

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

CIRCULAR No. 30

January, 15th, 1959

Again we send your Circular considerably in advance owing to this and that occurring this month. Please note

MT. FIELD NATIONAL PARK TRIP January 24-26 - At the November meeting several members indicated willingness to go on this trip. Would they please confirm this to me by notice not later than Tuesday, January 20th. Private transport will have to be arranged, so it would be appreciated if car owners would also state how many vacant seats they may have.

I would also be very pleased to hear from volunteers for assistance at the working bee on the Peterson Hut at K Col the following week-end, January 31st February 1st.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA The Hon. Sec., Miss Alice Wall, notifies us that the Annual Meeting will be held in Launceston on Saturday, Feb. 14th at the Queen Victoria Museum, Wellington St. at 2.30 p.m. Each affiliated Club is asked to send two delegates or to appoint proxies. Miss Wall adds "If your Club has any important item to discuss I would suggest you notify the Secretary in advance. The Launceston F.N.C. has very generously offered to entertain delegates and any others from the member Clubs, or who may be interested, with slides and films in the evening, so we are hoping for a big "get-together" of all who are interested in the outdoor life."

MEETING As announced at the November meeting, the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held a week later than usual, owing to alterations at the Museum. Remember the date - FEBRUARY 26th.

from "THE PRINCE OF BOTANISTS", CARL LINNAEUS", by Norah Gourlie, "The full joy that Linnaeus found in his life's work can perhaps be summed up in his own words "Blessed be our Lord for spring, the summer's beauty, and that which here has reached a greater perfection than anywhere else in the world; air, water, meadows, grasses, and the birds' song." Fortunate is he who, like Linnaeus, can enjoy the scientific study of nature and the mystical appreciation of it too.

PERSONAL Mr. Ellis Troughton has sent warmest greetings from Singapore to his friends in the Club. He was at Singapore for a conference and is looking forward to coming to the Easter Camp again this year Mr. Franz Eselbock of Waldheim also sends greetings to members.

KELSEY AVES (Hon. Sec.)

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~~Feb.~~ The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Museum on Thursday March, 26th. Presidential address 'Sea Terns' by Mr. M. Sharland.

Election of Club officers and committee for 1959 will take place at this meeting. During the past year Mr. Sargison resigned from the committee and Mr. A. Brownell was co-opted in his place. After Mr. Craike's death Mr. Wall was appointed Treasurer and Mr. M. Hurburgh co-opted to fill the resulting vacancy on the committee. Attendances of members are given below, first possible, then actual. Mr. M. Sharland, 5-4; Dr. W. Bryden, 5-1; Mr. A. Hewer, 5-4; Miss R. Featherstone 5-4; Mrs. J. Luckman 5-3; Messrs. L. Wall 5-5; F. Swann 5-0; B. Widdocombe 5-4; Dr. A. Nicholls 5-3; Messrs. A. Brownell 4-4; M. Hurburgh 3/2; K. Aves 5-5;

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EASTER CAMP, 1959 1960

RHEBAN

The Easter Camp will be held this year at Rheban, about 8 miles South of Orford, on the East Coast. There is a good camp site, attractive coastal scenery, a fine bathing beach close by, and wild life yet to be investigated. Rheban is an area new to the Club. Excursions will be held to Sandspit River, Wielangta Mill and Cockle Bay. A boat trip may be made to Maria Island, or alternatively a motor trip to historic Swanport Point. There should be something for everybody, including camp fire social fixtures, talks, and camp concert. A good attendance can be expected, so book now. THE DATES

THURSDAY ~~MARCH 26~~ to TUESDAY ~~MARCH 30th~~
APRIL 14 APRIL 19th

Members are asked 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. *The club depends on the loyalty & support of club members without which it cannot function properly*
Camp fees (payable in advance) are the same as last year:-

ADULTS	.....	.....	.....	£6.10.0
SCHOOL CHILDREN	(over 12 years)	..	.....	£5. 0. 0
SCHOOL CHILDREN	(under 12 years)	.	.....	£3.10.0

LUGGAGE: The freight lorry leaves Hobart on Saturday March 21st. All luggage (bedding, suitcases, and camp stretcher if possible) for this lorry must be delivered to Mr. Sargison's home, 33 Mortimor Ave., New Town, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MARCH 20th at 5.p.m. All luggage must be labelled with owner's name, the labels to be made secure, otherwise your luggage may not be waiting for you in your tent in camp. Take light hand luggage in bus with you.

