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FROM THE PRESIDENT — RAY NORTON

I attended the West Coast Re-union Dinner and Annual Meeting recently, in Port Lincoln and can fully recommend it as a worthwhile trip for any member. The keenness and interest of all members in affairs of the Association and the fellowship they enjoy should be experienced to be appreciated. Each year they invite an excellent guest speaker, publish his speech for all to read, invite a few special guests who would be interested, gather up any eligible members in the area and see that the local paper carries a story on their branch activities, making the locals aware that Roseworthy Old Collegians are a force in the community. The Sunday is a social day where the families mix and renew acquaintances in an extremely well organised beach picnic.

I am sure that other sub-branches would benefit from this approach to their Reunions. It is pleasing to me that at the 1968 Upper Murray Reunion an additional family picnic day was planned. A guest speaker and some judicious publicity would be an additional improvement to all branch dinners. I feel we should be known in our communities as graduates of Roseworthy and with others, be more active as such.

ROCA AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

Award of Merit nominations are due with the Hon. Secretary by the 31st May, 1969. This award is to any member of the Association who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of Agricultural activity including Association affairs.

Nominations must be set out and include the following information –

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| 1. Name | |
| 2. Address | Proposed by |
| 3. Age | Seconded by |
| 4. Period at Roseworthy Agricultural College | Date..... |
| 5. Supporting data | |
| 6. Academic Qualifications | |

Previous recipients of this award are:-

1961 – Rowland Hill	1965 – Frank Pearson
1962 – David Riceman	1966 – Dr A. R. Callaghan
1963 – Len Cook	1967 – Bob Herriot
1964 – W. J. Dawkins	1968 – Denis Muirhead

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS OF AUSTRALIA –
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

Details of the Memorandum of Association have now passed through the lawyers hands and it is hoped that in the near future Chairman Frank Pearson will be calling a meeting to instigate the formation of the Association of Agricultural Technologists of Australia. To enable members to better understand what is being done, a draft of the Memorandum is reproduced in this issue. Members interested in a complete record, can receive same by writing to the Secretary, John Gursansky.

1. The name of the Company is the "Agricultural Technologists of Australia" (hereinafter called "The Association").
2. The objects for which the Association is established are:-
 - (a) To promote the advancement of Agriculture and Agricultural College Graduates within the Commonwealth of Australia and its Territories.
 - (b) To establish, subscribe to, promote, become a member of, support, amalgamate with, or co-operate with any other Association, Society, Institute or Company whether incorporated or not, whose objects are similar to those of this Association.
 - (c) To further the interests of workers in Agriculture and to assist in improving their technical and general knowledge.
 - (d) To safeguard the best interests of the profession in all matters relating to appointments within the profession, to advocate employment in technical positions of persons who are fully qualified and to secure satisfactory conditions of employment.
 - (e) To originate and promote improvements in legislation relating to the profession or to Agriculture, to consider alterations in the law and to support or oppose the same and to take any steps deemed expedient.
 - (f) To hold periodical meetings of members of the Association in various parts of Australia, as shall be determined by the Federal Executive of the Association.
 - (g) To encourage and reward the study of Agriculture in such manner as may be desirable and as may from time to time be determined.
 - (h) To purchase, take or lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, assessments or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be re-

quisite for the purpose of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the Association. Provided that in case the Association shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.

- (i) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Association's objects or any of them; and to obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
 - (j) To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Association.
 - (k) To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or past employees of the Association or the dependants or connections of any such persons; and to grant pensions and allowances; and to make payments towards insurance; and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any public, general or useful object.
 - (l) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Association's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction; improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.
 - (m) To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may be permitted by law for the investment of trust funds.
 - (n) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association may think fit and to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt liability contract guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Association's property (both present and future), and to purchase, redeem or pay off any securities.
 - (o) To make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
 - (p) In furtherance of the objects of the Association to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
 - (q) To take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Association's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association or any money due to the Association from purchasers and others.
 - (r) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Association but subject always to the proviso in paragraph (h) of this clause 2.
 - (s) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
 - (t) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.
 - (u) To make donations for patriotic or charitable purposes.
 - (v) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Association.
3. The income and property of the Association, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this memorandum of association; and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend,

bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Association.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association, or to any member of the Association, in return for any services actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by Bankers in Canberra for overdrawn accounts on money lent, or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association; but so that no member of the Association shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Association, or any office of the Association paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the Association to any member of such council or governing body except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses and interest at the rate aforesaid on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premiums demised or let to the Association.

4. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the memorandum or Articles of Association for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the Minister of the Crown for the time being administering the Companies Act, 1961 (hereinafter called "the Minister").
5. The third and fourth Clauses of this Memorandum contain conditions on which a licence is granted by the Minister to the Association in pursuance of Section 24 of the Companies Act, 1961.
6. The liability of the members is limited.
7. Every ordinary member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association, in the event of the same being wound up while he is an ordinary member, or within one year after he ceases to be an ordinary member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before he ceases to be an ordinary member, and of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding five dollars (\$5.00).
8. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of Clause 3 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then to some charitable objects.
9. True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Association, and the matter in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and of the property, credits and liabilities of the Association; and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Association for the time being in force, shall be open to the inspection of the members. Once at least in every year, the accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

In the interpretation of The Articles of Association, points covered fully are all types of Membership, terms of Membership and registration.

A paragraph on State Branches sets out the management of each branch by a Chairman and Committee elected from financial members of the Association, with power to act under Federal Executive approval who will manage the Association.

The Federal President cannot be a Student or Honorary Member, and details of a quorum and other details of proxy voting, General Meeting Procedure, Duties of the Secretary, details of auditing and Liability of members are all covered.

ED: This is a big step in formation and we should be grateful to Frank for his efforts to get things this far. Anyone wishing to forward comments should do so as early as possible to the Secretary.

PHILPYS MEMOIRS — by RAY NORTON

At present on the College staff there is a character, and I don't use the term loosely; our Lecturer in Veterinary Science, Mr F. B. Hardy, M.R.C.V.S. The letters prefixing his name are apt for a number of translations but the letters after it are not to be tampered with although to this statement he MAY Reply Caustically Very Soon. It is to correct us for trying, that we received the following memorandum:

Your facts in the above February '69 issue R.O.C.A. Digest are very incorrect: e.g.,

1. Edinburgh University could never confer a Diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, that being the prerogative of the R.C.V.S. only by Royal Charter and Act of Parliament.
2. at that time Edinburgh University had no School of Veterinary Science, so one supposes that Mr Colebatch attended the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh, founded by Professor Dick in the early nineteenth Century. Under the Veterinary Act 1948 this is now the Veterinary (Dick) Schools of Edinburgh University and as such can confer a B.V.Sc., M.V.Sc. or Ph.D in Vet. Science. The M.R.C.V.S. is still in the gift of the R.C.V.S. Thus the title of the present day British Veterinarian is B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. with plain Mr as a prefix.

Trusting that this corrects the apparent ignorances.

signed (F.B. Hardy)
M.R.C.V.S.

All this goes to prove of course that although "ya-canna-unnustanna Scot", they consider they know what they're talking about.

I spoke of getting Philpy back on the track but I just overlooked the fact, it's one track but I must add a more respectable one track than some of us.

We were talking about horses and the work that was accomplished with them and Philpy assured me that they didn't start early when they had teams working, but at the late hour of 7.00 a.m. For paddocks that were distant from the stables 2-3 rounds before mid-day was considered quite a respectable effort. It was for this reason that 2 sections were sold in later years, as uneconomical to work. This was a triangle North East of the present farm and an area South of the southern-most paddock.

Other stock besides Clydesdales were Jersey cows and the old English Berkshire with the heavy head and jowls and Tamworth pigs considered by an English expert to be the best he had ever seen anywhere in the world. These eventually became unprofitable about 20 odd years ago because of small litters.

The piggery was South of the Farm Office in the early days and Philpy can remember a Swine Fever scare when pigs were slaughtered "right and left", then burnt. He can remember shooting pigs in the paddocks with a .22 rifle. I pointed out that they would have had more success shooting them in the head but he just ignored me. One old English Berkshire boar was given favoured treatment with the .38 office revolver. He swears the bullets wouldn't penetrate its skull and just dropped onto the ground. It was eventually despatched in three attempts with a 12 gauge shot-gun.

A Mr Jack Morrow ran the pigs then and lived in the house out by the scrub. He had taken over from Dolph Baker but had a lot of trouble with deaths from heat in unsheltered pig paddocks which even for those days smacks of poor management. The sheep as we have said were crossbreds mated to Southdowns for Fat Lamb production.

Water was a problem and numerous attempts were made to find water in the locality but the salt content was very high. The well on the College, on the flat due East of the cellars, was 120 feet deep. This well served the farm area with water, and the old cast pipeline is often encountered now running diagonally through the College area. An attempt was also made to find water at the farm and a bore commenced, but a drill snapped and the diamond tip is still embedded in the east end of the implement shed. It is interesting to note that the Mines Department is at this moment surveying the area with test bores and results of this should be quite informative.

