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FIXTURE LIST.

- 5th January : TUESDAY. Executive Committee Meeting
at Chris and Adele Schorn's flat,
6 Kintyre, 152 Clark Rd. at 8 p.m.
- 10th January: SUNDAY: HIKE to DYMCK'S DILEMMA
with Mike Wigley leading. No river
crossings. Please meet at the
Market Place at 8.30 a.m.
Members: 45. Visitors: 50.
- 16th January: SATURDAY: BRAAIVLEIS at TerBrugge's
9 Ivor Rd., Westville North. Please
meet at Barclays Bank, cnr. of
Field & Smith Str. at 6.15 p.m.
Bring your own meat, mugs and
eating utensils. See p.6 for further
details.
- 20th January: Photographic Meeting at Dick and
Yvonne Travers' flat, 5 Wills Crt.,
Church Lane, Pinetown at 8 p.m.
Subject of competition: Architecture
- 24th January: SUNDAY. HIKE to MACPHERSON'S
CASCADES with Mike Woods leading.
Members: 50c Visitors: 55c.
Please meet at the Market Place
at 8.30 a.m.
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- 2nd February: Executive Committee Meeting at the
Parr's Home.
- 7th February: Annual General Meeting.

HIKE TO CRAIGLEE 29.11.64

Bonjour mes amis,

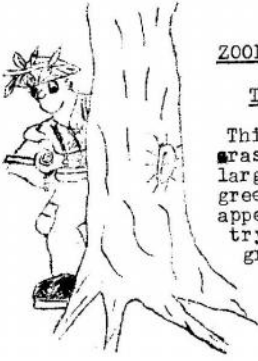
On a brilliant sunny day thirty-nine happy wanderers turned out to be led by our stalwart Lindy to Craiglee. If you have never heard of it before, Craiglee is situated by the Ugeni River in the Inanda Reserve. I should imagine the countryside is similar to the Highlands of Scotland.

Lindy guided us along footpaths through forest-like jungle, where clumsy people entangled themselves in thorny branches - including myself. On reaching the valley we found two playful goats, who soon made friends with us.

When we arrived at our destination, Dymock and Marge and their young family were waiting for us. Margaret had joined them at Pinetown. They had found a lovely spot for our lunch break by the river. We saw several cactus in flower and a large Chestnut tree on the other side of the river with many nests among its branches. (Ed. Don't tell me that even trees are immigrating these days)

A few of the brave went into the river for a dip, while others basked on the rocks or cooled off in the shade. All too soon it was time to return to the lorry, which was a short distance from the picnic spot. Even so, some people nearly missed the boat.

"Que je Marche"

ZOOLOGY SECTIONTRAMPUS MILITIUS

This species is occasionally heard crashing through the undergrowth in large herds. Its plumage is jungle green or khaki in colour. It always appears to be shy, as it is always trying to conceal itself behind greenery. Its call, when heard, is "Whogoes there."

TRAMPUS ZOOLOGICANS

This species is usually seen leaping violently through the bush waving a net, with which it attempts to snare other species of the indigenous fauna. It can be recognised by its intellectual looking face, its gangling body and its call of (Uttered with great speed and much excitement)

"Igottanewspecies"

"Encyclopaedia"s CAMPING (Continued.)

Some indication of the extent of camping in Europe is given by the fact that, in a typical year, 1960, more than 5,000,000 French men & women were active campers and the rate of increase was estimated at 300,000 a year. In July of that year the International Rally of camping and Caravanning, which is held in a different country each year, attracted 6,500 campers from 20 countries to a spectacular site 3,500 ft. up in the high Savoy area of France. No less than 125,000 British campers crossed the English Channel that year with their equipment. In Britain itself, the Camping Club's annual Feast of Lanterns, held on the first weekend of September brings more than 5,000 Camping Club Members together for a weekend. The production of Camping equipment has developed into a large-scale industry. Trade fairs are held annually in London, Paris and Cologne and the turnover of the industries connected with camping approaches £200,000,000 a year.

Nearer home, I hope it will not be very long before the Durban Ramblers Club organizes another camp. I am certainly looking forward to the next one!

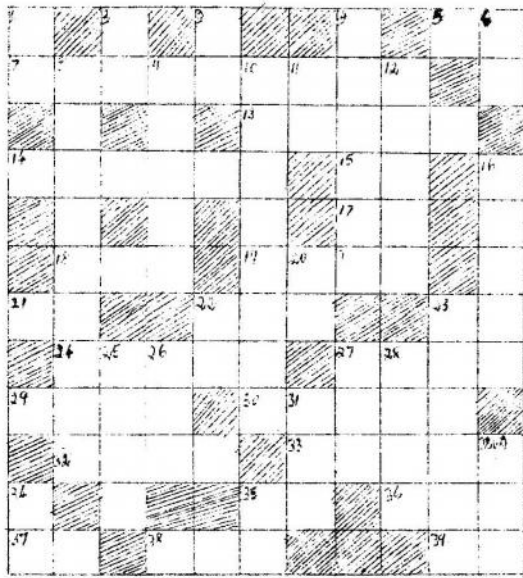
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F.T.W.D.R. (From the December, 1955 edition.)

UNCLE RAE'S COLUMN

Dear Uncle Rae,
Did you enjoy your Christmas dinner?
Yours,
"Well-Wisher"

Dear Well-Wisher,
BURP!
Yours,
Uncle Rae.



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"A FREE HIKE"
 to the owner of the
 first correct entry
 opened on the first
 hike in January.

