

SOCIAL NOTES:

The worst has happened - June Budd actually left us, the dinkum oil this time. We were all down at the station to see her off and with much noise and confetti she departed. The old station is still resounding with the noise. June bid us all a fond farewell before finally climbing aboard. Bedecked with streamers the train pulled out carrying away our June - the light of the tramping club, - maybe that's why she was always going out? ? ?

Good luck and good wishes from us all June,

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Several Postcards have been received from Holt Toop & Co. - the last ones were full of the climb of the famous Ben Nevis. They are certainly keeping up the old traditions as Trampers and are getting in some sly practice for their return to the T.C. They are touring the countryside by car now and are finding it much more convenient as they are able to see much more of the country in far less time.

Nice going boys- get your stories ready for your return.

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Further news of Jack Dempsey: He is now in Gisborne consorting with Geoff. Our Geoff has been throwing out broad hints about forming a tramping Club in Gisborne and it looks as if Jack and Geoff will be starting a club of their own. We wish you luck in your new venture fellow trampers.

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Three of our more affluent members were up at the Chateau for a weekend a short while ago; the Chateau has lost none of its glamour for them, with snow in abundance they skied to their hearts' content. Their skiing is rapidly progressing; Christi's turns coming like second nature to them, they even know the best way to fall off them now. As they sorrowfully left to come home they were heard to mutter "I'll be skiing you".

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We welcome to our numbers:

Jean Gilbert)	
Lucy Hodgson)	and wish them all
L.F. (Tony) Baldwin)	happy tramping days
Frank Simpson)	with the H.T.S.
Tony Druce)	

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A list of members able to join in search parties is being made up and members who would be available to turn out at short notice to assist in such a party are asked to hand their names to Norman Eldor. Night & Day addresses will be required also.

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- CLUB ROOM EVENTS:-

1/6/39:

Our Patron Mr. E. J. Herrick held our attention - a very difficult job - with an account of his month's Wapiti shooting expedition in the South Island Fiord Region. His talk gave us a good idea of the difficult and fascinating country covered by such a trip - many of us would gladly follow in his footsteps were we able. From a Tramping point of view a trip such as Mr. Herrick's is one after our own hearts.

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29/6/39:

In the absence of our scheduled orator the Club was entertained for a most enjoyable half hour by Guy Hardenberg who put on three very fine 1 man playettes, which were as follows:

- (1) A Meaty Melodrama - 3 weeks of love and passion - Gooee Kid
- (2) Galivanting in the Gods - A coster at the theatre - Blimey Bill
- (3) The Village Vicar- A Serious Sermon - Yairz at thin zooo

Mr. Hardenberg certainly earned his supper and resumed his seat amid much applause.

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13/7/39:

Tommy Thornburrow put on a very fine performance of conjuring for us which left us all very puzzled. Ron Craig is still wearing a look of bewilderment; Where DID those cards go ?????? As far as we know there was nothing up his sleeve either, What a man to have on one of those "Winning" expeditions?

Tommy was well rewarded for his efforts as the applause was deafening.

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27/7/39:

To quote the words of our President "Ronagh will now produce Piet van Asch " - Ronagh did, with the result that Piet escorted us to the N. Z. Aerial Mapping Co.'s rooms and gave us a running commentary on the whole process. The Photographs we saw were of a very high standard and we were able to pick out a number of spots known to us all. It took the best part of an hour for Piet to instill into us "the works". The meeting was concluded back at the club room.

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27/7/39:

A pleasing ceremony was performed at the conclusion of the usual business when a presentation was made to John von Dadelszen. John is very shortly joining the ranks of our married trampers. - Congrats John, we hope to see you both out on some trip very soon.

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H. "I look upon Tramping as a tonic"

C. " Yes - and a lorry as a picke-me-up."

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Tramping certainly brings out the best in one and the inventive powers of some almost bowes on genius. Why, on a recent trip Norman modelled a very neat chest-warmer out of one of his most cherished possessions - his pipe. Very ingenious ???? You should see the pipe though.

