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IDEAS

Ideas or Ideals, there's not much difference in their meaning. If you have an Ideal you should have Ideas as to how you can keep it; that's what is needed in this Association of ours—Ideas.

Let us have a brief glance back and see just how far we have got.

It's roughly about seven years that the Welfare Committee who had done so much for us during the war years handed us a sum of money to start off this Association of ours and we have not let them down. We have more than doubled that amount as far as cash goes. But what else have we done?

First of all we have our own portion of Honour Avenue in Kings Park. Each of our Honoured Fallen represented by a plaque fixed to a tree. That sacred area has been described by a member of the King's Park Board as the best looked after area in the whole of Honour Avenue. That's really something but, have YOU seen it? Have YOU that have been able to, ever done anything about looking after it? We have about three working bees a year on a Sunday morning, roughly two to three hours work. Have YOU who could so easily have been one of those Plaques on one of those trees attended one of the Services that we hold each year on a Sunday afternoon in February? Surely a couple of hours a year is not much time to put in when you have so often said: "We will remember them". Do you?

Secondly, we have an Honour Roll second to none, one that we that have seen it are so very proud of. But have YOU that are or have been in a position to see it at Monash Club, seen it? Have you been interested enough to ask for a photograph of it?

Thirdly, we have this 'Courier' and you HAVE SEEN that because it is compiled, printed and posted to you, but do you READ IT?

And now cash values; each of us received a sum of money (1) for loss of personal goods, (2) Act of Grace Payment, (3) your War Medals, which have all come to you on a platter.

This is very briefly something that has been attained. Do you care? Are you interested? If you are not you should be. Do something about it! The first Tuesday in November is a very important date in the National calendar; it is a very important date in our calendar too. It is Melbourne Cup day and the finances of the Association depend almost entirely upon the success of the sweep. Have you done anything about it? Well hop to and do it now.

The committee is trying to hold a Christmas Tree and Party for the kids. You have been asked to send in the names and ages of your kids. Have you done so?

If you think that what has been done is enough, you're away off the beam. If you want to throw a brick at the committee throw it, you won't hurt any of those jokers. There must be something that either you don't approve of or think that can be improved on. In short you must have some ideas. Well throw them into the ring and let's tear them apart.

Have you that are not accessible to meetings EVER written a word in about yourself, your family, or whether you backed a winner at the local S.P. joint? Write to your Editor about anything that comes to your mind. Write it on toilet paper if you like, but for heaven's sake whatever it is write it. Damn it, write it and do it now.

—MICK CALCUTT.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

First and very much foremost that Ladies' Night at Crawley Bay Tearooms. Boy, was that a success or was it a success? I'll tell the world it succeeded a really top-notch performance. Crowd well above expectations and everybody had a wonderful time. Most pleasing to see so many of the lads from the bush in attendance and all obviously taking the opportunity to meet their mates for the first time for quite a while and introduce their wives around the place. The various novelties arranged by the committee were much appreciated by all and helped to make the evening go with a swing. Have had quite a number of notes of appreciation from various womenfolk who felt they couldn't let the occasion pass without thanking the Association for providing them with such a good night's enjoyment. It is all good anyway for the future. These annual Ladies' Nights in Royal Show week have definitely come to stay and will be a feature of the Association's calendar in future years. A resume of those attending from the country will be given under Personalities.

Ere you receive this edition the Country Convention at Bridgetown will be over but advance reports are all favorable and a good meeting should ensue. A complete report of this function in the next edition of the 'Courier'. It is dependent on the success of this function at Bridgetown whether other Conventions in country towns will be held.

The sweep the Association is conducting on the Melbourne Cup is also drawing swiftly to a close, but if you haven't sent in your tickets do so immediately as you may still be in time for the draw which will take place on October 29. It is important that all butts or unsold tickets be returned as they are required for audit purposes. Please do your level best by the Association in this matter as this is the life blood of your organisation and it is only as a result of the finances gained from this venture that we are able to keep afloat financially.

The November meeting on 4th (Melbourne Cup Night) is our annual Bucks' Night when you are invited to bring along a guest. When this issue was prepared for press, arrangements were not finalised but you can rest assured that a good evening awaits those who attend. These nights have been some of our very best in the past and there is no reason why it should not be just as good this year. So roll up boys and have a good time with your pals.

Another event swiftly approaching is the Children's Party to be held at the 16th Battalion Drill Hall Bazaar-tee, Perth, on Sunday afternoon, December 14. This is a party for the children of members of the Unit and the committee is hard at work to make our initial effort in this direction as successful as our efforts in other directions. You can assist by supplying us with all the information about your family so that the matter of catering for the party is made as simple as possible. Further advice of this party in the November issue.

