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This is our fifteenth publication of the newsletter, ends the preface to our existence as an Association, and the page turns to the opening of what we hope will be a long and happy existence, culminating in the achievement of every object we have planned. Remember, that without your wholehearted support and interest these objects will sink into oblivion, for it is our contention that an Association such as ours, does not remain static for long, it either goes ahead or gets caught in the quicksand. Don't let us be caught. Start the year off well by sending me your yearly subscription of five shillings. Perhaps there is someone you know who has not yet subscribed, so give him a gentle reminder and so help to build our membership up to the maximum.

Our hard working General Secretary and Honary Editor of the newsletter, has taken unto himself a holiday. May I Col, being one who is in the position to observe, thank you on behalf of every member of our show for the grand job you have done and are still doing, and wish you a very pleasant, thoroughly deserved holiday. Don't get too interested again in farm life though!

Last Tuesday June 1st, the Annual General Meeting took place in Monash Club. An attendance of 27 was disappointing, and I have a horrible feeling that some members did not note the change of night. Remember, the first Tuesday in the month! Apologies were received from Messrs. Morgan, Burrige, Doig, Holly, Napier, Nisbet and Smyth. The President read the report compiled by Mr. Burrige which incidentally is enclosed in this newsletter along with the balance sheet for the year ending 31st May 1948. The treasurers report pointed out that without the advent of the two sweeps conducted during the course of the year the Association would have shown a loss, for against the nett profit of £67.12.8 the profit on the sweeps amounted to £93.15.2. Your wholehearted support was urged on the running of sweeps, Mr. Walsh read the auditors report and pointed out that all sweep sheets whether filled or not should be returned for audit purposes. Mr. Fred Gardiner, the returning officer, was called upon to read results of the ballot which resulted as follows:- President: J.R. Denman, Vice President: T. Nisbet, General Secretary: C.D. Doig, State Secretary: H.H. Calcutt, State Treasurer: R.L. Dook, Auditors: R. Kirkwood and J. Carcy, General Committee: J. Haire, R. Aitken, H. Morgan, J.C. Burrige, and A. Martin. To these newly appointed office bearers we offer our congratulations, and to the retiring office bearers our heartiest thanks.

The President declared the Annual Meeting closed and at 9.10 declared the meeting for usual business open. Correspondence appertaining to Timor Subsistence was read. This correspondence was a follow up on the efforts of the delegation which was received by the Minister of Defence (Mr. J. Dedman) when he was in Perth. Apparently some excellent ground work was exploited with Mr. Dedman's Secretary by the inimitable Burrige's personality Doig's smutty jokes and the Calcutt's insatiable desire for beer. Getting back to the meeting the desire for any lengthy discussions was unapparent so the President declared the meeting closed at 9.20. On the Tapping of the Keg we found the beer delightful, the supper tasty and the general atmosphere very bright. In no time a very noisy game of darts was in progress and those not participating, settled down to a steady lug pounding whilst imbibing.

I think the innovation of the protector would be a good idea! You should see the distorted look of Alf Walsh's ear after the awful pounding it took from "Doc" Wheatley - Now for a spot of news.

The re-establishment bulletin this month offers some good information in regards to the Hire Purchase Assistance to Industry, and the facilities offered by the Industrial Finance Department of the Commonwealth Bank. The items that may be acquired under the scheme are machine tools, Industrial Equipment of all types, Motor Cars, Buses, Trucks, Tractors and Commercial Refrigerators. For Industrial and

Commercial Equipment the deposits range from 20% for new machine tools, up to 33% for various other types of equipment. Repayments of balance are spread by monthly instalments over two or three years. The Hiring charge is a basic flat rate of 4% per annum, which includes fire insurance. For Motor Vehicles and Tractors the deposit for new vehicles ranges from 25% for motor buses and tractors (other than agricultural tractors) to 33% for cars and trucks generally. All branches of the Commonwealth Bank are authorised to approve and settle hire purchase applications on the spot. All ex-servicemen are also reminded that they have until 30th June 1948, or within 12 months of date of discharge to apply for (A) Gift of tools to the value of £10. or (B) An interest free loan of up to £40 for tools. Ex-Servicemen Farmers should note that they are eligible to apply for the gift of tools.

Saw Bill Howell setting a hot pace along the Terrace t'other day. Only had time for a hasty howdy and I might add, that had the same look on his face as the one I got when I have kept my wife waiting for a quarter of an hour or so! Stan Payne was up to see Col and I before he went back to Merredin, and by the sun tanned look he has acquired they were getting large quantities of sun and very little rain in the Merredin District. He had a little wife trouble too, and had to dash.

Young Les Anderson is working with his brother in the painting trade. He was guzzling a pot down at the Brighton last time I saw him and should say that looking at his weight, it wasn't his first for some time. Filthy beer, look what it did to Mick Calcutt, and his car! Ted Potts is up from Albany under going treatment at the Hollywood Hospital. He expresses his desire to meet up with a few of the old crowd again, so if any one has a spare moment dash out and pay him a visit. The same applies to Fred Napier who is also an inmate.

The correspondence for the month has been quite heavy, but the greater bulk being the payment of Annual Dues, and the return of the questionnaire form. From Peter Mantle, who is working with the Senior Australian Govt. Trade Commission in India, comes a most interesting epistle, likened to an article out of a readers digest, telling of the sights of Colombo and Bombay, and of the exorbitant prices paid for practically everything. Peter informs us that a £1,000 per year job in India means poverty. Methinks Australia is not a bad place after all! Our old friend Paddy Doyle writes from Kalgoorlie and says that "Boy" Hewitt is getting a great kick out of his old horse mahogany. A last start winner at 10/1 whats more! Whilst on the Kalgoorlie end, letters from Tony Davidson and Peter Alexander are to hand. Col asked me to offer his apologies for not giving you a mention in the papa stakes Tony. Incidentally Tony is the proud father of a daughter Susan, and the part owner of Kalamunda Fruit Supply in Hanaan Street. Peter Alexander thinks that this married life must be alright when he sees the numbers of our crowd that are married, and intends giving it a go soon, if he can get a house. Colin Criddle regrets that he can't attend meetings as he is with the Midland Railway Road Transport. He hopes to be a proud papa again soon. "Wendell" Wilkerson writes from Kenongorring, and is saying unkind things about the weather man. In the word of Wendell, "A Farmers lot is an unhappy one".

In a letter from Gordon Holmes, he says he has joined the Canbrook Rifle Club, but his shooting isn't as good as it was in the army. You are leaving yourself open for a wise crack Gordon! Alf Blurdy threatens Paddy Kennecally with a good ear bashing when he meets him, so beware Paddy. From Wongan Hills comes a letter from Chook Fowler, who apparently is a very busy man. He said his tractor is going night and day, preparing the ground for seeding. Jack Hasson sends his regards to all. Will Rowan Robinson, will be in Perth early in June. He said that Bernie Langridge and Doug Fullerton paid him a very welcome visit at his property. Another letter from Bridgetown comes from "Darry" Darrington, who is now taking on a Rehabilitation course in baking. He often runs into Don Young who is as rowdy as