

18th February, 1949.

Here it is practically the end of February and I have still to write this newsletter. The game seems to get tougher every time I sit down to do this job. Maybe it is because I am getting stale or want a holiday, anyhow, next month will see a new writer of the monthly budget as yours truly is about to take the Annual leave.

We held the usual monthly meeting on 1st February, but the roll up was a bit poor, and as we had double the usual amount of grog we were battling a bit to push it out of the road. Mick Calcutt sprained the ankle and strained the back getting the "ten" from the Cool Store, and the meeting was punctuated by his groans and moans of pain until we dulled the edge a bit with sundry ales. Dooky managed to spill beer all over the trousers while tapping the keg, so you will see all in all we had a most enjoyable evening. Owing to the small attendance we did not do much business, and except for electing Alf Walsh to fill the vacancy on the Committee brought about by Ray Aitkins' transfer to Onslow, we did practically nothing. Consequently there is quite a carry over of business for the March meeting which will be held as usual on 1st March.

Have had quite a few visitors this month, notably, Tony Bowers, Bert Burgess, Geo. Merritt, Don Young, Vince Swann, Reg Harrington and Stan King. Bob Palmer managed to get his photo on the back of the "Daily News" but afraid I did not note any outstanding performances by him during Country Week. Arthur Marshall managed to perform excellently for Harvey-Mornington, getting a century one day, eighty odd another and also taking seven wickets for fifteen one day, so he can reckon he went pretty well for an old married type. Bert Burgess has just been doing the Rural School at Harvey and looks a picture of health. Bert is hopeful of getting on to his own property in the Kojonup district very shortly. Tony Bowers is starting a Spot Mill also in the Kojonup area. Vince Swann is down from Salmon Gums and reports a good season. Vince has a Pedal Set on the Kalgoorlie Aerial Medical Service and says it is a great boon. He was telling me that Peter Campbell is an applicant for a set also, so they will be able to have a few early morning chats in the near future. Reg Harrington also reports a good season from Wyening way, and is hopeful that they can continue for a few years more. Geo. Merritt was on the way to Melbourne to get married, so by this he has probably done the trick. Don Young has not changed much since Army days, he is now driving a truck for a cousin of his and reports doing very well. Stan King was down to see Country Week and looked fit and healthy.

The "Hatch" business looked up since last I wrote. Don Turton is the proud father of a boy, making it a pigeon pair. Stan Sadler is also a proud poppa, as is Curly Bowden, so you will see the mob are going very well. Our Congrats. to all three on the parenthood.

Afraid can't give you any correspondence this month because there just isn't any. Please don't forget to write in or look in at any opportunity, as finding news for these letters is becoming a terrific business, and it is only by the concerted effort of all, that we will be able to make them interesting and worthwhile.

Now for a start on the short biographies of our members that I promised you last month. I will firstly give you particulars of the executive, then select the others at random as time goes by.

Our President:- Jack Denman - Married man with 1 child, a boy. City address, 16 Broome Street, NEDLANDS. Jack is attached to Vacuum Oil Co., at Wyalkatchem as country salesman. Last time I saw him he was looking extra fit and showing no signs of war fatigue.

Vice President:- Tom Nesbet - Married, 1 child, a boy. Address 178 Stubbs Terrace, DAGLISH. Tom is with Skipper Bailey Motor Co., as town and country salesman, and sells everything from Bull Dozers to Baby cars. Tom still takes an active interest in sport and last year captained the State Baseball Team. He is still interested in the War Business as a Major in charge of Support Coy. 16/28 Cameron Highlanders.

State Secretary:- Mick Calcutt - Still single, address 278 Barker Road, SUBIACO, but don't make the mistake of ever trying to find him there because he doesn't even use it for eating or sleeping consistently. Mick is a Commission Agent? with H.Q. at Royal George Hotel, Fremantle, and according to him doing his brass most frequently. Mick is a martyr to 101 different diseases, but manages to remain his old cheerful self under the strain.

