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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I feel honoured to be President of R.O.C.A. for this year, and thank all past presidents for guiding the Association to its present strength.

The Association must forever be looking forward into the future and changing to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Just as the College itself is changing so must we change and include the past, present and future to form an even stronger Association.

I pay tribute to those who built the foundations for us to build on, many of these are forgotten by us or indeed unknown except as a name in some old book in a forgotten cupboard. To see which way we are going it is interesting to me to look back the twenty years I have been a member.

In 1947 the total membership was 412 with assets of \$1,818.

In 1967 we have 790 members and assets of \$10,087.

Reflecting back over this period I have seen the introduction of the Old Collegians Scholarship to Roseworthy. Today scholarships are more plentiful and this scholarship has not been used for some time but it is still playing a useful part and one day a student will gain his Diploma because of it.

For years we worked to alter the Lord's Graduates Settlement Act, eventually with the help of other interested organisations we presented a scheme that was to become, in effect, the present Act.

The Award of Merit was introduced a few years ago and we have had some notable winners. It has told the world that these are Roseworthy men and we are proud of them and their achievements in agriculture.

The introduction of this Digest was a major event in our history and we are indebted to Mr I. Fry the first editor and his successor Mr R. Ford for this excellent means of keeping in touch with our members.

The proposed Australian Agricultural Diplomates Association although not originating from us has had our support from the start and one of our members, Frank Pearson, is largely responsible for the progress made in formation of the A.A.D.A. Frank has been one of our delegates to the formation meetings and has contributed largely to the draft constitution. He is now Chairman of the committee to form the A.A.D.A. and I feel that this ensures this venture will be put on the right road. It is up to us as potential members to see that it stays on this road by joining it and participating in its activities.

I would welcome new ideas from members to help keep the R.O.C.A., looking forward.

H. V. STEPHEN.

DINNER DANCE

It has been decided at a recent R.O.C.A. committee meeting to hold a Dinner Dance at the Enfield Hotel on a Saturday during the 1968 May School Holidays.

This function is not restricted to R.O.C.A. members and their wives or girlfriends. Other friends will be very welcome.

Further details will appear in later issues of the Digest.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION

The incoming committee appointed this year is:-

Past President	J. Gore
President	H. V. Stephen
Vice-President	R. Norton
Secretary	J. Gursansky
Treasurer	C. Hooper
Committee	B. Wigney
	R. Fewster
	R. Ford
	R. Ryan
	G. Roe
	W. Edge
Auditor	B.C. Philp.

Matters discussed included letters from Len Laffer and Don Golding, questioning the present high entry standard at the College, prohibiting some young men entering a course in Agriculture. The subject was discussed at length with no resolution coming forward to recommend any change in present entrance standards.

The President's Annual Report recorded improved membership, congratulated the digest committee on their publication and thanked members for their improved interest in the Award of Merit.

Treasurer's report recorded a net income of \$198.16. Although increased expenditure is expected the financial position is still sound.

The notice of motion re "Award of Merit Selection Committee" as published in the last issue of the Digest was carried at the meeting.

The meeting was followed by a successful dinner; attendances were slightly down on last year but our treasurer came out well with more paying customers than attendances.

The Award of Merit was presented to Mr Herriot by Prof. Donald, who outlined the work and service to agriculture done by the recipient.

Henry Day organised the 25 year group who attended their special year very well. Unfortunately for many this was the first occasion they had attended a reunion dinner. Trevor Dillon introduced the 10-year group, who claim to be the last of hard drinkers having attended the college.

SECOND AFFILIATION MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIONS

The above meeting was held at Queensland Agricultural College, Queensland on the 22nd August, 1967.

In addition to President John Gore and Frank Pearson, who represented R.O.C.A., were ten other members representing Dookie, Longerenong, Hawkesbury, Wagga, Papua-New Guinea and Gatton. An apology was received from the Muresk, Western Australian Association.

