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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - BILL EDGE

The Samarian civilization which flourished some five thousand years ago is renowned for the erection of Babylon, the most glorious city the world has ever known. But of more lasting value was its invention of writing, which from that time, has always been man's most effective form of communication.

This fact is manifest in the proven popularity of our Digest. Initiated through the enthusiasm of editor Ian Fry, the publication was an immediate success, and although now submitted in a modified, and less ambitious form, the Digest is effectively fulfilling its function, that is, communication between ROCA members.

Thanks to the efforts of the present editor, Ross Ford, the mechanics of production are functioning smoothly, but no artisan or tradesman can produce anything without a supply of suitable raw material; and material for publication in the Digest can be supplied only by ROCA members.

Each ROCA member has the ability to submit an article suitable for publication - information, experiences, reminiscences, perhaps even a poem.

Therefore, if you are genuinely interested in the continued success of the Digest, it is up to you to prove it by playing your part.

Let us have that material!

F. B. PEARSON - WINNER OF 1965 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT

Francis Benjamin PEARSON, Principal Agronomist in the Department of Agriculture of South Australia, was awarded the 1965 ROCA Award of Merit.

Frank is a very worthy recipient of this high honour. Since graduating in January, 1925, he has done a tremendous amount towards the Agriculture of our State.

In more recent years, Frank's particular interests have been:-

- (a) Cereal Production Estimates - the estimates of yields that he prepares each year are used by the Department of Agriculture, Wheat Board and many private firms.
- (b) State Wheat Crop Competitions - these have been conducted under his direction.
- (c) Chairman of the barley harvest damage committee.
- (d) Departmental investigation of agricultural potential for proposed drainage of the Eastern Division of South East of this State.
- (e) Investigation into the manganese deficiency problem on the Lower Yorke Peninsula.
- (f) Is at present the Department of Agriculture's representative in assessing applications for advances under the Rural Advances Guarantee Act.

Frank has been an active member of the Roseworthy Old Collegian's Association Digest Committee since its commencement in August 1962 and also in the initial planning work.

Space does not permit me to mention all the many other good works that Frank has done or is doing. However one of his greatest contributions to agriculture and to the community in general has been his personal help and service that he has given to many individuals. In both an official and an unofficial capacity, he is always willing to give advice and assist anyone he can, particularly Roseworthy old students.

We hope that by the time this issue reaches you Frank that you have fully recovered from your series of operations which, unfortunately kept you from personally receiving your Award at the Reunion.

THE A. G. M. AND REUNION - SATURDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

The Annual General Meeting had the poorest attendance for many years just making a quorum of 20 members. The fact that it was raining 'slightly' kept a few away.

The President, Mr. G. P. Roe, reported that the idea of an Old Scholar's Tie had proved impracticable. Geoff's report will be published in the "Student" later this year.

The meeting was perhaps the shortest on record (40 minutes) and the only matter of any importance was the venture of the 1966 Reunion, so if you have any ideas the committee would appreciate hearing them.

The committee is virtually unchanged except that Mr. W. Gilchrist has retired and Richard Fewster has been elected as the Graduates representative. Mr. W. S. Edge is President and Mr. J. Gore Vice-President.

The reunion was better attended, with about 105 enjoying the dinner at the Gresham. Unfortunately Mr. F. B. Pearson, the Award of Merit recipient was unable to be present and Mr. Sneyd accompanied by Geoff Roe presented the award to him in hospital the following day.

THE A.G.M. AND REUNION - SATURDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

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The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Bywaters, proposed the toast to the College and Mr. Philp responded as it was his last Reunion as a staff member. Mr. Bywaters spent quite some time moving about amongst our members and chatting with them after the formal part of the evening had finished.

Jack Reddin had the 25 years ago group well organised, as did John Gursansky with the 10 years ago group, and both lots seemed to have really enjoyed their special reunions.

The group of "Old Timers" headed by Rowland Hill continues to grow in numbers, although they missed the late D. Fulton who had been a regular attender for many years.

A feature of the evening was the time available for talking after the official speeches, and even Colin McKechnie was satisfied on this score.

OLD COLLEGIANS' DAY

The Chapel was almost full when Ron Tuckwell took the service at 11 o'clock. Unfortunately there were not as many Old Students present as we would have liked to see. Many thanks Ron.

