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Editorial

MORALITY

What is Morality? You might well ask! You can be assured that it is something that the world in general could do with in the way of a transfusion right now.

Morals are the generally accepted customs of conduct and right living in organised society. Ethics are the rules and standards of conduct and practice. The two in combination give us the morality of civilised, organised living as we know it today. Morality is the trade mark of quality in all we do and say. It is the hallmark of decent dealing in business and professional relationships.

The immoral, licentious conduct which had its peak in the Roman Empire of Nero's day is a thing scorned and mocked at today. We would no more think of the debauches of that period with its burning of Christians and other such unlovely sport than we would think of other immoral acts, but are we so much better?

Most of us at some time or other resort to the "White Lie" as an easy means of escape from the consequences of some of our acts. The business man who deals dishonestly is not a great deal worse than the person who tries to get his children into the pictures as under age when they are obviously equal to paying full fare. Subterfuge of this kind is at least immoral if not plain dishonest.

We all of us are sufficiently worldly wise to know what is moral and what is ethical and it is up to us to make a show of doing the decent thing by our fellow men on every possible occasion. By this it is not meant that we should develop a high degree of Puritanism and Wowserism and moon around with long pious faces. What it means is a proper amount of probity in everything that we do.

Today we find many worshipers at the shrine of the Black Market and other nasty institutions of this nature. It is not smart to deal or traffic in such resorts and usually it ends up on the wrong side of the ledger for those that do.

If only the Nations of the world would turn to morality in their dealings with one another, we could guarantee a long and lasting peace in the world. Nations can be made to deal honestly with one another if individuals, who after all are the elements of any nation, only make morality their catch cry.

The appeal from this small article is for a better understanding between people and a more honest, decent and moral approach to life. You can do your part by taking unto yourself a blood transfusion of morality.

—A. SMITH.

West Australian Whisperings

Committee Comment

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, and owing to many causes the roll-up was below average but a tremendous amount of work was accomplished.

A very long list of arrangements for Ladies' Night was handled and this took up a considerable amount of the Committee's time. This function is to be of an informal character but many novelties are planned to make it an evening to be remembered.

Further discussion took place on the establishment of a Federal Provident Fund. Finality was eventually reached and the decision will be forwarded to the other States.

Arrangements in regard to the Country Convention to be held at Bridgetown were carried quite a few steps further and generally this function appears to be well in hand.

Other details of work of a general character kept the meeting going to a very late hour. Although this resume appears to be brief, it in no way reflects the amount of detail work involved in getting the affairs of the Association into real working order.



Association Activities

Once again have to report an excellent monthly get together on Sept. 2. Our guest speaker was Mr. Austin Lee, Superintendent of Guildford Airport. Dave Ross, our old friend of Dilli days, was present and as he is Director of Civil Aviation in this State he was able to assist the speaker in many ways. The talk was of great topical interest as Guildford Airport was opened as an International Airport on the same day. Those present were able to learn much of the working of a large scale aerodrome and all the things which go to make it tick. The speaker was able to give us many facts and figures about Civil Aviation in Australia in particular and the world in general. Our thanks to Mr. Lee and also to Dave Ross for a most interesting evening.

The next function to come up is

the Ladies' Night to be held at Crawley Bay Tearooms on Oct. 7 (Tuesday of Royal Show Week). As most of you know where the venue is it is superfluous to tell you once again how to get there. As stated before this function will be entirely informal, but much work and thought has gone into making this evening an outstanding success. You can be assured of a really good night's outing so bring along the wife or girl friend and have a really good time.

Arrangements are going apace for the Country Convention to be held at Bridgetown on the week end of Oct. 25 and 26. Country members most concerned have been circularised and replies are starting to flow in. If you have not already replied please do so at your earliest, as it is important to know how many to cater for and how many will be requiring accommodation. Any city folk or country folk from other than South-West districts are also cordially invited to attend and you also are asked to advise the Editor of your intentions and if you require accommodation. Be as smart as you can and make everybody's task a little easier. A really good roll-up will assure the future of these country meetings and this first one could lead to a great widening of the scope of our Association.

