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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

There will be no message from the Secretary in this month's newsletter, as Keith Stubbs and Bereniece Hale are holidaying in the Philippines. We hope they have an enjoyable holiday, and see plenty of ferns in their travels.

It was unfortunate that we could not have Harry Jackson as our Guest Speaker at our November meeting. Harry has been very ill, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Please remember to bring a plate to our break-up at the December meeting, and if possible, something for the Hamper. Also, if you have plants which you feel may be of interest to other members, bring them along; or any sick plants on which you would like some advice - bring them along and let the panel have a go at them.

Our programme of speakers for the first half of 1982 has been finalised, and is listed on the back page for your information.

As is usual, there will be no meeting of the Society in January.

Did you see our display at the Garden State Festival? It was a beauty! Special thanks go to Albert Jenkins for his efforts and time, and to all those who gave assistance.

At long last, we have started a lending library. Anne Bryant will be in charge of the library, and books will be available at the February meeting. The library will contain approximately 40 books, and more will be added as we can obtain them.

Thirty Fern Growers' Manuals were sold at the November meeting. This book has proved to be very popular, and we hope to have additional supplies for the December meeting.

The fern for the December meeting is a Pteris (Brake Fern). Everyone has a pteris, so bring yours along. The number of entries in recent months has been disappointing.

We are at present forming a sub-committee to investigate the possibility of producing an annual 16-page magazine with colour photographs. This will be worked on in the New Year.

We are also producing a promotional brochure, and looking into continuing to upgrade our monthly Newsletter.

Lorraine and I would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRIS GOUDEY
President

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

As 1981 draws to a close, I hope all members have enjoyed our newsletters during this year.

As Chris has mentioned, we hope to improve the newsletter during 1982, but we will need YOUR help.

During the holiday season, if you have any fern news through your travels, or even human interest stories or anecdotes, please let me know.

I would like to thank Jean Trudgeon, Kath Brown and Margaret Radley for all their sterling assistance, and wish all members a Happy Christmas and a safe and joyous holiday season.

KEITH HUTCHINSON
Editor

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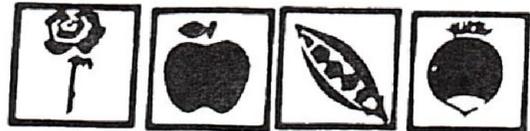
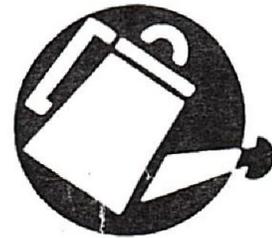
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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Treasurer, Jean Trudgeon, is away on holidays at the moment, so no report is available.

However, a complete report on the six months to December, 1981, will appear in the February, 1982, issue.

A map showing the location of Fern Frond 7. The map includes a compass rose with North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W) directions. Roads shown include Maroochydah Hwy, Seaport Rd, Mt Dandenong Rd, Diana St, Service Road, and Mt Dandenong Rd to Lilydale. A small square on Service Road marks the location of Fern Frond 7. To the right of the map is a stylized illustration of a fern frond. Below the map, the text reads "FERN FROND 7" and "TELEPHONE: 870 5773". To the right of the fern illustration, the text reads "FERN FROND" in a large, bold font, followed by "Fern & Native orchid specialists, indoor plants, hanging baskets." in a smaller font.

PRODUCT REPORT

by KEITH HUTCHINSON

Not a week passes in my Nursery without at least one report of damage to ferns or indoor plants by the use of Leaf Plus.

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MONTHLY COMPETITIONS:

The Committee feels that our monthly competition is not succeeding as well as we would like, and hopes to discuss some ideas for 1982.

Some of the ideas are:

1. Monthly competition to be more specific, e.g. 5" potted fern, container of spore growing, exotic section, very rare section.
2. Bi-monthly competitions with a Blue Ribbon competition in November.
3. Just four large competitions per year.
4. Just two giant fern shows, with approximately 20 sections of competition, taking the whole evening.

Could you help with your ideas, and make 1982 competitions a more interesting part of our Society?

Editor



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* WE HAVE BOOKED THE HERBARIUM *
 * AGAIN FOR OUR 1982 FERN SHOW. *
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* THE DATES ARE MARCH 27TH AND *
 * 28TH WITH SET-UP NIGHT ON *
 * FRIDAY 26TH. PLEASE NOTE *
 * THESE DATES IN YOUR NEW DIARY, *
 * AS WE WILL NEED A LOT OF HELP *
 * IF WE ARE TO BETTER LAST *
 * YEAR'S SHOW. *
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NEWS FROM THE SPORE BANK

Listed below are species in SHORT SUPPLY. If ordering these by mail, please include a supplementary list. All species from the November list are also available.

Spore samples may be purchased at monthly meetings, or by sending a list of your requirements with 20¢ for each species, plus 40¢ for packaging and postage, to Mr. R. Hill, 41 Kareela Road, Frankston, Victoria, 3199.

Payment for orders may be by postage stamp (24¢ stamps preferred where possible) or by cheque (payable to "Fern Society of Victoria").

Note: Self-addressed envelopes are no longer required, but please PRINT your name CLEARLY on your order.