Barbecue lunch was enjoyed on the oval prior to the football match. After some anxious moments we were able to muster a full team. Rus Daniel, a senior Old Scholar, was elected captain.

Team Members:-

Hamish Gosse	Reg Radford
Dick Buckett	Nick Brooks
Ray Driver	Reg Ryan
Chris Heysen	John Goode
Harry Johns	Bob Puckridge
Vic Patrick	Trevor Joyce
Trevor Willison	Peter Brechin
Mick Harwood	Graham Maple
Chris Hancock	Campbell Phillips

Unfortunately the pace set by the present students was too hot and we were down 9-7 to 3-3 at three quarter time. In the last quarter it appeared at one stage that it was to be repetition of the Adelaide Finals, but the College team recovered to 13 goals 7 behinds to 9 goals 4 behinds.

Goal Kickers: Gosse 3, Bucket 2, Driver 2,
Harwood 1, Brechin 1

Best Players: All tried hard.

Our thanks are due to Col. Krause for his help and assistance as umpire. Trainer, Bill Magarey, carried out his job with the usual thoroughness.

Our President, Bill Edge, thanked everybody for attending and participating and the Principal responded.

OENOLOGY NEWS LETTER BY PHIL TUMMEL

In the last issue of the Digest, it was mentioned that a meeting of Oenologists was to be held in the Barossa some time in August or September concerning the proposed Society of Oenologists. Although the meeting did not eventuate, all is proceeding well regards the society.

Ian Hickanbotham, Victorian Manager of Penfolds, has done a great job in negotiating with the proposed new Australian Institute of Food Technology to allow the affiliation of qualified Oenologists.

OENOLOGY NEWS LETTER - CONTINUED

To finalise arrangements a meeting of available Oenologists and the committee of Food Technologists will be held in Melbourne on October 11th.

At the annual dinner the absence of Oenologists was much in evidence, only Rex Kuchel, Bob Baker, Colin Kay and self were present. It was an excellent night meeting old friends, even though they were tainted with soil instead of grape juice.

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Congratulations are in order to Phil and his wife who announced the arrival of a baby daughter (Joanne Mary Tummel) on July 19th. Phil has suggested that it would be a good idea to commence a "Stork Column" in which to make the dramatic announcements, so next issue watch for this column.
Editor.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have received a letter from, and I think I am correct in saying, our oldest member of the association, Mr. Gilbert Lewis, who attended the College from 1895 to 1898. This letter is printed below and following that is an article from the first issue of the "Student" Magazine, which was printed in July, 1897.

42 Mountjoy Rd.,
NEDLANDS. W.A.

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to receive the August copy of the R.O.C.A. Digest. I was at R.A.C. from 1895 - 1898 with, amongst others Walter Colebatch, and the two of us started the "Student".

After leaving Roseworthy, I had a property at Bundaleer but in 1900 sold it and bought a 4,000 acre property at Balgaup near Kojonup in W.A. at £3 per acre. It was practically all bush then, but we cleared it and put down dams as there was only one small dam on the property. Later I retired and left the property to my children. My elder son, Norman (who was also at R.A.C.) sold his share to my daughter as he has a separate property of over 5,000 acres which is still not all cleared but running over 10,000 sheep on it. He recently purchased 1,400 stud ewes in lamb from the drought area in N.S.W.

My grandson, Dick, who went to Muresk Agricultural College in W.A. is on part of my old property and doing well. He is a keen breeder of Polled Angas cattle and has a stud of Peppin sheep. He told me he recently turned down an offer of £35 per acre for his property.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Gilbert Lewis

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MY ORIGIN AND GROWTH BY 'STUDENT'

(Reprint from "Student", July 1897).

It was a summer's eve in January of this year that Walter Colebatch and Gilbert Lewis sought, and found, admission to Mr. Haslam's study. They had come to suggest the idea of publishing every

MY ORIGIN AND GROWTH - CONTINUED

session a College paper, and thus from this little meeting of three I received my origin. As my idea grew, so I needed more guardians, and a committee of students was therefore appointed to watch over me and protect my interests. Thus I became acquainted with Alec Pritchard and Richard Martin, who with my originators, formed "my" committee. The "powers that be" said "Yes" and soon I commenced to grow rapidly. My committee assumed larger proportions and new names. Quite a talented array they are:-

Editor	-	W.J. Colebatch
Sub-Editor	-	R.F. Martin
Manager	-	G. Lewis
Sub-Manager	-	C. Landseer
Committee	-	A.G. Pritchard and J.W. Sandford.

