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COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY INTO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The above committee held its inaugural meeting on March 7th, 1968 to enquire into agricultural education in South Australia, and it has invited individuals and organisations having views on the matters set out in the Committee's terms of reference as shown below, to supply written submissions.

The Committee of Enquiry has asked for the co-operation of our Old Scholars Association, many members of which must be vitally interested in the matters being enquired into. Your suggestions and comments, which should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, R.O.C.A. as soon as possible, may be presented through your association, which will prepare a written submission for the enquiry and if necessary will provide oral evidence to supplement our representation.

An extremely capable group of men form the Committee of Enquiry, which had as its Chairman, Sir Henry Basten until his recent appointment as Chairman of the Universities Commission. At the time of this issue going to press, his successor had not been named by the Minister of Agriculture.

The following is the committee:—

Chairman — vacant
Professor C. M. Donald — Prof. of Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture
Professor N. T. Flentje — Prof. of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Agriculture
Dr E. W. Mills, Assistant Director, South Australian Institute of Technology
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Mr J. W. Reddin — Farmer and Stud Breeder
Mr R. M. G. Harvey — Manager, Yalkuri Pastoral Co. Ltd
Mr B. C. Philp — Secretary

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To report on the State's total needs for the tertiary and post-secondary education of those who are and will be engaged in agriculture, the animal industries, veterinary science and related occupations.
2. To report on the facilities which are now being provided for the education of such persons.
3. To report on the state in South Australia of basic and developmental research and the extension thereof in agriculture and related activities.
4. To estimate how many persons, having each form of education deemed desirable, are likely to be required in the foreseeable future, and to make recommendations.

Bearing in mind the need for a co-ordinated system of education for those who will be engaged in agriculture and related occupations, the Committee should feel free to consider, and, if it wishes, to comment on contributions made to the system by schools as well as other educational institutions. The Committee should also regard Adult Education as within the general terms of reference.

E.P. BRANCH A.G.M. AND REUNION – by Barry Lawes

The 1968 A.G.M. and Reunion of E.P. Branch of R.O.C.A. was held on Saturday, 24th February and although it is over now, it is by no means forgotten by the 37 members and official guests who attended the meeting in the Great Northern Hotel, Port Lincoln.

Following last year's success the A.G.M. was conducted before 6.00 p.m. Pat Marrie and Des Habel, who have so capably led the committee and this branch to success over the past years, were again elected as President and Secretary. The previous committee with the inclusion of Ian Holman were also re-elected.

We regret that our previous committee members, Jack Jones, Graeme Wishart and Tom Green, whose assistance has always been greatly appreciated, have left the district. We wish them every success and happiness for their future.

By completing the A.G.M. before the dinner, ample time was left for an informal reunion after the meal and still permit Jack McFarlane, Ian Shiphard, Beau Colbey and John Dawes to get to bed before dawn.

It was pleasing to welcome two of our younger members, Bill Greenfield and Bruce Thyer to our reunion this year, but why was it that Bruce, who had only been married 6 weeks, was last to arrive to the dinner.

In his toast to the College, Beau Colbey, in typical form, embarrassed the waitresses to such an extent that one in particular ducked her head and left the dining room as though she had been shot at.

Responding to the toast, Rolly Day was able to inform us of the latest developments and improvements to the College's training facilities, which will undoubtedly be of the utmost benefit to every future diplomate. Naturally every old collegian must be pleased to hear of such great achievements.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the evening was the address presented by our guest speaker, Mr John Macaulay, Head of Division of Veterinary Clinical Pathology, Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science, Adelaide.

Speaking from his overseas experience, particularly in South Africa and Britain, and with his first hand knowledge of conditions throughout the world, especially in Australia's near neighbours in S.E. Asia, Mr Macaulay in no uncertain manner convinced us of the real threat to Australia and its economy, of the numerous and extremely dangerous exotic diseases which have so far been excluded or eradicated on entry. Our only regret was that time prevented Mr Macaulay from passing on further information, all of which is of vital importance and interest to everyone living in this country.

This branch has a reputation for successful reunions, and this year's was certainly no exception, so here's hoping you can all make it to Port Lincoln in February 1969.

R.D.T.A. NOTES – from Brian D. Hannaford

The annual picnic and barbecue held on December 3rd, 1967 was again a successful venture. Members, families and friends enjoyed the informal atmosphere of the afternoon. It was decided that this annual get-together be continued and members will be informed of the date and venue later in the year.