THE PASSENGER BUS WILL LEAVE FRANKLIN SQUARE at 7.30 p.m. on THURSDAY MARCH 26 for the 60 miles run to Rheban

NOTE FOR CAR DRIVERS Take Tasman Highway to Orford, turn right at Orford bridge and then straight on to Rheban. The road is sandy in parts but will present no difficulty. Drive in to the yard of the old Rheban homestead, not on road to right.

Booking is essential to enable food and other supplies to be ordered and catering planned. ~~X~~ PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

The Club relies on a small team of willing workers to get the Camp ready, but would appreciate more workers in the advance party. Members who could help in this way should see Mr. Sargison regarding arrangements as soon as possible.

KELSEY AVES Hon. Sec.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB.

Meeting.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 19th March, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. E. Guiler, Senior Lecturer in Zoology at the University of Tasmania, and his subject "Both sides of the Pacific".

Excursion.

Owing to the imminence of the Easter Camp and the loading of the lorry on the Saturday after this meeting, there will be no organised outing this month.

New Office Bearers.

Elected for the year 1959 are: President - Mr. L. Wall; Vice Presidents - Messrs. A. Hewer and K. Aves; Secretary - Mr. K. Aves; Assistant Secretary - Mrs. E. L. Thorpe; Treasurer - Mr. F. Green; Committee - Mrs. J. Luckman, Miss M. Wall, Messrs. M. Sharland, B. Widdicombe, A. Brownell, and J. Lewis. We congratulate them on their election and hope they will have a very successful year.

Annual Subscriptions.

Are now due and should be paid to the Treasurer at the meeting, or to Mr. Sargison at 21 Elizabeth Street.

Easter Camp.

Some 45 members to date have said they are coming. Some are still likely to come but have not yet said definitely. Imagine that you are organising a Camp. You have to put in large orders for food for hungry people - but how many of them? 50? 60? 80? The advance party leaves in one week. How many tents will they have to put up? Those of you who hope to come but haven't said so, please do and ease the tension of the hard-worked organisers.

H. K. AVES.

HON. SEC.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB.

Meeting.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, April 16th. The President will conduct the Easter Camp review and members who can offer slides are asked to submit them to Mr. Wall by Monday so that he can sort out his requirements.

Outing.

The Committee has decided to have 2 excursions per month for a trial period of 3 months. The first will be on the usual date and the second on the first Saturday of each month. Outing No. 1 will be on Saturday, April 18th to St. Crispins Well, 10 a.m. Fern Tree bus to terminus. Outing No. 2 will be on May 2nd to Cobbs Hill, returning along the river, 10 a.m. train to Bridgewater.

Subscriptions.

For 1959 were due in February. If you have not yet paid yours, please see the Treasurer, Mr. Green, or Mr. Sargison at his shop, 21 Elizabeth Street.

"We'll Remember Rheban for many and many a year", as the theme song at the Easter Camp put it. And so we will, for Rheban combined good weather, delightful scenery, excellent company and the most complete records of observations and exhibits for years. Wildflowers were rather disappointing, even for autumn, but all other branches seemed to be very well represented. On Friday afternoon we went to the mouth of the Sandspit River, noting on the way a Mantis laying her eggs, sundry snakes, saltmarsh plants and birds, shells and other marine life. Saturday was spent at and around Earlham homestead and we were grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Chesterman for the freedom of their property. On Sunday there was a trip to Maria Island which was interesting and quite exciting, especially on the return trip when we made lots of knots up and down, but few forward. "Dottering" is the progress made by bare-footed walkers speeding around Chinaman's Bay to get a glimpse of Cap des Tombeaux and Cape Marouard on Reidle Bay. The legs of "dotterers" are seen only as a vague blur. Monday was 'go as you please' and a concert in the evening, followed by barn dances in the barn. Two 'balls' were held there and we must record our gratitude to the excellent bandmaster, Mr. Yeoland, with his accordion and his assistants on the pail, dish, etc.

Altogether a very good camp with the emphasis on nature study, and we must congratulate especially our new President, Mr. Wall. Behind the scenes once again were the advance party who loaded the lorry, unloaded it and built up the camp, and also those who struck camp, loaded the lorry, unloaded it, and then spent the whole of last Saturday from 9 to 6 drying out tents, scrubbing pots and pans and generally restoring everything to order. When we say that the first drop of rain fell on the last tent to be folded the excellence of the organisation on that day can be realised. However, workers are greatly nourished and compensated by Mrs. Sargison's wonderful morning and afternoon teas.

