

The H.V.T.C. bulletin dated 25th March contains an account of Ian Powell's Tukituki trip, and mentions that three of their club parties have visited the Ruahines since Christmas. Bernie McClelland climbed Mt. Murchison with a C.M.C. party.

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Ralph Kean contributes some valuable information about the western side of the Ruahines, from his trip of Feb. 7th. The Waikamaka Stream in spite of being shut in between high spurs is negotiable as far as its junction with the main Maroepa (not a wet weather route).

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Accounts of a trip into the Huiarau country behind Waikaremoana appear in the February issues of the Tararua Trammer and the Manawatu T.C. "Beech Leaves". An account of an Easter trip to the Ohakune hut appears in the Tararua Trammer for April.

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A memorandum from the N.Z. Tourist League, Auckland, has been received stating their forest preservation policy. This points out that the natural forest area is now below the minimum safety margin and advocates a general prohibition of clearing except under license.

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At Easter Marge Diamond was married to Lindsay Wellwood and has gone to live on the Hunterville side.

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The attention of members is called to a notice in the Kaweka Hut requesting visitors not to fell trees in the immediate neighbourhood. The hut has been sited in the most sheltered position available, but at that altitude conditions can be severe and from certain quarters the wind can strike with considerable force. To keep the full force off the hut it is essential that not only the trees but also the scrub in the vicinity of the hut be left undisturbed.

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A tally was made on Anzac Day of the number of names entered in the visitors' book at the Kaweka Hut, the total being 167 in under six months.

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Spelling Corrections. The following corrections have been reported ; -

M<sup>c</sup>Cullough's Mill.  
Howlett's Hut below Tiraha.

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Easter Trip - Tongariro National Park. The main party of 23 left Hastings by N.Z. Railway bus on Thursday night and two members travelled by private car. After a fairly slow trip due to foggy conditions the party reached the Chateau Tongariro tired but happy and was there joined by 4 other members - two from Wanganui - one from Auckland - and one from Martinborough. Camp was immediately pitched in the camping ground and after a hearty if belated breakfast everyone felt much better. In the afternoon the party went to Taranaki Falls - a pleasant trip along a well defined track - looking back some glorious views of snow capped Mt. Egmont silhouetted against a blue tinged background were obtained. The more energetic members of the party went on to Tama Lakes.

The next morning an early start was made, the main party being on the road for Mt. Ruapehu by 6.15 a.m. Conditions were not too promising

and when the Ski Club hut was reached it was doubtful whether it was worth proceeding. However our leader for the day (J. E. Tattersall) decided to go on and we were rewarded as the sun broke through as we toiled up the Whakapapa Glacier. After spending some time at the Crater Lake the party descended, the weather breaking on the way. This rain continued during the rest of our stay. This evening and the next we were entertained by the members of kindred clubs in the Park - the Eltham Alpine Club, Paua Tramping Club and several members of the T.T.C., as impromptu shows the standard was very creditable.

On the Sunday all ideas of climbing Nhairuhoe and Tongariro were abandoned on account of the weather and a trip was made to Ketetahi Hot Springs where everyone was thrilled by the geysers, blow-holes, fumaroles and other thermal phenomena.

On the Monday the main party left the Chateau early and after some delays on the road including a stop at Taupo for a hot bath eventually reached Hastings after a really memorable holiday.

The trip was organised by F.J. Green and L. Holt was leader.

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Hut Trip - Anzac Weekend. All records were broken on this trip as no less than 30 members slept in the Hut on the Saturday night and another 7 arrived for dinner on Sunday. Six went in on Friday night carrying a fair amount of gear and work was well forward when the main party arrived on Saturday night after a pleasant trip in. During the night a gale developed, heavy wind, rain and snow being experienced. Conditions improved later and parties were able to go to the top of the Kawekas. The main object of the trip, the improvement of the hut, was carried out, and the building is in very good condition - the working party tarred the roof and walls, cemented the fireplace and carried out useful work outside. Leader - F. J. Green.

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Whakaari Pa Site. The trip to the Whakaari Pa site was made by 31 persons under ideal conditions. The Big Hill Road was left at the O'hara Stream which was followed down to the Ngarurora River where a long spell was taken for lunch. The Ngarurora was then followed down and the main party joined up with the lorry at the Mangatahi stream. Leader - L. Wilson.

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Private parties have made trips to Kaweka Trip, Kiwi Saddle and Peak "66" in the Ruahines.

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Chas. Higgs has returned after 18 days at the head of the Rakaia with Bernie McClelland and a member of the C.M.C. They climbed three peaks with good weather conditions considering the locality.

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Lloyd Wilson recently visited the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. With perfect weather conditions the ascent of Moke was made where good views of Cook and the main divide were seen. On the Fox after climbing up onto the Glacier Neve, the Chancellor Dome was ascended with skis. Some unusual ice formations were seen on the Glacier.

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Club Room Events.

- June 4th. Ian Powell. Talk on Tramping Etiquette. *Stiles*
- June 18th. St. John Ambulance.
- July 2nd. D. Christie. Compass Readings.
- July 16th. Stan Craven. Club Rules (on Tramping).