Industry Notes – Mechanisation in the cheese industry is the current topic of conversation. Several large S.A. companies have already consolidated their manufacturing units to reduce overheads and raise through puts of central plants to make ready for mechanisation. It would appear that the first mechanised factory will be operating for the 1968 spring and will be closely followed by two more installations in 1969.

The College continues to play a vital role in dairy industry operative certificates. Two courses (Buttermaking and Cheesemaking) were conducted in February, 1968. The dairy factory has had some renovation and a vacreator has been installed.

Personal – Good to say hello to Dean Wilkins at Christmas. Dean was over from Melbourne to visit family and friends. Dean brings news from Victoria and Tasmania. Tom Bartholomew (Cobden) has added another member to his family. John Arnold (Drouin) has re-married, Viv. Hannaford (Launceston) has another interest other than cars. Alan Lang (Geelong) has moved further up the executive scale and is now sales manager for Healthway Dairy Products.

AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

Award of Merit Nominations are due with the Hon. Secretary of R.O.C.A. by May 31st, and should be set out in form similar to that indicated in the February issue of the Digest.

CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

I would like to apologise to David Riceman for having mistakenly omitted his name from the list of Award of Merit winners which was published in the last issue. A corrected list is published below. To the many members who realised this error and notified either me or a member of the committee, I thank you.

Recipients of Award of Merit:—

1961	—	Rowland Hill	1965	—	Frank Pearson
1962	—	David Riceman	1966	—	Dr A.R. Callaghan
1963	—	Len Cook	1967	—	Bob Herriot
1964	—	W. J. Dawkins			

MATERIAL FOR INCLUSION IN THE DIGEST

If you wish to contribute editorial material or advertisements to the Digest, the following are the months of issue:

FEBRUARY

MAY

AUGUST

NOVEMBER

All material for each issue should be forwarded no later than the beginning of the second week in the month prior to that of issue. For example, material for the August issue should be in by the beginning of the second week of July. This is your newsletter and in order to make it of interest to members we must rely on YOU to contribute articles of interest.

R.O.C.A. A.G.M. AND REUNION DINNER

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association will be held on Saturday, 7th September at the Richmond Hotel in Rundle Street.

Further details will appear in the next issue, but make a note of the date in your diary now. September 7th is the first Saturday of the Adelaide Royal Show.

REPORT ON R.O.C.A. PICNIC HELD ON FEBRUARY 25th, 1968 – by Ian Holman

The annual picnic and family day of the E.P. Branch of R.O.C.A. was held this year on February 25th, following the reunion and dinner. The venue of the picnic was changed by the President, Pat Marrie and his committee at the last minute from North Shields to Billy Light Point due to the very unpleasant weather conditions at the exposed beach at North Shields.

A very good crowd eventually arrived at the picnic site to be welcomed by Des Habel (complete with a bottle opener on a string around his neck), who promptly led them over to the refreshment booth. Both, hard and soft drinks, were supplied to cater for the various tastes and age groups.

As in past years, barbecued chops and sausages were provided for everyone. Peter Thyer arrived with a large quantity of red wine, which was duly consumed by a limited number of willing people.

Ken Hayman brought along his boat and a few hardy souls ventured out on the water to try their hand at water ski-ing. The majority remained on the beach and kept a good watch over the beer supply. Ken also took a few of the women for joy rides around the bay. However, only a few were game to go with him. Whether this was because of Ken or the weather conditions we are not too sure.

Tom Haney and David Tuckwell left soon after dinner to fly back to Adelaide, but on their way home they made a low run over the area to check up on things from the air. We only hope that things looked as good from the plane as they were on the ground.

About mid-afternoon it unfortunately began to rain, with the result that everyone was huddled into the shelter of two canvas tents. Soon afterwards everyone adjourned to Peter Thyer's house in Port Lincoln. Naturally things were a bit disorganized for a while, and in the process of getting cars off the beach John Shipard and John McFarlane distinguished themselves by getting bogged. However, with the aid of numerous helpers they eventually found their way back to Lincoln.

Ray Alcock cleared the foreshore of empty bottles and Judy Thyer's Labrador cleaned up all the chop bones. A very pleasant time was then spent at Peter Thyer's, with most visitors gradually departing as the afternoon wore on. However, about a dozen still remained by tea time so that another barbecue was held to try and eat a bit more of the meat left over from dinner. After tea John Dawes entertained everyone with numerous songs to the accompaniment of a guitar, sided and abetted by Beau Colbey.