H. K. AVES.

Hon. Sec.

15th May, 1959.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

MEETING - The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, May 21st. Dr. Bryden will be speaking on his recent trip to Antarctica and will illustrate the talk with slides.

OUTINGS - Saturday, May 23rd, to Natone Hill. 10.10 Geilston Bay bus, alight at Stop 11. Then on Saturday, June 6th, to Rocky Whelan's Cave. 10.2 Dynnyrne bus, alight at terminus.

BIRTH OF 'BLOTTO UNLTD' - The Committee has purchased a duplicator for the Club, so that we are now in a position to print (in typescript) notices, circulars, small handbooks, etc. This opens up a possible field for members who may wish to publish articles or monographs on some facet of natural history. The Secretary would be very pleased to hear from any member who might wish to do this or to suggest any extension of the work of the Club by means of this facility. The Easter Camp Review is one such use.

'EASTER CAMP REVIEW' will be available at the meeting at a cost of 1/-. It is a typescript issue, and besides a general account of the Camp, it contains a map and notes on the birds, plants, animals and shells recorded during the recent camp period. It also provides space for a photo.

H.W.C. SLIDE SHOW - The Hobart Walking Club advise us that they are holding another Show at the Town Hall on May 19th, admission 2/6. They usually pack the hall, so get there early if you want a good seat.

LAST MONTH'S EXCURSIONS - were both well attended. About 25 attended the first, to St. Crispin's Well. Items of interest in connection with trees, berries and birds were pointed out by the leader, Mr. Wall. With his help and that of others a very informative day was had by all.

17 turned out for Cobb's Hill and 2 more met us at the end of the walk, having missed us earlier. White gums and Risdon peppermints were seen as we climbed up the hill. Kingaroo apple was noted on top, but in spite of careful searching only one orchid was found in bloom. The bitterns near Bridgewater were either not at home or, more likely, kept out of sight.

FAIR FOWL PLAY - "While control of predators seems to the layman to be an obvious and commonsense management activity" (of trout fishery management) "it is probably a less effective tool than many consider it to be..... Because the cormorant flies conspicuously by day, it assumes a threat, in the angler's appreciation, out of all proportion to its significance relative to eels and other agencies, which together destroy much greater numbers of trout. (If all the eels sprouted wings and flew up and down the streams in sight of anglers, somewhat better balanced impressions would be held).....It is not suggested that cormorants do not feed on trout, or that when feeding in mobs, as they occasionally do, they may not be an irritating local nuisance, but there is no reason to suppose that they can affect the overall quality of the country's fisheries".
from 'The Administration of Tasmania's Inland Fisheries', by Derisley F. Hobbs.

PETERSON HUT - The Hobart Walking Club has organised a roofing iron carrying expedition to K Col on Sunday, May 17th (tomorrow). If any of our members can help they would be appreciated. The party will leave Lake Dobson at 9 a.m.

Kelsey Aves
(Hon. Sec.).

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

MEETING. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tas. Museum on Thursday, June 18th. Mr. Alan Hewor will be showing a number of films of interest to naturalists. Titles are :- "Creatures of the Dawn", "Coral Kingdom", "Island of Turtles", and "A Walk in the Past".

OUTINGS. On Saturday, June 20th, to Granton Quarries. Take 10 a.m. train to Granton Station. Then on Saturday, July 4th, to Sorrell Reservoir. This will need private transport, and it will be appreciated if members who can do so will bring their cars to help provide transport for those without. Meet at "The Mercury" Building at 10 a.m.

EASTER CAMP REPORT. This is now ready, and copies will be on sale at the meeting at a cost of 1/- each, or by application to the Secretary. Although a first attempt, we feel that this report shows the sort of thing we can do with our own duplicator, and there has already been another suggestion to the Committee which we hope to announce shortly.

EXPORT OF AUSTRALIAN BIRDS. The news that the Commonwealth Govt. is calling a conference to consider this trade is indeed welcome. It is not generally known that the trade is so big and lucrative. In the financial year ended 30/6/54, 27,728 native birds were exported, their value being £52,338, and this was not a spectacular year. Two years earlier the number was approximately 48,000, of which 42,000 were finches and most of the remainder were parrots. When it is realised that a large percentage of those captured perish before they can be shipped, the extent of the depletion of our birds can be appreciated.

