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If this month's Newsletter is (and it is), a little later than usual in appearing in circulation, I am wholly and solely responsible. I could maybe proffer an excuse, but one (Doig) would sum it up with one word - Procrastination.

Two of our stalwarts - Col. Doig and Ron Dook - are at the moment on three weeks' annual leave. Col. and his Wife are Flatting at Albany - it should be quite an enjoyable experience for them after suffering Hotel life for so long - and Ron, and his family are at Rottnest. To date they are very fortunate in having such glorious weather. We wish them all a happy and restful holiday.

Before Col. left, he compiled a further list for his Potted Personality Column, so it will be included in this issue. This scheme of his is undoubtedly an excellent innovation - congratulations Col..

The usual Monthly Meeting was held at Monash Club on the 1st of March. Apologies were received from Jack Denman and Tom Nesbit and in their absence, Jerry Haire was elected to the Chair. It was a fairly well attended meeting - about twenty-three being present - and everyone had a great time. These meetings are becoming more enjoyable each time, as most of the 'dry as dust' but very necessary business, of the Association can now be dealt with expeditiously, and leaves a far greater period of Kegtime. So, now then, all those that can make it, remember the next meeting - Tuesday the 5th of April - same time, same place. As this will be the meeting immediately preceding Anzac Day celebrations, the Committee would like to see a bumper roll-up so that near finality may be made regarding the March and the celebrations following.

The main points as taken from the minutes of the last meeting are:- The vacancy on the Welfare Committee caused by the retirement of Ray Aitken to be filled at the Annual General Elections. After considerable discussion, it was resolved that the Annual Elections would be held at the Annual General Meeting. This reverts back to the original method, and as those that spoke on this motion thought, was the most satisfactory way.

There is a letter from Dick Burton, who, with Syd. McKinley, is in Darwin. Dick says that after a very lean period he has at last struck the jackpot. He, his brother and Syd.'s brother, have a truck and have landed a wood cutting contract down Adelaide River way. They hope to clear about £30 a week each. Good luck lads! Pile into it, - the timber, not the thirty quid. Syd. has a job as barman at the R. S. L. Club, so their liquor supplies should be well taken care of. Artie Cullen is also working up there. Bobbie Burns has bobbed (excuse me) up as a scribe, he is still with the Stock Department, Westralian Farmers, and wishes to be remembered to all. Late working hours, unfortunately, preclude Bob from attending meetings. Incidentally, Bob's been married for two years. Laurie Lloyd is now in Geraldton. Actually, correspondence is very wee this month, - don't forget to whack it into Col. chaps, - he loves it. And now, with a reminder that YOUR Meeting takes place at Monash Club on Tuesday night the Fifth of April at Eight O'Clock, your temporary (very) Editor, Mick Calcutt, says Cheerio.

FURTHER POTTED PERSONALITIES.

BARDEN, B. G.: Married man with one child. Address: c/o "Harvey-Murray Times", Harvey. Peter is Editor of the local paper at Harvey, and also acts as local correspondent for the A. B. C. News, etc.. He is still very interested in Sport and represented Harvey in the last South West Football Carnival.

BROOKER, H. S.: Married man with two children. Address: 160 Chelmsford Road, North Perth. Brook is a Conductor with the Tramways and can be seen most any time on one of the trams snapping tickets. He is much the same as Army days and looks very fit.

CAMPBELL, Peter: Still single, but engaged to be married, and I believe the happy event is looming up at any time. Peter, with his brother, has a Station property at Southern Hills, via Norseman, on which they have a nice mob of sheep. He tells me he is doing quite well and enjoying the best of health.

CASH, M. C.: Married man with two children. Address: Warner Glen, via Karridale. Merv. is one of our many City-slickers turned farmer. He has a nice little dairy property at Warner Glen, and I am informed that he is doing very well. Merv. as you know, was Foundation Vice President of the Association. We have seen very little of him since his sojourn in the bush, but we are hopeful of seeing more of him as he gets settled.

CROUCH, T.: Still single. Address: "Burnside", Manjimup. Tom is another Cow Cokie who is doing extra well, and I understand, is knocking together a nice little property. Tom is among our best correspondents and keeps me informed of doings in his area.

DHU, R.: Single. Address: C/- Main Roads Board, Derby. Rod is a truck driver with M. R. B. at Derby, and, of course, is a bit remote for me to know a great deal about him, however, reports suggest he is going well.

FOWLER, J. F.: Married man with one child. Address: Wongan Hills. Jack is a successful wheat and sheep farmer at Lake Hinds in the Wongan Hills area. A regular attendant at our Annual Reunions, and looking very well. Has proved to be a tower of strength to the Association.

FREESTONE, F.: Married man with two children - a boy and a girl. Address: 156 Adelaide Terrace. Frank is a Metal Moulder with F. & R. Lough, and tells me that he is very keen on the job. Frank is one of our real stalwarts and rarely misses a meeting and thoroughly enjoys himself each time. He says he is in the best of health.

GREEN, Gerry: Married, with one child. Address: 225 Ormond Street, Carlisle. Gerry is an Electrical Linesman with State Electricity Commission. He has given up active participation in Rugby nowadays, but coached South Perth "C" Grade side for a time last season. Have not seen Gerry for some time, but believe he is going along very well.

HANCOCK, Percy: Married man with one child. Address: Cnr. of Strome and Dunregan Roads, Canning Bridge. Percy is a Shop Assistant with Aherns, so if you want a shirt or a singlet or any clobber whatever, try Perc. and he will do his best for you. Percy has only recently gone into his own home and his time is taken up pretty well permanently in getting the garden etc. into order. Percy takes a very active interest in the Association.

HAYES, Keith: Married man with one child. Address: o/o E. C. Stott & Co., St. George's Terrace, Perth. Keith is a Salesman with the above firm, so if you are in need of a

Duplicator or a typewriter or any office equipment, Keith will be only too pleased to assist. Keith plays active Lacrosse with Subiaco-Nedlands, and is doing quite well. He looks to be a ball of muscle.

LEWIS, Geo. R.: Married, no children as yet. Address: Lake Grace. Geo. is a farmer at Lake Grace, where he shifted after leaving Newdegate. He tells me he is going along quite well but that last year's drought was not the best of starts for him.

McDONALD, R. H.: Single. Address: 86 Ivanhoe Street, Bassendean. Mac is a wood-machinist with Douglas Jones Ltd., at Bassendean, and has just finished his Rehab. training in that trade. He still plays cricket and football and is doing quite well at both. He is currently playing for Bassendean "B" Grade team at cricket and has an excellent average.

MARSHALL, A.: Married. Address: Udue Road, Harvey. Marsh has a wood business in partnership with his brother, but says the game is tough and wood hard to get but easy to sell. He is still playing excellent sport for Harvey, representing that Centre in both sports. Last year he played for Harvey in the South West Carnival and also at the last Country Week, and did very well with Harvey-Wellington with both bat and ball.

PARRY, R. N.: Still single, (I believe). Address: 101 Forrest Street, South Perth. Ray is doing a Rehab. course in Process Engraving with "West Australian" Newspapers and likes it very much. He takes an active interest in the Association affairs but finds it hard to get to many meetings owing to working Night Shift.

SMYTH, Eric: Married man with two children. Address: c/o Mac's Motors, Geraldton. Eric is now managing the concern of Mac's Motors after a term as Secretary to the Company and he says he likes the idea muchly. He was one of our original Auditors of the Association and prior to moving to Geraldton was a Committeeman. Last time I saw him he was looking very well and enjoying the climate of his old home town - Geraldton.