Thanks largely to Peter Thyer and his wife a very enjoyable day was had by all, despite the very unseasonable weather.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ENTRY TO ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURAL AND ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY COURSES

1. Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture
 - (1) The course for the Diploma of Agriculture shall normally require 3 years of residential training at the College.
 - (2) An applicant will not be permitted to enter on the course unless he will be at least 16 years of age on the 1st day of January in the first year of the course.
 - (3) To fulfil the educational requirements for entry to the course, the applicant must
 - (a) Obtain Grade 4 or above in at least 5 subjects at the Leaving Examination. The subjects covered should preferably include English, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry

or

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ENTRY TO ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURAL AND ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY COURSES – continued

- (b) Being an interstate or overseas student, have academic qualifications superior to those of the least qualified South Australian admitted in that year,
 - or
 - (c) Being an adult person, satisfy the Principal that he has sufficient secondary education to cope with the course.
 - (4) In selecting students for admission to the course, preference shall ordinarily be given to those applicants who have passed higher examinations and or those who on interview with the Principal and after consideration of references and other appropriate information are judged most likely to succeed.
 - (5) Where special reason exists for so doing and after the applicant has passed such special examinations of first year standard as the Principal shall determine, he may permit the student concerned to enter direct to second year of the course.
2. Roseworthy Diploma of Agricultural Technology (R.D.A.T.)
- (1) There shall be a post diploma (R.D.A.) course of one year's duration leading to the award of the Roseworthy Diploma of Agricultural Technology.
 - (2) The course shall be available to
 - (a) Students who gained their R.D.A. not earlier than 1966 with an average mark of not less than 60 per cent.
 - (b) An applicant who gained his R.D.A. prior to 1966.
 - (c) An Agriculture Diploma Holder of another approved Agricultural College, provided that applicants under clause (b) and (c) shall pass an entrance examination(s), as required by the Principal before being admitted to the Course.

PHILPY'S MEMOIRS PART VI – compiled by Ray Norton

It seems that in these early years of Philpy's there was another like our present day Hooper, who had no time for "three cornered cattle". It was the Governor of S.A., no less, a Sir Archibald Wiegel, who as a member of the Lincoln Red Shorthorn Society of England, sought to remedy this situation at Roseworthy.

He organised, by some devious means, a consignment of 12 cows and 2 bulls, which arrived at College complete with groom. They were of two distinct types according to our pet raconteur, though how he could tell I wouldn't know. I sincerely doubt at this stage such an innocent youth could sort the bulls from the cows. Later of course he knew a bull when he heard it.

As I said, he insists there were two types, a heavy beefy poor milking type and a second with dairy characteristics. They were a docile breed, and the herdsman could lead the bulls, one of which weighed over a ton, around by the nose ring. Despite repeated warnings, he attempted the same trick with a Jersey bull and was lifted over the manger for his trouble. He was taken to Gawler in the same luxurious ambulance, a hay trolley as the unfortunate Lynch, but the next day he too passed on to the valhalla of careless bullfighters and the like.

This raises the doubt as to whether the 8 mile trip to Gawler on the trolley was the ideal transport for someone with a ruptured everything. Perhaps they drove on the soft edges. One can imagine a student with a broken limb screaming, "No!! Not Gawler!! I'll just set it myself!!!"

Something you probably didn't know is that when young Philpy first arrived at College he, being domiciled in Room 2 and like numerous other occupants, was initiated. No ordinary session for him though, with all the rabble – a private ceremony!

The gymnasium was the setting where seniors stood around while the unfortunates were anointed. A mixture of molasses and chaff was used but, and I quote "nothing dirty . . . nothing filthy".

PHILPY'S MEMOIRS PART VI – continued

It just shows you that we haven't progressed, in fact we are slipping back. Both the milk and the bi-product of Lincoln Reds was hygienic in those days.

The ceremony must have been quite moving! There stood young Philp, naked as his mother first saw him except for a rudely fashioned hessian ensemble branded SUPER.

Over his snowy locks was placed a bedroom receptacle crammed full of "nothing dirty...nothing filthy" in a semi liquid state. Around the young initiate walked the elders of the tribe striking the up-turned pot with their nullah-nullahs in an attempt to rest the rim of it on his slender shoulders. They would have succeeded had it not been for his nose. Turned loose, he found Don Dunstan's policy of "Save Water" had been instituted a little early, and so pursued by the tribe, he made for Cooper's Waterhole. He was now one of them and ready to prove it.

Anytime you meet him, if you care to fit an upturned "you know what" on his head, you will find the rim of it rests perfectly on his nose.

