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### "ROCA DIGEST" CARRIES ON

To keep an Association such as ours active in the agricultural community there must be constant contact between members and a method by which all members can express their views.

It is impossible to do this with one general publication a year. With the advent of the Roca Digest however, interest and the desire for closer contact has been rekindled.

After only seven copies further publication of this media in the original form was financially impossible. However, the awareness of members of the value of the Digest both to themselves and to the Association has resulted in continued publication in a different form. This issue is a trial, and your views would be welcomed.

The aim of the editorial staff who henceforth will entirely produce the Digest, is to keep this contact between members, to promote ideas and generally to assist in making our Association purposeful in the community.

To fulfill this task, we need your help with letters on any topic you think will be of interest to other members. If you write it we will use it.

## SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting was held as usual on the Saturday of the Royal Adelaide Show. Membership figures and Treasurer's Balance are printed in this issue of R. O. C. A. Digest.

The R. O. C. A. Digest was discussed and it was decided to take the Digest on ourselves as a quarterly publication without advertisers, at an estimated cost of £70 for the first year.

It was noted that the Lands Settlement Act was exactly as presented to the Premier in 1959. It was mainly the work of Len Laffer and Zack Mertin as our representatives on the Rural Settlement Committee.

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Mr. N. R. McKeown, who was Senior Lecturer in Agriculture for some years, was nominated as an Associate member.

Mr. Gilchrist reported that the Old Scholars were being asked to support the Howard Memorial Appeal.

The Committee is now:- President: Mr. W. Gilchrist  
Past President: Mr. C. Hooper  
Vice President: Mr. G. Roe  
Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. Stephens  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. Norman  
Committee: Messrs. W. Edge,  
J. Gore, H. Nash, R. Ford,  
A. Emerson as the 1-10 year representatives  
R. Ryan from the Graduating Class.  
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The meeting was followed by an enjoyable reunion at the Gresham Hotel where Mr. L. Cook received the 1963 Award of Merit.

A Committee Meeting was held on 15th November to get the Digest Management Committee elected.

Mr. R. Ford is now Editor-Chairman with F. Pearson, D. Stacy, R. Norton and W. Edge to help. Ray Norton, Manager of the "Student", has been on the sick list, and between us the usual R. O. C. A. Section of the "Student" as such is missing this year. It is hoped that the "Student" of the future will become the College "prestige" publication, with R. O. C. A. Digest as acting as the news media.

## OLD SCHOLARS v PRESENT SCHOLARS FOOTBALL MATCH

Quite a few of the more recent graduates came back to College on 28th September, the Visiting and Gala Day, to join in and play the present scholars football team.

The old boys held their own for the first three quarters, but slowed up somewhat in the last quarter and just managed to get home by two goals.

The big line up was:-

D. Hicks	I. Thomas	M. Wright
I. Mosel		N. Brooks
R. Ford	M. Harwood	R. Daniel
W. Hack	V. Patrick	T. Willison
I. Young	T. Dillon	J. Donellan
D. Purser	J. Wiese	R. Radford
		G. Woodroffe

All played well, but special mention must go to Trevor Dillon, John Donellan, Daryl Hicks, Malcolm Wright, Jim Wiese, Vic Patrick, and "Rusty" Daniel. Daryl Hicks found the standard a little too high, having just finished league football in Adelaide (Sturts). However, he managed to get an odd kick, and finished up with 5 goals for the Old Scholars.

Dav. Purser showed that he could still keep up with the younger chaps out on the field, but may have felt a little stiffer the next day. He defended well with Jim Wiese back in goals, and between them they turned back many attacks.

Hamish Gosse came out and joined in the match part way through the third quarter and replaced Mick Harwood, who unfortunately hurt a leg.

Colin Krause made a first rate job of the umpiring, although several decisions, particularly against "Rusty" Daniel, brought joking threats that a swim in the sewerage (this word was not used) dam would be very appropriate.

We would like to thank the very valuable services of our trainer Bill ("Tex") Magarey, who did an excellent job in keeping all players on their feet.

Everyone had a most enjoyable time, and I would like to thank all those who played.

## THE GRAPEVINE

Since the last edition of R. O. C. A. Digest old students have been patronising the Engagement and Approaching Marriages column of the "Advertiser" fairly well. In July I noticed Geof Rebbeck's engagement ( and incidentally Geof has joined the ranks of the Department of Agriculture). Early in August, Aitchison Grieve announced his engagement to Pat Moseley of Keith, and Ross Solly was engaged in September.

More recently Nick Hutchins, who is working as Assistant Horticulturist at the College, announced his engagement to Rosemary Gosse Hay. Rosemary's father is a Roseworthy old scholar and attended the College during the period 1929-31.

On the same day Leon Klau also announced his engagement to Lorna Thom. I believe Leon is working at home on the farm at Auburn.

W. S. "Bill" Edge was married in the College Chapel on 14th September to Phyl Sunlea of Myrtle Bank.

Ken Holden picked a good day for his wedding to Rosemary Hannaford on 7th September at Riverton. Amongst the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day, Mr. and Mrs. Dav. Suter, and Graham "Tree" Martin. Ken and Rosemary have gone back to Kangaroo Island where they will live on the Research Centre at Parndana. News drifted across from the Island that their house had been well decorated for their arrival.

Dick Cook called in to the College with Bob Bennett at the end of August to see how the "Old Place" was getting on. Dick had just spent two enjoyable weeks on the snow fields in Victoria and was on his way back to W. A. where he is farming about 6, 000 acres of land on which he is running 7, 000 sheep and cropping up to 800 acres a year.