The November meeting on Melbourne Cup night (Nov. 4) is our Annual Bucks Night and as usual you can bring along a guest. These nights have been outstanding in the past, so mark it in red on your calendar and make certain you attend.

A matter of paramount importance to the Association is our annual sweep on the Melbourne Cup. You are already in receipt of the tickets—will everybody make my life a little sweeter by returning the butts as soon as possible. We have to make this sweep a great success to be able to carry on our activities and balance our annual budget. If anyone can sell extra tickets we still have a few books available, so write in and they will be despatched to you pronto. Your co-operation in this vital financial matter will be much appreciated.

Personalities

Had a visit the other day from Jim Smailes. The big fellow looks a picture of health and is very confident of completing his Mining Diploma course at the Kalgoorlie School of Mines this year. This is an outstanding achievement, as when Jim started his course about six years ago he had all the way to go as he had never even heard of half of the subjects he would have to study, and for a chap well over thirty to start study and be so successful is a real achievement. When you consider that in the Kalgoorlie School of Mines existence, a matter of 50 years, only about 40 odd Diplomas have been achieved then you will see the true merit of the performance. Jim is really wrapped up in the mining game and at the present has a job as Technical Assistant to the Underground Manager of the Boulder Perseverance.

Also working on the Perseverance are Paddy Doyle and Peter Alexander. Paddy is working underground and Peter is in the store and both are doing quite well.

Jack Carey has been having a spot of leave which he spent down south with Tom Crouch at Manjimup. Jack reports meeting Gordon Rowley and Slim Holly who were also down south on holidays. Tom and Gordon both going along well and the season has treated them reasonably, although a dearth of rain at one period knocked the feed back badly.

Joe Brand dropped in to see me during the month and he too looks extra fit. Joe reports an excellent season again and if they get just a little more finishing rain at Ogilvie he should have a really good harvest. Joe says that he has done well since getting his War Service Farm and won't be long before he is out of the clutches of the financing types. He says that big Bill Drage is also experiencing a good season at Northampton. Bill has branched out on his own this year and a good season is just what he wants to set him on his feet.

Last month was a good one from a point of view of visitors as Jack Fowler also came to see me. Jack looks well and reports a good season also at Wongan Hills. He had finished shearing and had brought his wool down for sale. He hopes

to be in town for Show and be at the Ladies' Night also.

Also saw Reg Harrington who had just had a run in with that arch enemy the Taxation Department. They slugged him in a big way and he was down in the city getting the whole thing sorted out. Reg said prospects for the year were sound and his crop looked really good. Reg is still playing a bit of football at Wyening and had played for Victoria Plains at the Northam Carnival. Says he finds the going a bit tougher with advancing years.

A letter from Clarrie Turner to wish everybody all the best. Clarrie is a busy cow cockie at Capel and they are milking about 47 cows at the moment. Also of course the Horse Stud keeps them very busy. Clarrie plays a spot of hockey still and his team, Capel, is in the final again this year for the sixth time in succession and they have won it twice which is nice going. Clarrie will be at the Convention at Bridgetown he hopes.

Don Young wrote from Three Rivers Station out from Meekatharra to wish everybody all the best. He was then about to go out on the annual muster after a spot of time off with a crook foot. Ray Parry's address, Don says, is Military Camp, Wagga, N.S.W.

Saw Don Turton and his good wife recently, both looking quite well. Don still in the throes of improving his place and has been building a few more rooms onto the house. Don is secretary of the Wandering Sub-Branch R.S.L. and they have been busy planting a memorial drive of trees on Wandering Street. Don and Vida are hopeful of attending the Ladies' Night function.

A brief note from "Johnno" Johnson to return his sweep butts and request that we send him any surplus rain that the city may have over and above its share. He says it is very dry at Koorda and doubtful if rain can now save the cropping situation.

Two most excellent letters from Bernie Langridge. Bernie appears to be a very busy man on his mixed farm at Donnybrook. He also takes a keen interest in the civic affairs of his district. Bernie was disappointed that he was unable to meet here when Dave was on his way to Colombo but as he says you just can't walk out on 18 cows.

Bernie hands the Association a few bouquets for the job we are doing in keeping the boys together with special reference to the 'Courier'. Bernie is most keen on the idea of the Country Convention and says he is a definite starter.