AT LONG LAST. It has taken a long time, but at last the Press, Radio and Government have come to the realisation that conservationists 'have something'. Public opinion over the proposed sealing at Macquarie Island, export of birds from some States, and fauna protection generally seems to be inclining the Government to take more action to see that all our species are preserved for posterity. The Conservation Committee has pressed for years for more scientists on the Fauna Board, and we hope that the Government may include this among its measures.

Also, it is apparent that there is even (!) a growing sense of pride in our native flora, as witness the interest shown in the columns of the Press about a national flower.

PERSONAL. "Kelsoy is also a very large plum and an upright growing variety. The fruits are late in ripening, have a yellowish green skin splashed with red, and a very small stone. The flesh is delicate yellow and very juicy. Kelsoy is a high quality plum, but not as hardy as the other varieties. It dries into a large fine flavoured prune".

(From our candid contemporary, "The Mercury", 13/5/59)

Kelsoy Aves,

Hon. Sec.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

CIRCULAR NO. 35

10th. JULY, 1959

MEETING. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on THURSDAY, JULY 16th. at 8 p.m. Mr. B. Mollison, of the Wild Life Survey Section of the C.S.I.R.O. Hobart, will speak on the subject "How the field naturalist can contribute to modern Wild Life investigation".

EXCURSIONS. SATURDAY, JULY 18th. 10 a.m. bus to Fern Tree Hotel. Walk down Summerleas Road to Kingston. This trip will be a month later than on previous two years, so comparisons of observations may be of interest.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st. 10.6 bus from City to West Hobart; alight at Lansdowne Crescent School. The walk will be on and around Knocklofty.

PUBLICATIONS. As foreshadowed in the last circular, more material has come to hand for the Club's duplicator. Miss Mary Brannigan has prepared a special list of Tasmanian orchids which it is hoped to issue monthly. It is intended that each month a topical list will be available describing, with drawings, those orchids likely to be found during the month, and where to find them. If the whole year's issue were kept they would make a fascinating, "Perpetual calendar" for Tasmanian orchids. We hope to have the first of these available at the meeting on Thursday, price 3d each. This is an extremely creditable effort by one of our younger members and we are grateful indeed to Miss Brannigan.

LAST MONTH'S OUTINGS. Threatening weather reduced the participants of the first outing to 5 but these hardy spirits had a good day in spite of some rain at the beginning and end of the day. For the second excursion, however, 9 cars and about 30 occupants turned out. A stop was made at Llanherne for orchids, but only buds were found. However, one junior here bagged (a) One recently killed Noisy Miner, (b) One small part of Echidna's skin (long dead) with spines, (c) Sundry skeletons (presumably longer dead). As we crossed the Sorell Causeway ornithologists were excited by close views of the uncommon Crested Grebe and also the more common Hoary Headed Grebe. Then by the unerring (almost) navigation of the leader, Mr. Brownell, the convoy wound through beautiful scenery and rolling hills and valleys to Cherry Tree opening. After lunch the party dispersed in various directions and arrived home at various times, but all had enjoyed the day and scenery, which most had not seen before. Thank you, Mr. Brownell.

EVEREST. Many Club members were present at Sir Edmund Hilary's lecture on the Everest expedition, and the City Hall was completely full. It is likely that a fair proportion of the audience had never personally experienced the exhilaration and trials of climbing even a small mountain. Yet as the story moved nearer to its climax, there was not a sound in the whole audience and one could feel the tense excitement above the unemotional voice of the lecturer. Though many of these people may have wondered previously why some men will face such dangers for no material reward, they could not help but catch some of the spirit of sublime effort, comradeship and sacrifice which characterised this and similar, though less famous, feats of mountaineering.

It is not possible for all of us to go to the Himalayas, but we can still experience the spirit of climbing. Frank Smythe could say "I count myself fortunate to have trodden the heights of the Alps and the Himalayas, to have sat with friends by campfires, to have gasped in the thin air near the top of Everest, to have tramped the heather of the British Isles". The British Hills - and the Tasmanian Hills - are not less nearer to heaven than are the Himalayas.

KELSEY AVES.

