

12th February, 1958

MEETING The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 20th February, at 8.00 p.m. Office bearers and committee for 1958 will be elected and you are asked to give some thought to nominations before the meeting. Mr A. Hewer will give the Presidential Address.

OUTING on Saturday, 22nd February. Along the Collins Bonnet track from Mt Arthur. Alpine flowers should be plentiful. Transport by private cars to the Mt Arthur bend on the Pinnacle Road. Meet at Prince Theatre at 10.00 a.m.

SEA VOYAGE This Circular is sent a few days earlier to notify you that the Hobart Walking Club are conducting a boat trip to Betsy Island on Sunday, 16th February, and Field Naturalists will be welcome. Betsy Island is a fauna sanctuary and it is rarely possible to visit it, so this is an opportunity. Bookings to be made with Mr Sargison, or those unable to make bookings can just 'turn up' on the 16th, but bookings are preferred. Boat leaves Franklin Pier at 9.30 a.m. Fare 10/- .. children half price.

FEDERATION CHRISTMAS CAMP

About 30 'Nats', from Hobart, Launceston and Burnie, attended the Christmas Camp held at Cradle Mountain by the Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania. Thanks to Alice Wall's efficiency, the Camp ran smoothly and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The weather was good, on the whole, although the party arrived in misty rain, and Cradle favoured us with the usual showers at odd times, but when the sun shone members made the most of it. They visited Crater Lake, Dove Lake and Artist's Pool, climbed Hansen's Peak, Cradle Mt, and Barn Bluff, and explored Hounslow Heath. Cradle Mountain area is a botanist's paradise, and everyone went away richer in botanical knowledge. Mention must be made of the jovial presence of the new 'host' ranger, Franz Eselbock, who was such a lively and friendly addition to the New Year's Eve party. His piano accordion accompanied members' singing until 'a dark man' (Mr Noel Sullivan, of Burnie) brought in the New Year through the chalet's front door, after Mr Alan Brownell had let the old one out through a window!

SHOTS AND MORE SHOTS

Once again we have had the pleasure of seeing a Disney nature film and again we cannot help contrasting this type of 'hunting' with that of the gun-man - in the latter case the few minutes of excitement of one or a few people and the unnecessary death of some unfortunate animal, and in the former the fascinating and factual presentation of so many aspects of wild life to millions of people all over the world. 'The African Lion' is a modest understatement of a title for a picture packed with the beauty, interest and drama of so much African wild life. The humour with which these Disney productions are always laced lightens the fare still more - it seems that all the tricks of the circus must have been copied from nature when we see such examples as the gyrations of the courser bird whose head stands rock steady during the extraordinary motions of its body, and the trapeze work of the baboons. It is unfortunate that the photographers of this film, Mr and Mrs Milotte, were unable to visit us at the Club when they were working in Tasmania recently, but we are counting the hours till we see their pictures of our fauna. We may have seen photographs of most of these animals and we may have seen them alive in a zoo but it is quite a different matter to see them moving about and living their lives in their natural surroundings.

Kelsey Aves,  
HON. SECRETARY.

CIRCULAR

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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EASTER CAMP, 1958

AT SALTWATER RIVER, TASMAN PENINSULA

APRIL 3rd-8th

The Camp Committee has selected a site near Saltwater River, on Plunkett Point, for this year's camp. There are heath, light timber, lagoon, rocky shore and beach habitats within easy reach and the area is rich with historical associations of the coal mining and farming settlement of Port Arthur days. A very pleasant camp was held there in 1949.

Members are urged to make bookings as soon as possible with Mr H.F.Sargison at 21, Elizabeth Street, as this makes the task of the organisers so much easier for placing orders for stores, etc. Bookings should be accompanied by a deposit towards camp fees and transport.

Camp fees (payable in advance) are the same as last year:-

- ADULTS - £6.10.0
- SCHOOL CHILDREN (over 12 years) - £5.
- SCHOOL CHILDREN (under 12 years) - £3.10.0

Transport of baggage and costs of bus are included in the above.

The Club relies on a small team of willing workers to get the Camp ready, but would appreciate more workers in the advance party and therefore hopes other members this year may be able to accompany this party. Advance party members should see Mr Sargison regarding arrangements as soon as possible.

