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URGENT

Award of Merit nominations are due with the Hon. Secretary by the 31st May, 1965.

Members are reminded that this award is to any member of the Association who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity including Association affairs.

Nominations must be made on the statutory form and must include the information required thereon.

If any member is in doubt on any of these points contact the Hon. Secretary, who may also be able to suggest a seconder if this is any problem.

The Selection Committee has expressed a wish that it may have more candidates to consider each year. I feel each Sub-Branch should be able to nominate a member each year.

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OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER

BY PHIL TUMMEL

(Due to the efforts and enthusiasm of Phil Tummel it has become possible to commence this Newsletter for the Oenology Diploma Holders).

This News Letter is being started with the future intention of forming a much discussed Australian Society of Oenologists. I feel that all diploma holders and those who participated in the Oenology course should firstly become financial members of the Old Scholars Association.

If, and I hope there is no if, you are interested in forming the Australian Society of Oenologists please become financial members if you are not already one, so that all initial works can be reported through the "R.O.C.A. Digest."

Since the inauguration of the Oenology course, four holders of diplomas have died, namely, W. Graham, Peter Seppelt, Vin Ryan and John James. Seventeen are not engaged in the Wine Industry, and 36 are employed by South Australian firms.

Incidentally, thirty-four (34) Oenologists are unfinancial, so no further news will reach these until subscriptions are paid up; so see to it chaps, as I feel this Society of Oenologists is important to our future.

REPORT ON SWIMMING POOL APPEAL FUND

At present there is a total of £2,000 in this fund of which members of the Old Scholars' Association have donated £123.

It is hoped if there is sufficient finance available to commence construction work by the end of 1966. The actual location where the pool is to be situated is on the old canteen site just north of the Plant Breeder Office.

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REPORT - EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH R.O.C.A.
ANNUAL MEETING (GENERAL) & REUNION HELD COWELL,
27.2.1965

BY DES HABEL

Saturday, February 27th, 1965 was the date set for the Annual General Meeting and Dinner for the Eyre Peninsula Branch R.O.C.A., and a very pleasing representative number of members from all areas of the West Coast, together with members from elsewhere in the State, turned up at Georges' "Franklin Harbour" Hotel at Cowell.

Probably the fact that Mr. Len Cook, R.D.A. (Hons.) was attending as the guest speaker influenced the better than average attendance. We know he is well known to all Roseworthy Old Scholars. He is also equally well known here on Eyre Peninsula by the man on the land for his pioneering work in establishing the Minnipa Experimental Farm in 1914 and for his practical adaptability of available scientific knowledge to suit the area in which he worked. Len Cook has been a great ambassador for the College. His faith in diplomates today is unshakeable. Anecdotes recalled were all of agricultural interest with a touch of his typical brand of humour. While at the School of Mines before going to Roseworthy, figures were almost an obsession with him, helping him in his future years of agricultural tabulation. Judging by some of his stories figures seen in columns were not the only ones he was interested in. There was a certain episode when the tent collapsed on Granite Island. I particularly enjoyed his story about Professor Osborne who got off the train at Tooligie in 1915 to collect plant specimens, wrapping them in a newspaper which contained the Melbourne Cup results. Len Cook mentioned names of men known to him in the early days of West Coast settlement. These men, such as Roy Richardson, William T. McClean, and L. S. Davy, all had links with the College and were spoken of with respect and admiration. Prof. Perkins was not forgotten as he had much to do with choosing Minnipa for the farm site.

Andrew Michelmore who introduced Len Cook to the gathering has undertaken to report fully on his address.

We are all indebted to Len for making the effort to attend, but he has asked to make it clear that he got just as much enjoyment from his trip as we did and wishes to thank everyone for having him. We thank Bill Edge for the transport.

Jack Jones did a mighty job when proposing the toast to the Association and voiced the gathering's sentiments. Bill Edge spoke in response mentioning the various activities emphasizing the swimming pool question.

Peter Thyer was a "ring-in" for "The College" as Harry Nash was a "late scratching" from the event. Never-the-less Peter found the right words and in reply Ray Norton had all the answers. Later Ray as "Digest" representative pleaded for contributions to the publication and it is hoped that the local members will rally to the cause.