"Snowy" says that it was considered to build a dam and catch the water which flows down the Roseworthy road, to irrigate the orchard but this idea was abandoned because of the cost. John Gursansky has recently suggested the same thing, as the recent wet winter saw thousands of gallons going to waste, but cost would still be the consideration.

OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER — by Phil Tummel.

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the untimely death of Chris Hurn and we all convey our deepest sympathy to his family. Chris was Dux of his year 1968 and a big future was predicted for him in the Oenology profession.

In the next article I will get Bob Baker to outline the intended new Oenology classes, plus some news re the new Winery to be established at the College.

WEST COAST REUNION — PORT LINCOLN February 22nd.

There was a good mixture of West Coasters and Mainlanders at the 1969 Reunion. Natives were Hans Sluiter, Gavin Scott, Jim Chewings, Barry Lawes, Russ Daniel, Peter Dunn, Pat Marrie (President), Ray Alcock, Bob Horne, Ian Holman, David Richie, Ken Hayman, Peter Minhard, Geoff Crome, Bruce Thyer, John McFarlane, Bob Stirling, Alan Lawes, Red Hodge, Ian Newland, John Shipard, Bob Sampson, Des Hable (Secretary). Mainlanders balancing at 6 to 1 were Philpy, David Symon, Jeff Gill and Ray Norton (R.O.C.A. President).

At the Annual General Meeting, members were brought up to date on matters within the Association, and made recommendations to the parent body on the Award of Merit nominations. One pleasing aspect of the discussion was their desire to assist financially with the Digest and \$20.00 has again been received.

As guest speaker David Symon gave a most informative address on the "Importance of Alien Plants in Southern Australia". The interested people invited from the town were most appreciative of the opportunity to hear him and expressed this in addition to the usual vote of thanks.

The Sunday, a picnic day at the beach, with hot chops and cold drinks was most pleasant. In addition to a picnic, Ken Hayman and Gavin Scott offered rides in their respective power and sail boats and Ken even attempted to initiate some into the art of water skiing.

Keep this week-end in mind for next year and make the effort. It will be worthwhile.

E.P.R.O.C.A. Ladies Dinner Report — by Heather, wife of Peter Dunn, Rudall, Eyre Peninsula.

While the Eyre Peninsula Roseworthy Old Collegians were attending their dinner the wives held a dinner, arranged by Mrs J. D. Habel, at the Hotel Boston, Port Lincoln. Special guest was Mrs B. C. Philp of Adelaide, with Mesdames Hull, R. B. Stirling, C. R. Alcock, K. W. Hayman, R. Daniel, W. G. Scott, J. D. Hable, R. J. Hodge, and H. P. K. Dunn also present.

After a delightful dinner the ladies attended the theatre where "Hotel" was featured. Coffee and a chat at the home of Mrs Hable concluded an enjoyable evening.

COLLEGE CHATTER

Once again there are several staff changes to report.

Tony Nankervis has been appointed assistant to Ken Leske. He has just completed his Bachelor of Agricultural Economics Degree at the New England University, Armidale.

Miss A. Gregory has taken the position of Technical Assistant. She has a National Diploma in Dairying and is seeing the world while working in Agriculture, visiting New Zealand before coming to Australia.

Two 1968 Graduates have joined the staff — Barry Philp as Assistant in Horticulture and Wally Elsdon as Cadet in Sheep/Beef.

We welcome these members to the Roseworthy Staff and hope that they enjoy working at the College.

Rex Krause will revisit the U.S.A. in early August to attend an International Conference on Mechanised Dry Land Farming with emphasis on grain production. The Conference commences at Moline, Illinois and concludes at Great Falls, Montana, being sponsored by John Deere & Co. under the auspices of F.A.O. Representatives from 27 countries have been invited with two from Australia, both from South Australia. Another feather in our cap as the other member is an Old Collegian – yes, you may have guessed, Frank Pearson.

We have two staff members leaving shortly. Ian Bidstrup, after a period as Assistant Farm Manager, leaves shortly to take a position in Queensland (almost the other side of the black stump). He will be supervising a large sorghum growing project for Pioneer Sugar Industries.

Ian Watt has decided to try the climate of New Guinea and takes up his position in May.

Also of interest to old ex-students would be the employment of two ladies who handle much of the cleaning in the main building and new laboratories.

As I write this at the end of March, the barley is heading very well and the clover is flowering. Harvest should be about mid-May. Around the district are a number of pea crops 8-10 inches high and in flower.

