding enjoyment of primitive and unconfined types of recreation".

I would like to briefly outline why the S-W is so important to us, as a Club; the current threats to the region; and what can be done to prevent further despoilation.

Roughly, when one speaks of the South-West, one means that area of Tasmania south of the Lyell Highway and extending to a line linking Maydena with Dover.

Since the early exploration of this area by members of the Club in the late 40's and early 50's, many have been drawn by the promise of a true wilderness experience. There is a tremendous variety of terrain, and hence activity available in all Club spheres. Extensive uninhabited coastline, wild river systems, spectacular peaks, unexplored cave systems - a challenging environment. Bushwalking is the major attraction at present; extended walks are possible if you wish, for months without meeting a road or retracing your steps. Shorter trips are quite popular: the coastal walk from Catamaran to Port Davey and onto Scotts Peak Dam is becoming increasingly popular. Virgin beaches, magnificent views and the chance to supplement your diet with such delicacies as crayfish and abalone make it a pleasant holiday. On the way out you catch glimpses of the Western Arthurs and Federation, perhaps to be traversed next vacation.

In the sphere of canoeing you may have read of the exploits of Olegas Truchanas who has solo canoed many of the rivers using a collapsable kayak. These rivers are the last remaining unmodified and permanent wild streams in Australia. On the slopes of Mt Anne and Precipitous Bluff there are unexplored limestone cave systems - a unique opportunity for wilderness caving. And for the climber, Frenchman's Cap, Federation, and Precipitous Bluff offer challenging climbs.

There are many attractive features not mentioned, and many areas even now unvisited. The lure of the S-W is one of unparalleled challenge, and once you have been, you are sure to go again.

However this vast wilderness is under imminent threat; Lake Pedder, the hub of any S-W trip, area of intense beauty and scene of a bitter conservation struggle, has been destroyed. The utter bloody-mindedness of the Tasmanian government not to accept the 8 million dollars offered to save the lake, makes one despair for the future of mankind, not just the southwest. Soon to go could be : 1. Precipitous Bluff and New River Lagoon : these are threatened by mining - Mineral Holdings have an application for an exploration licence. Also, the APM has forestry rights to the incredible forest on the slopes of PB. At present all hinges on an appeal by the conservationists, in November, against the reversing of the earlier decision not to grant a mining permit. In the early decision, 5/12/72, J. Temple-Smith stated: "...the advantages of retaining the area in its present primeval and pristine condition far outweigh the nebulous benefits to be derived from the mining activities proposed".

2. The HEC is again on the move in the never ending battle for the production of power, the attraction of mainland industry, and the capitalist exploitive way of life. A scheme, in the planning stage, is to flood the lower and middle Gordon River, the Denison, and even the Davey and Frankland Rivers - shades of Pedder. Is the HEC dam mad or damn mad?

3. The forestry interests are probably the most worrying at the present. APM again rears its ugly head. A forestry road is currently being pushed from between Lune River and Catamaran, with the aim of giving access to all the timber up to Surprise Bay. This area is vital as a buffer zone to any planned extended S-W national park. Urgent action is required to halt any intrusion in this corner of the wilderness.

As well as the road to Surprise Bay, one is being pushed, again by forestry interests, up the Picton River behind the Hartz Mountains, to eventually give access to the eastern slopes of the Pictons.

4. Mining interests are stepping up activities in the Port Davey area. Mr ERIC REECE, Premier and as it happens, also Minister for MINES!, upon coming to power in 1972, did not follow proposals for an enlarged S-W national park. In defiance of recommendations, he approved new widespread prospecting leases over much of the unreserved area between the present Park boundaries and the reserved foreshores of Port Davey. It is known that Ludbrooks, a tin mining company, plan to dredge from Melaleuca to Con's Bight in search of the source of the alluvial tin at Melaleuca. Presumably then major operations would begin, effectively disrupting the intactness of the eastern wilderness, especially the incredible S-W Cape area. Mineral Holdings were also known to be making investigations at Con's Bight in March. NOTE : APM and Mineral Holdings are BOTH Melbourne based and hence "mainlanders".

5. Tourism : the tourist dollar is eagerly being sought in Tassie, and while tourism has its place, it must be decided to what extent this is wanted in a wilderness area.

