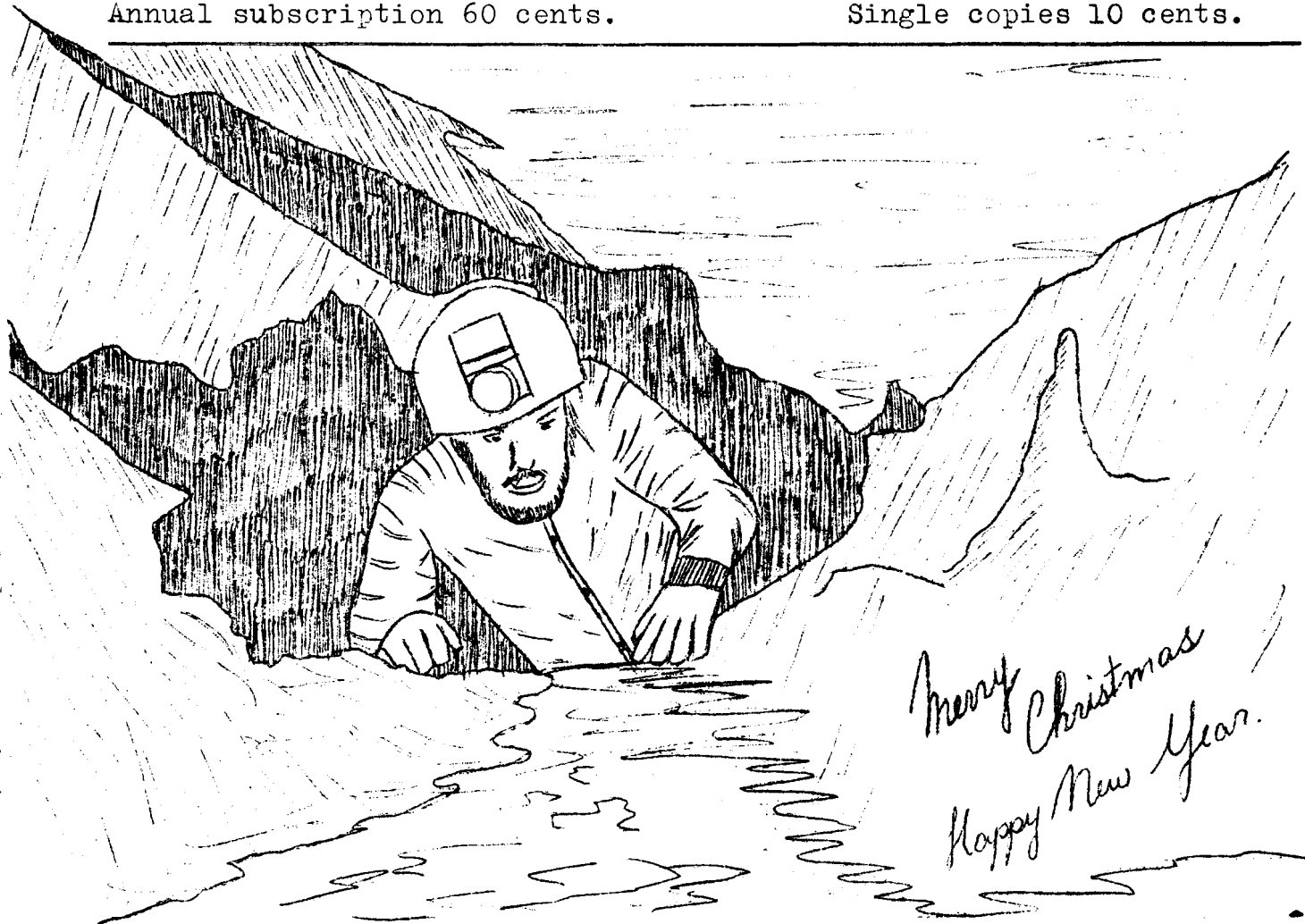


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#### FORWARD PROGRAMME.

- Dec.14 - Sunday. Day trip to Junee area. Leader: S.Stephens.  
Early January 1970 - Three days between 4th and 10th Jan. Mt.Anne.  
Leader: Brian Collin.  
January 18 - Sunday. Day trip to Ida Bay with Adventure Camp  
boys. You are also needed. Leader: P.Brabon.  
January 24-26 - Long weekend. Mapping and exploration at Exit Cave  
with small group of Adventure Camp boys. Leader:  
Allan Keller.  
January 24-26 - Long weekend. Exploration of Gaves at Lorinna  
before they are flooded by H.E.C. Leader:P.Brabon.  
Jan.31 - Feb.1 - Weekend trip to Mt.Anne to attempt descent of the  
big shaft. Leader: B.Collin.  
February 4 - WEDNESDAY. General meeting, Bernard Howe's place,  
7 Hickman Street, Lenah Valley at 8 p.m.  
February 7,8 - Junee - Florentine. Details to be decided at next  
general meeting.

