

These holidays have seen the Club well scattered - some alas! permanently to other centres, though our loss is somebody's gain. A Club party has spent New Year in the Kawekas, and private parties have been in the Kaweka, Ruakine, Kaimanawa and Maungataniwha Ranges, while several members have been with a Hutt Valley Party in the Southern Alps.

The chronicling of the loss of members, transferred to other Districts, becomes almost monotonous, but none the less melancholy. Norm. Collinge has gone to Wanganui, though he has been assured there is no good tramping country there. In spite of the rival attraction of Football he has been a useful member and with the close of the season and the prospect of a Southern trip, has recently been tramping a lot.

With Ian Powell's departure, leaving the Ruahines half untramped, we lose a foundation member - Ian is that rare bird, the all-round mountaineer, skier and trumper. For all the lure of crampons and skis, he can be thoroughly happy boulder-hopping, hacking his way through scrub with his ghastly two-edged slasher or pottering about botanising. His experience and judgement have made him an invaluable Committee Member, while his flair for the social life needs no comment.

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In connection with the Centenary Memorials and Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Tararua Tramping Club recently decided to support a proposal for the creation of a National Park in the Tararua Range. A circular putting forward an alternative scheme was received from the Manawatu Tramping Club, stressing the importance from a natural history and science point of view of safeguarding the ranges in their natural condition. Although this Club had no direct interest in the Tararua territory an expression of opinion on the principles involved was felt to be admissible, and after discussion the Committee decided unanimously to support the Manawatu Tramping Club's proposals. A Conference of Clubs operating in the Tararuas is to be held in Wellington at the end of January.

Past Trips.

- 30 Kidnappers. Nov. 7th-8th. A week-end party of 13 went out to Rongaika and spent the night crayfishing, sleeping and walking the beach. On Sunday they returned via Kidnappers picking up the Sunday contingent, and bathing.

Leader : Dave Williams.

Working Party Kaweka Hut. Nov. 14th-15th. 1937  
A strong party relayed in materials for the chimney, door and windows with the aid of a pack-horse kindly lent by Miss MacDonald; put the chimney together and hung the door.

Leader : Les. Holt.

- 31 Te Atua Mahuri. (5028 ft.) Nov. 22nd. Of a total of 20 starters, 9 reached the top, where in spite of the intermittent mist they had some glorious glimpses of Egmont, Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and the Kaimanawas, met some inquisitive stags and had a wonderful return trip by scree, creek, cliff and waterfall. Another group made a useful reconnaissance of the Makaroro Forks and placed the gorge in the right hand branch. A third reached the bluff camp on Colenso's Spur, while some spent an easy day at Peach Tree Flat.

Leader : Norm. Elder.



32 Kaweka Hut. Dec. 5th - 6th. Owing to Ian's departure a hut trip had to be substituted for the Tukituki fixture. One carload was able to make the week-end and put in a useful morning cutting bunk-framing before the main party arrived, when the majority downed tools and took a run up to 4915' for a breather.

17. Leader : John von Dadelszen

Working Party Kaweka Hut. Dec. 12th - 14th. A picked party went in on Saturday and with their time providentially extended by a day made a great job of the chimney and bunks, besides putting in a window. Various spare parts drifted in on Sunday.

Leader : Chas. Higgs.

33 Kaweka Hut .New Year Trip.

A party of 13 left for the Kaweka Hut on New Year's Day. Weather Showery. After trying out the new bunks a start was made for the Kaweka Trig 5652. Heavy mist obscured views eastwards but it was clear to the west and north. As the summit was gained the mist cleared temporarily and a comprehensive view was obtained. A quick return was made to the hut. The following day was spent chopping firewood and consuming roast mutton.

Leader : Chas Higgs.

Private Trips

Stan Craven took a party of 14 High School Boys from Kuripapanga to Puketitiri before Christmas under ideal weather conditions. After spending a night at the hut, they crossed the range to the Iron Whare on the second day, and descended the Makahu to Cook's Cottage on the third, opening up some useful new tramping country in this area.