A commercial airstrip is planned for the Port Davey area, probably at Bond Bay, and it is feared that the road to the Scotts Peak Dam may be extended down to Port Davey, with holiday home development on the shores.

The above threats are very real. No doubt there are others that have not yet been revealed. What can be done?

1. Growing concern in Melbourne for the future of the S-W has led to the formation of the SOUTHWEST GROUP. There has been a S-W committee in Tassie for over 10 years but it was a deligate system and hence sluggish. Currently they are in the throes of reorganization, with open membership. It is hoped that between us, a national campaign can be mounted, with the ultimate aim a no compromise, large, true National Park protecting the southwest wilderness as an integral unit. Meetings and slide shows will be publicized at the Club rooms - it is urgent that no further damage be done to the S-W area, so come along and be informed; get angry! We will need all the support possible. A name change to the Southwest Action Group has been suggested : we mean business.

2. Join the ACF (see Bruce Rigby) : the ACF director, Geoff Mosely sees this area as the most important current issue for Australia. They are in the politics, we are to exert the pressure.

3. Go walking in the southwest next vacation. Become acquainted with the region.

4. For more information, contact Les Southwell (Ph. 38-8238) or myself (Ph. 347-6510).

Remember the Southwest is one of the last great wilderness areas in the world. It is vital to YOU.

*Footnote : The present southwest National Park was proclaimed by the government in 1968, as a palliative to a general public outrage at the rape of the Lake Pedder National Park (this was proclaimed as a Park as recently as 1955, and scheduled in 1967 for inundation!) The present National Park is predominantly a mountain reserve, and includes the whole of the Arthur Range, most of the Frankland Range and several lesser mountains. It has a short coastline some 15-20 miles long, which although interesting, includes no outstanding feature. Apart from the Huon Plains there is little low level country included. The eastern boundary runs along the west shore of New River Lagoon, and planned extensions were to have included Precipitous Bluff, but Mr Reece dropped these silly ideas in favour of mining proposals!

ORIENTEERING

On July 21st the "Order of the Broken Compass", was instituted for singular feats of geographical embarrassment. The occasion was the MUMC orienteering contest on the new Brisbane Ranges map. It was felt that the first to receive this new honour should be the Club's S & R observer - Iain East. While searching for a fence corner on the A-course, the illustrious Mr East walked off the edge of the map, found a fence and claims

to have followed it for 2 miles - checking every corner - before realizing his error.

Other noteworthy performers were : "Twinkletoes Fell", completing A-Grade in 2:12:38, followed by Bob Cannon 2:30:06, and Ron "Wrongway" Frederick in 2:43:00.

- . Andrew Walker won the B men in 1:26:23.
- . Ros Escott (2:07:33) was second in the B women, with Alison McCready (2:20:16) fourth.
- . George and Gill left on the B course together and were not sighted for several hours, returning with a DFN.
- . A large number of MUCM heavies found that the faster you run the faster you get lost.
- . Bob Cannon was another who decided that the confines of the map were too restrictive.

In all there was 28 MUMC enteries, plus John Yuill. Many of these people helped the event to run smoothly by acting as officials. Thanks are due to the many who helped, both voluntarily and otherwise, before, during and after the event.

Note for future organizers : losing people all over the course gives one a marvellous sense of power - perhaps this was why checkpoint 15 on the 24-Hour was misplaced!

Ian Moore.

ROCKCLIMBING

The Fool on the Hill ...current climbing activities reported by that man on the spot, Nick Reeves (Climbing Convenor).

First a brief comment from Nicholas about what he considers past injustices : "Dear Mr and Mrs Beaverbrook - could this report be put in The Mountaineer without any snide references or comments as to the author. Have a bit of respect for his authority. Remember a CC on the committee is a doomed ideal." In deference to the climbing convenor as a "doomed ideal" the editors have refrained from comment (this time at any rate).

1. Picture the Club climbing hero at Arapiles on a bright, sunny holiday morning: he is fully racked up with his krabs, slings and crackers. His helmet is perched across his black curls in a jaunty fashion and he is whistling 'Eskimo Nell' softly, to the accompaniment of clanking chouinard hexes. The all coloured 'beau brummel' boots and his blood red climbing rope show him to be one of those few men capable of scaling the mighty chasms of tiptoe ridge. Look around and you will see other young heroes each singularly equipped to do deeds of great daring. Note the studied casualness with which they collect their gear; envy the confident, relaxed manner with which they approach their set objective20 chattering, goggle-eyed, very impressed schoolgirls who have come to Arapiles for instruction.

