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EDITOR'S PAGE

The response to the Digest Enquiries appearing on the back page of the last issue was most encouraging and to all the members who replied both Ray Norton and I would like to express our sincere thanks. We hope more members still will sit down for five to ten minutes and send their forms back.

In this issue and subsequent issues I will use details from these to bring personal details of members to readers of the Digest.

Once again it is time to think about nominations for the R.O.C.A. Award of Merit and your Committee is looking to you to make nominations for this most important award. Nominations are due in by May 31st, so now is the time to start compiling information about the member you wish to nominate.

In past years only two or three nominations have been received which is pretty poor considering that we have approximately 800 members. The R.O.C.A. Committee is prepared to help in any way possible as far as supplying information is concerned so if you require any help contact John Gursansky at the College and he will do his best to supply the necessary details.

The Selection Committee has indicated that it would like more nominations from which to make the selection so it is up to you, the members, to provide nominations of members who you feel are worthy recipients of the medal.

Although I have left the College, it would be appreciated if members wishing to contribute editorial material to the Digest, still forward this to The Editor, R.O.C.A. Digest, Agricultural College, ROSEWORTHY, S.Aust., 5371

Minutes of first meeting of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association sub-committee for Advancement of Aboriginal Education.

COMMITTEE PRESENT: R. S. Norton (Chairman, Secretary), R. J. Ford, A. Michelmore.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr J. V. Foot – Past Superintendent of Gerard and Point Pearce Reserves; Past Chairman of the Upper Murray Association for Aboriginal Welfare.

The first item on the Agenda was to determine the Aims of the Sub-committee which are set out below:

- (1) To investigate the methods by which R.O.C.A. as a state-wide organisation can foster the interest of Aboriginal youths in agricultural education.
- (2) As empowered by the Annual General Meeting to implement any decisions which the Committee consider necessary.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion with Mr Foot who put forward the following points:

1. The Committee should realise that progress when working with Aborigines will be slow and patience is a necessity.
2. It would be advisable to seek youths with potential.
 - a. From Area Schools where there are main centres of Aboriginal population.
 - b. Through the Department of Aboriginal Affairs to whom the Sub-committee would need to submit a plan of intended action.
 - c. By approaching Aboriginal Councils of Reserves and other interested individuals.
 - d. By seeking the aid of established bodies already working in the field of Aboriginal Advancement.

Such organisations as suggested by Mr Foot were:

The Aboriginal Advancement League.

The Aboriginal Progress Association.

The Aboriginal Women's Progress Association (employ their own Welfare Officer).

The Aboriginal Land Trust Committee (Mr Tim Hughes, Chairman).

- e. By seeking assistance of other organisations in a position to assist in particular areas, e.g., Rural Youth.

The Sub-committee are indebted to Mr Foot and have adopted these suggestions as guidelines for our work beginning in the New Year with a survey and subsequent sorting out of potential youths followed by contact from the Committee.

It is in this field of personal contact that we feel delegates such as Roger Inglis at Loxton and other interested members will help make this a R.O.C.A. project with a state-wide impact.

SITUATIONS VACANT

FARM MANAGER: A position is available for experienced Manager with Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture for 2,500 acre property in mid-North. Primary School within 2 miles. Good housing available. Apply: Principal, Roseworthy Agricultural College, ROSEWORTHY, S. Aust., 5371.

FARM MANAGER: Energetic and experienced Farm Manager for property about 70 miles North-east of Melbourne. 1,500 acres. Pasture development programme in progress. Apply: Principal, Roseworthy Agricultural College, ROSEWORTHY, S.Aust., 5371.

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EYRE PENINSULA MEET-IN

It's on again at Port Lincoln. Same places, same times.

22-2-69 - Re-union Dinner "Great Northern" Hotel.

23-2-69 - Family Day, Billylight Point.

The highlight, David Symons' address, will be worth travelling to hear. Slides of College interest are to be shown. Visitors accommodation can be booked through the Secretary, Box 5, PORT LINCOLN, S. Aust., 5606. Attend if possible and safeguard the future success of this annual function.

"REMINDER!!!! Annual Eure Peninsula R.O.C.A. Reunion.