DATES AND TIMES

- Saturday, 29th March 8.00 a.m. at 33 Mortimer Avenue, New Town. Hands wanted to help load equipment on to lorry.
- Monday, 31st March Advance party leaves for Saltwater River.
- Thursday, 3rd April 7.00 p.m. Main party leaves by bus for Saltwater River (assemble at Franklin Square 15 minutes beforehand). Camp should be reached about 10.00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 8th April Camp ends. Depart for Hobart 2.30 p.m.(approx.)

Heavy baggage (suitcases, rucksacks, blankets, camp beds) must be delivered to 33 Mortimer Avenue NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 28th MARCH, and NOT LATER THAN 5.00 P.M., as there will be nobody there to receive it. Of course it is not necessary to wait until the Friday! All parcels must be labelled with owner's name and marked FIELD NATURALISTS' CAMP. Please tie on strong labels (manila or wooden preferred) so that they will not tear off in transit. Light luggage (toilet gear, etc.) can be brought by bus on Thursday night.

DON'T FORGET THE DATES AND THE NECESSITY FOR EARLY BOOKING AT MR SARGISON'S SHOP.

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1st March, 1958.

KELSEY AVES,  
Hon. Secretary.

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MEETING The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 20th March, at 8.00 p.m. Past President Alan Hewer will give his illustrated talk - deferred from the Annual General Meeting owing to mislaid power.

OUTING Saturday, 22nd March. To Richmond and the Coal River. Objective - observation of estuarine and open country birds. Joint leaders - Messrs Sharland and Wall. Bring field glasses if possible. Meet outside Tourist Bureau at 9.30 a.m. Private transport, so please bring car if you have one!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following as members of the Club - Mrs V. Nicholls, Mr & Mrs M. Shipp. Applications for membership have been received from Mr L. Whittle, Miss Annette Medhurst, Mr M. W. Ward.

EASTER CAMP

Please try and get your booking in immediately to Mr Sargison as it is extremely difficult to arrange catering, etc. until definite bookings are made. As usual the Committee relies on the loyalty of Club members to make the Easter Camp an unqualified success.

'HEIGH-HO, THE WIND AND THE RAIN'

A large party enjoyed the February outing in spite of the weather. As last year, the flowering season is late, gentians and other January flowers being only in bud. The wind and rain caused a change of plan and a short excursion was made under the Organ Pipes instead of along the Collins Bonnet track. Several species of orchids and heaths were found in flower. More than once during lunch on excursions members have commented that you couldn't fare better at a certain famous hotel. This time an English visitor who was staying at the hotel agreed.

FIELD NATURALISTS SCALPED

Some Field Nats who recently visited St Chad and fed the strong-billed honeyeaters felt the strength of the birds' bills on their heads when up to 3 at a time alighted on damsels' heads and tried to scalp them for nest-building material. However, one which later alighted on Mr Harry Boss-Walker's head didn't fare so well as it failed to gain a foothold and, according to Mrs Boss-Walker's description, rather resembled a swan dancing a highland fling on the ice.

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OBITUARY

Members will have heard with very great regret of the death of Mr P. Crosbie Morrison. His broadcasts were enjoyed over the whole of Australia, often by people with no other interest in natural history. Those of us who camped with him at the Jubilee Camp at Safety Cove found him an entirely lovable personality who made everything go with an added zest. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs Morrison and her family.

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KELSEY AVES,  
Hon. Secretary.

MEETING: The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, April, 17th at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. F.G.F. Fisher, Director of the Botanical Gardens and his subject will be "The Study of Alpine Plants", Dr. Fisher has had considerable experience on the subject of his talk, which will be illustrated, and those who heard his lecture on scree-plants to the Royal Society recently will know that he is easy to understand and pleasant to listen to.

OUTING will be announced at the meeting on Thursday.

NEW MEMBERS at the last meeting we welcomed the following to membership of the club - Miss Annette Medhurst, Mr. L. Whittle, and Mr. M.W. Ward.

