

# Franklin (A.C.T.) goes Ahead

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**T**HE Canberra Alpine Club has had a good year with the climate helping an enthusiastic membership. The snow season, despite an unfavourable beginning was an adequate one. There was a considerable degree of developmental work during the year and a good spirit of camaraderie among all sections of the club. The year's end found the club in a very sound financial position.

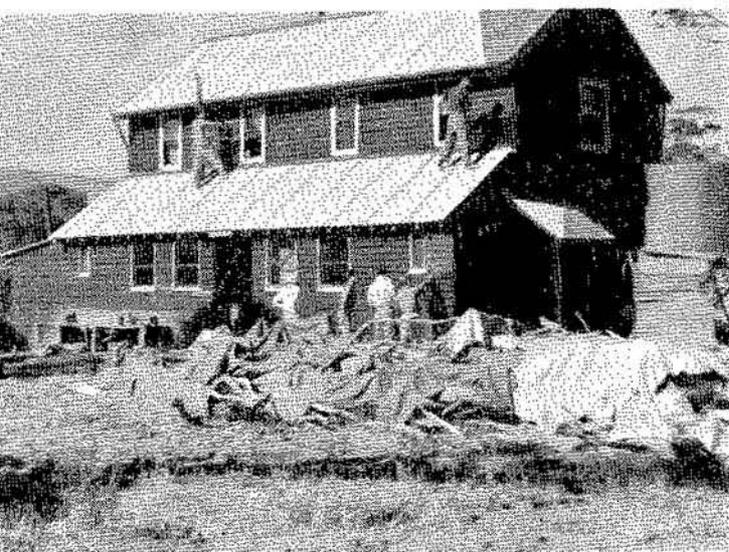
Before the '51 snow season began the club was able to cut out a new run on Mt. Little Ginini with the aid of a bulldozer, and a run of 660 yards with an average width of from 30 to 50 yards facing the south has length-

ened the snow season on the Brindabella Range by at least three weeks.

The new run is exactly two miles from the club-house at Mt. Franklin and the C.A.C. is at present planning to build a shelter there before next winter.

The club-house received a long overdue coat of paint early in the season and a belt of young pines and cedars were planted, which should provide good shelter from the westerlies as well as beautify the area in the years to come.

Two new clubs were formed in the Australian Capital Territory during the year. The Duntroon Ski Club, which consists of



Autumn Cleaning, C.A.C. Lodge.

Royal Military College cadets is operating in the Mt. Ginini area and is planning to cut out new runs this season which will open up further the skiing terrain in the Brindabella Range. The second Club, the Y.M.C.A., operated mostly in the Kosciusko area. The appearance of these clubs provides the possibility of interesting local competitions in future years.

In competition the Canberra Alpine Club

## The A.N.S.F.

By R. Graeme Orr

**A**LTHOUGH the A.N.S.F. has not had an undue amount of work on hand during the year 1951, yet some very important ski-ing matters have been handled.

In the first place, the Inter-Dominion Match was held in Australia, the necessary arrangements being made by the S.C.V. on behalf of the A.N.S.F.

The accommodation and concessions made available by the Victorian State Government contributed largely to a very satisfactory meeting.

The championship titles were known as the Jubilee Championships this year, the trophies being presented by the Commonwealth Government.

The trophies consisted of a large figure on a silver pedestal, the whole mounted on a mahogany plinth, which had attached to it a silver plate headed "Australian Jubilee Championships 1951" and below this a place for engraving the winner's name.

Our first Olympic Ski-ing Team represented Australia at Oslo. This became possible

had a fair year. They came second with 276.18 points to Cooma (297.38 points) in the six team Balmain Cup meeting which is held among members of the Southern Districts Ski Federation. In the National Jubilee Ski Championship at Falls Creek, O. Hegetschweiler came second in the slalom and fourth in the downhill.

Two members of the Club's Brumby Division had a rather uncomfortable trip from Kiandra to Franklin, mostly on skis. In this they spent two nights in the snow—having lost themselves in fog—and had to wade a very wide and cold Goodradigbee River.

An enthusiastic bushwalking committee arranged series of walks during the summer months which sustain interest in the club outside the snow season. The constitution now allows for "summer members" and this section is likely to produce many new full-time members.

During last year the club arranged two extremely bright and successful wool-shed dances through the good offices of a member of the club who owns one of the most accommodating woolsheds for this purpose within easy access of Canberra.

after the way had been opened by the affiliation of the Ski Club of Victoria with the Victorian Olympic Committee — achieved after prolonged negotiation. The A.N.S.F. had to consider carefully the Amateur Rule, which has again been altered, and now appears to be satisfactory, as not only were the Championships and Interstate titles conducted under it, but it was also satisfactory to the Australian Olympic Federation.

A list of candidates for the Olympic Team was picked by the selectors, Messrs. Arnott and Chisholm, and submitted to the A.O.F., who picked a team and appointed Mr. R. G. Chisholm as Manager and Captain.

It is realised by the A.N.S.F. that the members of this team could not hope to win, but the experience which they would gain should prove of inestimable value to Australian ski-ing during the next few years.

For the first time for many years the A.N.S.F. has been financial with the F.I.S. at the current time. With the new arrangements it is hoped that this desirable feature will continue.