A brief resume' of the happenings in relation to the formation of an Australian Diplomates Association from the beginning of the negotiations, two years ago, to the date of the present meeting was given.

As they related to the meeting to be held the most significant previous happenings were the R.O.C.A. basic proposals for the formation of an association put forward late in 1966 - and the enlargement of these by Dookie-Longerenong into the basic recommendations, which were circulated to all interested groups.

In a report from the delegates for the different groups in relation to their parent Association's feelings toward an Australian Association, the following emerged:-

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| <u>HAWKESBURY</u> | - | Council could not reach a unanimous decision and delegates were instructed to neither oppose or support the proposal. |
| <u>ROSEWORTHY</u> | - | Whole heartedly supported the proposed Association. |
| <u>PAPUA-NEW GUINEA</u> | - | Members showed tremendous interest and gave full support for a National Association. |
| <u>DOOKIE-LONGERENONG</u> | - | Reported very strong support for the foundation of a National Association. |
| <u>WAGGA</u> | - | 100% support for the new Association subject to some reservations that desired changes in the proposed constitution be incorporated. |
| <u>GATTON</u> | - | These delegates and their Association knew little of the objects of the proposed Association, or their members' attitude towards it, until their attendance at this meeting. The two delegates stated that they would report favourably back to their parent Association. |
| <u>MURESK</u> | - | By postal report stated that they were strongly in favour of the proposed Association but asked for certain constitutional changes and clarifications. |

Following the above proposition that a National Body be formed was put to a vote on the motion of Roseworthy supported by Papua-New Guinea. The motion was carried with Hawkesbury and Gatton abstaining from voting.

The following Formation Committee was elected:-

F. B. PEARSON	(Roseworthy)	- Chairman
P. FLUDE	(Dookie-Longerenong)	- Secretary
A. McLENNAN	(Wagga)	- Member
T. MEDLEY	(Hawkesbury)	- Member
F. KLECKHAM	(Papua-New Guinea)	- Member

This formation committee will revise the basic recommendations and resubmit them as a completed constitution to the various interested bodies. This was expected to take some six months for discussion and agreement and leave six months for legal consideration and drafting of the Constitution.

UPPER MURRAY R.O.C.A. BRANCH ANNUAL REUNION

FROM T. DAVIDSON

The Upper Murray Branch of R.O.C.A. held their Annual Reunion Dinner in the pleasant surroundings of the Lounge of Renmark Hotel, September 27th, 1967. The dinner was not well patronised, but those who did attend really enjoyed themselves. Nineteen in all made it, including Harry Stephen, R.O.C.A. President and Ray Norton, Ross Ford, John Gursansky, and Geoff Knight from the College. It was very pleasing to see the interest taken in the Association as shown by their attendance. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

Of the Upper Murray members it was pleasing to see the new faces of two new graduates, namely Jim Klingberg and Kelvin Westbrook, who have recently returned to the River. For some reason or other, some of our older stalwarts were missing this year, making it more a younger fry's reunion. Perhaps we'll see them and more next year at Berri.

The meeting elected unopposed a very fine and able-bodied duo for office for 1969, in the form of Greg Botting for President, and Tom Simes (better known as "Pop") for Secretary/Treasurer.

In proposing a toast to the College, Ross Wishart described some of the many and important changes which have been made, telling those of us who haven't seen the college for some time of unbelievable investment in the establishment, resulting in real expansion and progress. Looks like we'd better go soon, to see if he's pulling our legs.

Harry Stephen and others gave us details of the proposed Australian Agricultural Diplomates Association and it was moved by the meeting that our branch strongly support the formation of this Association. The general feeling was that this type of association was long overdue, and warranted our full support.

A lively discussion took place on the proposed Agricultural College for Loxton. It was felt that there was a need for agricultural training for lads intending to become farmers or horticulturists. It is envisaged that the course would be much less exacting than Roseworthy College, but more detailed than provided by Agricultural High Schools, at present. Rod Pfeiffer outlined new trends in the Education Department, especially as regards teaching agriculture, stating that better agricultural education is definitely being considered and that the main problem at present is the lack of facilities needed for practical training.

