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1964 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REUNION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 5th September at 5.00 p.m. at No. 3 Hall, Railway Institute.

This is the same hall as last year and is best found by walking from the lower level of the Railway Station towards Elder Park.

BUSINESS

President's Report Treasurer's Report R.O.C.A. Digest Report Award of Merit Swimming Pool Appeal Scholarship 1965 Reunion Any other business Election of Officers

Nominations are required to be lodged with the Secretary not later than Friday, 22nd August.

The Executive positions are:

President, W. Gilchrist	
Past-President, C.W. Hooper	(no nomination required).
Vice-President, G.P. Roe	
Secretary, H.V. Stephen	
Treasurer (C. R. Norman) resigned	

COMMITTEE

(a)	One member wh	10 shall be	from the	Graduating	Classes	of the	year:
	R.G. Ryan						

(b) One member wh	o left the College more	e than one (1) and less than ten (10) years ago:
A.M. Emerso	n, (1956 graduate).	
(c) Four other ordina	ary members	
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W.S. Edge		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
R.J. Ford		
H.M. Nash (u	ınavailable)	***************************************
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That the rules governing the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Scholarship be repealed and that the following rules be adopted.

1. Title -

The Scholarship will be called "The Roseworthy Old Collegians' Scholarship."

2. Administration —

All awards shall be made by the Executive of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association who shall also be responsible for general administration of the Scholarship.

3. Value of Scholarship and period of Award -

The Scholarship which will be offered from time to time, when a need is known to exist shall be of value to be determined by the Executive but shall not exceed £175 per annum for any one student. The amount fixed by the Executive shall be governed by the available funds and the needs.

4. Qualifications.

The Scholarship may be offered to either of the following:

- 1. The son or grandson of an old student who is financially embarrassed by the prospect of sending his son or grandson to the College.
- 2. Any student at present in college whose continuation on course is threatened by financial difficulty and who has demonstrated reasonable scholastic ability.

5. Method of Selection -

- The Executive shall meet to consider applications for assistance and make awards whenever a need is known to exist.
- 2. Where competition exists for available funds the Executive shall be guided by the following order of priority:
 - (1) Son or Grandson of a deceased Old Student who was a member of the Association at the time of his death.
 - (2) Son or Grandson of a living member of the Association.
 - (3) Son or Grandson of any Old Student.
 - (4) Other possible applicants under 4 (2).
- 3. Before any award is made under clause 4 (1) the Executive must have a written statement from the Principal stating that the candidate has otherwise succeeded in gaining admission to the College for the current year.

6. Contingencies -

The Executive of the Association shall

- (1) Receive a report at lease once per annum on the progress of all Scholarship holders.
- (2) Have the authority to terminate any existing scholarship where such seems desirable.

7. Alteration of Rules:

The foregoing shall comprise the Rules governing awards of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Scholarship and they shall not be repealed or altered except by the authority of a General meeting of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association called <u>inter alia</u> for the purpose.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have recently received a letter from Len Cook, in which is mentioned the fact that Ern Alcock will be celebrating his 80th birthday on 21st July this year. Congratulations Ern, and on behalf of R.O.C.A. may we extend to you a happy birthday this year and for many years to come.

Len has also included a short note on Ern's great services to Agriculture in this State as quoted below:

ERNEST SIMPSON ALCOCK,

"Father" Alcock as he was affectively known by his fellow workers built up a reputation as being one of the most conscientious officers of the Department of Agriculture. He attended

Roseworthy College early in the century (1900-1903) and became poultry assistant there some six years later and stayed for nearly three years in this position.

From poultry section at College Ern went to the South-East and assisted W.J. Colebatch as a field officer at Kybybolite, and also with experimental plot work throughout that area. He continued as a field officer working under W.J. Spafford also for 10 years until 1924 when he was appointed assistant manager of Kybybolite Experimental Centre.

Two years later Ern was appointed Agricultural Adviser for the South-East, and continued as such for 23 years, until his retirement in 1949. During this time as adviser he got to know the South-East area thoroughly, helping many farmers with demonstrations and encouraging others to follow the successful work.

While at Kybybolite Ern planted the plots in 1924 which first showed the value of Phalaris tuberosa as an important pasture grass. Later he did a great deal to encourage Bureau Branches and other rural groups to visit Kybybolite Research Centre to see for themselves the great value of pasture improvement.

Ern was one of the first in the State to encourage Farm Competitions in the Naracoorte district, and was the first to erect and attend to district exhibits at Country shows that depicted the value of superphosphate and subterranean clover.

Later he did a lot to encourage Bureau Branches, other bodies of farmers, bankers, and district leaders to visit Kybybolite Research Centre to see for themselves the great value of pasture improvement.

Ern has always been a great supporter of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, and a keen helper to Diplomates and Roseworthy students.

For over 50 years Ern has lived either in Naracoorte or Mount Gambier, and quietly assisted in civic matters, helping youth movements in particular.