On the 22nd February 1969 will be the Annual General Meeting at 5.30 p.m. followed by the Dinner to be held at the Great Northern Hotel.

Next day don't forget Family Day, Sunday 23rd February to be held at Billylight Point near Port Lincoln. Refreshments for all the family including the children, barbecue, beer and the usual "ruff red"!! Please contact either Des Habel or Peter Thyer if you intend to join us, we would love to see you!!! "

PHILPYS MEMOIRS By Ray Norton.

I guess no account of Roseworthy and its history could ever be written without mention of the Principals and, of course, this is no exception.

As we all know, they are characters in their own right. Each one of us sees the Principal of our era in a different light, depending on our personal encounters or associations with him. Some of us became deeply involved at times and the Principal had our future in the palm of his hand, assuming the role of an ogre. Others have seen him turn a "blind eye" and become for that time a "good egg". I think one thing is certain, that not withstanding the reputation of a Principal, all had one common aim - to develop Roseworthy further to cater for the needs of the youths attending and the community it was serving. To accomplish this their approach was different, Lawrie the scholar, Custance the evangelist, Colebatch the patriarch, then Birks the disciplinarian.

If one looks at Roseworthy's history to determine the most sensational period, most people would immediately settle for the Birks era. It is not of course viewed agriculturally or from the standpoint of agricultural education.

Birks was appointed from Dookie, as Principal, in 1927. Mr Pritchard had "held the fort" while "Coley" was away and then subsequently appointed to the Lands Department. In talking of Mr Birks I was interested to learn that both he and Mr Colebatch were one-time students of Roseworthy. They had gained a degree in Science, spending part of their time at College during their course. Les Cowan, who died late last year, was one of these graduates. Philpy thinks it wasn't called Agricultural Science in those days. Colebatch went on to gain his M.R.C.V.S. at Edinburgh University in Scotland. This accounts actually for Roseworthy being one of the Clydesdale studs of this state and including many Scottish names in the pedigrees - don't I digress some!! The trouble is my tale-teller wanders terribly. He says it's the strain he's been under the past 40 years.

It was at this juncture that he remembered that one of the top sires of this stud was "Cyrus", a horse bought in New Zealand on behalf of Roseworthy by Tom McKay, a racehorse man. He apparently thought he was buying a Cup Entrant and this sire was always considered "too leggy", as were his stock. He apparently didn't compete well with "Benificence", a sire who was eventually presented to the College by Mr Francis of Pine Point. Anyway, this is where he have ended up this time among facts about horses. The stable of 120 working horses, shady practices of false services among studs, and one load of sand a day from Gawler to build the cement silos.

Have patience, I may get him back on the track next issue.

BRIEF NEWS FROM JOHN KOHNKE IN VIETNAM

(19-11-68)

"I am now a Rural Adviser with the Army and my job is fairly interesting and will take me around most of Vietnam. I arrived at Duch Tan last Sunday after being with the 1st R.A.R. as a signalman for almost three weeks and now have a permanent position here. I shall be taking over as the Crop/Horticulture Adviser about Christmas time, when the chap I am replacing goes home. His name is Lee Pove, a graduate from Longerenong.

We work under the guidance of the Americans – they are in charge of the province, and we submit our plans to them and they co-ordinate them with their programme. They are starting a broiler chicken industry with our help and our main aim is to supply grain sorghum for the rations, as well as grow other crops for human food. Labour is cheap and the South Vietnamese just about sleep with the plants – you should see their rice and vegetable plots – work all day and not a weed anywhere.

We carry approximately 2,000 gallons of water by hand every few days to the vegetable plots – carrots, lettuce, beans, tomatoes, beetroot, etc., which we are trying here.

On the Social side we have a good club with T.V., table tennis, beer garden, film screen, etc., so that our spare time can be spent here."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

After reading the comments and suggestions of the new R.O.C.A. President in the last edition I would ask members to reconsider the actual gain to be had with a new swimming pool at the College.

I appreciate that it is late in the issue to raise such a basic point, but I believe the gains to be had from the President's suggestion of sponsoring Aborigines far outweighs any possible gain a new swimming pool may offer.

