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CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

BOX 641 G,
G.P.O. Hobart.

December 1960
No.1.

As a result of the Extraordinary General Meeting of 14th. October, and the Committee Meeting of 28th. November, the following are the office-bearers of the club.

Hon. Pres., Head of State

and Drinkswaiter - - - - - D.F. Turner.

Hon. Vice-Pres. (Motto- "Advice,
Service") - - - - -

F.R. Brown.

Hon. Treasurer £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ M.H.de Vries.

Hon. Secretary - - - - - J. Chick.

Quartermaster & Archivist- - - - - A. Goede.

Trip Secretary- - - - - E.C. Clayton

Other Committee Members - - R.L. Dowden. D.R.Latham.

J. Poynter, J. Shipway.

New Name & Format.

Once upon a time someone thought that they'd like to change the shape of things, so he did, and it is. As for the name it means "Cave Talk", which I think is appropriate. Any comments? If so, the Hon. Sec. will listen to (and probably ignore) them.

New Address.

All correspondence with the club shall be addressed to our new box , G.P.O. Box 641G. (I spell: Sex For One-----GEE!). Any club mail you receive should be re-addressed to this number, or handed immediately to the Hon. Sec.

Overheard in a cave.

"I hear Carl has presented the Club with six pitons"

"Carl! In which cave are they permanently stuck?" (Reprinted without permission, but with modifications from the Bulletin of the South African Spelaeological Association.)

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Forward Programme

We will be running our activities on a monthly basis in the new year. The proposed arrangements are:

2nd. Tuesday. Committee Meeting.

2nd. Week-end. Trip.*

4th. Tuesday. General Meeting.

4th. Week-end Trip.*

* The trips will usually be arranged so that the trip after the Committee Mtg. will be a more difficult one than the one after the General Mtg.

This will be changed to some extent to allow for long week-ends, Easter, earthquakes and sundry revolutions. Details for trips etc. until the end of March will be found on page four.

Christmas trips total four in all, and a few brief details are given below:

1. Canberra, A.S.F. The "Ten Little Cavers" tale is sadly true. Now there are only four on this trip. Des Lyons, our

delegate, and Frank Hasler are both flying over, and Frank is making his a one-way-flight, as he is "going into smoke" for a year or two. Carl Clayton and John Chick are taking the POT on Dec. 27th. and after a week's caving, will use the thumb to see parts of N.S.W., Vic. and S.Aus.

2. Precipitous Bluff. Albert Goede & Co. are flying from Ida Bay to New River Lagoon, and plan to assault the Bluff, charges will no doubt be preferred.

3. Nelson River. Rene de Vries & Co. will be serving time on a stretch up the river and may even look for some caves which are believed to be there.

4. Exit Cave. Dick Dowden being of sound mind (?) does hereby call for volunteers to join him on a trip to Exit Cave. Further particulars may be had from Dick at 5 Quorn St. Sandy Bay, Ph. 51571, or at work at 23373.

N.B. New box no. G.P.O. Box 641G.

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Alley Oop's Piffle Page.

Our vice-president took some of his own advice on one of his favourite vices and achieved one of his lifelong ambitions, viz.: watching the sunrise while drinking gin from a bucket ! ! !

The residents of Lenah Valley are still wondering about a vague form seen tearing around minus shoes and sox.

These two notable events occurred at a party held at the home of the v.p. recently, where ties too were taboo.

Florentine Trip. 3rd. & 4th. December.

After a few preliminary difficulties, (why can't Phil Lake live in an easily found residence, why can't John Chick wake up on time?), we all arrived at Springfield Ave. Corner. One puncture later we met again at the A.N.M. barrier at Maydena, and Don Frankcombe showed us a short route to Growling Swallet (at 560ft., Australia's deepest).

Then, amid a loud fanfare of trumpets the intrepid, caverneers attempted to plummet deep into the Gordon Limestone. But first, the impassable, impossible & impenetrable rain-forest had to be passed, penetrated & possessed (?).

Sounds impressive, doesn't it.? Well in a way it was. After scrub-bashing through "horizontal" and the rest of the mullock we hunted in the rain for "D4" (or at least Albert looked while we took shelter under a Man-fern humpy around a fire, and when Albert found the pot, we refused to budge, until, much later, we were moved by his entreaties (and by orders of Party-Leader Frank Brown) and crashed on up the hill to Albert.

Three ladders were tossed down the pot & Albert went down. Albert came up and another ladder was added and Wilf Taylor went down. Wilf came up & reported that yet another ladder was needed, but, as it was getting dark, the assault party screamed off through the scrub down to the road and then back to Maydena.

The next day, Frank Brown, Doug Turner, Frank Hasler, Clive Morris, Albert Goede and John Chick returned to D4 while the others went sight-seeing. On the way up, another pot was

found, and named E3 (some of our names are really classy), this appeared to be about 100ft. deep from the noise of falling stones. (Continued on page four.)

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Florentine Trip (cont.)

The fifth ladder was added, and Albert went down to the bottom, returning from a depth of 130 ft with the news that the hole did not "go". John then went down for the practice to a depth of 60ft., then we pulled up the ladders, packed-up and headed out. We made record time out and got back to camp at Maydena to find some cold greasy saveloys staring at us out of some red-tinted water.

Back then to Hobart without a record, but with a good weekend's caving behind us.

Welcome to Gray Wilson, who made the Florentine his first trip.

Congratulations to caving Alderman S.R.Lighton, who we hope will add depth of thought to the proceedings of the H.C.C.

Forward Programme.

Jan. 28-29-30. Ida Bay, Exit Cave. Party Leader: Rene de Vries. Names to Rene by Wed. 25th. Jan., (Ph. H 25247, B 22421)

Feb. 14th. Committee Meeting at D.F. Turner's. 18-19 Florentine, Growling Swallet. Party Leader: Albert Goede. Names to Albert by Wed. 15th. Feb. (Ph. H 31742)

28th. General Meeting at Geology Dept. Uni. of Tasmania at 8 p.m.

Mar. 4-5-6 Mole Creek. Party Leader: Frank Brown. Names to Carl Clayton by Wed. 1st. Mar. (Ph. H 26240, B 79445)

14th. Committee Meeting at D.F.Turner's.

18-19 Hastings Party Leader D.F.Turner., Names to Carl by Wed. 15th. Mar.

28th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Uni. Tas. Geol. Dept.

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Length of time..... Amount.... £ s d.

Remember Rene is Treasurer, 78 Lord St. Sandy Bay Ph. H 25247 B 22421 or G.P.O. Box 641G Hobart.

Good caving and a Merry Christmas.

John Chick Hon. Sec.

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