Personalities

The latest of our members to be involved in a traffic accident is our good committee member Arthur Smith. Arthur was knocked down by a truck while starting up his motor cycle in Riverside Drive on Saturday, October 11, and is now in Ward 32 Royal Perth Hospital and is in pretty bad shape. He sustained a broken left elbow, broken right thumb, ruptured intestine requiring an operation, terrific lacerations of both legs which are heavily stitched and lacerations to body and face and concussion. He is now off the danger list and progressing favorably but is far from well. Arthur had just acquired a new home and had been in it less than a fortnight when the accident happened, so we will be sending out a call very shortly for volunteers for a working bee to knock the place into shape. Here is a chance for a boy scout deed at no great inconvenience to yourselves. We wish Arthur a speedy recovery.

It is at least pleasing to see two of our accident victims in Jimmy Ritchie and Jack Spencer on the way to recovery. Both were at the Ladies' Night and both looked quite well. Jim has been shearing with Don Turton and has improved out of sight. Jack Spencer is not at work yet, but looks quite O.K. except for a slight limp. Jack was seen thoroughly enjoying himself with his old mates in Reg Harrington and Co. We hope to report both 100 per cent in the near future.

Dave Ritchie is to be married on October 25 and we wish him and his bride all success in double harness. Dave is a partner in the Don Clothing Coy. and you can be assured of personalised attention if you buy all your clothing wants from this firm and the prices are more than competitive, while their stocks are equal of any in town.

Fred Napier is still an inmate of Hollywood Hospital with a severe attack of dermatitis on his bad leg. He has not been responding to treatment as well as he would have liked but latest reports show some improvement. A rapid recovery is what we wish you, Fred.

Now for some of those visitors to Ladies' Night. Reg Harrington and his good wife down from Wyening and both said they had a really good time. Jack Hasson and spouse from Ballidu and both looked really well. Jack wrote later to compliment us on the excellence of the evening. Tony Bowers and his wife down from Kojonup and they too looked in the pink and were having the time of their lives. The Don Turtons from West Pingelly also in attendance and looking as though they were enjoying themselves immensely. Arthur Marshall and his good wife down from Harvey to enjoy the evening. There you will see we had a nice roll up of country visitors which is what we want.

Quite a few of the city folk there whom we hadn't seen for quite a while also. The Mick Morgans looking as lively as crickets, Charlie Garton and his wife and others much too numerous to mention, were there and all in all a most representative gathering.

Have quite a few reports from Country Scribes this month. Firstly, Ron Sprigg from Albany reports: Ivor Goodall now domiciled

at Albany and doing duty as Traffic Inspector, and doing a good job too. Ivor has just become a Poppa for the first time, a son and heir. He has been allotted a War Service Home at Albany but awaiting the builder man completing it. Our congrats., Ivor. Ron reports seeing Ernie Nicholls and Ted Potts who are both members of the Council staff at Albany and both looking very fit. He has not sighted the Denmark lads for some time but says Norm Thornton is still probably working in Albany on the State School. Ron would like information from the N.S.W. Branch about Tom Tierney. Thanks for your effort, Ron, very nice too.

Gordon Rowley brings news of the gang down Manjimup way. Gordon was thinking of turning tobacco grower but the last tobacco sales smartly put him off. He intends to remain cow cockie a bit longer. He has sighted Gordon Barnes and these two are going to the Bridgetown Convention. "Barney" is looking 100 per cent and working at a local timber mill while awaiting something better to turn up. Tom Crouch still the hard working farmer and he too was going to Bridgetown on the Sunday of the Convention. "Dusty" Studdy was in Manjimup recently and had a few noggins with the boys. The Rowley wishes to be remembered to the boys, especially "Blue" Sergeant and Tom Coil. Bill Cocker's address is 1 Bertram Street, Chatswood, N.S.W.

Bert Burges on the job again to tell us of doings in his direction. He met Geo. Timms and Tony Bowers at the R.S.L. Ball at Kojonup. Geo. Timms has completed shearing and one of his shearers was Jim Gallagher. Tony had taken a load of sleepers to Alf Hillman's place and promptly went through Alf's wooden bridge. Bert met Ken Mackintosh at the Katanning ram sales recently and he looked very fit. Ken seemed a bit interested in the Bridgetown Convention. Bert was hopeful of a big representation from his area for the Bridgetown shin-dig on the Sunday. Bert also had a most interesting day with Ray Aitken at Nyabing Show. Ray was on the show committee and seemed to be well leaned upon.

My initial letter from Katanning from Ken Doak. Ken admits to be-

ing in good health and spirits and throws a "Nasturium" to us for the 'Courier'. Ken says that his old mate of No. 1 Coy., Peter Pinney, has just had his book "Dust on My Shoes" published and that he was looking forward to reading it as it should be really amusing. He sends his best wishes to all.

Bruss Fagg sends his regards to the gang from Northampton.

Stan King reports a busy season at Nyabing and quite a good one too. He met Joe Poynton at Hyden recently and helped him lower a few noggins. Joe is building a house for someone at Hyden.