ACROSS.

DOWN.

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| 5. Reverse of 6 Down. (2) | 1. .. Debbo. (2) |
| 7. Combine 2 Longest-standing stalwarts. (9) | 2. Same as 34 Down (2) |
| 13. Written in verse (1,4) | 3. Indicates mine (2) |
| 14. The Northern Tropic (6) | 4. Entertainments (2) |
| 15. S.A. will have it one day. (6) | 5. Same as 21 Across (2) |
| 17. Hawian Leaf. (2) | 8. Our Club's fittest (4,5) |
| 18. Past tense of is. (3) | 9. One of these is an Usher (5) |
| 19. Afrikaans for vinegar. (4) | 10. Going overseas shortly (2) (8) |
| 21. Spanish for yes. (2) | 11. Surgical event. (2) (8) |
| 22. Item of lingerie. (3) | 12. Chess-playing member. (5) |
| 23. Same as 35 Down. (2) | 16. Guards our funds. (5) |
| 24. This year's Chairman (5) | 20. R.of .. (2) |
| 27. Sung, of course. (4) | 22. Prefix indicating double (2) (6) |
| 29. Italian mountain (4) | 23. Afrikaans for swallow (4) |
| 30. A needle we visit. (5) | 25. Abbrev. for Anagram. (4) |
| 32. Clownish (4) | 26. Buccaneer ... that wasn't. (3) |
| 33. Prevent (5) | 27. Spring (3) |
| 35. Abbreviation for "that is"-(2) | 28. Musical term (4) |
| 36. Result of addition (3) | 31. Order of an Empire (3) |
| 37. Negative reply. (2) | 33.(a) Knight of 2 Saints (3) |
| 38. Hotel developed from one (3) | 34 Not under (2) (3) |
| 39. A Knight's title (abbr.) (2) | 35 Not out. (2) |

 * BRAAIVLEIS *
 * SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1965 *

This event is to be held at the TerBrugge's home, 9 Ivor Road, Westville North, but all car owners and persons requiring transport are asked to meet at Barclays Bank on the corner of Field and Smith Street at 6.15 p.m. If this is inconvenient there is to be a second rendezvous at the Westville Shopping centre at 6.45 p.m.

Most important - please bring your own meat, eating utensils, and mugs. Coffee will be provided, and should you wish for any other liquid refreshment you will have to bring it along yourself together with all the rest. Please help to make this last function organised by the entertainments committee as successful as their first, by bringing your friends along and by reminding one another to keep this evening free.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Our A.G.M. is to be held on the 7th of February next year. As usual there will be a hike organised for the morning, and the meeting will follow in the afternoon. In the best interests of the club it is important that there should be a good attendance at the the meeting, and that it should be representative of the club as a whole.

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Dear Ramblers,

As has been the custom for a number of years this edition of your newsletter has been shortened and put into print early in the month before all the excitement of the Christmas festivities and holidays. Those of us on the editorial committee can then sit back and enjoy a well earned rest before taking up the reins again in January. While on the subject of the Editorial Committee I should like to say how grateful I am to Tom Browne for taking over from me as editor of this newsletter for the last four months. Together with the committee he has done a wonderful job of work and produced some of the best magazines we have had recently. I have been little or no help to them as my mind has been solely wrapped up with baby, nappies, christenings, etc., and yet they have always managed to come up with a solution to the problems that have cropped up.

Christmas is just around the corner once again and I have just been thinking about how Chris and I spent last Christmas. It was our first European Christmas, and we were so looking forward to a Christmas in the dead of winter with snow on the ground. It so happened that we were in Munich for the Christmas season and we were not disappointed as the snow lay thick on the ground, although it did not actually snow on Christmas day. The shops were full of Christmas fare and crowded, and in the whirl of the Christmas rush one might have been almost anywhere in the world. Christmas Eve is the heart of the German Christmas, and our landlady gave us some delicious cakes and punch on this evening so that we should not feel too homesick as we saw families gathering together for their festive meal. At midnight we made our way through the frosty night to the Cathedral for mass, and joined the throng that filled the enormous Cathedral to overflowing. Warmly wrapped in our thickest clothes we joined in this most moving service which concluded with the well loved carol 'Heilige Nacht' composed in a small town not far away.

Editorial. cont.

Christmas day dawned fine and slightly warmer, and after wandering through the park where all the trees were covered with a thick mantle of snow, we joined the children in the tiny marionette theatre. With as much delight as the children we watched the tiny figures dance and sing their way through a Christmas fairy tale.

How very different this Christmas will be with temperatures probably in the eighties, and the city held in the grip of summer holiday fever. Once again we shall be together with our families, and of course this will be a special Christmas with a new member of the family to share it with us.

However you are spending Christmas I hope that it will be a very happy season for you, and that the New Year will bring many blessings.

Adele Schorn.

RAMBLERS' NEWS.

Jean Longworth is our only new member this month, and we welcome her and hope that she enjoys many happy hiking years.

Richard Usher, (Dikko) will be in the navy for 9 months next year. Many thanks for your help with the magazine, Richard, and happy sailing.

Margaret Moore will be resuming her travels once again, and is leaving at the end of December for 3 months in England and on the Continent.

Lyn Sanders is another Rambler that will be in Europe for 6 weeks, and we hope that you both have a wonderful time.

South America is the destination of Gwen Tonkin, and she is sure to have a fascinating holiday.

Congratulations to Joan and Det Sewell on the birth of their daughter.