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Next General Meeting.

Tuesday, November 1, at 8p.m. in the Geology Department,
University of Tasmania.

Birthday Dinner.

Our 20th Birthday was an outstanding success and everyone enjoyed themselves. The highlight of the evening was a display of intricate dance steps demonstrated by Frank Brown. Our thanks once again go to Jean and Del Latham for taking us to their home for supper and drinks. Next year it is hoped to hold the dinner at Laetare Gardens unless anyone has a better idea.

MOLE CREEK HUT.

The Mole Creek hut is no longer available to us as it is to be turned into a shearing shed, so until we find another hut in the area we will be using tents and enjoy life in the raw.

Kelly Basin.

A caving trip to Kelly Basin has been arranged by Ron Kent on Sat. and Sun., 19 - 20th November. Drive to Queenstown on Friday night, o/night at the Kents; on to Strahan Sat. morning, back to Hobart Sunday night. The launch trip across Macquarie Harbour will cost between 3 and 4 dollars depending on how many are coming. This area has been little explored. Be sure to come along and let the secretary know by November 1.

Queenstown.

The West Coast Outdoors Club Christmas Dinner will be held at the Empire Hotel on the 26th November. Any member wishing to go please contact the T.C.C. sec. early November. Cost approx. 3.00 dollars. Yes, Bill and Rodney we know you'll be there. Accomodation at the Kents.

Club Bulletins and Handbooks.

Club bulletins Nos. 1 (35c.) 3 and 4 (50c.) are still available from Albert as well as copies of the handbook (50cents.) Only 2 copies each are left of bulletins 1 and 3 so get yours before they become collectors items. The handbook is a MUST for every member and contains articles on such useful topics as equipment, dangers underground, first aid, cave photography, techniques and the structure and origin of caves.

Trip Reports.

3 - 4th September - Exit Cave.
Surveying started but no trip report received.

24 - 25th September - Mole Creek.

The party consisted of P.Brabon(leader), J.Brabon, B.Collin, B.Hodge, R.Hughes, S.Vince, A.Goede, T.Goede, D.Fraser and R.Wallace from Hobart with a West Coast contingent consisting of Ron, Kathy and Bruce Kent, Bev ? and Wendy?.

The Hobart mob reached the hut ~~xxx~~ in the early hours of Saturday morning to find the West Coasters already in possession. After some social natter a short nights sleep was had.

Next morning most of the party went to Little Trimmer and made a tour of the cave. The creek was running but water inside the cave was no problem except to Roland Wallace who fell in while chimneying across a deep pool. Ron found himself in tight embrace with one of the Queenstown lasses. Ten feet of space below added to the excitement. Albert found numerous small shrimps swimming around in the creek and with Steve's help quite a number were collected. They were not Anaspides and may be a new species.

After emerging from Little Trimmer lunch was had on the banks of the Mersey and two members went for a swim to show off the latest fshions in swimming gear. In the afternoon a visit to Lynds was made. Because of lack of time and the high level of the creek the party did not go through the talus.

On Saturdaynight some of the younger members walked from the hut to Mole Creek and back in the record time of more than five hours. On Sunday Kubla Khan was visited. As the creek was flowing strongly everybody took the climbing route. Donald wore gumboots to keep the water ~~xxx~~ in. Brian and Albert headed back to the creek a little too early and Albert went for an involuntary swim at the Narrows but managed to keep his carbide lamp alight. The Pleasure Dome was visited and Brian had a look at the 30 ft. high flowstone wall at the far side of the large chamber with an unexplored passage leading off at the top. With suitable climbing gear this could be climbed. On the way back Brian dropped his carbide lamp in the creek and did a lucky dip act to find it again. Everybody emerged wet into pouring rain.

Forward Programme.

October 15,16 - A combined trip to Exit Cave with the Tasmanian Climbers Club and the West Coast Outdoors Club. Camp underground if weather favourable. Aim is further exploration. Leader: B.Collin.

October 19 - Committee meeting at 8p.m. at 54 St.George's Terrace, Battery Point.

October 29,30 - Mole Creek. An attempt to scale the flowstone wall at the far end of Kubla Khan and explore passage above if suitable equipment available. Leader: P.Brabon.

November 1 - General Meeting, 8p.m. Geology Department, Uni.of Tas.

November 5,6, - Exit Cave. Surveying and inspection of potholes on Cave Hill. Leader: A.Goede.

November 19,20 - Kelly Basin. For details see page 1. Leader: Ron Kent.

Christmas Trip - West Coast. Areas to be visited: Bubbs Hill, Nelson River, Kelly Basin, Leader: M.Jagoe or B.Collin.

A LOSS OF VIRGINITY.

(without permission)
(from Kings Cross)
(Whisper.)

He took me~~x~~ by my slender neck,
I could not call or scream,
He took me to his dingy tent,
Where we could not be seen,
He took me from my flimsy wrap,
And gazed upon my form,
I felt so cold and damp,
And he was oh so warm.
His fervent lips he pressed to mine,
I gave him every drop,
He took from me my very soul,
I could not make him stop,
He made me what I am today,
Thats why you'll find me here

{ A broken bottle
thrown away,
That once was full
of beer.