FASCINATING FIELD-FARING: A report of the last Club outing to Coal River and Pittwater for ornithological observation indicates that by mutual acclaim the day was "fascinating". Over fields and paddocks, through innumerable gates and such like, sometimes on a surface that suggested a Mobilgas Trial, the cars found a way. In one case a boundary fence had to be demolished and restored to get the cars through. Highlights in ornithology were a company of 15 White-backed Magpies in a small paddock, a flock of 19 Cuckoo-shrikes ("Summerbirds") gathering among black wattle evidently for migration, and a pursuit of Native Hens across sea water to a tiny island, from which they disappeared mysteriously. Members were keen to know the brand of salt carried by Mrs. Fleming, who it is thought must have used some such aid to actually catch a live and healthy Native Hen, acknowledged as one of the swiftest birds on foot. Leaders were Len Wall and Michael Sharland.

PSALM OF PSALTWATER RIVER We quote from the Editorial of the "Convicts' Chronicle" which rolled out hot from the presses of Plunkett Point on Monday April 7th. "Field Naturalists are We - that's our slogan. In being field naturalists, we get a lot out of life, much knowledge from the things we study, much fun from the things we do. If we feel we don't know as much as we think we should there is the Club to help us learn more. Let us therefore all qualify to be field naturalists in the true sense.

This newspaper is in fact designed to help us know more - more about the funny things that go on in camp. Read them and learn the news that develops in this camp. The camp goes on every year. Old campers drop out, others become too busy to attend, others have family responsibilities, but still the camp goes on, and we hope it will go on for many years, and that the younger members now will be the camp organisers of the future.

"Field Nats. are We - and always will be"

It was a good camp and the weather was almost perfect throughout. Several "new species" were reported, including the sooty stern which also had a number of sub-species.... Sargies' rendering of the tragedy of his being ordered by his wife to pour 12 bottles of whisk down the sink was deeply moving.

WELCOME TO WADERS During a recent visit to Queenstown we noticed that the new lagoons and lakes created by the H.E.C. mostly contained some waders and ducks. Thus habitats for these birds and for fish have been increased and the tourist assets of Tas. built up as a by-product of the H.E.C.

STOP PRESS. The film evening which was to have been held tonight (11th) has had to be postponed to Monday 14th April - at the Museum at 8 o'clock. Disney's "Seal Island" will be included in the programme. In view of the fact that these programmes on Saturday's at the Library have had no standing room by 7.40, this additional opportunity to see these films should be appreciated.

Signed.....

(HON. SECRETARY)

MEETING The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 15th May, at 8.00 p.m. The President will present the review of the Easter Camp at Saltwater River. Those who have photos which may be useful are requested to leave them at Mr Sargison's shop on Monday, 12th May, so that Mr Sharland can make a suitable selection. Please see that your name is on them.

OUTING on Saturday, 17th May, to Green Point, Jordan River and Herdsmans Cove. Objectives - birds, general natural history and perhaps history too. 10.00 a.m. train to Bridgewater, returning from Bridgewater at 4.00 p.m. Leader Michael Sharland.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following to membership of the Club:- Miss J.I.Lazenby, Master E.C. and Miss C.E.Johnstone, Mr J. Davidson, and Mrs I. M. Hurburgh.

#### BIRDS, SANDSTONE, MUSHROOMS AND TEA

The last Club outing was marked by a little hill climbing, the party ascending Rocky Tom, a rugged sandstone eminence behind Lindisfarne. The view was somewhat marred by misty rain and the wind rather had a knife edge, but some commodious caves on the east side afforded a good shelter for lunch. After observing birds in the gullies and studying wind carved sandstone cornices on Rocky Tom's crest, the party was delayed in a neighbouring hill paddock by mushrooms, which were gathered and shared. A pleasant wind-up to the outing was provided by Miss Mosey, who took members to her new home near the Lindisfarne golf links and gave them tea.

#### GO WEST, YOUNG MAN

Some Field Nats recently discovered that this was very good advice. They drove to the present end of the new Arve road and had a fascinating day. The youngsters of the party immediately on emerging from the cars came face to face with a Tasmanian devil and being unaware of its reputation for viciousness, grasped it by the tail and yelled for photographers. These came forth, wondering that the devil evidently recognised that it was amongst friends because it made no attempt to escape and only snarled momentarily when the dog barked at it. It was probably not in 100% condition which would account for its apparent lassitude. In the forests leatherwood was still in bloom, though long past its best. Native laurel and waratah should make a wonderful sight in November - December when the Club might well pay a visit to this romantic area at the confluence of the Upper Huon and Picton Rivers.