Mr. & Mrs Elder with two ex-Hereworth boys also made an end of term trip, crossing Rangitikei to Atua to the Kawhatau Valley then ascending New Hikurangi, locating the skiing hut on the Ruahemi bush-line and returning to Hawke's Bay via Tiraha and Otumore, coming out at Mr. Frank Severinsen's. Packs were kept down to an average of 31 lbs.

Mr. & Mrs D.T. Christie, Leslie Matheson, Lattey & Piesse in spite of the poor weather conditions over the holidays made a successful nine-day trip from Kuripapanga to Taupo via Boyds Hut and Ngapuketuria (4977) reaching the lake at the Tauranga-Taupo. Reaching Boyd's Hut in two days, they spent a day there studying local fauna and climbing the crags of Tapui o Marua Nine. The divide to Ngapuketuria under the conditions of visibility gave some difficulty and the party spent a day traversing the head of the Rangitikei, but good tracks were picked up on the descent to the lake.

Geof Wilson (F.T.C.) Zotoy (M.T.C.) Elder and von Dadelszen (H.T.C.) spent nine days in the ranges north of Tarawera and though the weather cost them a loss of three days at the start owing to the difficulty of making progress in unknown country under bad weather conditions forced them to curtail the itinerary they followed the old survey route to Kohokura (4528 ft) where a clear day gave a most opportune view of the whole area behind Waikaremoana. The main peaks lie in three groups of which the southernmost is isolated by the deep gorges of the Hautapu and Te Hoe Rivers so the trip was continued up the Hautapu to open country and over a low saddle to the Rangitaiki. Game was not much in evidence, but Merinos were met with in the bush.

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Ian Powell and Dick Clark spent three days in the headwaters of the Tukituki locating the route down from Hallett's Hut and acquiring some useful information about the area.

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Hilary Fengall, Green, Joan Hall and Collinge, who joined a Hutt Valley Tramping Club party had a very fine lorry tour from Otira to the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, returning by Pura-kaiki and the Buller to Nelson where some of the party added a trip to Croiscelles and overland to Pelorous Sound. Three days were spent at the Franz Josef and two at the Fox, and they report that the weather was mostly fine.

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FIXTURE LIST (PROVISIONAL) JAN. -} - APRIL, 1937.

This list is submitted subject to approval by the Committee. (x indicates "strenuous trip" for which a reasonable standard of fitness is necessary.)

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Date.</u>                  | <u>x Trip.</u>  | <u>Leader.</u>    |
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| 35.        | Jan. 30th-31st                | x <u>Rangō Te Atua.</u> New round trip via Great South Buttress.                    | J. von Dadelszen. |
| 36.        | Feb. 13th-14th                | x <u>Tukū-tuki.</u> River Trip, 3 hours' easy going; Sunday, Spur to Hallett's Hut. | Ian Powell.       |
| 37.        | Feb 28th                      | <u>Puketitiri.</u> Makahu Stream.   | Stan Craven.      |
| 38.        | March 14th                    | <u>Kereru.</u> Ruahine Hut.   | Geof. Piesse.     |
| 39.        | EASTER. March 26th-29th       | x <u>Ruahine Crossing.</u> Apiti-Ashley Clinton.                                    | -----             |
|            |                               | <u>Tarawera</u><br>Climb Tatara O Kino.   | J. von Dadelszen. |
|            |                               | x <u>Tararua Crossing.</u><br>Eketahuna - Levin.                                    | Ian Powell.       |
| 40.        | April 11th.                   | <u>Kereru.</u> Whakaari. (Pa Site).   | Norm. Elder.      |
| 41.        | Anzac Day.<br>April 24th-25th | <u>Kaweka Hut.</u>  | D. Christie.      |

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Club Room Fixtures.

Jan 29. Talk on Fox Glacier. Mr.F.J.Green.  
Feb.12. Kuripapanga to Puketitiri. Mr.Stan Craven.  
Feb 26. Motion Pictures. Mr.O'Meara.  
March 12. A Maungataniwha Trip J.von Dadelszen.  
MARCH 19. Easter Arrangements.  
April 9. Travel Talk.  
April 23. St.John's Ambulance Demonstration.  
May 7. Aneroid and Compass Reading. N.Elder.  
May 21. Community Sing & Dance.

N.B. Will Members please note that subscriptions for the  
ensuing year are now due.

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