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A point of interest: Mr. Herrick in his talk pointed out how frame packs were of little or no use in thick bush country - the frames have a nasty habit of catching in the undergrowth and outjutting branches. The old "Kidney Killers" are used to advantage.

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A communication has been received from the International Youth Tours movement which will prove of interest to members. Some very fine trips are scheduled to Australia, England and Europe. For further information members should get in touch with Fred Green.

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The Social Committee report the following:

On the night of:-

24/8/39: Ronagh will entertain with topical tit-bits from the letters etc. of the Terrible Tramping Tourists.....This should be good.

7/9/39: The Napier Section will show us how to run a Club evening. - somewhere in Napier. All possible, probable, impossible and improbable transport will be greatly appreciated. Will car owners and borrowers please notify Bill Hayman (Phone 3012) as to capabilities of car and driver.

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WAIMAKAKA HUT LOG:

Flats at Waimakaka Forks sighted on first ascent of 3 Johns. Traverse of Waimakaka Stream by Wellington party.

Jan.1939: Report on Flats at Forks from a H.B.Party. Request from Capt. Yerex for assistance in erecting a hut on Kawhatau.

8-9/4/39: Weekend party spent the night at the Waipawa forks and went over on Sunday, climbing the Rongotea Ridge. Discussed with Mr.E.B. Davidson the possibilities of Waimakaka as an alternative to Kawhatau.

15-16/4/39:After cutting a track up the Waipawa side of the Saddle the party camped at Waimakaka site; went up southern head into Rangi Creek; visited stalkers camp on Kawhatau and prospected a more direct route back, followed Rongotea ridge to bushline.

29-30/4/39:Five visited Hut Site - rotten weather.

27-28/5/39:Party camped at site, pegged out and levelled camp site and erected a thatch bivy.

WAIMAKAKA HUT LOG CONT'D:

- 10-11/6/39: Weekend party of four took tools and some materials to Top Camp. Rough night and blizzard conditions on Saddle so came back and met day party (13) who came in per lorry with materials, 4 sheets iron and one set plates to Top Camp, rest relayed in short stages to dump $\frac{1}{2}$ at forks and $\frac{1}{2}$ 15 mins. downstream of forks.
- 17-18/6/39: Weekend party 4 to top camp. Carried four loads to hut site and four loads to dump on scrub lines. Main party of 23 shifted bottom dump in one lift and later advanced material at top camp to dump about 10 mins. upstream. About five loads taken over the saddle to dump on Waimakaka bushline. Deep drifts of soft snow.
- 24-25/6/39: W. E. Party of 4 to top camp. Relayed 6-8 loads over Saddle to Waimakaka bushline dump. Day party of 6 moved bulk of Forks dump to top camp, remainder shifted 15 minutes above forks. All plates now over 2 sheets of iron some studs and dwangs. Rest of wall framing at top camp.
- 2/7/39: Day Party of five. Dull, little wind, river low. Relayed bottom dump to top camp, relayed all material at top camp to dump on flax terrace, started to cut a track parallel to lower part of south fork.
- 9/7/39: Party of 10, snow squall at mill, inch of snow on ground, bush well snowed up, dry and powdery. Sun out about 10 a.m. conditions perfect for two hours, then wind got up with much snow dust. Carried about $\frac{1}{2}$ of lowest dump (14 loads) to start of saddle track; slasher party cut out several detours below forks and a section of track on terrace parallel to south fork. Weather came up thick in afternoon and we left mill in heavy snow storm.
- 23/7/39: W.E. Party 4; slept at mill. Weather cold with rain. Spent Sunday prospecting flood route parallel to river and out first section up from mill.

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PAST TRIPS:

Trip No. 97: King's Birthday 3-5 June:

In fine weather 21 members left for the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip into the Kawekas. The road was left at approx. 5 p.m. and the first members reached the Kaweka Hut just before 7 p.m.

