

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB.

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Winter tramping is now in full swing, in addition to well attended club trips, a number of private parties have been out. The construction of a hut is the next activity on the programme. A good deal of preliminary work has been done, the site selected and a route to it. The design has been discussed and approved, and the next trip should see a start made with the framing.

Ration Lists. (Short Weekend - 4 meals).

There is always scope for variety - incidentally for argument - in the compiling of ration lists. Below an A.S.C. list is compared with a T.T.C. and a suggested list added as suitable for local conditions. Weight is not of great importance on short trips, but there is generally an unnecessary waste of food. The T.T.C. list is excessive but is an insurance against having to spend an extra day or so in. All lists assume that food will be pooled except for midday meal.

	<u>A..S. C.</u>	<u>T.T.C.</u>	<u>Suggested.</u>
Meat Fresh	1-2 chops (or $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sausages).		
Eggs preserved.	bacon and eggs. for one meal.	1 lb.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Bread	sufficient.	2 lbs.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Butter	sufficient.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
Dried Fruit	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. apricots, prunes (or peaches).	1 lb.	1 lb.
Vegetables	2 potatoes and onion, carrot (or kumera, parsnip)		
Running rations, jam, cake, chocolate, etc.	sufficient.	1 lb. Max.	1 lb. Max.
Dry rations, Rice, sugar, tea, etc.	Oatmeal, 2 oz. rice, 1 oz. Rest by leader.	Partly by Leader.	Partly by Leader.

PAST TRIPS.

No. 16. Anzac Day - Waipawa Forks.

Owing to the prospect of bad weather the lorry driver was late and, for other reasons, one member, responsible for two tents, was still later. Seventeen, all told, arrived at McCulloch's Mill a little after midday - no stop for a meal was made - and we then proceeded upstream to the Upper Waipawa Forks in drenching rain - a late lunch at 3 p.m. - then we settled into the larger tent for some parlour games and camp-fire stories.

After early retirement our slumbers (rather broken) were disturbed by a lady trumper announcing that she was sleeping with rain. Next day (fine weather) after climbing over creek beds and through several plantations of leatherwood, the main party reached the summit of 66. Opposite parties made detours on shingle slides and neighbouring creed beds. Darkness saw us all at the lorry quite well fed, if a little wet underfoot. After several unsuccessful attempts at packing the human cargo into windproof position on the lorry, it was decided that in future the forms be left off and cushions used instead.

(Leader - Lloyd Wilson).

No. 17. May 10th - Kahuranaki.

A large party, 40 strong, led by Hamish Angus, made the ascent from Maraetotaro, having lunch and leaving packs at the foot. Though sunny, the day was hazy with clouds along the ranges.

No. 18. May 24th - Smedley (Wakarara Range).

The effort of rallying before daylight was nullified by the late arrival of the lorry and the party did not leave Smedley woolshed till 9 a.m. Our objective, the hut at the head of the Poutaki stream, proved rather far for the whole party but all the same it made a most interesting trip, the irregular outlines and barren screes being quite unique. The clouds, which had been well down at first, lifted during the day and even gave glimpses of the main range, clean of snow, except for a few gullies on Rangio te Atua and 66.

(No of party - 37. Leader - Jim Palmer).

No. 19. June 7th - Cattle Hill via Omahaki.

Starting from Omahaki homestead, Mr. Wilson, the manager led the party up the Makaretu stream to a point under Cattle Hill. After lunch the main body struck up a spur, went along to the trig and down to the main Omahaki stream, rejoining the rest of the folks.

(27 in party - Leaders, Messrs. Latty and Wilson).

No. 20. King's Birthday - Shut-Eye Shack.

Leaving Hastings the previous evening the party spent the night in Mr. - 's woolshed under conditions of almost excessive comfort. Next morning the weather was none of the best as the southerly was blowing with a fair amount of scud along the higher tops, but leaving before 8 a.m., the party went up to the hut, boiled up, then pushed on for Armstrong's saddle. There was snow above the hut and on top it was soft and deep, except on faces exposed to the wind, and the tarns were frozen hard. Conditions were pretty nippy and, after a jaunt up to the northern summit and some gambolling round, they returned to the hut and were at the woolshed at 4.30.

When is the next snow trip ?

(15 in Party " Leader, Ian Powell)

CLUB ROOM EVENTS.

Dan Bryant gave a most interesting address on the 19th May. As he explained, he was unable to speak of his experiences on the Everest Reconnaissance Party, strict observance of copyright being necessary for the raising of funds, so he confined himself to a most illuminating explanation of the general problems of Himalayan expeditions, paying special tribute to the work of the Bavarians, to which he added a number of uproarious postscripts on the subject of climbing in Switzerland with limited funds.

June 5th. Ian Powell gave a lecture on climbs in the Southern Alps, illustrated by a very fine collection of slides. The only criticism from the audience was of the excessive modesty of the lecture, when confronted by his familiar figure on the screen.

Somewhat unexpectedly, on the evening of the July 19th, the first tramper's wedding was celebrated in the club-room before a large representative gathering. The dapper groom (appropriately garbed in top-hat, tails, shorts and boots - nailed) gallantly supported his blushing bride to the altar. The choir (all of it) sang a specially composed anthem. Special mention should be made of the bridesmaids, whose unforced maidenly charm won all hearts.

FUTURE TRIPS.

- No. 21 July 5th. Working Party to Tutaekuri Hut site. A good muster of toilers should see the hut frame well advanced. Tramping for those unable to hit a nail. Axes, spades, shovels will be in demand.
Geof. Pessie.
- No. 22 July 19th. Maungaharuru Range from Titiokura Saddle. A new area. Easy going and views into the little known country between Tarangakumu and Waikaremoana.
- No. 23 Aug. 2nd. Kaweka Range. Kuripapanga Hill (4100'). This is the ridge above the lakes between the gorges of the Ngaruroro and Tutaekuri. An easy track and snow (D.V.)
Cattle Hill Dave Christie. (18)
- No. 24 Aug. 16th. (To be arranged). *Shut Eye Shack* von Dadelszen
- No. 25 Aug. 30th. Wakarara Range via Kereru. An easy track along the Poutaki stream leads through a saddle to Ellis's whare.
N.L. Elder. (~~28~~³⁴ out)
- No. 26 Sept. 13th. Kuripapanga - Hut site. details to be arranged.
- No. 27 Sept. 27th. Trig above Yeoman and Gardner's Mill. A bush trip, partly along tramlines to point about 4000'.
Chas. Higgs.
- No. 28 Oct. 11th. Puketitiri - Balls clearing and Hukanui - a short trip but fine bush and a great view.
John von Dadelszen.
- No. 29 Oct. 24-26th. Labour Day - Herrick's Hut. No Man's Land Hut, Ruahine Hut. This trip, a circuit of the head of the Big Hill Stream, should make a splendid outing as the going is not hard and it is very interesting country.
Stan Craven.

S O C I A L P R O G R A M M E.

July ~~2nd~~. Address. Community Sing. Dance.
July 17th. DR. BATHGATE - Lantern Slides - Bird Life.
July 31st. Sketch or Playette.
Aug. 14th. MR. ELDER - Talk on Plant Life found on the
higher altitudes.
Aug. 28th. St. John's Ambulance. Also Cartoon by HARRIL
BARDEN.
Sept. 9th. ANNIVERSARY CLUB DANCE - Barrie Studio - Gordon
Redward's Orchestra - 2 Instruments. (Cake with
one candle).
Sept. 25th DEBATE - Do Women Make Better Trampers Than Men.