Little MUMC climbing was done at Mt Arapiles over Queen's Birthday Weekend. Climbers such as Neil Wellington and Keith Egerton report that owing to feminine objective dangers, no worthwhile climbing could be undertaken.

2. Apart from the occasional orgy, climbing has continued as a major Club strength. Werribee Gorge has been the most popular area visited. Peter Watson, in a fiery spell, led Conscientious Pontius (17), Androcoles (16), and Big Ears (16). Mike March and Anne Bevan succeeded upon Veni Vidi Vinci (17) and Keith Egerton led up Hadrian (15) in fine style. On the other side, at Northside, Peter Treby, temporarily deserting the fleshpots of Mt Buller, put up a hard, dirty climb, the aptly named Hanging Fool (15 M2). Later Mike March and Nick Reeves enjoyed a good days climbing there, doing amongst others Thumbalina (15) and Ladybird (14).

3. A puritan element of the climbers visited the Grampians on Queen's Birthday Weekend. The best climb done was the fantastic Debutante (15) on Mt Rosea, by Mike March and Anne Bevan. These climbers, plus Nick Reeves and George Kuczera visited the Cheesecake at Mt Abrupt and 2 climbs, Old English (14) and The Velvet Vice (16), were done. After a good lead of the latter climb by Mike, the other three followed and a benightment nearly occurred when the 2nd pitch proved more difficult than expected.

4. Finally, a quote from an ancient travel guide puts climbing in the proper perspective:

"Switzerland is a land almost entirely filled with high mountains. Those who attempt their summits are called mountaineers; those who return, survivors."

BOOK REVIEWS

1. A Land Apart by George Harris and Graeme Hasler.

"...Don't grieve that the earth is covered with water, don't lament,
for the oceans reign shall be broken,
with the lands springing up in it
with mountains standing forth...."

A few intensely expressive lines, from a Maori chant on creation, launch us into the splendor of the Mount Cook Alpine region. We are enticed to view, and to contemplate, an almost countless sequence of brilliantly produced photographs depicting just a few of the infinite moods the mountains can assume. The book is a tribute by the authors to the mountains of the region, and to the men who climb them; it is totally devoid of the arrogance that creeps into some mountaineering books.

Although a number of themes categorize the photographs, the underlying theme of "A Land Apart" - the unpredictable interaction of mountain and man - infuses each photographic study of the region. The climbers role in this alpine wonderland is one of harmony and subservience. The inability of man to dominate the precipitous crags, the thundering avalanches, the

creaking glaciers, commands our respect of the wilderness; the ability of man to embrace the mysteries, dangers and challenges of this huge expanse of rock, snow and ice, and to live the move in this everchanging world, sometimes with joy, sometimes with fear, must also command our respect. Perhaps the sentiments being expressed are best described by the contrasting yearnings of the tourist visiting the luxurious Hermitage, the pioneers of yesteryear, and the mountaineers of today.

"....Eye glances across the gorge to further crags.
There is no desire : but the stream, but the avalanche speaks
And their word is louder than freedom, the mountains embrace
Were a death dearer than freedom or freedom's flags
The mountains crouch like tigers.
They are but stone yet the seeking eye grows blind."

On a more pragmatic level, the fascinating contrasts of the Mt Cook Region are vividly portrayed. We are led from the towering ice capped peak of Mt Tasman, to the glacial lakes surrounded by rain forest; from the steep, powder snow slopes being skimmed by adventurous skiers, to a cocktail at the Hermitage bar; from the icy wind sculptured ridges, to the steaming hot thermal pools in the Copeland Valley.....

And for those whose mountaineering appetites have been whetted, a route guide illustrating all the major routes is appended.

George Kuczera.

2. The Modern Book of Mountaineering . . . Malcolm Milne Editor.

An attempt "to create by means of text and photograph, as vivid an impression as possible of the modern mountaineering scene."