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MEETING The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 19th June, at 8.00 p.m. Mr Leonard Wall will speak on 'Waders'.

OUTING on Saturday, 21st June. 10.00 a.m. bus to Fern Tree Hotel. Walk down Summerleas Road to Kingston. Fairly complete lists were made on 22nd June, 1957, of plants in flower and birds heard and seen on the same route, so it will be interesting to compare this list at the winter solstice in two consecutive years. As Tuesday of this week was the centenary of the death of the famous botanist, Robert Brown, perhaps we might make a pilgrimage to his monument at Browns River.

THE MAY FIELD OUTING

Quiet waters, warm sunshine and scenic beauty were synchronised fittingly to welcome the Club to "new" country on its field outing to the Jordan River last month. The 35 who attended, including some potential naturalists in the minus teenage group, constituted a recent attendance record for an outing on foot. All voted the day both pleasant and instructive. Meandering down the edge of the Derwent for a mile or two, calling at the century-old Green Point house on the way, the party came to the high banks of the Jordan near its mouth. After lunch the route was back to Bridgewater via Herdsmans Cove. Birds were numerous. However, the expected view of an owl-nightjar didn't eventuate despite violent knockings on hollow trees in an area where the bird had previously been seen. But one junior ecologist did collect an egg from a briar bush nest - it belonged to a domestic goose! Others found nests of bees.

IT'S ODD BEING ODD

Have you noticed that it is the habit of Black Cockatoos to fly in odd numbers? Threes, fives, sevens, and so on? The reason for this is obscure. It's got nothing to do with it, but the birds are heralds of storms. A day or so before the very bad break in the weather late in May a flock was observed approaching Hobart screaming a storm warning. They numbered 21. It is really odd.

OBSERVATIONS

Our riverside reporter reports seeing coots and teal duck in the harbour recently, near the wharves and further along, at Battery Point. Also a lone black swan was seen near Howrah. The coots are interesting to watch, as they bob along near the shore, and pick at weeds growing on mooring buoys and along the waterlines of yachts. Sometimes there are only two or three, and at other times as many as sixteen.

NEW MEMBERS

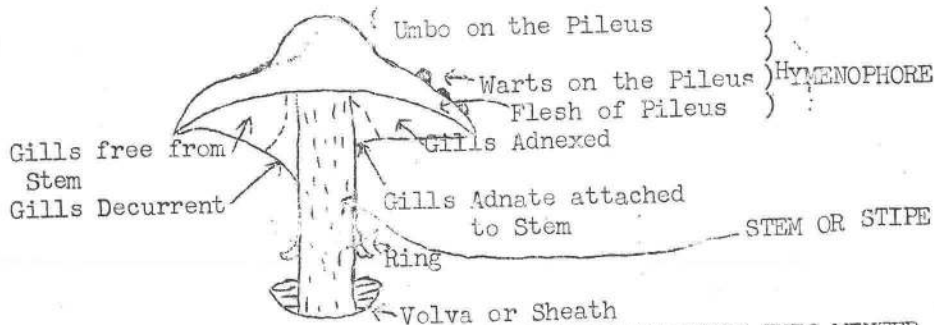
We welcome the following as new members of the Club - Miss P.H.Perkins, Miss P.Drown, Miss H. Cooper. The following have been nominated - Miss J. Shields, Miss P.W.Knights, Mr R.C.Morrisby, Master P. Ferguson.

FILMS

The fortnightly special free screening of films for Field Naturalists at the Museum will include, on Monday, 23rd June, the Disney nature film 'Nature's Half Acre'. If you've seen it you'll want to see it again. If you haven't, you should.

PERSONAL

Mr Franz Eselbock, whom we saw in town last week, sends his kindest regards to all his friends in the Club, and said he hoped that it wouldn't be too long before he saw Field Nats up at Cradle Mountain again. He told us that all the 'possums are well, and he now has a Tasmanian Devil coming to the door for meals!