After a reasonably comfortable night (except for those who wanted the door open) 19 left on Sunday for the Kaweka Trig via Studholme Saddle - lunched at the survey camp and all reached the trig. Weather quite good - snow around trig - good view of Ruapehu (very little snow) Ngaurohoe and Tongariro (No snow) A smaller party went on to the Northern Trig and a still smaller party continued for a further hour. That night six men slept in the bivvy and had a most comfortable night. The others returned to the main hut. In the morning three brave girls and the Club Captain (perhaps it was the Club Capt. who was brave) climbed to 4915 and were met by the bivvy party only half an hour late. there was a very strong wind with hints of rain but nothing worse so 9 people made their way round to Kiwi Saddle finally dropping down from

Kuripapanega Hill to the track.

This was a fine trip with excellent views both in the distance and down into the Ngaruaroro. The road was left on our return journey at 6 p.m. and we had a particularly fast run back to town.

Leader Fred Green:

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Trip No. 98: Waipawa Saddle:
18/6/39:

This trip was originally scheduled as a tour of the upper esk valley, but at the last moment was altered to a snow cum working party up the Waipawa Stream. The perpetrator of this scheme certainly had an ulterior motive when making for this alteration.

Our number of 25 forsakes the mill at 10/30 a.m. for the Waipawa Stream, there is little water flowing but what there is is decidedly chilly. We reach the first dump, the pile of timber and iron is split up into loads and divided amongst us - the convey moves off. The time is fairly slow and it is 2½ hours later that we drop our loads at top camp. Great fun this carrying - the first half hour seems interminable and I'm sure my back has a permanent kink, the second half hour finds me becoming reconciled to my fate, after the third half hour I even take an interest in the scenery.

Under very dampish conditions we have a meal and in spite of complaints in one or two quarters some food is surreptitiously "won" in spite of the Herculean efforts of the morning we are not in the least downhearted and carry on carrying on. The pile of materials at top camp rapidly diminishes as we leave to make another dump about 10 mins. above top camp. We drop our loads and make for the saddle and the snow. Norman and Co. cant be content with the work as it is and carry a few lengths of timber over the saddle to make a dump on the far side. At this rate our hut will soon be up.

We are in the snow now, climbing up - Is this a snowball ? - woosh - it was ! The fun begins.

Back at top camp - a steaming mug of hot tea - packs all packed so off we go back down the stream to the mill which we reach shortly after dark. We change and crowd into Tim's hut for a final warm up before his ever enjoyable fire. The Weekend party arrive back at this time so we pass the time of day with them. Aboard the lorry and on the homeward path the voices of our songsters are heard mixing pleasantly with the cool night air - All is well.

Leader: Bruce Beechey.
No. in Party 25.

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S T O P P R E S S .

From our special correspondent.

Holt Toop & Co. will be arriving back in our fair country on the 18th October. It is said they had a big reunion party in London with Ailie and Popoye Collett just prior to their trip to America.

You had better get ready for our celebrations boys - we'll be awaiting you with open bottles.

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Trip No. 99:
2/7/39: HUKANUI:

Our party of 19 commenced operations at 10.45 a.m. when we left the Hukanui turn off and made our way through Hutchinson's bush. Following a disused tram track until it finally petered out we continued on to the foot of our objective. In a very pleasant little valley just below the trig the necessary fire making materials were collected and in a short while the billy was boiling merrily. From this spot we had a fine view of looking back towards Hastings with the Cape very prominent. Our botanical minded members were attracted by the beauty of some wild berries and wild guesses were made as to their name.

After kunch we made the ascent to the trig and were well rewarded for our efforts with a fine view of the surrounding country. There was no snow on the Kawekas which is most unusual for this time of the year. Ruapehu was visible and looked very regal as it reared its snow-capped peak proudly into the ether; our would-be skiers heaved sighs of envy and regret.

We returned via Balls clearing passing through some very fine native bush en route to McLeod & Gardners Mill. Back along the road a few miles to the turn off and the waiting lorry. We were back in Hastings at 8.15 thus concluding a fine day's tramp.