Bert Burges once again to the fore with a letter of his doings. Bert has just got stuck into the shearing and is shearer, woolclasser, rouseabout and musterer, just to mention a few of the jobs. Bert is hopeful of seeing Ray Aitken in the near future as he intends to visit the Nyabing Show. Bert is hopeful of being able to make the Bridgetown do and take Alf Hillman and Geo. Timms with him. Thanks once again Bert, for a good job, your remarks about correspondents noted.

A letter from Herbie Thomas who has been at Carnarvon. He has had a job bait-laying for a geological party and reckons by the time he gets back to the big smoke he'll look like a rock. He met "Irish" Hopkins in Carnarvon, also Tom Bateman. "Irish" has been barman at a pub there, but at present he is out with a shearing team. Thanks for sweep butts, Herb, hope to see you in town some day.

Mrs. Cooper wrote in on behalf of Bill who is apparently shy of the pen. No Mrs. Cooper, you don't have to apply for tickets for the Ladies' Night, just make Bill bring you along and you will know all about costs, etc., that night. Bill is back again at Mosman Park after a spell in the Mulga. Mrs. Cooper says they often see the Pendergrasts and the Andersons.

Latest advice on "Ajax" Harrison is that he is on his way to Onslow with the Western Command Staging Camp. The "Ajax" says he has every intention of avoiding the blast of the Atomic explosion on the Monte Bellos Isles. He says he enjoys the army and the dough is good plus the "game".

Alf Longbottom is another I believe to be back in uniform. But haven't seen Alf for an age, so can not vouch for the information.

Saw "Slim" James the other day and he looked very well. Says he was going well in his new vocation as S.P. bookmaker at Scarborough.

Another one of the boys met with recently is Sid McKinley. Sid is still with the Shell Oil Co. and has been doing a tour of duty in the bush but is now back in the city.

Mrs. Towers wrote in to say that Tom is back in the army at Wagga and kindly enclosed the details of her family. Thanks for your letter Mrs. Towers.

Am informed that Scotty Wares is now with the Railway Detection Branch keeping an eye on would-be pilferers of goods from the W.A.G.R. "Scotty" was previously a driver on the Railway Bus Service.

Jim Ritchie continues to make progress in his convalescence from his motor accident and has hopes of going back to some form of work again in the near future. The best of luck to you Jim from all the gang and keep the chin up.



Reminders

Just a memory tickler about Ladies' Night on October 7, at Crawley Bay. This will be the best ever.

Your intentions regarding the Bridgetown Convention would be handy. Make our life a bit sweeter by nominating early whether you are going and if you will require accommodation.

Still quite a few people haven't told us those vital statistics for the Xmas Party. We are most keen to get these particulars, so what about it you good lasses?

Those sweep butts boys, they should get an urgent priority from now on. Have them back by October 24, so that we will be able to handle the draw on time.

Of course the tardy Annual Subscriptions. Yours is probably due, so when sending in the sweep butts what about that extra dollar for your sub?

Random Harvest

This is getting to be quite a column. Had more than a few letters this month, so you chaps in other States, like Qld., S.A. and Tas

what about keeping up the good work.

A nice little letter from our old friend "Bunny" Anderson. "Bun-

ny" is a Pot Puller at Wagga and says he has seen Ray Parry and Tom Towers on a couple of occasions. He had a visit from "Curly" O'Neil who was in Wagga to report a court case. "Bunny" reckons "Curly" is still as awkward as ever. Bunny would be most pleased to hear from any of the old gang and guarantees a reply. His address, c/- Wagga Hotel, Wagga, N.S.W. Thanks "Bunny", it is a pleasure to hear from you once again after such a long silence. Keep serving that grog on the right side of the counter.

Out of the long dark silence a letter from Freddy Grown. Thanks for the bouquets for the 'Courier', we do our best to please, Fred. Fred has settled down permanently in S.A. and is one of those lucky individuals with his own home which he has occupied for about two years now. He is a maintenance mechanic with a building firm. He sees Bob Williamson quite frequently and has a few 'suds'. He also has sighted "Carl" Marks on odd occasions, mostly Anzac Days. Fred sends his regards to the boys all over Aussie.