State Treasurer:- Ron Dook - Married man, 1 child, a girl. Address 27 Pearse Street, COTTESLOE. Ron is a clerk with Department of Labour & National Service and looks after accounting for Part-Time and Correspondence Trainees under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. If you want to know anything about courses Ron is your man. Ron is still a keen surfer but has given up active participation in all other lines of sport.

Committee Men:- Johnny Burrige - Married man, two children, a pigeon pair. Address 41 Boronia Avenue, NEDLANDS. Joe is connected with the firm of Burrige & Warren in an Executive capacity which enables him to wrangle for himself trips to Singapore, etc. If you wish to buy or sell farm produce, Joe is the man to see, also such things as Typewriters and Office Machines are up his alley. Joe looks to be in the pink of health and is just the same debonair hard case you knew in the Army.

Mick Morgan. Married man, 1 child, a girl. Address 16 Jenkins Street, SOUTH FREMANTLE. Mick is now a Tally Clerk on the Wharf at Fremantle and doing very well. Still a staunch supporter of South Fremantle and a Tasty Dresser. Has filled out more than considerably since demob. and is now a near approach to a giant. Mick is still capable of being the life of the party and generally manages to keep in a happy frame of mind.

Jerry Haire. Married man, as yet no children. Address 59 Monk Street, SOUTH PERTH. Jerry is a Master at Modern School where he is very well liked and respected by all concerned. Jerry still takes a keen interest in Amateur Athletics on the Executive side, and is to be seen at most Meets. Jerry had the rare distinction of coaching John Winter who was Olympic High Jump Champion. Jerry has changed little since his Army days and is still the same likeable chap we know in those days.

Bill Epps. Married man, 1 child. Address Miland Street, MIDLAND JUNCTION. Bill is a printer by trade, with the "Swan Express", Midland, and it is he who turns out most of the Unit printing. Bill is an active member of Northern Suburbs Baseball team and is still doing well at the game. Still as lean as ever and a real tiger for work.

Alf Walsh. Married man. Address 16 Loftus Street, LEEDERVILLE. Alf is an Auditor with the State Audit Department, and if you want to know if the State Lottery is on the level ask Alf. He was the Unit Auditor last year, and as such did a marvelous job. Alf is one of those busy home gardeners who never seems to have a minute to spare for other activities. Still manages to keep our meetings lively for us.

Auditors:- Jack Carey - Still single, address 73 King Street, EAST FREMANTLE. Jack is a Clerk with W.A. Meat Export, and says it is a real full time job. Jack is still an active footballer and last year played with the State Amateur Football side. Still trying to pick an odd winner at the races with about the usual punter's success. Jack has filled out a little since his Army days and can still muster a ready laugh if you can tell him a new joke.

Ron Kirkwood. Married man, two children. Address 25 Chester Street, SUBLACO. Ron is a Clerk with Commonwealth Bank in Forrest Place, and like most bank men these days, pretty busy. Ron is another home gardener who finds little time for other relaxation except an odd grog now and again. Ron has changed very little since demob. except like most married men, a little more harassed looking.

Others:- Ray Litken. Married man, two children. Address State School, ONSLOW. Ray is a Teacher with the Education Department and has just recently shifted to Onslow. Still the same whimsical humourist as of yore and manages to keep everyone he meets entertained. A keen duck shooter and fisherman, so he should get some good sport at Onslow if that is all. Ray has filled out quite a bit and is now a really big chap.

Arthur Smith. Married man, no children as yet. Address 241 High Street, FREMANTLE. Arthur is a Mechanic with Metro Bus Company and is one of their specialists. Still a keen football barracker and never misses a match if he can make it. Had a nasty accident to his eye some time ago, and still showing signs of the trouble. A very active worker for the Association and has been one of the real stalwarts of the Show.

Jim Corney. Single. Address Albany Road, CANNINGTON. Jim is a Foreman Carpenter with Department of Works & Housing and is mostly engaged on repairs to Government Buildings. Jim is another who has given sterling service to the Association and like Arthur Smith is an Ex. Committeeman. Jim still likes his Trots and usually likes to go whenever he can.

Well chaps, that will have to suffice for this month, and you will probably be hearing from Ron Dook next month when he will carry on the good work. So till we meet again cheerio, and don't forget that next meeting on 1st March.