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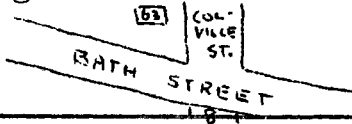
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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

July 12 and/or 13 - Florentine Valley. Leader:- A.Goede.  
July 19, 20 - Kubla Khan, Mole Creek. Leader:- B.Collin.  
Surveying and photography.  
August 2 or 3 - Day trip to Revelation Cave(weather permitting)  
Leader:- B.Collin.  
August 9, 10 - Florentine Valley. Leader:- B.Collin.  
August 12 - TUESDAY. General meeting at Terry and Ann's  
place, at 8p.m. at 63 Colville St., Batt.Pt.  
Park in Bath St. first house on left up Col-  
ville St. diagonally opposite Albert's house.



EDITORIAL. There is not much to say so it is going to be a short one this time. Revelation Cave proved stubborn and wet and we are waiting for better weather before doing any more digging. A survey to and through the cave is also desirable before we push the dig too far. Work in the Junee area has just begun. We hope to have maps and aerial photographs available soon to enable us to do some systematic work there. The area is close to Hobart. It's an easy drive along a good road and the scenery is impressive if you can see it through the vegetation.

You don't have to be mad but.....

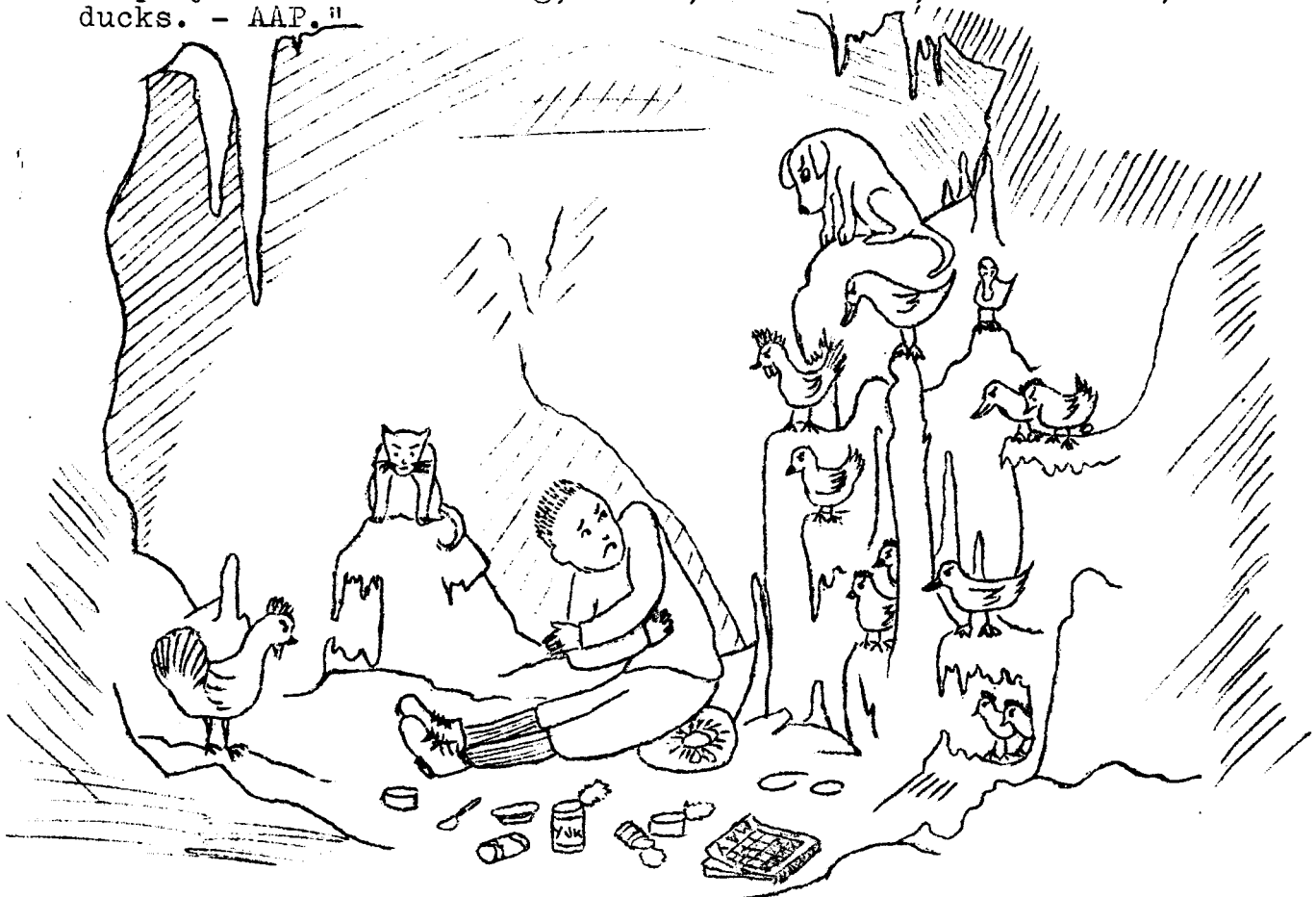
Our club motto is certainly appropriate for that fellow in Yugoslavia whose intentions were recently published in our local paper. It seems that cave conservation behind the iron curtain also leaves something to be desired.