#### EDITORIAL.

The discovery of two swallet holes in the Junee area has once more raised hopes that we will penetrate the unknown cave system that lies beyond the siphon in Junee Cave. Both swallets are more than one thousand feet above the Junee resurgence so there is a good possibility of finding deep systems in the area. Past experience has not been encouraging but you never know - this could be IT. Definite plans are also in the making for a descent of the big pot on Mt.Anne. This will require a strong team and at the last general meeting a combined effort with S.C.S. and the Climbing Club was suggested.

Ida Bay also has attractions to offer for the coming summer season. We are still waiting for volunteers to continue the dig at the bottom of Revelation Cave. In normal weather this is a DRY cave and reasonably easy to get to. Exit Cave has a mile of passages waiting to be surveyed and Allan Keller's looking for volunteers. Best wishes to Jeanette who will be typing the Spiel during the Goede's absence. ED

CLUB NEWS.

- + Change of Meeting. The weekly meeting which used to be held at the Barclay Coffee Lounge in Elizabeth Street will in future be held at the home of Brian and Jeanette Collin, 66 Wentworth Street, South Hobart. Cavers are welcome any time after 7.30p.m.
- + As usual there will be NO general meeting and NO Speleo - Spiel in January. At the last meeting it was decided to continue having general meetings at members' homes on the first Wednesday of the month. The February meeting will be held at Bernard Howe's parents' place in Lenah Valley.
- + A letter has been received from the A.S.F. Newsletter manager that the federation has purchased its own stencilling machine. It is expected that the backlog of newsletters will be gradually demolished.
- + Albert and Therese Goede will be going overseas on study leave until the middle of next year. After a three week visit to Holland they will settle in Wales for the duration of their exile and hope to see some of the famous Welsh caves and mountains.
- + At the last A.S.F. Convention meeting Doug Turner was elected acting secretary of the Convention Committee during Albert's absence.
- + Terry Parkes was elected as a full member at the last meeting. Congratulations Terry! Keep up the good work.

+ Changes of Address:

Col and Joyce Hocking, 20 Banawarra Road, Geilston Bay, 7015.  
Phone: 43 8572.

Kerry Holloway, Box 336 P.O. Launceston(until 8 March)  
Terry and Anne Parkes, 8 Bath Street, Battery Point, 7000.(as from 17 December).

+ Prospective Members.

Angela Komzak, 82 Roslyn Avenue, Kingston, Ph. 5 6524.  
Mieke Vermeulen, 52 St.Georges Terrace, Battery Point.  
Richard Murdoch  
Judy Patterson  
Delia and Anne Maloney, c/o 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point. 7000.

Adventure Camp.

Members are reminded that the club has once again taken on the caverneering side of the Adventure Camp. This involves a day trip on Sunday 18th, January 1970 for about 20 boys to Loons Cave at Ida Bay. As many members as possible are asked to come along to give a hand so make it a DATE.

The following weekend a small group of boys who have selected caverneering as their major interest will go to Exit Cave for a long weekend underground camp. Leader will be Allan Keller and the programme will consist of mapping and exploration. Volunteers are welcome!

Names For The Underworld.

Names referring to the underworld are in popular demand for cave naming but some such as Devil and Hell are used a little too often; e.g. Devil's Pot, Devil's Den, Devil's Earhole, Devil's Spear, Devil's Elbow and Hell's Half Acre. The editor has dipped into her encyclopedia and has come up with the following suggestions to relieve the monotony in future cave naming.

ACHERON - a river in the Hades(hell) of the Greeks.

ADULLAM - a cave used by David(bible) as a hiding place for himself and an asylum for "everyone that was discontented".

APOLLYON - king of the bottomless pit.(Rev.ix.11).

AVERNUS - in classical legend the entrance to Hell.

CERBERUS - a monstrous dog, guardian of the gates of Hades.

COCYTUS - a river of Hades flowing into the Acheron.

ENDYMION - in Greek legend, a youth renowned for his beauty and perpetual sleep; while he slept in a cave the moon came and kissed him.(Sugg. Endymion's Dream).