Ray Alcock left no-one out when thanking "The Visitors" for coming along and helping with the success of the meeting. Ray can recall about 40 years ago being turned upside down by Len Cook and given "Six of the best" for pinching apples from the Kyby Orchard. George Rankin, Dookie graduate, and John Chambers spoke on behalf of the visitors.

John Chambers had a way about him as housemaster and it was good to see the genuine welcome he got from students who were at the College in his time. His popularity (especially coming from one who knows as a member of the Rehab. Mob) was unquestioned.

Ken Hayman, of whom we're very proud on the Coast with his appointment to the Advisory Board of Agriculture, was toastmaster for the evening. He was a last-minute stand-in for Pat Marrie who

had to forward an apology because of ill health. Bad luck, but next year is almost here and Ken has already nominated Pat for the position of master of ceremonies on February 26th, 1966.

At "Roll Call" all 28 persons present were upstanding. Old Students praised their particular year. Hamish Patterson after being runner up to "old faithful" Bob Horne for several years took the belt for his particular year (1930-1933). He claimed that this year was the most patriotic ever to attend the College with the reason being that the "Song of Australia" was written by Mrs. Carlton and her grandson was in Hamish Patterson's year. Get it? By the way, his A70 averaged 9 miles per gallon on the trip to Cowell from Lincoln. That's real keen, man!

John Shipard from Penong travelled the greatest local distance to attend but Hamish had the greatest petrol bill. Never-the-less - both mighty efforts.

Bob Horne again recited the "Ode of Remembrance" at 9 o'clock. This is probably the most impressive part of these functions, particularly to those years from which students did not return.

Annual General Meetings have been held continuously on Eyre Peninsula since Worsley Johnston organised the Tumby Bay dinner of February 24th, 1951.

At this year's it was decided that the next meeting would be held at Pt. Lincoln on February 26th, 1966. The place has already been booked - "The Great Northern" Hotel at 6 p.m. Twelve months' notice should be enough for anyone.

It was most convenient having Harry Stephen (Hon. Secretary, R.O.C.A.) at the meeting to stress points of immediate Association interest. The main one concerning Award of Merit is getting our attention.

We were also appreciative of having with us our delegate Roger Panser from Yacka and Len Cook who has acted as "proxy" for a number of years.

Once again as a small token of appreciation of the fine service to ex students that the "Digest" has continued to give, a contribution of £8 was collected for forwarding to the correct quarter. All present including every visitor assisted.

It was unfortunate that so much business was on hand for the 1964 meeting, as we were still going at midnight. This did not give the usual time for mixing and for reminiscing but it was thought it was better to have a full evening planned than to have a night unprogrammed.

About 1.30 a.m., the last of the old die hards drifted off to bed to the sound of a terrific explosion which rocked the pub. Bill Edge lit the fuse just in case Bob George, the publican, wants to know.

Next day, eleven students, some with wives and children, attended a very enjoyable chop picnic at "The Nob", an excellent beach area 10 miles from Cowell. Jack McFarlane and Mike Greenfield were in charge of the barbecue and did everything right even to the extent of cooking up food and packing a hamper for families travelling long distances home. The Michelmores were well catered for. Ray Alcock took the beer bottles to sell and the Schuberts the cool drink bottles - Trevor is still battling along on a stock inspector's pittance.

So ended another annual gathering with the undeniable success due to the loyalty and effort of those in attendance. We are particularly grateful to all visitors who made the journey and trust a similar number can be with us again next year on February 26th at Port Lincoln's "Great Northern" Hotel commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Present at Meeting were:

Jack Ranforn	1919 - 1922	Mike Greenfield	1959 - 1962
Peter Dunn	1953 - 1956	Ross Solly	1955 - 1958
Jack Jones	1936 - 1939	John Shipard	1958 - 1961
Ray Alcock	1939 - 1942	Ian Holman	1960 - 1963
Jim Chewiys	1942 - 1945	Bob Horne	1929 - 1931
Travor Schubert	1953 - 1956	Bob Stirling	1931
Peter Thyer	1950 - 1953	Hamish Patterson	1930 - 1933
Andrew Michelmore	1937 - 1940	Peter Minhard	1932 - 1938
Jack McFarlane	1960 - 1961	Des Habel	1937 - 1947
David Ritchie	1957 - 1960	Ken Hayman	1940 - 1943

Visitors:

Len Cook	Roger Panser
Bill Edge	Keith Bicknell (Dookie)
Harry Stephen	George Rankin (Dookie)
John Chambers	Ray Norton.