"The Mercury", Friday, 27-6-1969.

"He's staying inside for 460 days.

Belgrade. - A Belgrade amateur potholer has been walled up in a mountain cave - in an attempt to set a record of 460 days or more living alone.

Mr.M.Veljkovic (35) entered a specially equipped niche, high above an underground river in the 1,300 ft. deep cave in Eastern Serbia. His only link with the outside world is a telephone, and his only company consists of a dog, a cat, seven hens, three cocks, and five ducks. - AAP."



Twenty-third Birthday Dinner.

The dinner will be held on the 13th September at the St.Ives Hotel, cnr. St.Georges Terr., and Sandy Bay Rd., Battery Point. You will be served a four course dinner for 3 dollars 50 and eating will start at 7 p.m. sharp. This year we will have a band so Richard can leave Zorba the Greek at home - bring your wife instead. Joan would like your R.S.V.P.'s and money before 6th September, address 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley, 7008. Please make cheques payable to cash - NOT to T.C.C.

Club News.

Joan and Peter Brabon will be leaving on the 13th of July for the great Outback. This time it is Darwin or bust! They intend travelling via eastern Australia to Darwin then down to Alice Springs and Adelaide where they will spend two days with Peter's mum. Then back home on 10th August. They should have some slides for the September meeting.

Changes of Address.

Ian and Stella Farley, 49 Wells Parade, Blackmans Bay.7152. Ph.56779.

Robin and Jude Booth, 4/62 Bowden St., Glenorchy.7010.

Terry and Ann Parkes, 63 Colville St., Battery Point.7000.

Photographers - here is your Chance.

At the last general meeting the lack of good photographs of Croesus and Kubla Khan Caves was deplored especially as we are trying to press for conservation and eventual development of these caves. It was felt that the club ought to build up a collection of original slides and prints. The decision was made to make ten dollars available out of club funds to encourage the building up of such a collection. Please note, photographers that July 19,20 is your first chance to do something about it!

A.S.F.Newsletter.

Many a time the question has been asked at meetings "Where is the A.S.F. newsletter?" We have just received a circular from the A.S.F. secretary containing this information.

"The March 1968 issue has been printed, but various delays(mainly financial) have occurred in the production of the cover. Once this has been overcome the issue will be posted immediately. The June 1968 issue is being prepared by Ian Wood, and ~~is~~ being produced jointly by Ian Wood and Norm Poulter. The stencils for the September and December 1968 issues have been prepared, and will be printed when paper stocks are available. The material for the March 1969 issue is 90% complete. The seven issues from June 1968 to December 1969 will have the same cover artwork, in an attempt to reduce costs.

Dedicated to the Saturday 14th June party.

"Well, well!" he said. "These trees do shift. There is a quarry in front of us(or I hope so), but the path to it seems to have moved away!"

Extract from one of the "Hobbit" books, with minor alterations.  
from One who did not go....

REVELATION CAVE - Saturday, 14/6/1969(day trip)

Party: Albert and Therese Goede, Simon and Janet Stephens, Sib Corbett, and Sally Morris.

This trip proved one thing - unlike Hobbit Hole this cave has been most appropriately named. It was certainly a revelation to see how a reputedly dry cave can in the short space of one week turn into a very wet one. Unaware of what was in store for us we left Hobart at 7.30a.m. meeting Sally at Longley on the way down. It was 10.20 a.m. when we left the cars with a healthy load of ropes, ladders and digging implements. Janet and Therese wisely stayed with the cars. We reached Hobbit Hole at 11.20a.m., had a bite to eat and carefully filled our carbide lamps as we knew this would be the last spot where we could obtain water. Noon saw us at Revelation Cave and we were a little surprised to see a small stream coming down the "dry" valley to disappear underground a short distance beyond the entrance. The cave was added to our list of numbered caves(No.1) and down we went with the gear. The stream was found to enter the cave just below the first tight squeeze and thereafter continued to keep us company. The short drops were a bit of a nuisance as they were not only wet but the rocks embedded in the floor were dislodged from time to time as the matrix holding them was saturated. We managed to stay partially dry until we reached the 60 ft. drop. Our growing suspicions were confirmed when we discovered that the ladder and the waterfall went over the edge at the same point. The ladder