PLUTO - Roman god of the lower world.

PROSERPINE - queen of the lower world, the wife of Pluto.

RHADAMANTHUS - a judge of the lower world as were MINOS and AEBACUS.

SCYLLA - a sea monster which dwelt in a cave opposite Charybdis(a Sicilian whirlpool)in Strait of Messina; hence "out of Scylla into Charybdis", means out of one difficulty into worse.

EPHESUS - Seven Sleepers of. Seven youths who took refuge in a cave during the persecution of the Christians(249 - 251 A.D.) and awoke about 230 yrs. later to find Christianity est.

STYX - river in Hades.

There are probably quite a lot more suitable names to be found in Greek or Roman mythology, start looking!

#### INTERESTING BONE FIND.

Early this year a party of visiting Canberra speleors visited Toboggan Cave at Mole Ck. and collected a number of bones from the cave floor as well as some large teeth from an old cave fill. A letter was recently received from one of the party - Mary Mendum - with the news that the teeth had been identified as one molar and two premolars of a giant browsing kangaroo belonging to the genus Sthenurus. This is believed to be only the second record from Tasmania. The other record is from a cave fill in the Scotchtown Cave near Smithton which was excavated by E.O.G.Scott in 1942.

#### TRIP REPORTS.

Junee Area - Saturday, 22 November, 1969.

Party: Brian and Jeanette Collin plus Peter, Sally Morris.

In a matter of 5 hours two new holes were found and are now ready for the intrepid members of the club to explore. I suggest Hobbit Hole might be used for initial training prior to tackling the new ones. The new discoveries were where expected from previous reconnaissance and I'm certain more will be found in this area.

Hole No.1. has a creek running into it, approx. 2 cusecs, and was explored for about 50 yards. The first drop of some 10 ft. used up all our available rope and further progress was prevented by an 8 ft. overhang drop. We could see about 20 ft. further on by the light of a feeble torch but could not ascertain the prospects of further progress. Air movement was inwards and a good display of glow-worms was seen.

Hole No.2 also had a creek of some 2 cusecs flowing into it. No entry was made as 60 ft. of rope instilled no confidence in the onlookers of this spectacular entrance. Admittedly the dropping of stones indicated the first drop to be only about 60 ft. but thankfully time was running out so we headed home.

Both these caves have a potential of over 1,000 ft. in depth.

Access approx. 1 mile of reasonable bush.

B.R.Collin.

Mt. Anne - 29, 30 November, 1969.

Party: Brian and Jeanette Collin.

There is no practical alternate route to the "big" hole on Mt. Anne. The "big" hole is protected by several deep sinkholes and extremely rough dolomite outcrops to the west. A very scenic area but not suitable for heavy pack hauling.

B.R.Collin.

Junee Area - Sunday 30 November, 1969.

Party: Albert Goede (leader), Therese Goede, Terry and Anne Parkes, Simon Stephens, Denis Seymour, Delia and Anne Maloney, Mieke Vermeulen, Angela Komzak, Richard Murdock and Judy Patterson.

A well attended and very pleasant trip although we did not succeed in doing what we set out to do, - to explore one of the swallets found the previous weekend. It rained in Hobart when we left and also when we returned but in the area it was dry and the weather was quite pleasant for walking. We left the cars at 11 a.m. with a good deal of gear and followed up the dry valley until we met our old marked track. We followed it up the hill until it started to turn east. We then headed due west, met the dry valley just below its junction and followed up the western branch. Two hours after leaving the vehicles we were still struggling uphill with no cave in sight and grimly reminded of Brian's estimate of a  $2\frac{1}{4}$  hour walk from the cars to the cave. I suggest that all times given by our worthy treasurer should be multiplied by 2 for a strong party, 3 for an average party and 4 for all other parties. At 1 a.m. the party stopped for lunch but Simon and I went off ahead to locate the cave (Brian's No.1 hole). It took us another half hr. The entrance doline is quite impressive with the creek tumbling into it over a cliff at the northern end and going underground at the southern. Two old entrances a little further downstream are now blocked but their presence suggests that the cave may well open up further in. With only one candle and no equipment between us we reluctantly retreated and rejoined the main party at 2.30 p.m. As it was getting a little late to go caving we headed straight up the ridge to the southwest and followed it along in the direction of the cars. The ridge has recently been burnt and is fairly open higher up but lower down are fallen trees and tangles of dead scrub. Reached cars at 4p.m. Hope prospectives will come again./ A.Goede.

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