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= EDITORIAL =

Due to a complex array of circumstances this circular is but vaguely associated with the advertised Editor, and these same circumstances seem to have landed the job in the lap of the Vice President.

While travelling motor cycle-wise to vacation employment at Jenolan, the Secretary managed to do a little acrobatics with the result that he arrived with what might be referred to as a sore paw. This has since been more specifically diagnosed as a fractured right scaphoid bone and has been committed to the tender embrace of a plaster cast. This orthopaedic accoutrement rather cramps his style and prohibits the penning of circulars.

This would be all very well under normal circumstances, but the Assistant Secretary has abdicated with the Treasurer to the dim and misty isle of Tasmania. The President has also taken the hint and gone to the big smoke, Melbourne, for some months. Consequently the lot has fallen on the only available bunny left, and having disposed of this explanation, we shall proceed with the dissemination of information and friendly advice etc.

= GENERAL MEETING =

The next G.M. will be held on February 15th (Thursday) at 7.30 p.m. All being well the site will be as usual, The Geography Department's luxurious chambers. Have you any good, recent, caving slides? If the answer is yes, bring them along. Also on the list of proceedings is the matter of -

= TETANUS INJECTIONS =

Last G.M. several members had the privilage of being spiked in our first official anti-tetanus campaign. This was originally suggested by the late Ted Faunce and now has been implemented with the help of Fred Stewart.

Tetanus is an extremely unpleasant disease caused by the toxic substance released by the bacterium *Clostridium tetani*. This wog and it's confreres is found in most soil samples, particularly if ruminant animals are locally resident, as in most caving areas.

The bacteria may enter even a trivial wound, and no effects are seen sometimes until the wound is healed and forgotten. The only reliable remedy for the disease is not to get it. This means one of two things i.e. don't get injured, or acquire a previous immunity. The former is rather hard to guarantee, so immunisation is the safest and most certain way.

Immunisation is achieved by three injections of tetanus toxoid, the second six weeks (approx.) after the first and the last one six months later. The result is a good immunity for two to five years, when a booster dose is given.

Those people who received their first injection last G.M. need their second one soon (i.e. next G.M.) Would these people please ring John Lotz (JM 4974) at least by the 8th February so supplies of toxoid can be ordered. Any people desirous of starting a course of injections please do likewise. The cost is 2/- per dose to cover all expenses.

- A. S. F. COMMITTEE MEETING -

This will be held over the long week-end, and all members are invited to attend. Assistance is also needed for handling afternoon tea.

The Saturday afternoon and Sunday (Jan. 27th & 28th) are the relevant times, and the meeting will be held at Paddington Scouts Hall, which apparently is upstairs on the corner of Paddington and Elizabeth Sts., Paddington.

- TRIPS -

Nobody seems to know of any trips in the near future, perhaps there aren't any. While talking of trips one comes round to the matter of

- PERMITS -

Of late, several requests for permits to the Tourist Bureau have been submitted rather late in the piece. The reminder is that a minimum of fourteen days notice is required. Fortunately, Mr. Gavin has been pleased to grant most of these, but please don't cause any unnecessary hard feeling in this direction, by disrespecting regulations concerning our privilege of visiting Tourist Cave Areas.

- ORIENTATION WEEK -

The time of recruit influx is almost upon us again. The dates are Feb 26 March 2, and once more S.U.S.S. will be participating.

Last year all the work was done by a very few people, could we please have some more help this time?

Volunteers and suggestions will be gratefully received next G.M.

We particularly want black and white photos (up to date if we can get them).

Also along the Orientation line, book the week-end of March 3 & 4 for Freshers Trips

- SEARCH and RESCUE -

A trip in the pursuit of the above art will probably be held in late February. More later.

- CATS, DOGS and GOLDFISH -

For that late Christmas present or sheer ostentatious vulgarity, why not buy a cloth S.U.S.S. badge, only 2/3 at Barbara Dew's cellar.

Don't forget to order your brand new anti-tetanus injection early. State length of needle preferred.

For those who don't know the new edition of "British Caving" is now extinct.

If you want to look like a Newcastle Speleo., Paddy Pallin has now acetylene hat lamps. Bill Gibb has one, he may demonstrate on request.

Is your home infested with bats? Barbara Dew is after bat colonies in the Metropolitan area (or anywhere) Already several have ~~been~~ been found, so keep your ears open (sorry no offence meant) and report relevant conversations in the bus, train etc.

Do you want screw top aluminium cans for camping foodstuffs? These are available at a nominal price, sizes about 7 ozs, and downwards.

The latest Journal (originally No 2 1960 will be available at the next G.M.