Several factors influence my personal decision, but of most importance is the fact that the College already has a swimming pool! It is not a first class pool, admittedly, but that fact qualifies my second point. How many students use the existing pool and what increase in numbers could be expected with a new pool?

The construction of a new swimming pool near the main accommodation block would certainly add to the fine array of new buildings now at the College, but could hardly be compared with the prestige the College could gain from the proposed Aboriginal aid scheme.

Finance is always hard to come by but is more freely available when the cause is a worthy one and, in this particular case, is there any argument at all about which is worthy and which is not?

W. J. MCGOWN, R.D.A.

Ed.: At this stage support from members in their locality is all that will be required as finance for Aboriginal Education to sponsor qualified people is unlimited. When he have more details of how you can function in the scheme we will let you know. Thanks, Bill, for your letter!

R.O.C.A. MEMBERS

KEITH W. PATTINSON (1965-67), 43 Coolah Terrace, MARION.

Occupation: Rural Valuer in Training, with the Commonwealth Taxation Department. The work deals with gift duties, estate duties, social services, stamp duty and succession duties.

ANDREW L. BROWN (1953-55), 4 Park Crescent, LINDEN PARK.

Occupation: Sheep and Wool Adviser with the Department of Agriculture, based in Adelaide.

Andrew and his wife Barbara have two sons and a daughter.

A. R. NINNES (1924-26), 62 Sheffield Street, MALVERN.

Occupation: Retired. Formerly Inspector of Agriculture, Education Department, Adelaide. Now engaged in preparing Agricultural Textbooks for Secondary Schools.

Community Interests: Editor, S.A. Agricultural Science Teachers' Association Journal.

Outside Community: A.I.A.S. member.

LAURIE R. GUERIN (1947-49), VENUS BAY.

Occupation: Farmer and Grazier. Developing a scrub block four miles east of Venus Bay (150 miles up the coast from Port Lincoln).

Family Details: Married, and have one girl and one boy.

Community Interests: Agricultural Bureau, School Committee, Hall Committee, and Progress Association.

Outside Community: Apex and L.C.L. Party.

Would be interested to hear more details of the proposed plan to foster an interest in Agricultural Education for Aborigines. Though there are none on this part of the Coast, would like to help if possible in this regard.

A. H. WATERS (1938-40), BINNUM.

Occupation: Grazier. Running 800 Merino ewes, 400 Merino wethers and a small Romney Marsh Stud on 963 acres of which 500 acres are developed and still improving with Lucerne.

Family Details: Wife, five children, plus two fostered (five girls and two boys).

Community Interests: Secretary, Frances Bowling Club, Agricultural Bureau, Scouting, Christianity.

Outside Community: Politics.

Details on subject about which having strong views: I have found that Christianity really works and that the promises of God are true. Peace of mind, happiness and assurance come with trusting Christ and His word, as revealed in the Bible. What a change from my Roseworthy days !!!!!

OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER From Phil Tummel

INTOXICATING BEVERAGES versus THE BREATH ANALYSER

Perhaps the one glimpse of heaven, God has allowed us, is the pleasure of intoxicating beverages. The only drinkable alcohol is Ethyl and in terms of volume, beer has 4% Ethyl alcohol and 96% water, spirits 40% Ethyl alcohol and 60% water (ignoring traces of other components). Therefore 10 ozs of beer at 4% volume is equivalent to 5 ozs of Pearl Wine at 8%, 4 ozs of Dry White at 10%, 3 ozs of Dry Red at 13%, 2 ozs of Sherry, Port, etc., at 20% and 1 oz of spirits (all types) at 40%.

By courtesy of our Police Department, Angas Street, the following information was given:

Drinking for one hour with no food and using 10 oz glasses of beer as a guide (remembering 10 ozs of beer is same as 1 oz of spirits).

Percentage on breath:	.05	.08	.10	.15	.20	.25
Minimum 10 oz Glasses:	3-4	6	7	10	13	17
Average Person:	5	7	9	13	18	23
Maximum 10 oz Glasses:	6	10	13	18	25	31

With intake of food these figures, minimum to maximum, appreciably increase, especially if the food is of a greasy or oily nature.

