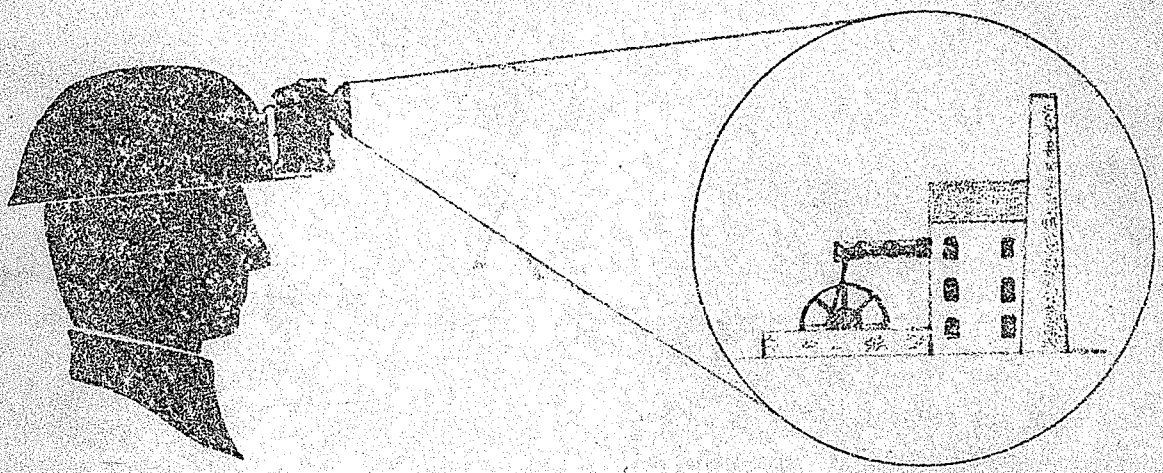
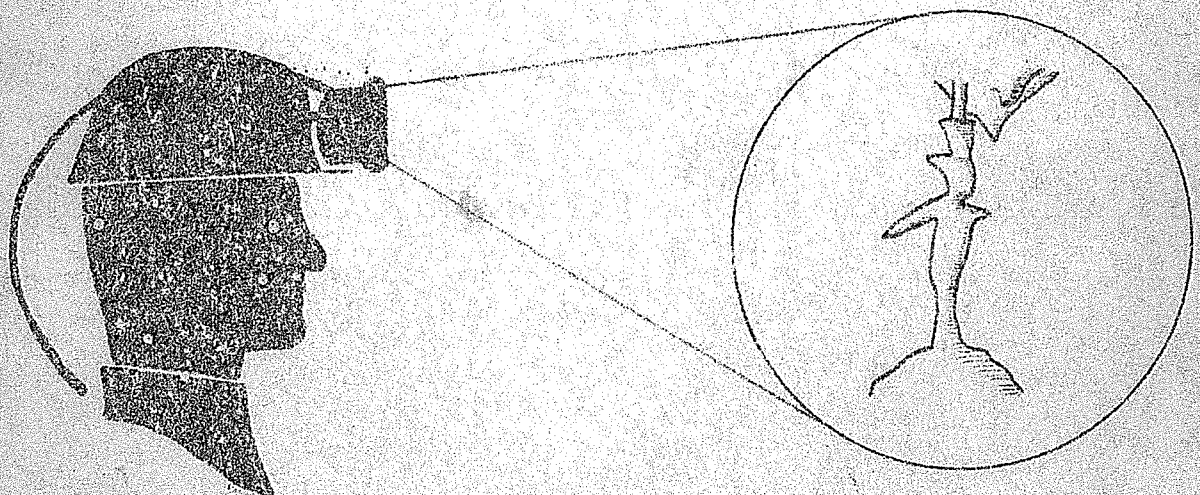
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Opportunity Knocks.....

This when you read it will be the fourteenth editorial at the front of the PCG newsletter. I often wonder who reads these articles on national caving politics, local troubles, interest and apathy. Perhaps if all our members took full note of these articles we would be better off than we are. I don't mean to say we are going to the dogs, our recent discoveries show that this is not true. What I am saying is that the right person is not always contacted, does not know us or our opinions.

Let us consider;
Mrs. Beckford of the local history library follows our activities in all fields with a fine tooth comb.
Antony Sutcliffe of the British Museum and PCRC wanted us to arrange a lecture at the local library.
Mrs. Oxenford of Virtuous Lady Mine tells me of large caving fractions at St. Boniface College, Plymouth College, Tavistock School, Kelly College and Public Sec.
Land owner relationships are'nt what they ought to be.