Ern and his wife Elsie have six children, two girls and four boys. All four sons are engaged in agricultural pursuits, two of them, Ray and Alick, are Roseworthy Old Collegians. Ray is a Weeds Officer on the West Coast and Alick is employed with Sandfords in Adelaide, working with the dairy industry. Ern and his good wife are very proud of their family and their nineteen grandchildren.

Ern is always glad to meet at his home in Wallis Street, Mount Gambier, any agricultural officer who can call, and have a chat over interesting matters.

GRAPEVINE

The Digest Committee welcomed a willing helper to their ranks in Jack Ryan recently. Jack has a wide knowledge of the publishing business and will be of great assistance to us. Jack has his own public relations business centred in Adelaide and known as "Ryan International".

It is good to see the College Chapel being used more for the marriage of Old Scholars. Leon Klau is to be married to Lorna Thorn on July 25th and Russ Daniel who is at present teaching at Murray Bridge High School is to be married near the end of August. Both these weddings are to take place in the College Chapel and I am sure all Old Scholars will join with me in wishing them all the best in their married lives.

Harry Nash has changed his place of abode and is now living at Port Lincoln where his address is 46 London Street. Harry and his wife, Lorna seem to be enjoying the life over there, although Harry did spend a short time in hospital recently to have his appendix removed.

Harry Stephen has passed on a letter he received from Alan Martin who is living in Western Australia. Alan is administration officer at the Head Office of the Rural and Industries Bank of W.A. Another Old Collegian who is on the staff of the bank is Jack Curlewis (1924-1926) who is in the Valuation Department. Alan has mentioned some other Old Collegians whom he

has been associated with in W.A. They are E.B. Thomas, or Yardanooka, who has now retired; George Russer, his son, and Owen Spencer, all of Piawaring; Fred Howe, Manager of Elder Smith, Perth, Merchandise Department, and John Lord of Wongoondy Estate, Mullewa.

Dick Thomas called in at College early in July and was just commencing three or four weeks holiday. Dick ran into Greg Petman while in Adelaide and informs us that Greg has now shifted to Mount Gambier where his address is 88 Wiel Street. Greg is still working with same company as before (I.B.C.). Dick has received quite a lengthly letter from Dav. Stanley in Kenya, and has offered to forward extracts from the letter to me in time to be included in the next issue of the Digest. So we can look forward with interest for news from Dav. Stanley.

Once again several of our members have announced their engagement since our last issue. Warrick "Dad" Hack has at last "plucked" up enough courage to pop the question after plenty of encouragement from certain quarters. Ian Young also announced his engagement to Enis Lepins during June. Ian is teaching in N.S.W. and visited Peter Young who is overseer of a $3\frac{1}{2}$ thousand acre property between Wagga and Aubury. His address is "Dalrye", Yerong Creek. According to Ian, Peter reckons the land around that part of Australia is "marvellous country".

Kevin "Blackie" Lelu was married to Althea Butler on May 16th. Kev's best man was Trevor "Blossom" Loxton.

Lindsay Moulden and Grant Paech came back to College recently and were amazed at the changes that had taken place since they were here some four and a half years ago. Lindsay, who is still working with an aerial topdressing and spraying company in Victoria, informs me that Peter Brown has shifted to W.A. in the last couple of months and is working for the Rural Bank over there.

A point of interest from the College is the fact that the students are sponsoring an entrant in the Miss South Australia Quest this year and have to date done a stirling job in raising money for the Spastic Home, a very worthy cause. The College's entrant will be Miss Sally Gardner of Wasleys.

Below is an interesting summary by Frank Pearson of "The Rural Advances Guarantee Act" which could be of considerable help to some Old Collegians.

If you have any further queries on this matter after reading the article I am sure Frank would be only too pleased to help as he is at present responsible for the Department of Agriculture's part of the scheme with Bill Nankivell.

THE RURAL ADVANCES GUARANTEE ACT

The Rural Advances Guarantee Act, No. 32 of 1963, which is an Act to empower the Treasurer to guarantee the repayment of loans made or proposed to be made to persons in certain circumstances to assist them in acquiring land for the business of rural production, and for other purposes was passed late last year and has been working since early this year.

To date some 65 applications have been received and about 20, involving a guarantee of over £300,000, have been approved, and it seems probable that both R.O.C.A. members, and present students, with limited finances, and a desire to go on the land may be able to use the provisions of this Act.

The Act does not make provision for the granting of finance by the Government for the purchase of properties, but it gives authority for the Treasurer of the State to guarantee under certain conditions, loans granted by Banks, approved persons, or bodies, for the purpose of assisting approved persons to acquire land for the business of rural production

The giving of a guarantee by the Treasurer is, inter alia, dependent on:

(a) The Land Board furnishing a certificate that the amount paid or to be paid for the acquisition of the land by the applicant for the guarantee is no greater than the fair value of the land, having regard to the particular business of rural production to be undertaken or conducted on the land.

- (b) The Board furnishing the Treasurer with a report that the borrower has the ability and experience to undertake or conduct such business of rural production successfully.
- (c) The Director of Agriculture or his nominee furnishing the Treasurer with a report that the land would be adequate for maintaining the applicant and his family, after meeting all reasonable costs and expenses in connection with the conduct of the business, and repayment of the loan and interest thereon.
- (d) The Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement making a recommendation to the Treasurer that a guarantee be given.