In this superb book, many climbers of international repute have contributed their thoughts on what mountaineering today is all about. The first few chapters discuss some of the outstanding achievements : Everest and other Himylyan giants; the Eiger; the Trolltrind Wall in Norway - a vertical mile. Subsequently some of the inherent dangers are considered - the medical hazards, the risks of snow, ice and rock fall, mountain rescue, and a story of will to survive in disasterous conditions at 25,000' on K2, the second highest peak in the world. Other areas covered include the incredible Yosemite Valley in the States; several of the classic British climbs; and more "distant hills" - Antarctica, Alaska, Greenland, and the Patagonian Andes. Then some thoughts on the woman climber; youth in the mountains; the philosophy of mountaineering; the personality of the climber; and a few words on future trends.

The text is easy to read, yet informative. The contributors are authorities - Sir John Hunt, Christian Bonnington, and Royal Robbins, to name but a few. But what makes the book are the unforgettable photographs - dawn on the Eiger with the orange sun filtering down on the frozen snow and cloud in the valley thousands of feet below; smooth rock on one of the Yosemite walls with 2000' of nothing stretching below; the Patagonian ice cap with just you, your gear and your mates, and hundreds of miles of nothing but snow, ice and rock.

This is inspirational stuff - an absolute must if you're having epics on middle grades at Arapiles, or finding it difficult in motivating yourself to get the coin together for a season in New Zealand this Christmas. Even if you are not an active climber, but simply wish to know more about mountaineering, or if you just want to find the irresistable beauty of the mountains, then this book is really worth the expenditure.

Mark Spain.

TRIPS PROGRAMME

First some bitching from the Trips Secretary (and let it be known that the sentiments expressed below are wholeheartedly supported by the rest of the committee!)

On a few recent "instructional" weekends, people have booked in great hordes, then cancelled again at short notice (30 people piking in a week is not at all amusing). This causes the Trips Secretary and Leaders (and our van driver on one occasion), considerable work and annoyance, and worst of all discourages others who actually could go. If this "better put my name down in case" attitude continues, deposits will rise, cancellation times brought forward, and heavens will open up, nameless abominations shall rain down upon the earth, and seas shall dry up, the ground shall crack and sleethy creepy crawlys shall ooze forth, and....!

- September 6 "Equipment for Bushwalking and Mountaineering" PARTY
Nick and Sue White's place, 123 Manningham St,
Parkville.
- September 7-8 Walk - Otways, south of Lorne. Lotsa waterfalls and
forest.
Leader: Steve Bennett (347-6510).
- September 14-15 Walk - Cathedral Range, north end.
Leader: Roy Snoekstra (38-8440).
Return by Sunday afternoon.
Standard - pleasant.
- September 21-22 Mt Bogong Annual Ascent.
Leader: Robyn Frazer.
- September 27-28 Great NIGHT walk! Kilcunda area. Walk till late
(Fri - Sat) Friday night, then barbeque dinner. Return Saturday.
Leader: Rex Niven (347-3244).
- October 5-6 Walk - Mt McDonald area.
Leader: Robyn Frazer.
- October 19 Thrid term ends.
- October 28 Exams begin.
- November 23-24 Post exam Bludge - Beveridges; Station, Buckland
Valley.
Climb Mt Selwyn and Murray, and then sip the dreaded
Gluhwein. Lilo races, marathon Lloyd George contest
etc.
- April 4, 1975 AGM

Climbing Trips : contact Nick Reeves 82-6211.

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COPY DEADLINE : September 30th

..... Dr P. Brunton

("The Inner Reality")

The ACF Fights For Mt. Feathertop.

As you may or may not be aware certain people, including the Minister for Conservation, have their beady eyes on Mt. Feathertop as a possible sight for a new ski-resort. This plan includes a ski-lift up Bungalow Spur and a \$12m. alpine village between Harrietville and the Mountain.

The Australian Conservation Foundation has launched the "Feathertop Fighting Fund" to combat the threat to this the only real (and unspoiled) mountain in Victoria. The ACF is also asking anybody, especially photographers, to submit any B+W and/or colour transparencies of the area for inclusion in its Photographic Index.

Most MUMC members have a soft spot for Mt. Feathertop and it would be good to see this club take the lead in saving it.

The ACF still needs more and more members to build up its strength, and it only costs \$2.50pa to join.