Each hour all types of people lose .005% (approx. one 10 oz glass of beer or one ounce of spirit). Therefore, on the above table one can only increase the figure by one ounce per hour, e.g., an accomplished drinker in good health and partaking of food could safely drink 10 schooners in one hour or 12 schooners in three hours, and this corroborates the statement of the Victorian Police Doctor, "Anybody who exceeds .05% at a cabaret is not drinking sanely". Slow drinking and food intake will dispel the fear of the breath analyser.

A few interesting items from the Police:—

1. For being convicted at .08% or more an automatic suspension of driving licence proportionate to reading.
 2. Refusal to blow into the breath analyser — \$200 fine and six months suspension of driving licence.
 3. After blowing — a request for a blood test will be instantly acceded to. The blood test normally exceeds the breath test.
 4. At .04% Normal driving
 .05% Doubles the chance of having an accident.
 .08% Trebles the chance of having an accident.
 .10% Six times the chance of having an accident.
 .12% Twelve times the chance of having an accident.
 .14% Twenty times the chance of having an accident.
 .16% Forty-five times the chance of having an accident.
 5. Cases of .35% have been recorded, i.e., a hopeless drunk in charge of a ton of moving machinery.
- My sincere thanks to the Police Department for the above information.

THE GRAPEVINE

News on the Old Bush Grapevine doesn't seem quite as plentiful over the past three months as in previous periods.

It was good to see "Blue" Lampe back visiting the College recently and looking relatively fit after his illness, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Beau Colbey has left the Department of Agriculture where he was a Stock Inspector at Port Lincoln and is off to New Zealand early this year. Beau recently obtained his private pilot's licence.

Once again a large percentage of this year's graduating students have joined the Association and we look forward to seeing them at our functions.

ENGAGEMENTS: Richard Carty to Marlene Patrick
 Daryl Hicks to Pat Hodgson
 Jock Nickolls to Mary-Lou Gordon
 John Jones to Pam Nelson
 John Bond to Alison Davidson

MARRIAGES: Howard Smith to Susie Cross (17-2-69)
 Jock Nickolls to Mary-Lou Gordon (April)
 Richard Carty to Marlene Patrick (18-1-69)

BIRTHS: Kevin and Althea Lebe — a son
 Gerry and Beverley Woodroffe — a daughter

Howard Smith who was recently at College, and to be married on February 17th, is a Sales Representative with a Chemical firm selling Veterinary lines. Howard gives his address as Box 165, Post Office, GLEN INNES, N.S.W., 2370.

"Sandy" MacKirdy recently visited us "to look over the old place" and was agreeably surprised.

He is conducting an Advisory and Merino classing service at Chatsworth, Vic. One of the main purposes of his visit was to make arrangements to alter the form of the Richard Maxwell Memorial Prize. Until now it has been an inscribed bridle now thought to be of little interest to the recipient. Instead "Sandy" and his year have decided to present a book to the value of \$20 containing an inscription about Richard. I think this decision is most commendable.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY STUDENTS.

(This is the original set of student regulations issued by the College, and is dated 18/9/84).