Leader: Ron Craig.
No. in Party 19.

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16/7/39: -CLUB'S CENTURY TRIP; Rangī-Ō-Te-Atua.-

"The Snow begins and the blasts denote
We are nearing the place." (Browning).

It is pleasing to report a very good muster for the hundredth trip of the Club's existence, 25 people leaving Hastings at 5.45 on the morning of Sunday the 16th. July.

The intention was to make the ascent of Rangī-Ō-Te-Atua but unfortunately weather conditions were, as usual, against us for the ascent of this peak. The party made the mill at 8.30 and after a cup of tea followed the road leading up to the House at the bottom of the Three Johns Peak Ridge. It was decided to make the ascent via this ridge as the snow was fairly thick even at the Mill and it was felt that none of the party would be at all keen to go on through the snow on the Waipawa Saddle, after wading in the river.

The sun burst out through the mist when the party were at the clearing half way up the Ridge, when a particularly fine panoramic view of the Whakararas, and the Heretaunga Plains out to as far as Cape Kidnappers was seen. By the time the Bushline was reached however, the weather had taken a turn for the worse and it was evident that the tops would be very unpleasant on account of the snow being driven by a particularly strong wind.

All available extra clothes were donned, but even then it could not be

CENTURY TRIP CONT'D:

said that the conditions were actually warm. The men of the party took turns in leading, which was by now a very arduous job, the snow being fairly soft and in places waist deep.

The top of the Three Johns was reached about 12.30 when it was decided that owing to the softness of the snow and the strength of the wind which had all this time been getting stronger, that further climbing should be abandoned. The way was made down over the Waipawa Saddle to the top camp, where a meal was more than welcome. It was thought that perhaps some of the timber that was lying at the top camp would be carried up to the Saddle that afternoon, but as the weather decided to become more unkind, that idea also was abandoned.

The whole party made the Mill somewhere about 5 o'clock and in two hours were back again in Hastings.

Leader: Max McCormick;

No. in Party: 25.

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Trip No. 101:

A beautiful day attracted the whole of the party to arrive not more than 20 minutes late and the lorry set sail at 7.50. The party reached the mill at 9.15. and after a few words with Mr. Barlow regarding the country we crossed the river and moved off over the paddocks at the base of the hills until Whakarara Station was reached. We then set off across the Ridges in three or four parties. Doug and Arch went off Trig Hunting quite early in the proceedings but it was left to Joan and Miss Molyneux to find the objective, "Breakheart". One party made off along the Ridges and one up a tributary of the Wairangi Stream to meet on a snow covered hill over which the boundary fence of Whakarara and Poporangi Stations passed. We soon found a sheltered spot for lunch which was leisurely eaten. We moved off in a southerly direction to reach a long ridge which ran across Breakheart down to the original starting place. At the top of the Ridge the party divided - one half going straight on while the others went sight seeing from a peak at the end of the ridge. We got a fine view from this point and were able to pick out four Huts. While Doug. was just getting sights on various points the unfortunate leader's boot came in contact with Joan's pack. This pack entered into the fun of things and bowled merrily down the hill - to be followed a second or two later by four trampers; but not quite so fast. After an hour and a half of scrambling, slipping, sliding and climbing we were on top again with Joan's pack and various assorted pieces of thermos flask which had not been able to withstand the assault. After this the pack-hunters lost no time in following the earlier party and arrived at the Mill at 6.20 p.m. to find a very welcome brew of tea and toast. Arrived at Holt's at 8.20.

No. in Party: 24.

Leader: Dudley Shepherd.

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FUTURE TRIPS:

No. 103: 26-27/8/39:

Visit Shutes of No Mans Hut: as circumstances suggest. Leader Stan Craven.
Phone. 2891.

No. 104: 10/9/39:

Mackintosh Camp: Research work on old track across from Kuripapanga. Leader: Doug. Callow.
Phone: 1443 Napier.