Another most welcome letter from Major Love. He is now nicely settled in his new home at 31 Irving Road, Toorak. Was most interested in all your news of our Michael Calvert. Only hope that your good offices work out in the way you desire. Michael has written a book "Prisoners of Hope" which is on sale in Melbourne, but I haven't noticed it yet in W.A. Thanks for your letter Major and will answer it personally later.

Quite a news screed from Rolf Baldwin. "Baldy" seems to be a most busy man at Geelong Grammar, what with normal school duties and such other little chores as their cadet unit. Can assure you "Baldy" if you ever come West those Timor battles will be fought good and strongly over many a "Swan" and "Emu". Once again I bow in acknowledgement of the nice remarks about the 'Courier'. Also thanks for your offer to have a stab at an Editorial but can assure you a straight article of any subject of interest to the gang will find a place in the 'Courier'. Can assure you it is only the lack of such articles that stop us from printing them. "Baldy" has not seen many of the lads of late, but

does see Bernie on many occasions when they foregather to review Bernie's army of four sturdy boys. He also had a grand session with the Dex prior to Dave's departure. All I hope "Baldy" is that you find time to write once now and again because I know the lads are most keen to see your name in print.

A letter from Paddy Kenneally to Joe Poynton in which he says that he is just married and battling along nicely in double harness. Says the work situation on the Sydney Harbor front is the worst he has seen it for years. He gives Joe lots of pointers on the Rugby game and said that he had seen the Fijians who put on a great show in Sydney although he didn't think they were a great side. He said the Kiwi Rugby League team gave the Aussies a football lesson and their forwards steam rolled Australia in trouble from the word go. Paddy seemed to be very happy and sounded fit.

Last but not least, a letter from our old friend Jack Chisholm, from the Apple Isle. Jack is back on the land again farming and is working a 520 acre block single handed. He was, saying that the 2/40 Bn. Association is still going along nicely in Tassy and at one of the reunions he met quite a few of the lads who joined up with us in Timor including Wally Elmer who wished to be remembered to Arch Campbell. I will pass on your congrats to Don Turton and Tom Nisbet at the first opportunity, Jack. Jack has just been placed on the retired list after 30 years of soldiering, a nice performance I would say. On his farm of 520 acres he runs 550 breeding ewes and 125 ewe weaners and 300 fattening hoggets—if my arithmetic is not astray, that is 975 sheep on 520 acres, besides which last year they grew 35 acres of grey peas which yielded 40 bushels to the acre at 30/- a bushel, which is very nice thank you. Jack says he has been running sheep on the block for about three years and managed to get a bite at the good wool prices of 1950, which gave him a nice start. There is always a but. Uncle Arty is the nigger in the wood pile, otherwise he might be able to think about retirement. Thanks muchly for the long and interesting letter Jack and I will be writing you personally

Victorian Vocal Venturings

Committeemen have left me holding the best part of the baby this month, but many thanks to those whose names appear below.

BERT TOBIN. The Melbourne Cup sweep is now "afloat" and to the best of my knowledge all Victorians have now received tickets. If anyone has been missed or requires additional tickets he should contact me at 51 Northernhay-st., Regent, or at the "Argus" office. We want to make a huge success of this sweep, fellers, so "hop the skill" upon your salesmanship TODAY. To ensure that there are no administration hitches please return butts and cash to me before October 28. The draw will be made on Thursday, October 30, at a social get-together so keep this night free. With a little concerted effort by the committeemen we hope by lunch-time on Friday, 31, to have a result slip in the mail for everyone drawing a horse or selling a book of tickets. Interstate participants will be given first preference in this regard. But first, **SELL THOSE TICKETS.**

It is my duty as treasurer to again remind you that the subscription has been raised to ten shillings per year. If you include your ten bob when writing to Gerry Maley with your news, Gerry will secure an "official receipt" and include when replying to your letter.

Had a letter enclosing a fiver from Norm Tillett who was the first to remit sweep money. Norm's business and golf secretarial work keep him pretty busy and he rarely gets to Melbourne but we hope he will make it one Anzac Day soon. Meanwhile, Norm reports one of his family is now as tall as he and the recent addition is growing rapidly.

