

14th July, 1949.

Despite strikes, power restrictions, blackouts and transport problems etc., the mail must go through so consequently your newsletter is on the way again. We in Perth are finding things a bit difficult but generally a philosophic attitude is adopted by all and we entertain hopes of one day hearing the favourite radio programme and catching the bus or tram without a mad scramble.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Monash Club on 5th July, and in spite of the blackout we had an excellent attendance. Unfortunately, neither of the speakers we had arranged for in the persons of Dave Ross and Mr. Franke Beste were able to attend, and at the last minute we arranged for Mr. Alf Cairncross to give us a talk on the new gas installation at East Perth, of which he is supervising engineer, and also to tell us of his experiences as a Gas Engineer during the Blitz in England. This talk was well received by all and the idea of a guest speaker at meetings was voted an excellent success.

During the course of the meeting it was decided to appoint two persons monthly as a hospital visitation committee. For the coming month Mr. Geo. Boyland and Mr. Jerry Haire kindly consented to act.

Now boys, don't forget the August meeting to be held at Monash Club on the 2nd. We will hold the meeting irrespective of blackouts or anything else and that will apply to all future meetings. We have made definite arrangements with Mr. Dave Ross to give us an address on his wartime experiences and this should prove to be really interesting and educational. Also we have arranged with the Red Cross to make a further donation of Blood, and the 2nd is the date. Make a point of turning up to this donation as we want to put on a good show. All who donated last time are invited to come again and we want as many new faces as possible. This time the donation takes place at 254 Adelaide Terrace, just over Victoria Avenue and practically diagonally opposite C.B.C. Any who can get there early are asked to do so as the Red Cross would like to start with the bleeding at 5 p.m. But if you can't make it early be there as soon as you can as we wish to get it over early and get on with our usual meeting.

The September meeting to be held on the 6th will take the form of a Ladies' Night and we want to make this a really super turnout and show the women folk that we can run a function of this type equally as well as a Bucks' Party. The committee have some excellent and novel ideas for this night so mark the date on the calendar and make yourselves available and bring along your mother, wife, girl friend or somebody else's girl friend.

While on the subject of meeting, I might just as well labour the point of attendance. We have approximately 90 members in the metropolitan area who receive the newsletter and we can only muster round about 30 at a good meeting. We should be able to do better than this - so lads, what about it? Come along to the next meeting and start making it a habit.

The Association intends conducting its usual sweep on the Melbourne Cup. Tickets will be sent out with the next newsletter. So when you receive them start selling immediately to get in in front of the multitude of sweeps which will be conducted later on the same event.

A definite booking has been made of Monash House on the corner of Hay and King Streets, for the Annual Reunion which will be held on Saturday, 25th February 1950. This is another date to paste in the hat for future reference.

Tom Towers is the proud father of a boy about 3 months old. Apparently I overlooked this birth in previous letters but I offer the Association's congrats, however belated.

Correspondence is sadly lacking since the last letter. The only letter to hand being one from Sid Jarvis at Mt. Magnet. Sid is contracting in that area and doing quite well. I would like to receive a few more letters from country members to make the task of editing these letters a little easier as it is only by your supplying me with the news that I can dispense to others. If you happen to see any of your cobbers, don't be afraid to write in and let me know about it.

Rocky Williams was an attendant at the last meeting and this was the first time we had seen Rocky since the inception. We are always pleased to see new faces, especially chaps who we thought we would never find. While on this subject has anybody seen any of the following recently ?

Curly Bowden, Les Anderson, Ben Brown, J. Capell, Geo. Carrier, Bill Cooper, Charlie Dodge, Gerry Edwards, Ralf Finklestein, Geo. Fletcher, Alby Friend, Les Halse, Jacky Hanson, Bill Howell, Charlie King, Blossom Lawrence, Alf. Longbottom, Jim McLaughlan, Rip McMahon, Perc McPhee, Bert Matthews, Mal Nicholls, Jack Penglase, Jack Poynton, Dave Ritchie, Merv Ryan, Ross Shenn, Rusty Studdy, Laurie Tapper, "Doda" Tatam, Clarrie Varian, Kev Waddington, Scotty Wares and Jack Wicks - if any should see them or this should catch their eye, what about coming to our next meeting and being in the Blood Donor Scheme!!

That hardy annual subscriptions bobs up again. Alf Walsh has asked me to get on your backs again to send in your "Oxford Scholar" to make yourselves financial for this year. We intend with the next newsletter to give you your financial position. This will appear at the foot of the newsletter. This will serve to let you know if you are paid in advance or are in arrear. We realise that lots of chaps don't know for sure just how they stand so we will let you know next newsletter.

I suppose most of you know that Kevin Curran represents Victoria again this year. Kev was unlucky to have his jaw broken in the early stages of the game and had to go to hospital. We would like to congratulate Kev on his selection and wish him a speedy recovery from his injury. Tom Nisbet is now available for the West Australian Baseball tour this year and it is a distinct gain to W.A. as he is playing better than ever, catching in rare form and hitting with real power. So it's a case of look out Victoria, here I come.

Now for a few more personalities to keep you Au Fact with your mates.

Watson, Roy. Married man with one child. Address 83 Throssel Street, Collie. Roy is a wheeler underground in the coal mines. Roy is still playing good footy at Collie and last year was Captain Coach of Mines Rovers.

Waller, Jim. Married man. Address Wyalkatchem. Jim is a mixed farmer at Wyalkatchem and is doing quite well. He is one of my best country correspondents.

Varian, Clarrie. Married man with two children. Address 26 Roseberry Street, Inglewood. Clarrie is a conductor with the Tramways Dept. He tells me he is doing quite well.

Turton, Don. Married with two children (a pigeon pair). Address West Pingelly. Don is another of the farming fraternity and doing very well considering the short time he has been going. If anybody is in need of clover seed Don is the man to contact as he rolled a considerable tonnage last year and hopes to do even better next season.

Turner, Clarrie. Married man with two children. Address "Killora Stud", Elgin. Clarrie is managing Mr. Roy Murnane's Killora Stud at Elgin where the redoubtable "Agrion" stood for so long and now that beautiful English thoroughbred, "England's Glory" is doing stud duty. Clarrie tells me that the job keeps him more than busy but he still finds a bit of time for hockey.

Swann, Vince. Single. Address Salmon Gums. Vince is another farmer having a place in partnership with his brother at Salmon Gums. He says they are doing very well.

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Sproxton, Henry. Married man as yet no children. Address 210 Beaufort Street, Perth. Sproxton is a trainee carpenter just finishing at the Technical School and now out with a firm 40% proficient. He says he likes his new vocation muchly.

Strickland, Geo. Single. Address 80 Kenny Street, Bassendean. Geo. is a partner with his brother in the carrying and express delivery service of "Russells", so if you want any work of that nature contact Geo. who I'm sure will be only too glad to oblige.

The writer's cramp has caught up on me so I will say Cheerio for this month and conclude with a few reminders. Don't forget the next meeting at Monash Club, 10a King Street, on 2nd August. Also the Blood Donor Scheme on same evening at 254 Adelaide Terrace. Those that can get there early, please do so. Keep the date of the Ladies' Night in mind (September 6th) and send in your subs pronto.

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Hon. Editor.