No. 105: 24/9/39:

Ellis Hut: Via Yeoman & Gardner's Mill Leader: Bill Hayman;
Phone 3012.

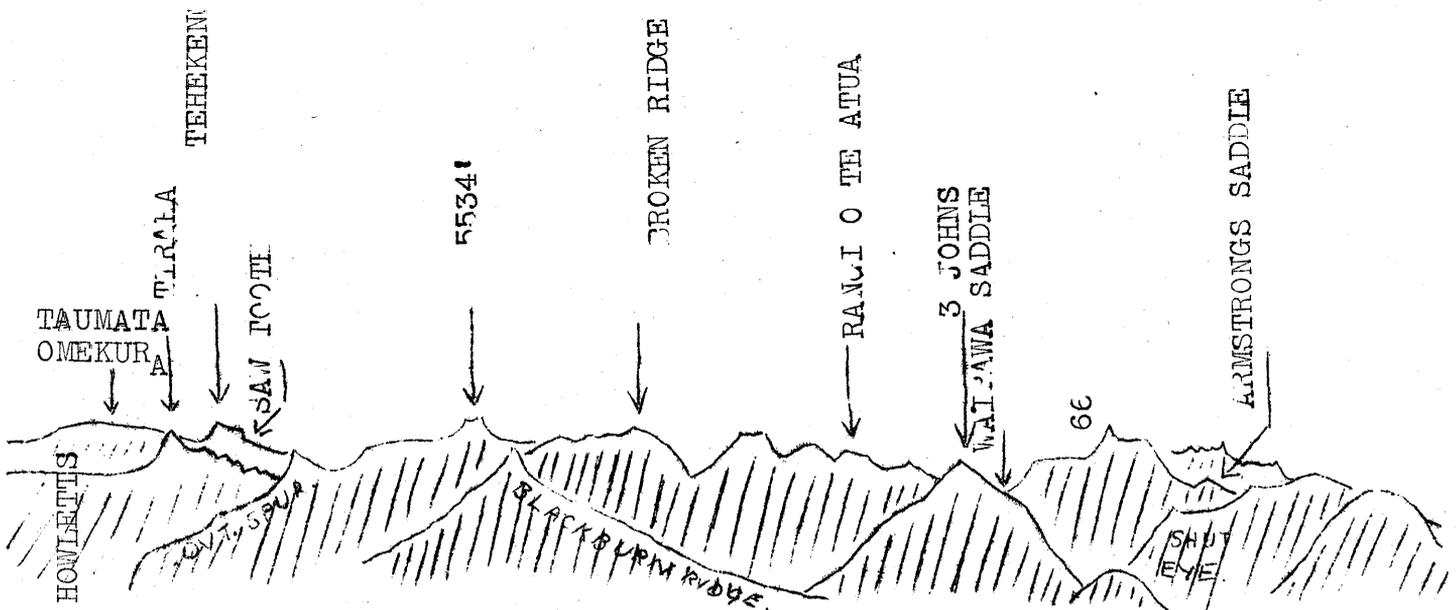
No. 106: 8/10/39:

Te Iringa Leader: Doug. Cooke.
Phone 3613.

No. 107: 21-23/10/39:

Waimakaka Forks: Probable work to be done on new hut site. Leader: Doug. Callow.
Phone: Napier 1443.

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PROFILE OF CENTRAL RUAHINE RANGE FROM TIKOKINO.

Perhapd this map will clear up any doubt which members may have as to the naming of the various peaks and ridges in the central Ruahines.

LIST NO. 4:

1. Black River of Tibet A Companion Book to
Kaulbach's "Salween." Hanbury Tracy.
2. "Turkiston Solo" Ella Maillart.
3. "Into The Silent Land" Both the above deal
with Turkistan and the
Pamirs. "The roof of the
World." J. Crist.
4. "Balkan Holiday" Footman.
5. "Savages in Serge" Another book on Papua J. C. Hides.
6. "Pilots Book of Everest."
The flight over Everest. Clydesdale McIntyre.

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