(Hon. Secretary)

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

CIRCULAR NO 36.

AUGUST 14th. '59

MEETING. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, August 20th, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. R.L.DOWDEN, M.Sc. of the Ionospheric Prediction Service and his subject will be "Life on Macquarie Island". The talk will be illustrated by some of the fine colour photographs which Mr. Dowden took during his stay on the island.

EXCURSIONS. On Saturday, August 22nd, on the lower slopes of the Mountain - orchids and birds - leader, Mr. John Lewis, 10.10 Strickland Ave. trolley-bus. Alight at Cascades. The outing will finish at the same place. The excursion for Saturday, September 5th, has not yet been fixed but details will be given at the meeting.

PUBLICATIONS. The August and September issues of "Tasmanian Orchids" by Mary Branagan will be available at the meeting on Thursday. Also there will still be some copies of the July issue available for those who were unable to collect them at the last meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. A few are still unpaid. Mr. Frank Green, the Treasurer, will be pleased to receive those outstanding.

A COLOUR SLIDE EVENING on "TASMANIA- ISLE OF MOUNTAINS" by members of the Van Dieman Alpine Club will be given on Wednesday, 19th. August at St. James Hall, New Town, at 8 p.m. There will be a collection in aid of the Institute for the Blind & Deaf. The pictures should be enjoyable and the cause is a good one - we hope there will be a good attendance of members of this Club.

Kelsey Aves.

Hon. Sec.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

MEETING.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, August 17th. at 8 p.m. It will be Members' Night, when a number of our members will give short talks on matters of natural history. We would still welcome one or two more talks of 5 or 10 minutes, so ring the President or Secretary if you can help.

OUTINGS.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th., to SOUTH ARM; private transport. This is a favourite trip and we always have a good muster. Orchids, wattles, waders and marine life. Meet near the Prince Theatre at 9.30 a.m. Bring water.

Saturday, October 3rd. We hope to do some track clearing in the vicinity of Betts Vale, if permission has been received from the Council by then; if not we shall be walking in the same area. 10 a.m. Bus to Fern Tree. Alight Strickland Ave.

"2,000 A.D.: A BIOLOGIST'S THOUGHTS ON THE NEXT 40 YEARS."

This is the title of the Sir John Morris Memorial Lecture of the Adult Education Board, to be given by Sir F. Macfarlane Burnet, O.M., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne, and Professor of Experimental Medicine at Melbourne University. It will be delivered at the Town Hall on October, 2nd. at 8 p.m. The Administrator will take the Chair. Seats may be reserved at Collins' Booking Office from Monday, 21st. Sept. on payment of 6d booking fee. It is felt that many of our members may be interested in this lecture.

KELSEY AVES.

HON. SEC.

CIRCULAR NO 38.

9th. Oct. 1959

MEETING. The next meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday October 15th. at the Tas. Museum. The Subject will be "Geological Wanderings on Maria Island" and the Speaker, Mr. M.R. Banks, B.Sc., Senior Lecturer in Geology at the University of Tasmania.

OUTINGS. Saturday 17th. Oct. 9 a.m. Bus from 137 Collins St. to Blackmans Bay.
Saturday 7th. November, 'Lost World' 8.30 Bus to Fern Tree Hotel, a fairly energetic walk: Leader Mr. Frank Green. South Arm was deferred a week owing to bad weather on the date planned. About 20 people in 4 cars had a very successful day. The Club again thanks the drivers for providing transport.

REPORTS ON LAST MONTH'S OUTINGS. Mt. Hull, Sept 5th, 16 members and friends turned up. The party went first to the old Limestone Quarries at Berriedale. Here a typical exposure was seen of a Permian limestone formed in the sea bed 200-250 million years ago overlaid with Triassic calcareous mudstone formed 150-200 million years ago. Both beds are rich in fossils. Many specimens were obtained, including several "Spirifers". The party then proceeded via Collinsvale to the end of the Mt. Hull road; a short walk brought them to a good creek and lunch. From here they went 'bush'. Many botanical specimens were collected and named by Miss Wall and a number of birds were identified by Miss Mosey.