Any donations or enquiries may be made to Bruce Rigby, Mike Henderson or the ACF. (Gifts to ACF Specific Donations Accounts are tax-deductible. Cheques should be made out to, Australian Conservation Foundation-receipts will be sent).

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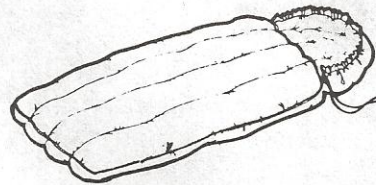
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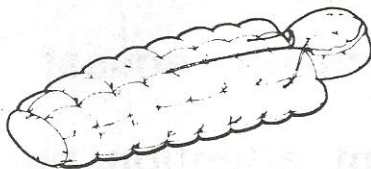
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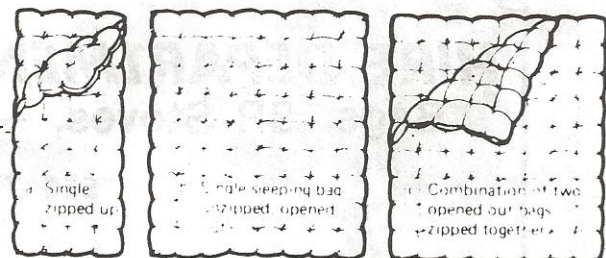
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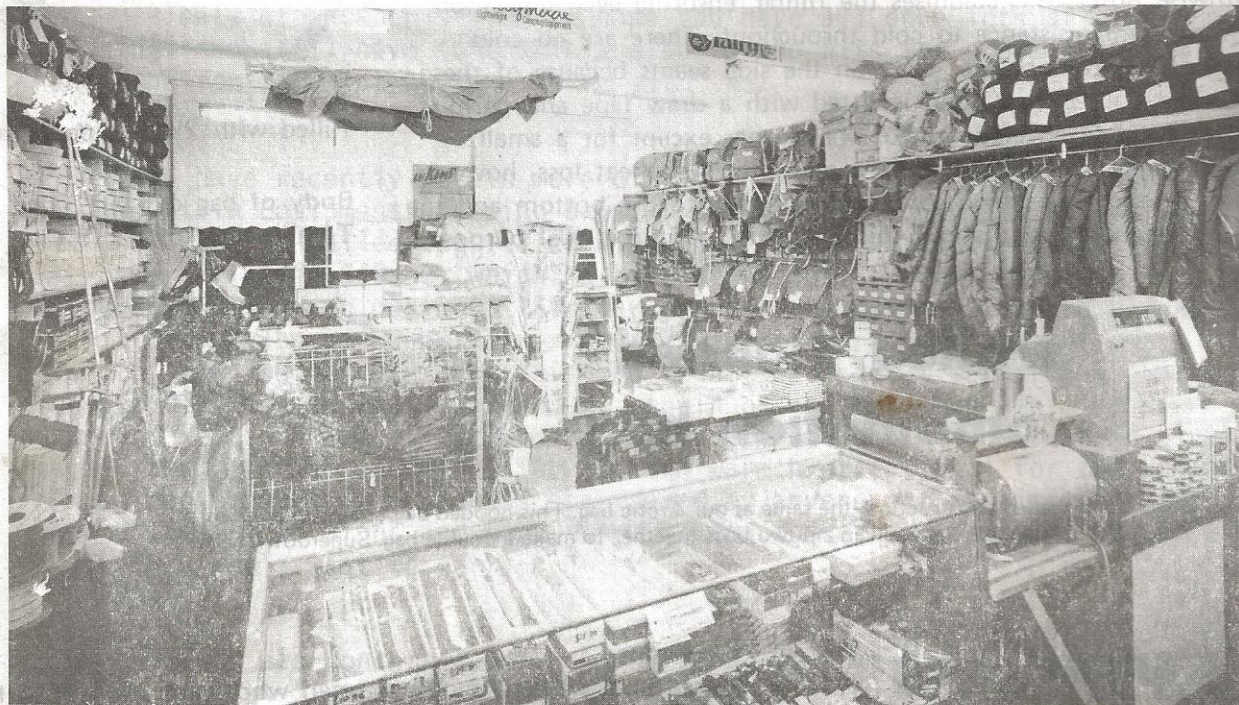
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