THIS MAY HELP YOU IN YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF FUNGI THIS WINTER..

MEETING The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 17th July, at 8.00 p.m. An illustrated talk will be given by Mr J.B.Thwaites on 'The Vegetation in the Scenic South-west.'

Will members please note that the following meeting, on 21st August, will be a Members' Night. It is hoped that many members will volunteer to give 5 to 15 minute talks on some subject of natural history, illustrated or otherwise. For this occasion beginners or experts are welcome - the idea is to encourage as many as possible to contribute something. Notify the President or Secretary as soon as possible.

OUTING on Saturday, 19th July, to the Goat Hills above Glenorchy. 10.00 a.m. tram from G.P.O. to Glenorchy terminus. Leader - Mr L. Wall.

THE JUNE OUTING

27 members and friends meandered down Summerleas Road from Fern Tree to Kingston. A high wind at the start quickly moderated to pleasant weather. Last year on the same route and same date we recorded 16 species of plants in flower and 24 of birds seen or heard. This year 23 species of plants in flower were recorded and 16 of birds. Of flowers 6 species were recorded both years and of birds 9 species were common to both lists. The greater number of flowering plants recorded this year may have been due to keener observations by several members, while the fact that this year most of us did not go down to Browns River mouth and the beach would account for the non-listing of several species of birds.

Those who are interested may obtain the two years' lists from the Secretary.

CONCHOLOGISTS

will be interested in the 'Illustrated Index of Tasmanian Shells' by W.L.May, revised 1958 by Hope McPherson, price 10/-, obtainable at Hobart 'book-sellers'.

OBSERVATIONS

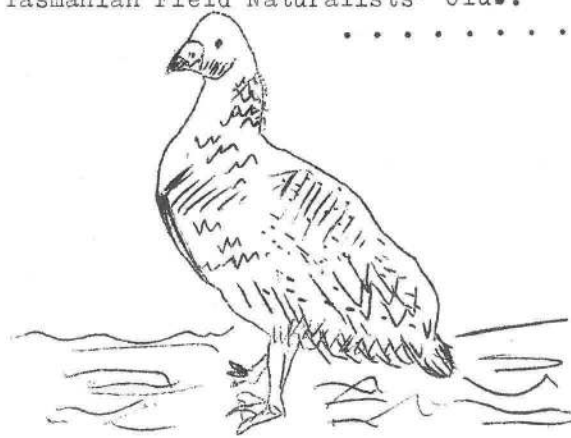
First blossoms of winter-flowering prunus noticed in St David's Park. Can Spring be far away????!!

FILMS on Monday, 14th July, in the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum. "Man Sows", a film made in Germany, and "The Mallee Fowl", a film produced by C.S.I.R.O. - both films recommended.

PERSONAL Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Edward Shaw upon the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Margaret.

OBITUARY The death of Mr Alan Craike on 25th June was a great shock to his friends and a severe blow for the Club. Alan - everybody knew him by his first name - had a sparkling sense of humour and was a tonic to everyone he came in contact with. Even when we visited him in hospital it was he who did the entertaining. If anyone was in trouble Alan sought them out and helped in all sorts of ways. "What can I give?" was his invariable question. After he joined the Club he never used his gun again, though he said that shooting was the one thing he could do well. It was indeed appropriate that the coffin was draped with the flag of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club.

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CAPE BARREN GOOSE  
(Cereopsis Novae-Hollandiae)

Colour grey, with darker grey markings; bill black, yellow cere; legs pink, black feet.

Found on Bass Strait Islands

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OUTING on Saturday, 23rd August. South Arm by private transport. Meet by the Prince Theatre at 9.30 a.m. Beach life, bush birds and waders and probably some early orchids.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

A review of the Club's records has shown that a number of annual subscriptions are unpaid, and the Honorary Treasurer will be pleased to receive these as soon as possible. If yours is outstanding the amount due will be shown in red in the margin opposite this paragraph. Please note that the Treasurer is now Mr L.E.Wall, c/o A.M.P. Society, 27 Elizabeth Street, Hobart, and either he or Mr H.F.Sargison, 21 Elizabeth Street, will accept your payment.

#### ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

If this circular is being sent to the wrong address, the Honorary Secretary would be pleased to have the correct one for future use.

#### FEDERATION CAMP (Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania)

The Federation are planning a Combined Camp of all affiliated Clubs for about ten days after Christmas.

Somewhere south of Deloraine is our choice. Liffey Falls, Dry's Bluff and other good scenic spots would then be within our range. This area is rich in material for the student of natural history.

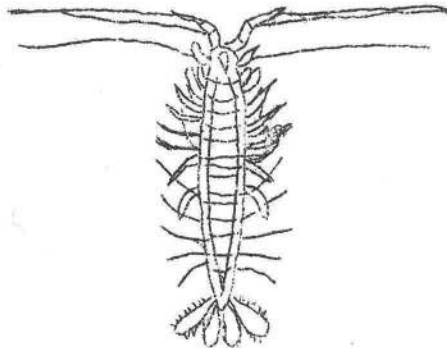
#### BUSH BALLAD

Foraging in our literary trash-can the other day we came across the following reminiscence of Lake St Clair Easter Camp. It was the camp theme song, to the tune of the Darky's Sunday School and was added to as local skill or scandal afforded.

Old folks, young folks, everybody come  
Join the Field Nats' Easter Camp and make yourselves at home,  
Bring your creepy specimens and park 'em on the floor  
And we'll tell you nature stories that you've never heard before.

Tasmania has its Lake St Clair, it's quite a beauty spot,  
The weather there is often cold and sometimes snows a lot.  
But if you're feeling down and out you merely go and eat  
A pound of Andre's garlic which will soon turn on the heat.  
ad lib.

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#### ANASPIDES TASMANICA

Identical almost with fossils of the Carboniferous age. Usually yellow-brown or dark-brown. Grows to about 2" long, and may be seen lazily swimming in tarns or streams in most alpine areas of Tasmania, except Ben Lomond. It feeds on minute organisms and even tadpoles. Eggs laid throughout the year, hatch during the winter months.



MEETING The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 18th September, at 8.00 p.m. Mr Leo Luckman will give an illustrated talk on 'The Tasmanian Aboriginal'. Mr Luckman is an authority on this subject and has an extremely interesting collection of slides and specimens of articles used by the Tasmanian natives.

OUTING 10.10 a.m. bus to Cascades. The excursion will be up towards Myrtle Gully where the silver wattles should be in full bloom, and then traversing the lower slopes of the mountain towards Pottery Road. Wattles, what-nots and birds. Leader - Mr John Lewis.

NEW MEMBERS

Nominations for membership have been received from Miss E.A.Thomas, Master Ian Jordan and Mrs K.M.Arme.

EXTRACT - from 'The Rotarian'. Comments of a father to his son at sight of a blind beaver swimming through a torrent. "Nature's so far beyond us, son, that we'll never be able to understand all her ways. She's as close as the ground at our feet .... and she goes on forever beyond the Milky Way. Like that beaver, we're all here to shift pretty much for ourselves. That's the way it has to be, for free beings. Animals go it mostly alone, but we humans have learned a lot about overcoming difficulties and giving each other a hand. It's hard for you to understand now, but we're really fortunate that we've got some obstacles. Plain, smooth sailing doesn't develop muscle; doesn't develop character; doesn't develop anything worth while."

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PERSONAL - Congratulations to Marjorie and Len Wall on the birth of their second son.

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Spring is come, the grass is ris',  
He wonders where the birdies is.

Next month is orchid month.

MEETING

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 16th October, 1958. Mr A. Hewer will be showing a number of nature films.

OUTING

Saturday, 18th October. The hills above Bellerive - flora - orchids in particular. Catch Howrah bus - 10.15 a.m. from City. Alight stop 24. Leader - Mr A.Hewer.

NEW MEMBERS

At the last meeting we welcomed the following as new members - Miss E. A. Thomas, Mrs K. M. Orme, Master Ian Jordan. Nominations were received from Masters Peter Barrow, Wayne Butler and Christopher Boden.