Col Doig has kindly forwarded me a photo of all the boys present at the last re-union in the West and this will be available at our next function for all Victorians to view.

My only personal item of news is that I now hope to attend the ball, having made some arrangements as regards transport, baby sitters and an increase in my bank overdraft.

HARRY BOTTERILL. Bumped into Ray Splatt the other day up

from Geelong on business—looking very well and sends his regards to all the boys—finds it hard to get up to our shows but will make the effort when possible.

Had a letter from Happy Greenhalph. He is still up at "McLean" working on the post office and going great guns. Sends news of "Beaky" Smith, "Russ" Blanch, Ron McArthur is up at McLean, too. Hap said to tell any of the 1st Coy. boys that a Wal Matheson is up there with him. He is a policeman now and "Hap" said he is a very nice chap. "Hap" sends his regards to everyone and if he can't make it down here in the next couple of years he will be down here "Come hell and high water" for the big Re-union.

BLUE BOTTERILL. Have not seen any of the lads for the last month, therefore I can report having been told no lies and having told none myself.

ARCH CAMPBELL. Blood bank. Further to our last bulletin. All forms have been forwarded to Red Cross and the personnel will be notified in due course of the date of their visit.

Kevin Curran has been chosen as "fairest and best" in the Bendigo League for season 1952. Apparently "Boot" retains his prowess even though "Mine Host" at his newly acquired hostelry. Congrats Kevin from all the boys in Victoria.

Have seen Alby Martin hard at work during my peregrinations, but could not get a word with him. He looks well and prosperous and still with Makower McBeath in Flinders Lane.

May I add a word of praise for Bern Callernan's article on Michael Calvert. It was timely, wise and expressed sentiments which are shared by us all. I think we should have a meeting to evolve some means of conveying to our old friend that we are with him in spirit in this his hour of need. His deeds of valor have been lauded from all walks of life, his book "Prisoners of Hope" loudly praised. A slip that has caused his dismissal should not deter us in our efforts to bring solace to our comrade in arms. He needs our every help, for one I think we should give some positive action to letting

"Mike" know that we still hold in high regard his value to us all in yester years, and we appreciate even in civvy life the many lessons of courage and sagacity that he instilled into us during the days of Wilson's Promontory.

Our object is to help the indigent and lame over the stile. Mike needs a hand, we have it to give. What about it, boys? Let's back Bern's article to the full with a show of just what sort of a spirit exists in this Association of ours.

Our committee met at the Wayside Inn on August 28 last with ten bodies along. Of most interest the following points were discussed.

Visitors' Book. One has been ordered and from now on a permanent record will be available of all who attend our functions. Original intention was a two quire book, but in view of Olympics a three quire was ordered.

Honor Roll. Colin Doig has supplied a list and George Robertson has done a sterling job with a fine looking wooden Roll of Honor. We are hopeful of also obtaining something similar to the Westralian Roll.

Xmas Party. After working out the result of our poll it was decided that this function be held at a bayside beach on Saturday, December 6. We hope to obtain a hall at Carrum and have all the trimmings, ice cream, cakes, drinks, sweets, hats and whistles, novelty events and so on. Any suggestions appreciated.

General Meeting. The night is still Thursday, October 30, but still can't name the place. However all will be advised in plenty of time.

Committee Meeting. The usual spot, Wayside Inn, on Monday, October 6. Would be pleased to see a few new faces, all are welcome.

Commando Ball. This will be an event of the past by the time this issue of the 'Courier' is in print. We anticipate a great evening and will give a drink by drink report later on.

Have had a moderate bag of correspondence since the last issue. Bill Tucker wrote to say that business problems have eased and we can expect to see more of him in the future. Bill is also bringing a small party to the ball. We certainly hope to have you as a regular, Bill, and will keep on your tail.

Bill has had a few beers with Kevin Curran in Bendigo recently and also saw Ray Splatt on one of his visits from Geelong.

