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This letter is rather belated, but to use an old axiom "Better late than never". I must plead pressure of work plus the festive season, for my tardiness and trust that country members especially will forgive me.

The usual monthly meeting of the Association was held at Monash Club on 7th January 1948, to an unexpectedly large attendance of 27. I am afraid the committee were caught napping with this meeting, as it was expected that occurring as it did in the middle of the Seasonal Holidays, that attendance would be small and consequently the usual "five" was not ordered, but the thirst problem was overcome by the Calcutt personality in obtaining two and half dozen bottles (and this at such a time of the year !! I'll bet Eastern State members mouths were watering for the Beery West). Many new faces were seen, in particular Peter Mantle who is on his way to India, "Argus" Ronald from Adelaide who was in W.A. during the University Vacation, Geo Timms from Katanning down in the Big Smoke on business.

Most of the important business was deferred until the February meeting, to be held at the same place on the 4th instant. Reason being we hope for a bumper roll up to this particular meeting as discussion in the main is to be confined to future policy of the Association in regard to legatces. So boys make it your business to attend this meeting and add your mite to this all important discussion on the most far reaching decision that your Association has yet had to make.

Just as a matter of interest to any of our members seeking new fields to conquer, an examination for "Technicians in Training" with the Postal Authorities, is being held on 29th March 1948, in all Capital Cities. This is a very good opportunity for anybody with a flair for Technical Work and is also a step on the ladder towards a really good job. The starting salary is £104 per annum and there are 20 vacancies to be filled in W.A. Ex-Servicemen have preference in this field. Anybody interested should contact the G.P.O. as soon as possible.

As funds in the General Account are starting to get a bit light, we have decided to run a sweep on the Sydney Cup to be held on Easter Monday 29th March. The prizes will be as in the past, viz. 1st. £30. 2nd. £10. 3rd. £5, and drawers of unplaced starters 5/- each. Subscriptions will be 2/- each. Sheets will be sent out with this News Letter and all are asked to do their utmost to make this sweep an even greater success than any other we have run. Will you please try and have all sheets returned to me G/- Department of Labour and National Service by Thursday, 18th March, so that the result of the draw can be distributed to all sellers before the event is run.

Now for a slice of news of the various lads. Firstly to my correspondence, Thanks a ton for all your letters, Bernie Langridge again writes that things are going very well with him and he is thinking of taking a holiday in the near future down Albany way. So you Albany folk look out for Bernie. Boy Howitt also writes that things are good and dusty up at Kalgeorlie and he is hopeful of getting down to the beach. Sorry could do no good for you Boy, Will write personally to you soon.

Jack Renshan of Victoria was a visitor of W.A. over the Xmas. Jack is as big as the side of a brewery, reckons he had to come West to get a bit of grog. "Argus" Ronald as mentioned previously was here from Adelaide doing a spot of looking around and work while having a vacation from University studies in

Dentistry. Peter ~~has~~ ~~over~~ from Department of Information Canberra and on his way to take up a Executive post in the same Department at Bombay, India. Good luck to you Peter. Geo Timms, looking very sun tanned and fit down from Katanning. "Sparky" from Albany. Roy Watson, plus wife, from Collie. Ernie Evans from Yampi, all visitors to the City over Xmas.

The Hatch Column is going along very well, Merv Cash has now a son and heir thus making the "pigeon pair". Bill Howell also has a son, also believe Gerry McKenzie has become a papa in Japan. Alf Hillman has taken the plunge into matrimony, good luck Alf!!

We regret to record the Death of Ray Aitken's mother. Alby Martin has received a letter from "Beaky Smith in N.S.W. and he sends all the best to the gang in W.A.

Another very lengthy effort from Bert Tobin in Victoria, giving the doing of his gang in that state. Main items from same are as follows:- "Smash" Hodgson about to commit matrimony, Tom Snowden in Brisbane for Xmas. Peter Krause now in Fassio. Bert Bache in the advertising game in Melbourne. Wallie Wordie gone to Germany as P.O.W. Guard. Don Fryor is a W.O. in the Army his battle station? - in Batman Ave. Melb. Happy Greenhalgh down from N.S.W. plus wife for a holiday. Sailor Ward is reported to be with the Yanks in N.G. Norm Tillett hoped to be in Melbourne for the Third Test Match. Theo Adams is conducting a mixed business at Aspendale. Boy Coats is now a Railway Detective and who should know the ways of "Tea Leaves" better than Boy? Jim Wall now a conductor with Tramways in Melbourne. Blue Stanley now no longer engaged, Blue reports that following the purchase of a motor bike the lass said "Get rid of the motor bike or else---" Blue kept the motor bike and lost Elsie. That is about all from Berts long scribble.

Once again lads I enjoin you to become financial and show the committee that you value the work that is being done on your behalf. The Subscription is only 5/- per annum and is well within the range of all. Send that "Oxford Scholar" into Ron Dook by return mail and show us that you are behind us !!

Now for that February meeting, Be there, it is in your interest and in the interest of your mates in the bush, who can't attend, to get this important business cleared up satisfactorily and put the Association on sound idealist lines. Don't forget the date, 4th February 1948, at Monash Club, at 8 o'clock. Also those sweep sheets try your level best to fill them and get them in by 18th March for an early draw.

Well that is about all for now, all the very best to you for the New Year.

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