The decision whether a guarantee will be given rests with the Treasurer. He has, however, indicated that approval would not be given in the case of an applicant already established as a rural producer, who requires the finance to secure additional land, or to further develop his land. He has also intimated that the following cases would not qualify unless it was clear that the owner was in danger of losing his property if he did not obtain the desired financial assistance.

- (a) If the applicant is already the owner of the land and requires the finance to pay off an existing loan in respect of the land.
- (b) If the land belongs to a member of the applicant's family and the assistance is required to pay out the family.
- (c) If the applicant is part-owner and is seeking assitance to become full owner.

The Treasurer must be assured that the applicant has access to adequate working capital, and is able to finance any other debts incurred as well as that proposed to be guaranteed, and at the same time have an income "adequate for the maintenance of a family at accepted standard

If the amount to be paid for the land is more than the fair valuation determined by the Land Board, the guarantee cannot be given even though the vendor or some other persons may be prepared to finance the applicant for the difference.

The "business of rural production" means business of agriculture, pasturage, horticulture, viticulture, apiculture, poultry farming, dairy farming or any other business (excluding forestry) consisting of the cultivation of soils, the gathering in of crops or the rearing of livestock

After securing an option on a property, or coming to a satisfactory understanding with the present owner, it is necessary to try normal means of financing the purchase of the property, e.g. through Banks and/or other property financing agencies. Rural Advances Act guarantees are available at a much greater percentage (85%) of the reasonable value of a property than normal finances usually are prepared to cover (50%-60%). Therefore Rural Advances Guarantee Act eligibility demands that normal sources of finance be used if possible, and only when these are not available and have been refused, is a proposition considered under the Act to enable people with insufficient finance to get "on the land".

After being recommended by a Bank (and at present the State and Savings Banks of S.A. are co-operating most readily with prospective applicants) an application should be made to the Director of Lands who will advise regarding the procedure to be adopted and the information required.

From then on the various processing procedures will take about 3 months in the case of a successful application, although notice of an unsatisfactory proposition may be given much earlier.

Remember, finance under this Act is only available for reasonably priced going concerns which are able to maintain a family. Developmental properties and small properties being bought as supplements to another income are not eligible.

COLLEGE CHATTER

Since our last issue we have farewelled Mr. & Mrs. Rex Krause and family who now give their address as

909 Terrace Apartment, PULLMAN WASHINGTON 99163 U.S.A.

Although we know that their absence will only be for 12 months, Rex has left a big gap in the lecturing staff, and knowing what a great worker he has been for the College, Old Collegians will recognise the effect of his absence. On behalf of the association we wish Rex and Valda a pleasant working holiday.

After a brief stay, Mr. & Mrs. Des Heaton-Harris have left for the School of Wool Technology at the University of N.S.W., where Des has been appointed Technical Officer. We are sorry to lose these pleasant people and wish them luck in their new environment.

Two new members have joined us on the staff and we welcome them and their families. Mr F. B. Hardy, M.R.C.V.S., has filled the position of Veterinary Officer. He gained his degree at the Edinborough University and was in private practice in the U.K. from 1932/50. After 12 months in Victoria, Mr. Hardy joined the Tasmanian Department of Agriculture where he stayed for 12 years before joining us. With a wealth of practical background and a keen sense of humour Mr. Hardy should be a great acquisition to the lecturing staff.

Brian Gerrard B. Sc. (Hon.) coming straight from England with his wife and two children has filled the position of Bio-Chemist. After graduating from the Sheffield University, Brian became a Fermentation Chemist with the British Drug House.

R.D.T.A. Notes

Those who were present at the Annual Dinner and Reunion at the Oriental Hotel, will agree that the fellowship during the dinner, and discussions at the meeting were very rewarding and up to the standard of previous years. As usual, a product from the local breweries did much to increase the former. Those present were: Messrs. Bussell, van Hoof, Steed, Whitington, Timberlake, Chartier, Lucey, Hannaford and Waugh.

After the dinner, members adjourned to the upstairs room and an informal meeting followed. Officers were re-elected. Main discussion for the evening was the feeling of members towards the introduction of Cheesmakers and Buttermakers Certificates in S.A., and the exclusion of Dairy Diploma holders from such.

Although the general feeling at the meeting was for Diploma holders to be exempt from aquiring one or both of the above where applicable, a meeting of the committee is to be held in the near future to rediscuss the issue.

CHEESMITE CHATTER:

Eddie is apparently enjoying a very happy but busy position at the Myponga Co-op Dairy Society as Assistant Manager.

Rumor goes that Bob at Cameruka has almost risen to the Prime Minister's bracket of salary - right Bob?

Robin (United Co-op) and Mike (Metro Milk) still appear to be carrying out managerial duties successfully despite "incubus" Milk Board Regulations.

I hear that Viv Hannaford is quite happy at Kongorong Cheese Factory in top position. Incidently, Viv, your very interesting article will appear in the next issue of R.O.C.A.

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