pitch is a beautiful climb - or would have been if it had been dry, - as it is up against a smooth wall all the way. Some records were set for a fast descent but we could not avoid getting soaked to the skin. Below this point the cave slopes steeply downward through an impressive fissure with a floor covered by talus and gravel. Albert collected a live specimen of the cave beetle Idacarabus troglodytes, a new locality record for this species. At the bottom the cave narrows but the total depth must be at least 400 ft. deep. A small creek comes in from the left hand side - probably not Hobbit Creek as it does not carry enough water. We arrived at the dig at 2.00p.m. It did not look a wildly exciting prospect but digging proved fairly easy although only two could work at the same time. No draught could be detected. After a while Simon and Albert wandered off to search for Anaspides leaving the dig to the ladies who obviously wanted the exercise to stay warm. We found two Anaspides in a 1" deep pool in one of the side passages. At 3.00p.m. we went back to the dig to find that about 6 feet had been gained. The passage continues at more or less the same size as far as we could see but is going to take a lot of digging. It is probably worthwhile to survey the cave to find out just where we are in relation to Exit Cave before doing any more excavating. The trip back to the surface was wet, cold and miserable. When we tried to pull up the ladders they would not budge and Albert had to climb down about 12 ft. to free them. We got to the surface at 5.00p.m. with lots of wet and muddy gear just in time to see the last daylight fade away. As soon as we were out a vicious hailstorm left the ground covered with up to 2" of hail. Intent on getting back as soon as possible we decided to take a short cut down the hill to intercept the track. What proved an easy five minute walk in daylight the weekend before turned out to be a nightmare in the dark. Cold and soaked to the skin and with rather inadequate lights we stumbled around potholes, into dolines and blind valleys, slid down slippery slopes and rotting logs. The leftists and rightists were well balanced and we headed then left then right as the terrain favoured one group or the other. In the end we had quite an argument on whether we were climbing out of a sinkhole or heading uphill and we had visions of spending the night wandering around in circles. Finally Simon discovered one of the Hobbit track markers. At the time it was a more welcome sight than a wad of ten dollar notes. We reached the Old Quarry at 6p.m. and after that we stumbled along hail and sleet covered logs and railway sleepers to reach the cars at 6.50p.m. just as our last lights were failing. Never have hot drinks and dry clothes been so much appreciated. Yes, the cave is worth another dig - but don't expect to see us there. If Revelation Cave is a dry cave give us a wet one any day.

Albert Goede.

JUNEE AREA - Sunday, 6/7/1969.

Party: Brian and Jeanette Collin and offspring, Albert and Therese Goede plus 2 offspring.

This was intended as a leisurely tourist type trip to get to know the area a little better. We first visited the Junee Quarry (first turn to right after going through barrier) and had a good look from the cars at the surrounding country side. The quarry is quite a good starting point for exploration of the area immediately to the north-west of Junee Cave. The quarry is quite a long way up so a lot of uphill tramping can be avoided by starting from here.

Next we visited Nicholls Spur by driving along F1 road as far as possible. Here Brian and Albert were tempted into climbing up the lower slopes of Tyenna Peak. We were both impressed by the relief of the limestone (at least 1,000 ft.) but found very little evidence of solution except near the highest point reached where the slope becomes more gentle and we located some sinkholes and a few small shafts which did not seem to go very far. The vegetation on the higher slopes is not too bad as most of the area was burnt out in 1967. We followed a steep-sided dry valley on the way down and were back at the cars after a three hour round trip.

Albert Goede.

F. Full member.

A. Associate member.

P. Prospective member.

J. Junior member.

H.A. Hon. Associate member.

L.M. Life member.

Membership List. 1969-70.

ALSOP, Ray	6 Cann St., Bass Hill, N.S.W. 2197.	A.
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BRABON, Peter	" " " " " "	F.
BROWN, Frank	15 Harrington St., Hobart. 7000	F.
BOOTH, Jude	4/26 Bowden St., Glenorchy. 7010	F.
BOOTH, Robin	" " " " " "	F.
BOYLE, John	Y.M.C.A. Hobart. 7000	F.
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COLLIN, Jeanette	" " " " " "	F.
CHUTER, Richard	Forestry Commission, Maydena. 7457.	A.
CUNNINGHAM, John	Forestry Commission, Mole Creek. 7257.	F.
CORBETT, Sib	1/42 St.Georges Terrace, Battery Point. 7000	F.
CARPENTER, Wesley	43 Darcy St., South Hobart. 7000	P.
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GOEDE, Therese	" " " " " "	F.
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MORRIS, Clive	39 Beach Rd., Kingston. 7150.	F.
MORRIS, Sally	" " " " " "	F.
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If you have not yet paid your subs. please do it now. Brian will be overjoyed to receive them. His address is:

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