After the formal meeting, there was much deep discourse on various aspects of horticulture, including such subjects as over weed vine control, oriental fruit moth for Roseworthy College, and importing prize salvation jane seeds from overseas.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NEXT EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH REUNION

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that the information concerning the guest speaker at the next Eyre Peninsula Branch R.O.C.A. gathering can now be given to members interested in attending on February 24th, 1968.

Unless some unforeseen circumstances interfere with arrangements Mr J.W. Macaulay (Head of Division of Veterinary Clinical Pathology) of the Institute of Veterinary and Medical Science, Adelaide, will visit Eyre Peninsula for the first time. He has accepted our invitation to give the annual address at our big night of the year.

Mr J.W. Macaulay (D.V.S.M., D.Sc.) graduated from the Edinburgh University in 1933. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. His career began in Bechuanaland, thence to Kenya, Northern Rhodesia and back to Kenya before accepting his present appointment to South Australia last year. With a grant from Wellcome Foundation the Kenya Government established an Institute for research into Foot and Mouth disease and Mr Macaulay was appointed first director in 1959. He remained in this position until coming to Adelaide in 1966. He is recognised as a world authority on the Foot and Mouth disease. It is hoped that his address will deal with exotic diseases of livestock and the disturbing threat that does exist from their introduction to Australia. The actual title of the address will be made known in the near future.

Members can be assured of Mr Macaulay's speaking ability which is enhanced by the first-hand knowledge obtainable only in the field that he has undoubtedly received through experience.

GRAPEVINE

It is with a certain amount of mixed feelings that it has been learned that worthy Eyre Peninsula Branch committeeman Jack Jones has accepted an appointment at Urrbrae. Jack who has been teaching at Port Lincoln High School for several years leaves Port Lincoln at the end of the year to take up his new assignment in February under "Kitch" Haines who many of us remember as a popular 'Varsity student' and footballer (playing for RAC and League).

Port Lincoln will miss Jack and his popular wife Hazel who was one of the "guiding lights" behind the success of ladies dinner held last February. Both she and Jack hope to be back with us on February 24th, next year, for the big shindig.

It is with words of gratitude for their able assistance in the past that all local branch members wish them well in their change of address.

COLLEGE CHATTER

BY CLIFF HOOPER

At the time of writing the season was still providing plenty of headaches and we were waiting for that big rain which could save the position. The necessity of making hay this year is one of the main things causing concern; we are still hopeful.

Ray Norton has sprayed most of the farm for either emex, fumitory, lucerne flea or red legged earth mite, so what crop and pasture we have will not be subject to extra competition.

On the football field we have done reasonably well - the 'A's were beaten in the first semi-final, but the 'B's upheld the College name by taking out the Premiership.

At the Intercollegiate Rifle and Tennis matches held at Gatton, we were not able to continue our run of successes - the Rifle team were only beaten by one but the tennis team finished well down the list.

The Chemistry, Biology and Plant Breeder Buildings are beginning to take shape and it will be something extra to inspect on Open Day.

On the Staff front we have seen several changes: Graham ATKINS, B.E. (Hons), A.M.I.E. (Aust) has taken up duties as Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Engineering. He obtained his degree at the University of N.S.W., worked for a period with the railways in that State and prior to his appointment to Roseworthy was Instructor in Thermo-Dynamics at the Bendigo Institute of Technology. We welcome Mr and Mrs Atkins to the College community.

David TAPLIN, B. Ag. Sc., has just commenced duties as Senior Lecturer in Animal Production. David has just completed his thesis for a Ph.D.

Ian WATT has recently returned to the College as Assistant to Alain Chartier in the Dairy Section. We understand that Ian will be bringing a wife to the College early in 1968.