THE GRAPEVINE

Once again a very successful Eyre Peninsula Branch Annual meeting and reunion has been held. A report of this reunion which was held at Cowell this year appears in this issue of the "Digest." Reports from those members who were visitors for the reunion state that the chaps over there are "really keen". I would like to express on behalf of the R.O.C.A. "Digest" Committee and myself our sincere thanks for the generous donations which you have sent over as a contribution to the "Digest."

Congratulations to Harry and Loma Nash who announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter, born during March.

My apologies to Joan and Sandy MacKenzie for announcing the arrival of a baby son instead of a daughter in the last issue of the "Digest." I'll leave it to you to correct the error Sandy. Incidentally Joan and Sandy have shifted to Queensland where Sandy and Kevin Tuckwell are to start up in partnership in a machinery agency.

It was with deepest regret reading of the death of Spencer James Sibley who died in Sydney on March 15th. He attended the College during 1913-1914 and in this time proved to be a fine cricketer and footballer. After graduating he shifted to Adelaide, where he made a great name for himself in the Norwood league side. In more recent years, Spen., as he was known, reached the top of the bowls tree, being the leading skipper in the top division of pennant bowls.

I have received a letter from Hamish Patterson (1930-1933), in which he has included several examination questions, however unfortunately it is not possible to reproduce the diagram that he has sent in, but you did make your point clear Hamish, that perhaps examination questions are shuffled as a pack of cards and dealt out to the various examiners. Thank you for your kind donation towards the R.O.C.A. general funds.

Tony Summers has been working for the Commonwealth Development Bank as a Rural Officer since October last year and is currently studying for an Institute of Valuers Certificate. He gives his address as:- 15 Goldieslie Road, Indooroopilly, Queensland.

THE GRAPEVINE (CONTINUED)

Only two engagements have come to my notice since our last issue. Reg. Radford announced his engagement to Judy Davey on the 13th of February, and Trev. Hemer was also engaged during that month. May we extend our congratulations to these people.

Congratulations also to Rob and Anne Reeves who announced the arrival of a baby son during early March.

Angus Mair called in at College late in February while on holidays from N.S.W. where his address is 28 Braeside St., Wahroonga. While in South Australia, Angus visited quite a few of his old friends from College, many of whom are working in the Barossa Valley.

Mr. Herriot has handed on a letter he received from Theo Stiller who is now teaching at an Agricultural Training School at Banz in the Western Highlands District of New Guinea. Theo arrived in New Guinea at the end of May last year and after several weeks of looking around decided on the job at Banz, which is run by the Lutheran Mission. The Agricultural School commenced in 1956 and two year courses are conducted. As far as stock is concerned Aberdeen Angus, A.I.S. dairy cows, poultry of varying types and pigs are run. In the cropping line coffee and vegetables are grown, but like many other places finance is severely holding back the progress of the School.

Melton Mowbray leaves for London in May where he is to be married in the second week of June. Whilst in England, Melton hopes to continue teaching if possible. Up until leaving he will be teaching at the Elizabeth High School along with Ian Mosel.

Ken Hayman who graduated in 1943 has had his name featuring quite regularly in the notes of the Advisory Board of Agriculture.

I have a couple of changes of address to hand. John Coat has shifted from Jamestown and is now at Lalor Park, N.S.W., and Peter Renk has shifted to Mt. Compass.

Brian "Dick" Merrigan has joined the staff of the Shell Chemical Co. and has called at the College several times recently as he is the representative for this area. Peter Young also called in recently while on a week's holiday from N.S.W. where he is managing a property. Peter was saying that the only cattle to run as far as he was concerned are the Murray Greys. He did suggest to Cliff Hooper that he cross the College Shorthorns to a Murray Grey to put a bit of vigour into them.