1. Students are to attend morning and evening prayers, and all services in the chapel.
2. Students are not to be absent from meals, and are to attend all lectures, classes and examinations from which they have not express permission to be absent.
3. Whenever a Professor is unable to deliver his lecture or attend his class the students are to devote the time thus left unoccupied to practical agriculture on the farm, no official order to the contrary being issued.
4. Students are required to be in the College when the doors are locked in the evening.
5. Students wishing to go beyond the boundaries of the farm, at any time not occupied by the engagements mentioned in No. 1 and No. 2, are to write their names in the Porter's book when they go out, with the hour of their departure, adding, when they return, the hour at which they come back.
6. Each student is required to keep a farm journal.
7. Order and quiet are to be observed in the College at all times.
8. No game of any sort is to be played during the hours allotted for lectures or classes.
9. All students are required to be in their own rooms at 10 p.m. Lights are not allowed after 10.30 p.m.
10. The introduction into the College or on the farm of wine, spirits, or fermented liquor, of playing cards, firearms, gunpowder, or explosive materials of any kind renders the offender liable to expulsion.
11. Students are not permitted to bring dogs or other animals to the College or farm.
12. The practice of smoking is discountenanced, and is prohibited in any building on the farm, the farm premises, and grounds, also during work hours.
13. Students excused from a portion of their duties on account of indisposition are not to go beyond the College paddock (No. 9A) without permission.
14. Every student damaging any part of the College, the windows or furniture is required to report the same to the College Porter, that the value of the repairs may be charged to his account.
15. Visitors are to be received in the library, and are not, without permission, to be admitted to other parts of the building, nor received during lecture or class hours.
16. Each practical student must, every Monday, furnish a return of work performed by him during the previous week.
17. Work will be paid for as far as possible by piecework, but when a rate cannot be fixed payment will be made by the hour, at the following rates:-
1st class - 6d. per hour; 2nd class - 4d. per hour; 3rd class - 3d. per hour.
Payment will not be made unless the work be properly performed.
18. Hours for meals, etc.:
First bell - 6 a.m.; Breakfast - 8 a.m.; Dinner - 12.30 p.m.; Tea - 6 p.m. Supper - 9 p.m.
19. Practice upon musical instruments will not be allowed during hours of lectures or classes, nor after 7 p.m., except on Saturdays.
20. Students are forbidden to enter any cottage or premises occupied by the persons employed on the farm.
21. Each student is required to perform the farm work for which he is appointed.
22. All tools used must be returned to the toolhouse when done with.
23. During the first session in each year students shall elect three of their number to form a Council.

The students so elected shall hold office until their successors are appointed. It shall be the duty of the Council to make inquiry into any complaint that may be made, and, if the members think fit, to bring the same, or any suggestion tending to the comfort or convenience of students, under the notice of the Principal.

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Notice will be given on the notice board at the Porter's lodge of the hours of lectures, classes, mealtimes, examinations, etc., and any change in these hours will be notified in the same manner.

THE GRADUATION BALL

The Graduating Students of 1968 wish to bring to the notice of all students, old students and friends of the College, the Annual Graduation Ball.

This year the Ball is being held in the Norwood Footballers' Club, Woods Street, Norwood, on the western side of the Norwood Oval. As in other years, the Ball will be held on Graduation Day, Tuesday, 4th March, 1969. There will be a formal reception period from 8.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

There will be a charge of \$5.00 per double ticket. Supper and liquid refreshments are included in this.

WE HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND (All the more, the merrier)

Tickets available from:

Richard Turnbull, 23 Lochness Avenue, TORRENS PARK, S. Aust., 5062. Phone 71 1832

Jonathan Womersley, 3 Pulleine Avenue, NETHERBY, S.Aust., 5062. Phone 79 4176

Tickets will also be available from the main office, Roseworthy College.

To help the committee in the planning of the Ball and to give any groups the opportunity of reserving tables, would you fill in the attached form and post it to one of the above addresses.

I,, of (address)..... request..... double tickets. I am enclosing \$..... for the tickets requested.

FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS:

Number in Party..... Organiser.....

EXTRACTS FROM ANOTHER LETTER

Peter (Lofty) Jones has written to tell of some of our R.D.A. friends and how they are faring in Adelaide Teachers College.

There are quite a number who have entered this line of work - John Flynn, Darryl Hicks, Dick Flower and a number before them. Of late the names mentioned are Rus Partington, Chris Caudle, Kym Woods and Barry Mortimer.

Lofty says he found Teachers College a "drift" after life at R.A.C. with only 12-14 lectures a week. He has been shown the ropes at Urrbrae by John Flynn who treats students in the same way he used to treat First Years, maintaining strict discipline.

Peter feels Agricultural Science still is not a prestige course in secondary schools and, although diplomates are admirably suited to this work, recognition in salary is not there when compared with graduates doing the same work.

Despite his few cryptic comments, this budding teacher concludes his letter with the comment: "Agricultural Science teaching in secondary schools is a challenging career for a Diplomate and conditions can only improve".

A WORD ABOUT CLIFF HOOPER. Cliff recently raced out of the shearing shed, leaped the fence into the yards but forgot to let go. The consequent wrench to the shoulder at first hampered him in all but his bowls and lifting a schooner. However recently both these sports were in jeopardy so Clifford decided on an operation. Although still convalescing we are pleased to report that notwithstanding anything else he will be able to return unsullied to his two favourite pastimes.