They worked hard and long to make me what I am, and I ought surely to be worthy. Spare your harsh criticisms, good reader, and remember that I belong to a fractious "genus" and that they have done their best. I wonder how long I shall live? As long as the College, I hope; and I shall, too, if you, my readers, will only keep me supplied with good food - solid gold and "milk of human kindness".

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Thank you very much for your most interesting letter Mr. Lewis. Incidentally, the above article "My Origin and Growth" was taken from your own copy of the "Student" which is the only copy that the Old Collegians Association has of this issue. Mr. Haslam who is mentioned in the article, was at the time House-Master and Lecturer on Natural Science and Bookkeeping; the Principal was Mr. William Lowrie. There were eight staff members and thirty-three students that year so in these respects the College has tripled in size.

As space permits, I will include short points of interest from these old magazines as there are articles which would be of considerable interest to all old students.

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R.D.T.A. NOTES BY BRIAN HANNAFORD

Post-Graduate Courses for R.D.A., R.D.Oen., and R.D.D. Holders.

Holders of the Roseworthy Diploma are often motivated to seek qualifications in another field, especially if they are employed or are associated with secondary industry.

Accountancy has attracted many old students, but more recently courses in Business Administration (which give a balance between accountancy and management skills) have also interested many ex students.

What courses are available to Diploma Holders in Business Administration?

It has been the author's experience that a Roseworthy Graduate can fulfill the entrance requirements of the Associate Diploma in Business Administration - A.S.A.I.T. but not the Fellowship Diploma in Business Administration- F.S.A.I.T. The latter course is only open to University Graduates or Holders of the Associate Diploma.

Bearing this in mind, a Roseworthy graduate (if he has the time and inclination) can gain one of the highest administrative qualifications in Australia.

R.D.T.A. NOTES - CONTINUED

The School of Business Administration does offer other certificate courses - Management, Works Administration, Supply Management, Supervision and Personnel Administration. However, industry and governments do not generally recognise certificates as highly as Diplomas and I would examine the worth of commencing a certificate course very thoroughly before embarking on study which may have doubtful value. These remarks are directed at Business Administration qualifications only, as the certificates have definite value if one is to specialise, e.g., Personnel Administration for personnel work.

What is the subject matter of the Diploma Course?

To quote from this year's prospectus, "the course provides a professional education which will develop, in qualified students, the intellectual and personal attributes necessary for successful careers in management of Public or Private enterprises".

In an article such as this, there is insufficient space to discuss every subject in the course, so I have chosen four which may explain the spectrum of the subject matter.

Business Law - property, contracts, agency, partnership, companies, negotiable instruments, mortgages, bills of sale, insurance courts, bankruptcy, industrial relations, taxation, patents, trade marks, industrial code, health carriers, sales, sale of goods, hire purchase and advertising.

Business Psychology - deals with human behaviour and experience within the context of work - commerce, industry and government service.

Business Statistics - purpose and scope of statistics, collection and presentation of data, frequency distributions, quality control and business forecasting.

Business Communication - improved reading, effective speaking, conference leading, business correspondence and report writing.

Students have a choice of Administration subjects, so that the course studied will suit almost any chosen vocation.

Courses may be studied on a full time basis but the majority of students find part time study more suitable.

Further information is available from the School of business administration, S.A. Institute of Technology, Frome Road, Adelaide.

GRAPEVINE

Don't forget the Eyre Peninsula Branch A.G.M. and Reunion to be held at Port Lincoln on the 26th February, 1966. Everyone is assured of a good time. The guest speaker will be Dr. Stephens of the Soils Division C.S.I.R.O. and he is to talk on the soils and geological set-up of the Eyre Peninsula. If you can attend, contact Des Habel, C/- Department of Agriculture, Port Lincoln.

Mr. Philp has handed on a letter that he received from George Bagot who attended the College during the period 1914-16. George was in Rhodesia at the time of writing the letter but gives his address as C/- A.A. of S.A.

P.O. Box 70,
CAPETOWN SOUTH AFRICA

George has been travelling abroad for the past 7½ years and has been at the above address for 12 months, and he sends his regards to all old friends.