It is expected that Mr Amirthalingam of Malaya will join the staff in early November as Research Officer (Sheep and Wool Biology). He is coming from the Queensland University and is a Master of Veterinary Science.

Chris O'DONNELL has returned to Mount Gambier so the Sheep Cadet Position as well as that of Assistant Farm Manager are now vacant.

Although the College only showed Beef Cattle at the Adelaide Royal, everybody received a thrill when the bull, Roseworthy Leopold, became Junion Champion and then went on to take Champion Male, followed by Supreme Champion of the breed.

PHILPY'S MEMOIRS - PART IV

BY ROY NORTON

As we have said in the days when "young Snow" played football, Dolph Baker was captain, and considered by all to be an excellent footballer and a good College man. The main feature then was the means of transportation. Young Jack Daly would drive the five-horse drag to Gawler, where the Old Spot Hotel was used to stable the horses. Can you imagine making the hotel a staging camp for 18 young footballers?

They would then catch a bus to the station if the match was at Salisbury. Prior to this time a horse tram travelled the main street of Gawler. One Mr Baker apparently ran the bus service and on these Saturdays at a loss, for young Philp told me that no-one proffered a fare. This no-one then, included our Philp and I would put it to members of R.O.C.A. that this same crafty cunning and blatant dishonesty could still be alive today, in our Honorary Auditor! It may be an opportune time at our next A.G.M. to bring this fact to the notice of the Executive.

It seems that a train ride to Salisbury, a match then back to Gawler was only a preliminary to the real events of the day or night as it happens. A dance or pictures would round the day off, then after harnessing up the team they would drive home with only one traditional stop at the corner of a farm which, as far as I can understand, belonged to a Mr P.I. Sso, presumably a Chinese market gardener. Jack Daly would be involved in this from start to finish, firstly as driver responsible for the team, and secondly as a player. The permanent mailman was Edgar Haydon, a family still associated with the College.

Thinking about the horse conveyance prompted me to suggest that the mail probably ran to Roseworthy twice a week. I find it was twice daily. The vehicle was covered similar to those used in Adelaide as cabs. It was pulled by two horses taking an hour each way, morning and night. I think one of the amazing things that I learnt from this comment was that Philpy's predecessor travelled daily to College from Dudley Park. At this time also a Mr Adams, known locally as "Professor" was Housemaster, and came daily from Gawler. It seems that the horses did not preclude travel, but only prolonged it.

When a large number were travelling a five horse drag was used. There was also a drag presented by an unknown benefactor which carried twelve. This was known as the "cricket drag", and this select body would proceed with all decorum to the village green in their own chariot.

A staff member who came to mind at this point was the gardener, Don McKeown, who lived in what is now South 4. Anyone working that paddock in recent years would have seen the remnants of stone and glass on the old house site along the Mallalla road.

Many old students would have seen this fellow's handwork, for it was apparently he who laid all the brickwork in the old dairy floor, where the hammer mill shed now stands. He was a handyman and apparently very adapt at thatching haystacks and would descend from the garden on the hill annually to attend to this chore.

The thing which Philpy remembers about him most is the roughness of his hands when, after getting cramp at football, he was given a rub-down by the well-meaning McKeown. Our lad consequently missed the next three matches while the skin grew back.

We started with football; we finish with football, but if you think to whom we're talking, is it any wonder. They say he was one-eyed and I gather it was plastic surgery that makes him reasonably presentable today. It was the same surgeon who operated on his tight first and another part of his anatomy with no apparent success.

THE GRAPEVINE

News of the formation of the Australian Agricultural Diplomates Association has been received with enthusiasm and interest. Congratulations to Frank Pearson on having been appointed chairman of the formation committee.

Congratulations to the following members who have recently been engaged, married, or had an addition to the family.