COLLEGE CHATTER – by Cliff Hooper

The 1968 Scholastic year is now well in progress with 45 first year, 35 second year, 17 third year, 7 fourth year and 10 oenology. These numbers have stretched accommodation to the limit. Rumour has it that further student quarters may be built in the next few years.

It is anticipated that the new laboratories will be opened in May which must help instructional work a great deal. In the next Digest I will be able to tell you what alterations this has brought about.

The past few months have seen the disappearance of two old land marks – the Thrasher Shed and the Carpentry Shop.

Further destruction is taking place at Poultry where all the old Dryden Sheds are being demolished. They will be replaced by a large deep litter shed – 1500 fowls on deep litter and 1500 in cage units.

At this stage about 2/3 of the farm area appears to be under cultivation – this includes land for cropping, paddocks sown with oats and barley for feed and certain areas worked to stop drift. Like everywhere else in the State, two inches of steady rain would be very welcome. As we are buying 7000 bushels of barley to see the stock through, early rains and a good season are almost a must.

Bob Baker reports that despite the dry season, College vineyards did very well and a good crop of outstanding quality was processed. Several types of dry red table wines were made as well as material for Sherry, Champagne, Brandy and Spirit.

In February Doug Parry (Chemistry Lecturer) left to take up a position with private industry in Queensland. Doug will be missed as Football coach and a keen advocate for everything Victorian.

Another face missing from the farm is that of Ian (pop) Inglis, who retired because of age. Pop was very popular with students and I am certain that many of recent years learnt a lot from this capable farm hand. At all times, despite student worries, his sense of humour kept the party working in good spirits. He promised to visit us during the mushroom season.

Ian Bidstrup has joined the staff as Assistant Farm Manager. We welcome Ian and his charming wife to the College Community.

Ross Dawkins decided that another twelve months at College would not harm him and has commenced as Sheep Cadet.

With the new fourth year course Ken Leske required help with his lecture load. Steve Hill was appointed to the new position. Steve has the degree of Batchelor of Agricultural Economics from the New England University, and at present is busy organizing his lecture programme.

Footballers appear to be very keen under new coach, Chris O'Brien, and the mulga says that they could cause a few headaches.

In the sporting field there have been two other changes – Swimming sports were held in March and Athletics on the 25th April. These changes were brought about by the alteration to the Scholastic year.

"CANCREEP" LUCERNE

Of current interest within South Australia is Cancreep lucerne which has been reported to be standing up to continuous grazing, producing satisfactorily in low rainfall districts and yielding more seed. However, these remarks have been based on results obtained from Canberra and a somewhat different picture has been obtained within South Australia.

Testing of "Cancreep" began in South Australia in 1963 by the Department of Agriculture's Plant Introduction Section and has been carried out at a number of places in the State from 1964 to the present time.

At none of the places where it has been tried here has "Cancreep" produced more feed in any month of the year than Hunter River Lucerne and in most months of the year it has produced considerably less. In each of the four years tested up to now, it has only produced about half to three quarters the amount of feed produced by the control areas of Hunter River sown alongside it.

In September 1967, the suitability of "Cancreep" for South Australian conditions was investigated by the South Australian Herbage Plant Liaison Committee as a result of a request from the C.S.I.R.O.

Following a check of the experimental results, the South Australian Herbage Plant Liaison Committee refused to support the use of this creeping rooted lucerne in this State.

THE GRAPEVINE

Due to lack of interest, it has been necessary to cancel the Dinner Dance which was to have been held at the Hotel Enfield on May 18th. On April 11th, when all acceptances were due in, only six members had indicated that they would be attending.

Once again the Eyre Peninsula Reunion Dinner, Ladies Night and family day were all a great success. Reports of the Reunion Dinner and Family Day appear in this issue, and one on the Ladies' Night will be included in the next issue. There is no doubt about it, Pat Marrie, Des Habel and company really get things moving over in that part of the world.

Thanks are also due once again to the Eyre Peninsula members for their generous donation of \$20.00 toward Digest funds.

Engagements:	Reg Hutchinson to Kaye Light
	Mick Turner to Bernadette Conquest
Marriages:	Richard Campbell to Anne Heckenburg
	Dick Fewster to Anne Bennett (May 25th)
	Murray Brown (May 25th)
	John Flynn
Births:	Rodney & Pat Pfeiffer — a son
	Grant & Carol Paech — a son
	Jan & Colin Raison — a son
	Darryl & Rosalind Hall — a son
	Ian & Ines Young — a son

Nick Hutchins has left the Commonwealth Development Bank and is now manager of Dehy Fodders (Aust.) Pty Ltd at Meningie. We wish him well in his new job. Last season's captain of the Collge football team, Peter "Lofty" Jones, now a member of the Old Collegians Association, seems to have found himself a permanent position in the South Adelaide football league side.