GRAPEVINE - CONTINUED

Congratulations to John Obst who has won his second football Mail Medal on Kangaroo Island. Not a bad effort considering that he missed out on the first round of matches and still finished five points ahead of the second place getter.

Once again quite a few things have happened on the matrimonial front. Trev. Hemer was recently married and is at present in New Zealand on a working holiday. Graeme "Tree" Martin announced his engagement late in August, as did Dick Woodward who is engaged to Patricia Millar. Early in September Grahame Wishart announced his engagement to Jill Mead. May we extend our congratulations to all these people.

I received a letter from Ken Folliett sometime ago. Ken is living in Queensland, and is married and has a young daughter.

Congratulations to Dav. Stanley who came third in the Beasley Cup. This is a rifle competition held in England, and Dav. travelled to the contests with a team from East Africa.

Cliff Hooper received a letter from Blue Lampe recently. Blue has bought half shares in a partly developed block of 556 acres at Lake Mundi which is on the Victorian - South Australian border about half a mile off the Penola/Casterton road. This new venture has taken up quite a considerable amount of his spare time. Blue is still working for the Kentish's and gives his address as C/- "Greenbanks", Box 62, MT. GAMBIER.

Bill Bussell ran into a few Old Collegians while at the Melbourne Royal Show. Johnny Richardson was stewarding on the Gurnseys, Dean Wilkins who was with the Dairy Branch, Victoria Department of Agriculture, and Noel Myers who was stewarding in the Beef Carcase Competition.

Two of our older members were back at Roseworthy seeing what vast changes had occurred since they were here. They were Mr. W.R. Richardson who attended the College during the period 1899-1902 and Mr. J.W. Aldridge who graduated shortly after Mr. Richardson in 1907.

It is with deepest regret noting the death of John Goode who attended the College during the year 1934 as a University Student. Prior to his death, John was the Officer in Charge of Turretfield Research Centre. I am sure all old scholars will join me in sending our sympathy to Mrs. Goode and family.

COLLEGE CHATTER - BY CLIFF HOOPER

With Show and Shearing over all I can do is grizzle about the season. With 202 points of rain in August and 102 points in September and a nine month total of 9.59 inches, the position is rather grim. Crops are very short and, with only a limited quantity of clover-grass hay cut, we need cereal growth to replenish our fodder reserves.

Adelaide Show proved to be quite successful for our beef cattle and the pigs were just out of the prize money in several very strong classes. Poll Shorthorn numbers and quality were up on previous years, so we were very satisfied with:-

First & Reserve Champion Steer
First & fifth in the strong 15-18 month bull class
Second & third with heifers 15-18 months.

The wool clip still seems to be on the improve with better handle than in past years. Despite the season, 1,467 grown sheep and 471 Merino lambs produced 60 bales of wool. This shearing will probably be the last as Instructor for Stan Green, as he will shortly reach the retiring age. We welcome Tony Ryan as his successor.

Early in October we will welcome to the staff Tony Morris who will fill the position of Assistant Dairy Instructor. Tony has a wide experience since leaving College and should be an acquisition to the Staff.

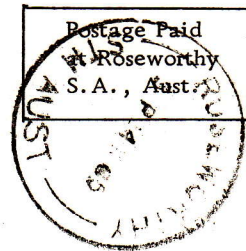
IF YOU ARE A ROSEWORTHY OLD SCHOLAR
 YOU SHOULD SEE THAT YOU SUPPORT R.O.C.A.
 IF YOU MILK COWS
 YOU SHOULD SEE A PSYCHIATRIST
 UNLESS YOU MILK JERSEYS

Then you really should see Gngangwea Jerseys at Inman Valley

JOHN AND MRS. GORE WOULD WELCOME YOU

R.O.C.A. DIGEST

Mr. B.C. Eastick,
 Bright St.,
 WILLASTON



MURRAY RIVER BRANCH A.G.M. & REUNION

The Murray River Branch held their first meeting for a number of years at Barnera West in Sept. Although only approximately 12 members arrived, it is pleasing to see this branch active again. An election of officers has placed Rodney Pfeiffer as President and his brother Kevin as Secretary.

With these enthusiastic young members we hope to see a revival of "River Rats" and expect many more at the reunion at Loxton next year. We hope to publish more details of this year's reunion next issue.