'THE TAWNY PIPIT IN REAL LIFE' Those who saw the film should enjoy this extract from the 'London Times Weekly Review' on the successful breeding of a pair of ospreys in Scotland, where the bird had been extinct as a breeding species for 50 years. "Since 1954 there have been regular attempts by ospreys to nest again in Scotland, but in most cases their eggs were taken, probably by egg collectors. In 1958 a pair built and laid eggs by a Loch and watchers were set to protect the nest. However, one night someone raided the tree and although he was prevented from taking the eggs, he broke them.

This year the R.S.P.B. laid elaborate plans for the protection of the ospreys should they return, which they did. The trunk of the tree was swathed in barbed wire up to about 25 feet. A base camp with catering arrangements was established and linked by telephone to an observation post 200 yds from the nest. Mr. George Waterson directed three pairs of watchers - one pair from the Nature Conservancy and two pairs from the staff of the R.S.P.B. - who had the task of keeping continuous watch.

The most dangerous period was between the laying of the eggs early in May and the hatching of three young five week later. And since it was impossible to see 200 yds on a dark night the B.B.C. lent a parabolic reflector microphone which was put at the base of the tree and made possible the hearing of the slightest sound, even the hen turning the eggs and panting in the nest at noon. The precautions seemed to deter possible raiders, no attempt being made to steal the eggs. Incidentally, the Society reports there was much local sympathy and support for its work in protecting the ospreys.

Later from a hide, through powerful field glasses over 13,000 people, mostly tourists, were able to see the ospreys without disturbing them, and these visitors contributed £500 towards the costs, which came in all to about £2,000.

PERSONAL. A happy trip to Miss Robin Featherstone who leaves for Europe again at the end of this month.

KELSEY AVES.

Hon. Sec.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

Circular No. 39

9th. November, 1959

MEETINGS.

The next General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19th, at the Tas. Museum shortly after 8 p.m. Mr. KELSEY AVES will give a talk on "LOUISA ANN MEREDITH, AUTHOR and NATURALIST."

The General meeting will be preceded by a short special meeting at 8 o'clock to consider proposed alterations to the rules. Notices of motion were given at the last meeting by Mr. F.Green (1) "That Section (c) of Rule 3 shall read as follows: "An ordinary member shall, on his election, pay the sum of ten shillings as the Annual Subscription. Married couples may pay a combined Annual Subscription of fifteen shillings", and (2) "That rule 20 shall be added, reading as follows: "The liability of members shall be limited to the amount of one year's subscription. The Committee has recommended the higher subscription rate on account of increased postal charges."

OUTING.

There will be only one outing this month- the coach trip beyond Judbury to the Russell River Valley on Saturday, 21st. November. BOOKINGS, with 10/- deposit, must be made with the Hon. Sec. at 15 Elizabeth St. by NOV. 12th. If insufficient bookings are received by then the trip will be cancelled and deposits returned at the meeting.

SOCIAL.

The Committee has arranged a CLUB SOCIAL to be held at the C.W.A. rooms on SATURDAY, NOV. 28th. at 8 p.m. (Note alteration of date from 27th.) Ladies are asked to bring a plate and gentlemen a silver coin to help defray expenses. Remember what a good time we had at the last social at the C.W.A. rooms? We hope to equal or better it, so please come prepared to enjoy yourself.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

On a more sombre note- there are still some subs. outstanding. If you owe one or more year's subscriptions, the amount is written in red beside this paragraph.

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We cannot afford to send the Circular if arrears are not paid.

FEDERATION CAMP.

This year's combined Christmas-New Year Camp of the Federation of F.N. Clubs will be held at MAWBANNA from Dec. 26th. to Jan. 1st. Mawbanna is 14 miles from Rocky Cape and is well situated for natural history interests- geological- floral etc. and some magnificent waterfalls. A cottage will be available, but those who have tents should bring them. Will those interested please see Miss Alice Wall at the end of the meeting.

MT. FIELD NATIONAL PARK.

As this is the last Circular of the year, notice is given of the January long week-end trip to Mr. Field National Park, Jan. 22-25th. Please let Mr. J. Lewis know a fortnight before this date if you are coming.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Advance notice is given that the Committee resolved that space be provided on the Circular before the Annual General Meeting for nomination in writing, with nominee's agreement to serve. If sufficient nominations are received before the meeting no further nominations will be called for. This should save much time at the meeting.

KELSEY AVES.

Hon. Sec.

NOTE: The Committee has agreed that the Club should make a presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Sargison in appreciation of devoted service to the Club over many years. Members who would like to contribute towards the cost of this are asked to see the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Green.