SPECIES IN SHORT SUPPLY:

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| ACROSTICHUM AUREUM(8-79) | DORYOPTERIS PEDATA(11-80) |
| ADIANTUM ANCEPS(5-80) | DRYOPTERIS AUSTRALICA(?) |
| CAPILLUS-VENERIS(1-81) | CARTHUSIANA(?) |
| MATTHEWSII(3-80) | GOLDIANA(?) |
| RADIANUM 'BRIDAL VEIL'(4-81) | SPARSA(7-81) |
| RADIANUM 'FRAGRANTISSIMUM'(8-80) | SPINULOSA(?) |
| RADIANUM 'MIST'(8-80) | VILLARII(?) |
| RADIANUM 'TRIUMPH'(8-80) | WALLICHIANA('80) |
| TENERUM 'SCUTUM ROSEA'(10-80) | SP.(DREAUES?)(6-80) |
| SP.(DUNK IS.)(10-81) | GLEICHENIA MICROPHYLLA(10-80) |
| SP.(PUBESCENS?)(6-80) | HYPOLEPIS AUSTRALIS(1-81) |
| ACLAOMORPHA MEYENIANA(12-79) | LASTROOPSIS TINARODENSIS(1-80) |
| ANEMIA OREGANA(11-80) | LEPTOPTERIS FRASERI(1-80) |
| ASPLENIUM EXCISUM(8-81) | LLAVEA CORDIFOLIA(11-79) |
| PELUCIDUM(7-80) | METATHELYPTERIS SINGALANENSIS(12-80) |
| TRICHOMANES(6-80) | MICROSORIUM DIVERSIFOLIUM(2-80) |
| TRICHOMANES(USA)(8-81) | NEPHROLEPIS BISERRATA(12-79) |
| ATHYRIUM DISTENTIFOLIUM(?) | DICKSONIOPSIS(?) |
| FILIX-FEMINA 'VICTORIAE'('80) | HIRSUTULA(4-80) |
| NIPONICUM(9-80) | OSMUNDA REGALIS(CONTORTED)(12-79) |
| PYCNOCARPON(?) | POLYPODIUM VULGARE(10-78) |
| BLECHNUM VULCANICUM(3-80) | SP.(VULGARE?)(6-80) |
| KOLBITIS RUOYANA(10-80) | POLYSTICHUM ANDERSONII(?) |
| CAMPYLONEURON PHYLLITIDIS(5-80) | BRAUNII(8-78) |
| CHEILANTHES CALIFORNICA(6-80) | MUNITUM 'IMBRICANS'('80) |
| CIBOTIUM CUMINGII(10-80) | SCOPULINUM('78) |
| REGALE(5-80) | SETIFERUM 'FALCATUM DYCE'(?) |
| CONIOGRAMME FRAXINEA(7-81) | PTERIS CRETICA 'DISTINCTION'(4-81) |
| CYATHEA CALLOSA(12-79) | CRETICA 'RIVERTONIANA'('80) |
| INTEGRA(12-78) | UNBROSA(12-80) |
| MUELLERI(7-81) | VITTATA(3-81) |
| PULCHERRIMA(3-81) | PYRRUSIA LONGIFOLIA(7-80) |
| ROBERTSIANA(4-81) | RUMOHRA ADIANTIFORMIS(EXOTIC)(1-81) |
| WOOLLSIANA(8-79) | SPHAEROSTEPHANUS LASTROIDIES(?) |
| SP.(BORNED)(?) | STICHERUS LONGATUS(2-80) |
| DENNSTAEDTIA DOVALLIOPSIS(3-80) | SYNGRAMMA ALISMIFOLIA(12-80) |
| DICKSONIA SP.(BLD)(5-80) | TECTARIA MUELLERI(7-80) |
| DODDIA CAUDATA(4-80) | THELYPTERIS LAXA(8-77) |

In addition, the following new species may be added to the regular spore list:

- Onoclea sensibilis (8-81)
- Ophioglossum pendulum (10-81)
- Thelypteris spp. (Canada)(8-81)

THE FOLLOWING TALE OF WOE, ENCLOSED WITH A VERY MUCH OVERDUE PAYMENT, WILL PROBABLY STRIKE A CHORD WITH MOST MEMBERS:

"In reply to your request to send a cheque, I wish to inform you the present condition of my bank account makes it impossible. My shattered financial position is due to Union Law, Liquor Laws, Federal Laws, Mother-in-laws, and outlaws. Through these laws I am compelled to pay business tax, super tax, excise tax, sales tax, petrol tax and amusement tax (of which I have none). Even my brains are taxed.

I am required to hold a business licence, car licence, dog licence and marriage licence for my own safety. I am required to carry life insurance, accident insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, fire insurance and quite a few others that I can't remember. My business is so governed that I no longer know, nor can I find out, just who owns it.

I am constantly inspected, suspected and disrespected. I am examined, summoned, fined and compelled to supply an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race. I can honestly tell you that excepting for the miracle that happened I could not enclose this money. The wolf has come to the door so often that it now sleeps in the kitchen. Last week it had pups. I sold them and here is the money."

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HOPE THAT YOU FEEL VERY
MUCH A PART OF THE SOCIETY.

DIARY DATES ... DIARY DATES ... DIARY DATES	
FEBRUARY 11TH	TISSUE CULTURE OF FERNS by Russ Hall, Burnley College
MARCH 11TH	NORTHERN QUEENSLAND FERNS by David L. Jones, Author
APRIL	FERN PESTS by Philip Hicks, Garden Advisory Centre
MAY 13TH	FERNS OF THE OTWAYS by Trevor Prescott, Botanist
JUNE 11TH	THE FAMILY POLYPODIUM by Chris Goudey

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