From this issue onwards, all copies of the Digest will be enclosed in envelopes to comply with postal regulations which come into force on October 1st. It is also important that the correct post code be used on your copy. If our existing post code is incorrect please notify us.

THE OLD SWIMMING POOL

About twelve months ago Robert "Dad" Wheaton (1903-6) visited the College and while there made enquiries about the proposed new swimming pool. Soon after this visit Mr Wheaton wrote and gave a brief description on how the existing pool by the V & O Sand Hill came into being. Below is that section of his letter concerning the pool and its early history.

"I was a student and must have been in 1905 when the present pool was first filled. We saw a notice on the Notice board that the Principal, Prof. Perkins wanted all students in the Lecture room at one o'clock on Wednesday. Our general thought was "What is wrong now". Of late we seemed to have run into spots of bother among other things, some time before, some students were charged with breaking into the Wine Cellars. Well, you could barely call it breaking in, as the iron at the back wall which was taken down at vintage time for the grapes to be put in, was barely nailed up.

However to our great relief, all the Professor wanted was to tell us that if the students would dig the trench and lay the pipes from the Wine Cellars the chasm could be filled to make a swimming pool. This was carried unanimously and the work was to begin immediately. The pipes had to be ordered from Adelaide and strange to say the water was running in the dam on Saturday afternoon.

I happened to be on dairy that week so did not join the work, but heard it was surprising how some chaps that were in no way considered candidates for the work shovelled out that trench.

The actual laying and screwing in the pipes was carried out by the late Bert. Wiese, so anyone who knew Bert can imagine a good job was done.

I think it was some years before many improvements were made, till students who were really interested in swimming attended the College. I hope that the new pool will some day be in operation."

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

Below is a list of Old Scholars not receiving their copy of the Student Magazine and the Digest. If you know their whereabouts, could you please notify John Gursansky, Hon. Secretary R.O.C.A. at the College. Also if your address is incorrect and your copies are being re-addressed, please notify us so that the necessary change can be made to our cards. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES

D.M. Bowden	1960-63	C/- Cromwell College, St Lucia, Queensland.
J.R. Eyre	1962-65	18 Nookamka Tce., Barmera, S.A.
A.G.W. Gilbert	1931-32	137 Bourke St., East Sydney, N.S.W.
N.P. Hanckel	1946-49	Box 83, Angaston, S.A.
E.W. Jones	1895-97	Braid Hills, Ranje Road, Second Valley, S.A.
C.H. Kay	1959-63	S.A. Grape Growers Co-op. Nuriootpa, S.A.
F.R. Koch	1915-16	Wilkawatt, S.A.
E.C. McNally	1959-62	57 Austral Tce., Malvern, S.A.
F. Riggs	1914-17	3 Cavan St., Clovelly Park, S.A.
W.R. Sands	1950-53	C/- Bank of N.S.W., Perth, S.A.
R.P. Sexton	1951-54	C/- Ford Co., Victoria Rd., Birkenhead, S.A.
R.H. Stow	1950-53	24 Patricia Av., Camden Gardens, S.A.
J.R. Taylor	1956-59	32 Fowlers Rd., Glen Osmond, S.A.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Below is the programme of matches for the College "A" and "B" grade teams for the 1968 season. Old Collegians able to attend any of these matches would be most welcome. Matches commence on April 27th, but by the time this issue is printed and posted at least three matches will have been played.

May 18th	- College V Centrals (College)	July 20th	- Willaston V College (Gawler)
May 25th	- Hamley V College (Hamley)	July 27th	- South V College (Gawler)
June 1st	- College V Lyndoch (College)	Aug. 3rd	- Centrals V College (Gawler)
June 8th	- Central District Carnival	Aug. 10th	- College V Hamley (College)
June 15th	- College V Willaston (College)	FINALS	
June 22nd	- College V South (College)	1st Semi Final - August 17th - Gawler	
June 29th	- Centrals V College (Gawler)	2nd Semi Final - August 24th - Gawler	
July 6th	- College V Hamley (College)	Prelim. Finals - August 31st - College	
July 13th	- Lyndoch V College (Lyndoch)	Grand Final - September 7th - Gawler.	