Harry Stephen has passed on a letter to me from Michael Salter who has shifted from Emerald in Queensland to "Wildwood", Ardlethan, N. S. W. Mick ran into his old "partner in crime" Charley Von Doussa, recently in Ardlethan. Charley has sold out and is apparently interested in clover seed production or perhaps in the gathering of the seed. Being fairly near the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, Mick has run into a few old scholars - Tex Potter and Scotty Ireland at Griffith; Also Tiger Tumell, who has left the plonk game, and is now living at Leeton. He works for the Water Conservation and Irrigation crowd, which according to Mick, is proving far more lucrative than being a

plonky. Mick also reports that Ralph Sedgeley is with the C. S. I. R. O. at Deniliquin.

John Battye has moved about the State quite a bit since leaving the College. After one year of share farming in the north he commenced a wool-classing course with the Institute of Technology. The practical instruction on this course has taken him to sheep stations throughout the State. John is now completing his third year. In between the woolclassing and work on the home farm John has found time to make two trips to New Zealand, one for 8 months and the other a year.

Speaking with the Principal, Mr. Herriot, recently, he tells me that there are many enquiries for enrolment for next year. If any of you have friends intending to come to the College next year and have not enrolled, I suggest that they do it as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Valda and Peter Gratton who have had an addition to the family this month - a baby son. A footballer in the making, Peter! They now have two daughters and a son, and are living at Berri where Peter works for the Lands Department.

Sam White has joined Joe Hardy and Ray "Screw" Driver at Brewarrana in N. S. W., working under Pat Auld. Drew Finlay has left this Old Collegians group but have not heard where he has gone. If you get a few minutes to spare Drew, maybe you could let us know what you are doing?

Jasper Bowering called into the College several weeks ago. Jasper is now working on his father's property at Keith.

### MILKY WHEY

(Notes from Dairy Technology Association)

Since the last issue of these notes a meeting has been held of the Dairy Education Committee. It was decided to hold another short course for Dairy Factory operatives in 1964. In addition the Committee agreed to circularise factories whose personnel have passed through this course, with a view to getting some idea of first how much the industry has obtained and can obtain from these courses. It is the committee's view that it should be possible to make a pass in this course a pre-requisite for a certificate in cheese-making for instance, which should give the course some standing in the Industry.

This seems to be a forward step for Dairying in SA, and indicates how major developments can occur from very small beginnings. I'm not suggesting that a Diploma is just around the corner; but let's hasten slowly and be satisfied with a minor goal at this stage. It's all very well to be critical from this distance, but it seems to me that if this foundation had been laid in 1945-6, the Diploma in Dairying at R. A. C. would not now be languishing.

#### News from Members.

I hear Keith Lawson is back in SA having forsaken the Dairying Industry for a position with "Fertiliser Sales"; his address is Bordertown. Welcome back Keith, you have made a big decision, we hope you find your position more satisfying than you found at Cobram, and wish you well.

Brian Hannaford too is back in the fold. Congratulations on your appointment as Milk Products Adviser, Brian. From the account I received recently I see you are Sec. of the S. A. Dairy Tech. Society. O.K. I'll pay, as soon as we get this 10%.

Since the last notes went to print, Mr. Bussell has left R. A. C. and has been appointed Officer-in-Charge of a new Research Centre at Northfield. Whilst at R. A. C. both Mr. & Mrs. Bussell gave up large slices of time to Dairying and the students of the R. D. D. course particularly. We all wish them well at Northfield, and would like to say thanks for the untiring efforts on our behalf.

#### COLLEGE CHATTER

Like the remainder of the State, the timely rain converted the outlook from very gloomy to one which we are expecting an average return. We have conserved 12,000 bales of hay, probably of the best quality for many years, and about 400 tons of silage. At the time of writing reaping has just commenced, with oat crops promising up to 15 bags and a paddock planted originally for feed yielding 9 bags. Wheat and barley are rather variable, depending mainly on the conditions at seeding.

The staff position has remained rather static. Peter Gratton transferred to the Lands Department and is stationed at Berri.

Allen Footer joined the office staff as Bookkeeper, and it

will be his duty to institute the new accounting system in which sales and costs for each section of College administration and production will be kept separately. Later some of these figures will be used for student instruction in the Farm Management course. We take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. & Mrs. Footer and family to Roseworthy College.

Geoff Haydon has left the farm staff to work a front-end loader for a quarry contractor.

Unfortunately Ralph Bach recently suffered a severe heart attack and it is expected that he will be away from work for three months.

Staff numbers have been increased by other means. We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Rex Krause and Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Harrison on the additions to their families. We also welcome Mrs. Gerald Woodroffe and Mrs. Ross Ford as members of the Roseworthy College community.

On the Sporting Front the main item of interest is that College and Hamley Bridge have been admitted to the Gawler Association for the 1964 football season. So Souths, Willaston and-Centrals will again be discussed as they have been for many years.

Athletics Sports Day held in late November proved to be very successful, and another three records were broken. Stephen Gee won the Cup and, with a leap of 5 foot 10 inches, broke the High Jump record. Malcolm Seppelt, although defeated for the Cup for the first time in five years, added two further records to his imposing sporting results at R. A. C. - 42 feet 9 inches for the Shot Putt and 46 feet in the Sheaf Toss.

Our two cricket teams and tennis team are having quite a successful year but will experience trouble towards the end of the season when some members will be on holidays.



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26TH JANUARY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

R.O.C.A. extends to its members, students, staff and friends  
the Compliments of the Season. May you have a Bright,  
Prosperous New Year.

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