The result is that most stock are overfat for calving or lambing and we may run into a few troubles.

Alain Chartier has recently purchased seven dairy cows in milk. Our herd numbers were reduced during the drought and he is experiencing trouble keeping up milk supplies to the increased student population. Also for the Piggery a Berkshire Boar and a Large White Boar have been purchased. In all a spending of about \$3,000.

The Dairy Factory has received attention – a new Refrigeration System has been installed and also a new Churn. Remember that old wooden churn that did duty for many, many years!

Tim Luckhurst at Poultry is running a batch of 2,000 broilers. The intention is to run one batch each year, selling off at about 9 weeks. This should be another interest for students at poultry.

The College vintage was away from the usual as remodelling is due to start at an early date. All wine was sold immediately after fermentation, so supplies may be short.

GRAPEVINE

BILL GLIDDON (1958-61) called in during February for his first visit for six years and was impressed with the changes at College. He left the Department of Agriculture (New Guinea) two years ago and now grows peanuts in the Ramu Valley (Eta is the brand). His friend grows sorghum but they consider that dry land rice has possibilities. At present beef cattle production is booming using the Angus as the female of the cross.

VIC PATRICK (1960-63) was another visitor while on leave from Darwin. He has been for twelve months a fertilizer representative at Darwin and seemed to be quite happy on the job. He mentioned several Old Collegians including Teg. Donellan and Neil Stanley.

Strange but NEIL STANLEY called early in March. He is Stock Inspector with the Animal Industry Branch stationed at Darwin, and covers the Top End District. Seems to be quite happy with the job. He mentioned Curly Hill and Chick Hayes.

TED GIBBISON (1947-50) had his first look round for many years. I did not get much information from Ted, as he was too busy talking about and looking over the College alterations.

RUSSELL PALTRIDGE (1949-52) gives his address as Nareen, Victoria where he is managing a property for Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Minister for Science and Education in the Federal Parliament. With 5,000 breeding ewes and 650 Hereford breeders on 8,000 acres, Russell should have plenty to do.

ENGAGEMENTS: Ian Pickett – Sandra Jackson; Kevin Keain – Rita Duke; Jim Klingber – ; David Oldfield – ; David Cooper – Anne Daly.

BIRTHS: Warwick & Shirley Hack – a daughter.

Ian Anderson – recently shifted to Queensland where he plans to complete the Vet. Science course.

R.O.C.A. MEMBERS

WILLIAM J. HAMILTON JAMES (1916-20 - 1918 A.I.F.)
3 Park Street, HYDE PARK

- OCCUPATION - Superannuated. 43 years Government and Government services. 14 years Phylloxera Board, 3 years at Roseworthy Agricultural College (1938-41); 10 years Liquid Fuel Board and 13 years Fisheries and Wild Life.
- COMMUNITY INTERESTS - Weekly visits to Home for Incurables. All top sports.
- OUTSIDE COMMUNITY - Seeing Australia by bus, etc. Meeting interstate old scholars.

JAMES LAFFER (1962-65)
Box 46, KELERBERRIN, W.A.

- OCCUPATION - District Officer, Department of Native Welfare. Welfare and administrative duties encompassing 50,000 square miles of W.A. Principally wheatbelt small living and pastoral areas.
- COMMUNITY INTERESTS - Secretary, Wheatbelt Slow Learning Children's Group - Rotary.
- FAMILY DETAILS - Wife Lorraine.
- DETAILS ON SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH HAVING STRONG VIEWS - Political policies as regards social and welfare services, primary production and defence.

HAROLD SNOW (1909-1911)
22 Northgate Street, UNLEY PARK, 5061.

- OCCUPATION - Retired.
- COMMUNITY INTERESTS - Dunbar Presbyterian Home for Aged.

NOEL PEDERSON (1960-64)
23 Kantilla Drive, ATHELSTON.

- OCCUPATION - Field Officer, Soils Branch of Department of Agriculture based at Northfield Laboratories. Moisture research.
- FAMILY DETAILS - Married February, 1968. Wife's name Val.

JACK MESSENGER (1955-57)
11 Maturin Road, GLENELG.

- OCCUPATION - Public Accountant with Thompson, Saide, Mallen and Partners. Financial and business management of a large number of clients; about half farmers. Taxation and Estate Planning.
- FAMILY DETAILS - Married, with two children.
- FEW DETAILS ON SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH HAVING STRONG VIEWS - The status of Roseworthy Diplomates as professional advisers.