THE SEPTEMBER OUTING

A party of about 40 enjoyed a pleasant day on the lower slopes of the mountain under the leadership of Mr John Lewis. The first evidence of careful planning was that the whole party was entertained to morning tea at the home of Mr & Mrs F. Pritchett, and this was very much appreciated. Mr Lewis had also marked a number of birds' nests, one of which, a scarlet robin, had 4 eggs in it when we arrived to inspect it. The silver wattle was not in such full bloom as we had expected and until we reached Pottery Road, only that and the willow wattle had been noted. However, 4 more species of wattle were seen in flower in Pottery Road - A. STRICTA, A. DIFFUSA, A. VERTICILLATA and A. MYRTIFOLIA. Amongst other interesting genera of the pea family found in bloom here were Hovea, Indigofera, and Kennedyya. Tiger orchids were also found here. A well planned excursion, John!

OBSERVATIONS

Referring to Mr John Skemp's last talk 'Calendar of the Countryside', in which he spoke about a Honeyeater taking 'red upholstery' for its nest from the back of a red yearling calf, a listener has told us about her cat which has a busy time trying to dodge Noisy Miners near her home at Howrah. Apparently these birds are looking for lining for their nests, and the poor little cat is a handy target. On arrival home one wet day, the listener found her pet crouched miserably under the front steps, sheltering from the rain and her tormentors!

ON PICKING WILDFLOWERS

For the benefit of newer and younger members perhaps it should be mentioned that the Club does not encourage the picking of wildflowers, especially in quantity. Since the Club is actively concerned with conservation of native flora and fauna, it does not set a good example if members are seen carrying quantities of wildflowers home. It is quite a different matter if members wish to collect specimens to press for a herbarium, or for other purposes of natural history, though even then a reasonable minimum should be taken and again provided that the area carries plenty of the particular plant.

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CIRCULAR NO. 29.

Special Notice. This circular is being sent to you early in order to bring you particulars of the working bee for the Peterson Memorial Hut to be held on November 15 - 16. The party will go to K Col on Saturday morning and spend the night in tents, so food for two days and plenty of warm clothing will be necessary. The Hobart Walking Club will be able to provide the tents. The greater part of the work this week-end is likely to be gathering stones for foundation and walls, so actual building skill is not necessary. Some members who might not be able to go out to K Col could help by providing transport either to Lake Dobson on Saturday, or from Dobson home again on Sunday. It is proposed to leave Hobart, Franklin Square, at 8 a.m. on Saturday and return from Lake Dobson at tea time on Sunday. Members who can help either building or transporting are asked to get in touch with the Secretary, Mr. Aves 2 3506 (business) or 5 1742 (home) by Wednesday, 12th. As the Club is one of the prime-movers in asking for the hut to be built as a memorial to our late member 'Bob' Peterson, we hope to give substantial help on the above lines.

Meeting. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, November 20th at 8 p.m. The subject for the evening will be 'Camping Holidays' and the speakers will be experienced members of the Hobart Walking Club. Mr. Jack Thwaites will speak on 'Outdoor Facilities'. Mr. Jim Brown on 'Suitable Equipment' and Mr. Barrie Ford on 'Camping - Illustrated'.

Outing. The date of this month's excursion is a week later than usual. It will be on Saturday November 29th and it is proposed to go to the end of the Arve Road. Lunch would be at the Picton Hut, about half a mile from the end of the Road on the banks of the Upper Huon, and then those who wish could walk up the river back to the Picton crossings. This area is well into the rain forests of the south-west and is a fascinating area for the naturalist and bush-walker. As this is likely to be a well attended trip it may be necessary to hire a bus and we will need to know the members wishing to attend not later than the meeting on the 20th. If a bus is hired the cost is likely to be about £1. for adults and deposits will be required on the meeting night.

Leader:- Mr. Robert Mather.

Federation Camp. Members are advised that a circular containing full details of the Christmas Camp of the Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs of Tasmania will be available at the Club's meeting on the 20th November or from the Secretary. An application form is attached to the circular and Miss Wall asks that all members intending to come to the camp will fill in this form and forward it to her by December 1st so that she can make final arrangements at Falmouth.

National Park Week-End. Some members have asked whether the Club would arrange a Club Week-End visit to Lake Dobson at the end of January, as has been done several times previously. We would like to know at the meeting what general support there would be for this.

H. K. AVES.

Hon. Sec.