Bob Snowden writes from Wodonga to give us first hand news of his progress. Bob has been dairy farming since 1946 on a Murray River flats property at Bonegilla. He is now in double harness and has a daughter now eight months old. After 2½ years battling he acquired a wife at the same time as he completed his home. Congratulations Bob, we are all in agreement about the 'Courier', I have received a lot of praise to pass on to the Editorial Staff and I am sure they like to know how much their efforts are appreciated. Many thanks for the cheque, Bob, the receipt's in the mail.

On the subject of cheques, may I again send out a call for annual subscriptions. We know it is only a case of not having the opportunity to hand over and we will try and make it as easy as possible to part you from your dinero. Just shove a ten bob note with your name and address into an envelope and send it to either Bert Tobin or myself. We'll soon send off a receipt. How about it, boys?

I saw Pete Krause today, looking as cheery as ever and very willing to have a noggin. Pete had been booking passages for himself and his charming wife on the Duntroun for Perth next February. Elvina is to have 14 days holiday on the ship and Pete five in Perth. He also visited Bendigo not so long ago and had a jug or two with Kev at the Athenaeum.

Our heartiest congratulations, Kevin, on the wonderful effort you have turned on in winning the Best and Fairest Award in the Bendigo League. A semi final win last Saturday is another feather in your cap also. Keep up the good work.

In closing I wish to appeal to all to make an extra special effort to sell as many tickets in the Melbourne Cup sweep as possible. There are only five weeks left now and this is that most important period when the extra punch in your sales talk makes the difference between a profitable sweep and a super colossal sweep. So do your darnedest!

Cheers 'n beers, GERRY MALEY

New South Wales News

This month's notes must of necessity be very brief and possibly may miss publication altogether, but unfortunately I had a hurried call home and was unable to make arrangements for a deputy before I left. My dad had a relapse last week and passed away on Wednesday night, a few hours before I could get home. Had a hell of a trip up, per goods trains, etc., and got stuck in Tamworth at four in the morning. Pulled Jack Peattie out of his cot at 7 o'clock to see if he had any clues about hire cars for the remaining sixty miles of my journey. He was good enough to run me around town for an hour in search of transport, but the only thing available was an aeroplane, two seater. As there were eight of us plus a heap of luggage this was out of the question, so we had to resort to another goods train to the next town and there managed to get a couple of taxis.

The Peattie bloke looks well, is happy in his teaching job at Tamworth, and dashes around the countryside in a nice Mayflower. He sends his good wishes to all and hopes to make the Anzac reunion one of these days. Thanks for your efforts on my behalf, Jack.

Rather a dearth of correspondence lately, but have had notes from several chaps who aren't exactly regular pen pushers, so I'm quite pleased with that aspect. Biggest surprise was from Charlie Grundy who lives at Annandale and wrote to return his 60 ticket butts and cash and to chide me for spelling his name wrong for the last five years. Sorry, old boy, but I was going by the address list passed on to me in 1947 and I often used to wonder where the two Blundys came from. I know Alf Blundy but even though I know now that your name is Grundy I still can't remember you. How about showing your map at a reunion sometime or write and tell us your blood group, rifle number, hat size, etc. Anyway thanks for selling the tickets, Charlie. Other scribes were Tom Snowden from Canberra, Willie Wilcox from Auburn and Tom Yates. All your tickets, butts and money arrived safe-

ly, boys, and thanks for your efforts.

Eric Herd writes giving a change of address which he says is a big improvement. There are one or two nice blocks of land up here, Eric, 60ft. x 300ft., and going for about three hundred fiddly dids. Eric would like Peter Cannon's address if anyone knows it or if Peter sees this Eric is at 32 Barker Avenue, Nth. Lidcombe.

We had a committee meeting at the Bognor on the 12th of Sept., and made tentative arrangements for an annual dinner but unfortunately our schemes were knocked on the head as we couldn't get a hall for the dates we wanted.

Keep plugging with those cup tickets, boys, as time is drawing on and we want a hundred per cent sales if humanly possible.

—JACK HARTLEY

Heard This?

A golfer was driving off about a foot in front of the teeing mark. The club secretary happened to come along.

"Here," he cried, indignantly. "You can't do that! You're disqualified."

"What for?" demanded the player.

"You're driving off in front of the mark."

The player looked at him with pity: "Away, you idiot," he said tersely. "I'm playing my third stroke!"

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