Mike Frost has recently been appointed South American representative of Dalgety and New Zealand Loan Ltd. and will be stationed at Santiago, Chile.

STOP PRESS!

Since material for this issue has gone to press several pieces of news have been received.

It was with deepest regret hearing of the recent illness of Frank Pearson who has undergone an operation in the Daws Road Repatriation Hospital. We all hope that you are getting well on the way back to your energetic self again Frank.

Since leaving Harry and Loma Nash at Port Lincoln, the stork has been quite busy. Posy and Hamish Gosse announced the arrival of a son on April 21st, and Janice and Jack Fuss a daughter on April 27th. May we extend to these people our congratulations.

Congratulations also to Grant Peach who announced his engagement on Saturday, 1st May.

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COLLEGE CHATTER

At the time of writing we are approaching the commencement of the 1965-66 Scholastic year and probably will have an intake of 48 first year students, which is likely to be the largest in the history of the College. This large number of applicants should show Old Collegians the healthy state of their College at the present time. Also of interest is the fact that six of the new students are sons of Old Scholars.

The building programme is now under way, with the remodelling of the front of the wine cellars partly finished. The new shearing shed is in course of construction and with new yards should be ready for the 1965 shearing. Poultry has completed an Intensive Rearing Shed with a capacity for 900 day old chickens and will take these through to the point of laying. This shed will increase rearing capacity and will be used for comparison of intensive rearing and range rearing.

The Staff Position:-

Ian Watt, graduate 1965, has joined the Staff as Field Officer in the Sheep Section. To keep himself occupied he became Treasurer of the Gawler Football Association in addition to being chief barracker for the College team. He tells me that there are several good footballers in first year, so we may cause some worry to other teams.

Rumour has it that the Horticulturist position will be filled shortly, after being vacant for a considerable time. In 1965 Horticulture is a major subject when it becomes optional with Sheep, Beef Cattle and Wool Classing. This should be of great assistance to students wishing to concentrate on this form of production.

It looks as though the Wine Cellars will gain one to lose one. Bob Guy leaves for overseas at an early date. England will be his first place of call and, when I suggested that the trip was to extend his studies, I could not get a definite answer as to what would be studied. However we wish Bob all the best and know that he will gain knowledge in many aspects.

R. D. T. A. NOTES

BY MALCOLM TIMBERLAKE.

No news from members has come to hand since the last issue of the "Digest". However, I came across this rather amusing article in the "Milk Products Journal".

Another About the Cow.

A cow is a completely automatic milk manufacturing machine. It is encased in untanned leather and mounted on four vertical movable supports, one on each corner. The front end contains the cutting and grinding mechanism, as well as headlights, air inlet and exhaust, a bumper and a foghorn. At the rear is the dispensing apparatus and an automatic fly swatter. The central portion houses a hydro-chemical conversion plant. This consists of four fermentation and storage tanks connected in series by an intricate network of flexible plumbing. The section also contains the heating plant complete with automatic temperature controls, pumping station and main ventilating system. The waste disposal apparatus is located at the rear of this central section. In brief, the external visible features are: two lookers, two hookers, four stander-uppers, four hanger-downers and a swishy-wishy.

There is a similar machine known as a bull which should not be confused with a cow. It produces no milk but has other interesting features.

SURPRISE DATE

We have a pretty young secretary who never turns down a wolf asking for her telephone number. Sweetly she whispers a number to him. When the wolf later dials it, a voice at the other end answers: "Pest Control Services".

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REUNION OF OLD SCHOLARS GRADUATING IN JAN., 1960

A reunion will be held for those Old Scholars graduating in January, 1960, during the holiday weekend of January, 1966 (Australia Day Holiday).

Although this is a long way off, we would like to bring the matter to those concerned so that they may plan ahead as the more members present the greater the success the reunion will be.

It is anticipated that accommodation, etc., will be arranged if so desired for those coming from afar.

Further details will appear in subsequent issues of the Digest to keep members informed of arrangements. For any other details at the moment please contact:-

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