(Revised Sept. 1966.)

Controller:

If not available,

or

or

O.I.C.

Party Leader.

Members on Call.

W.J. Surtees Home: 2 Denison St., Queenstown.
 Business: Phone Q'town 63.

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

CAVE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATION.

The Tasmanian Caverneering Club, founded in 1946, established its own Cave Search and Rescue Organisation early in 1959 which affiliated with the Police Department in August of that year.

This Organisation is on call on a continuous basis. It comes into action whenever the Police Department or other authorities report a cave party overdue in caves or limestone areas known to contain caves.

The Organisation is staffed by the Club's members and necessarily depends upon the co-operation of the Police Department and other persons. The Club, over a period of years, has collected extensive information including maps of many caves and limestone areas, it has the equipment necessary for the safe exploration of caves, and its members are fully trained in underground work.

DRILL FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE.

As soon as any Police Officer receives a report to the effect that a party is lost or injured in a cave or limestone area he is to contact Police H.Q. in Hobart without delay and pass on information on:-

1. Which cave,
 2. How many in party,
 3. How long in cave or overdue,
 4. Is party lost or injured or trapped,
 5. What equipment, food, lights, clothes, etc. were in party,
 6. If injured and/or trapped, how far in cave,
 7. Weather conditions for past week.
1. H.Q. to instruct Officer reporting to stand by; then pass on alert and information to Police Officer in Charge of Rescue. He will then contact one of the four persons following who will then come to H.Q. and act as controller for the Club. (See list at end.)
 2. If information indicates that a doctor is required preference should be given to one with some caving experience if readily available. On reaching the rescue area the doctor should immediately report to the Officer-In-Charge for latest information and to be equipped with personal caving gear.
 3. P.O. then to contact the next six people on list. If they have own transport they are to proceed to their own homes to collect caving gear. If they live en route they are to remain for Car 1. to collect them. If they have no transport then patrol car to pick them up, take them home to collect their gear and take them to H.Q. for Car 1 to collect.
 4. The driver of Car 1, being the first to be contacted as he is the O.I.C., will report to H.Q. to pick up personnel and gear, receive information on whereabouts of others, pick them up, proceed to area.
 5. H.Q. then contacts remaining persons on list, following previous routine, these will constitute Car 2. Car 2 is to collect ALL remaining Club equipment, food, telephone gear and wire, camping equipment, and any other equipment they require to establish a base camp and clearing station anywhere in the Island.
 6. When ready Car 2 proceeds to the area and reports to O.I.C. for further details.
 7. The Club Controller will remain at H.Q. and assist by relaying requests from O.I.C. to necessary authorities and act as general Liaison man.
 8. The Police Officer in the area giving the initial alert is to stand by at base camp if so required to assist with organisation/communications.

IF PERSON/PARTY LOST IN AREA - CAVE

UNKNOWN.

1. Preparations as before - no change.
2. Outside help may be required - large numbers of men to search area and caves. Each small unit will be in charge of a T.C.C. member who knows area and caves. O.I.C. and assistants will remain at temporary base camp e.g. Police ~~Station~~ if close to area. When contact established they move out and establish base camp on the spot. Unskilled helpers no longer required to be dismissed to avoid confusion.

PUBLICITY.

The ONLY persons allowed to make press releases are:-

Police H.Q., Controller, O.I.C. or his deputy.

REQUESTS FOR NON - T.C.C. EQUIPMENT.

The ONLY persons allowed to request special equipment are:-

Police H.Q., Controller, O.I.C. or his deputy.

FIELD ORGANISATION.

In control of all rescue work is the T.C.C. Officer-in-Charge (O.I.C.) He will remain at base camp and organise rescue operations. He will need two assistants to take care of communications - at least one to be T.C.C. They will also take care of camp and meals, etc.

The O.I.C. is to remain in contact with the Controller at H.Q. so that up to date reports will go through and requests for special aid can be passed on without delay. To this effect the co-operation of P.M.G. is needed.

A trained T.C.C. Party Leader will direct actual rescue work underground. Rescue work will be carried out in shifts - two parties each working up to six hours depending on nature of work. As one party works, the other party rests at base camp. If cave is large and rescue work in a long distance, more parties may be needed or advance base camp established underground. The O.I.C. and Party Leader will decide on this when they get there.

EQUIPMENT.

Car 1 is to take the following:-

Medical Kit.
2 - 100' $1\frac{1}{4}$ " nylon ropes.
60' cable ladder.
Axe, pinch bar, Army trenching tool.
Emergency rations.

Car 2 takes:-

Communications equipment.
Camping gear required for base camp, i.e. Large marquee, small-er tents, cooking utensils, primus stoves, etc.
Rescue stretcher - Neill Robertson type.
All remaining T.C.C. equipment.
Food - quantity depending on type of work.
Extra ropes - new hemp.
T.C.C. maps of area and its caves.

Following gear may be needed later:-

Extra medical supplies.
Radio equipment.
Power saws, power pumps, explosives, drills, experts to handle.

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Mobile generators and extra lights, oxygen, masks, hoses,
air compressors, etc.

REMEMBER

In underground injuries - TIME KILLS.

UTMOST SPEED IS ESSENTIAL.