Engagements: John OBST - Katherine WHITE
 Richard (Speed) CAMPBELL - Anne HECKENBERG
 Jim LOLLER - Jill BUCKBY
 Ian WATT - Claire COWELL
 Mark SEELIGER -

Marriages: Allan HICKS - Helen GILMOUR

Births: Sandy & Annabel MacKIRDY - A son
 Hamish GOSSE - A daughter
 Leon & Lorna KLAU - A son
 Bob & Marion SAMPSON - A son
 Melton & Christine MOWBRAY - A son

The following is a section of a letter Cliff Hooper received from Terry Klug:

"Since my move to Tasi in November 1966, I have made contact with Dennis Laurence whose previous address was Woodbury House, Antill Ponds. Two months ago the Laurence Estate was sold and Dennis moved to "Moana", Low Heads, which is situated at the mouth of the River Tamar. Apart from Dennis, I have made brief contacts with Phil Loney and Mick Tandy, both seem fit and well.

"I am stationed with the nutrition section, Launceston, and employed by the Beef Research Committee to investigate herd improvement through the use of beef performance techniques. Also I am conducting micro nutrient investigations in the Ouse and Derwent Districts.

"Tasmanian hospitality and scenery is second to none and I am now sure that all of our Mainland sarcasm about this Island is completely unbased."

Another letter has been passed on to me from John Nickolls, who gives his address as "Laura Station", Bundarra 2359, via Armidale, N.S.W. John is looking after the pastoral interests of F.C.A., who have recently acquired three properties in this area grossing some 22,000 acres. Apparently this area has had a pretty lean time over the last two years, but present indications are that 1967 will be fairer. John said that there is tremendous scope for pasture species improvement and fertilizer appreciation.

Keith Fairlie who retired some time ago, after spending some 40 odd years in the College vegetable garden is keeping remarkably fit. Keith was back at the College for Sports Day and presented the prizes to successful students.

It was with considerable regret that we noted the death of Bill Daly who we all knew so well in the workshop.

At the recent committee meeting of R.O.C.A. it was interesting to hear from Frank Pearson that of the 149 known Agricultural Diplomates in the Territories of New Guinea, 147 are members of their Association.

Student representatives from each of the six Agricultural Colleges that take part in the Intercollegiate Sports competitions met recently at Gatton and have formed the "National Association of Agricultural College Students". This is entirely separate from the Diplomates Association, and the students plan to publish a newsletter at regular intervals.

OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER

BY PHIL TUMMEL

The proposed Oenologist Society is still in the throes of constitution but the light is beginning to appear.

Not many of the Oenology boys attended the annual dinner, but it was good to see Jack Kilgour (Emu Wines), Jim Jenkins (McWilliams Yenda) Bob Baker (College) and Rex Kuchel (Botanic Gardens) at one table imbibing champagne whilst their fellow agricultural peasants gulped down that noxious amber fluid called Beer, pronounced BIER.

The fact that our proposed Oenologist Society is taking so long to launch, will give the Agriculture boys fresh heart if they also have a slow start to their proposed society.

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R.D.T.A. NOTES

BY BRIAN HANNAFORD

Malcolm Timberlake (Metropolitan Milk Board) has been transferred from the Adelaide Hills to Murray Bridge. We wish Malcolm well in his new environment.

Bob McMahon (Glencoe Co-op) and yours truly spent a profitable fortnight in New Zealand with the Australian Society of Dairy Technology study tour during August. A party of 29 South Australians made the trip which was organised to study aspects of cheese manufacture mechanisation. Bob also included a study of Herring's Cherry Brandy (or was it Cherry Hairy!) and was last seen struggling across the tarmac at Essendon airport with suspicious looking bottle bags from the Auckland Duty Free Shop.

Sorry to hear that Bill Bussell is still not the best; we hope to see him up and about in the very near future. Bill would welcome any visitors at his home.

A REMINDER - Don't forget the annual barbecue and picnic on Sunday, December 3rd, 1967 in the South Parklands, Glen Osmond Road at 11.30 a.m.