Why do we work against these people? We are top in mine re-exploration, yet no-one wants to know. Consider the untapped membership potential at these schools. One thing which always makes me wince is the thought of ameteur cavers getting us a bad name and having accidents, when they could be members of an organised club.

In future let us have a little more public relations and thought, a few circulars and letters before we ban ourselves from the whole of Cornwall.

MEET REPORT.

The PCG second annual dinner underground.

This was held on the 30th.December 1967 in Poldory Engine Shaft.
Guests;
N.Gay,driver of a Landrover, did you know .....well perhaps not again.H.Browning,Patty,Bobbo,Our Northern correspondent -Bob,Phil,Our Sputhern correspondent - Dave.Our Dentist - Terry. Brian the handbag,Howard the sniff,Bill (He's come home) and Susan who?And of course our number two Kieth.

This auspicious company were rattling gently down into Cornwall in the early morning of New Years Eve.All was peace and goodwill,and jocularity was rife.

Joke;(an example of jocularity)
Howard. Would'nt it be funny if Terry forgot the stove ?
Terry. Gulp! I have.

One hour and forty miles later saw us driving through Liskeard for the third time that morning.
After this somewhat typical epic we made quite good time to Twelveheads.Here we had to park , and poke about the entrance to the county adit.Norm passed us here, we had left him at a famous openworks near Lanivet ...where ? Of course the Welsh spell it Llan - y - fferet.(Bring back the pun)

Our next stop was by the three sided hut near Mount Wellington mine.After a little hopping up and down in the freezing cold we decided to brave the elements and go and change at the shaft.Up at the engine shaft we found that the timbers covering the shaft had been thrown down the shaft and that there was a padlock over the entrance which had been forced open.

We changed in record time....in the middle of a hailstorm. We then descended at about mid day, festooned with stoves...and things.In several places in the shaft were piles of timber and rubbish which had not been there before.Terry carefully wound around these in his usual manner.....Crash!
The tackle was lowered quickly and everyone descended without incedent.From the start it was evident that I,a northern twit, was not going to be allowed any part in the actual preparations.

FUTURE MEETS.

Sunday February 4th. Buckfastleigh Caves.
Leader:S.Poole.

Sunday February 25th. Cligga Head.A tin & copper mine in the St.Agnes District.
Leader;D.Curry.

Sunday March 10th. Afton Red Rift.
Leader;S.Poole.

Final arrangement for meets to be announced on the previous Thursday to the meet.

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Odds and .....

Will ALL members please send their name and address to the Hon. Chairman,Hugh Browning as soon as possible.
Also the subs are to be sent to Hugh and not to the Treasurer.
Hugh's address;H.Browning,37 York Rd,Paignton,Devon.

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The group shop is open again.Spare parts and equipment can be purchased through Les Rainsford.

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Committee Meeting.
The next committee meeting will be held in the clubroom on Thursday February 25th.1968 at 7.30 pm.

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Library Books.
There are still some library books outstanding.Please return them to the Hon.librarian as soon as possible.

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Special Publication.
Will those who have the mining publications to sell please let the Hon.chairman know how many have been sold and how many are left.

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Stonehouse Cave system.
If anybody hears of any new excavations for foundations in the factory area of Stonehouse,please let D.Curry know immediately. You never know, he might find something.

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Here we had various trips all over the mine, including a photographic trip. It really is amazing that Hugh is unable to pose to have his photograph taken.

Back at the canteen we found that jocularity was again rife.

"My it was cold on top."
"Bitter?"
"Dont mind if I do"
"I did'nt half bang my knee on that crawl"
"What knees?"
"Dont mind if I do".

Eventually the meal was ready and Dave started taking photys to commemorate the occasion.

Menu

Roast chicken.
Peas, garden.
Brussel sprouts.
Potatoes, creamy boiled.

White sauce.

Christmas pudding.
Custard.

There was a selection of white, sparkling wines with the meal this year, (three).

It was quite amusing to see Howard and Hugh struggling with the pressure cookers which we used. These thing sure do have a mind of their own, and we kept having to run after them when they escaped. The meal itself was a great success, and we had to sit down and have an hour reminiscing and telling jokes.

"Exits are on the way out this year".
"He's a funny bloke".
"Run"?
"Dont mind if I do ".

After this we had a quick clear up and started on out. There was a holdup going out so several parties again went round the mine. At the surface Bobbo decided it would be silly to cart half a gallon of water about so he emptied the polythene container over Fitz on his way up the last ladder. You could hear the language in the main stope. Soon we were all out and back at the landrovers, wondering what to do.....

B. Cawthorne.

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Dont miss next months thrilling installment of the events following the annual dinner underground.

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