Dick Burton writes from Quairading to say that all is well and returned his sweep butts. Dick and his wife are going to Sydney to live very shortly and he will be joining up with our N.S.W. Branch. Dick has been with the local Road Board for 12 months and doing quite a number of different jobs for them in that time. Dick says that since he last wrote he has had an addition to the family, making it two boys in all. He asks me to pass his regards to the boys.

Stan Sadler is next on the list. Stan says they have experienced a very poor season at Wongans and their crop well below average and will be lucky if it returns seed. Ironically they were having a good rain at the time of writing, but much too late to do any good. Stan and Jack Fowler were battling with a working bee for building new sheep pens at the local show grounds and quite a lot of work required before they were finished. Stan had met Wendel Wilkie at the Goomalling Show and says still the same Wendel as of old. Thank you muchly for the donation to the Xmas Treat, Stan, will give you details later. Stan adds his appreciation of the 'Courier' to the already growing list of admirers.

Ron Kirkwood adds his news to the rest. Ron still doing battle with the cash customers in the bank at Kalgoorlie. The only one of the boys he has sighted for some time is Tony Davidson who is kept busy in his vegetable shop. Ron says general business at Kalgoorlie very quiet, the buyer resistance is in a big way. "Smash" Hodgson's address, Ron, for your information is: Nyora P.O., South Gippsland, Victoria.

Have to thank Nip Cunningham for the next letter. Nip still serving beers at the local club in Geraldton, but has not met any of the boys for quite a while, except Tom Nisbet who was on a flying visit to Geraldton. Nip has been away on a fishing trip, again this year and had quite a bit of luck with the big fellows, 7 and 8 lb schnapper, 5 and 6 at a time. On boy, how would that be?

Johnny Moore sends greetings from Dwellingup to the gang. He says he thoroughly enjoyed the meeting he attended in Perth and only wished he could make it more often. He says that with the approach of summer he and all his yellow foresters will be very busy with the bush fire menace.

A welcome note from Peter Campbell complaining of a very dry year at Norseman. Only 162 pts. of rain for the year to date so you will imagine how lush and green the feed would be. Peter is very well and sends his regards.

Dick Pepper is another who sent in a brief note with his sweep butts. Dick still conducting the P.O. cum store at Mooyoonooka, and is very much in the land of the living.

Jim Corney sends his best wishes to the lads. He has been out of town for a while but expects to be working at the G.P.O. again shortly, and is not looking forward to it a great deal. Hopes to see the boys more often at meetings in the near future.

Ning McCaig and Fred Wilkes are two who wrote brief notes to enclose their sweep butts. Both are well.

Mrs. Ryan wrote in on behalf of Merv to say cheerio to the gang. Thanks very much Mrs. Ryan for your kind offer of your home for a party, we may well avail ourselves of your offer later. Merv is working on the wharf and finds it extremely difficult to get to meetings as Tuesday night is a working night on the waterfront.

Bob Palmer is next to give his tidings. From what I could make out of the hieroglyphics Bob was a most busy man milking 29 cows and general farm work keeping the daylight hours well and truly full. Bob wishes to be remembered to all the boys with special mentions to the staff of "A" and "Q" who were there during Bob's turn of

office as Adj. He returns Stan Whitford's good wishes.

Charlie Turner once again to the fore. He has been having an odd spot of trouble with a bad leg, having bruised the bone. They also had a bad time with the thoroughbred stallion 'England's Glory' who nearly died on them. Things are on the up and up again now.

Dick Crossing has become a proud parent, a son and heir. Our congrats.

Reminders

Don't forget that Bucks' Night on November 4. It should be easy to remember as it is Melbourne Cup night. You are permitted to bring along a friend.

Your sweep butts are urgently

Random Harvest

Ron Neuzerling is number one on the list. Ron still domiciled in Adelaide: 88 Allen Road, Centennial Park, is the address. He is still punching tickets on the trams and making quite a good living out of it too. Says the week-end and holiday overtime makes the pay envelope look a bit better. He is awaiting the allocation of a War Service Home. He wishes to be remembered to all the old gang, especially back in the West.

A letter of interest to everybody from S/Sgt. H. J. Brown, "Gunner" to the mob. "Gunner" is in Korea helping to hurl back the "Commo" horde. He says there are quite a few lads from other Squadrons with him, but he hasn't met any of our gang yet. He is hopeful of being home for Xmas as their Battalion has only a short time to serve before going into reserve and then they will be able to get among the grog once more. He sounded quite bright and well and sent his best to all the boys.

Dick Adams, that concertina player of Timor days, writes from Steel Creek P.O. in Victoria to say hello to the gang. He and brother Allan are on a sawmill near Steels Creek and doing alright although the demand for timber has slackened a bit. Apparently they have been in the rain area in a big way as Dick reckons he is sick of the sight

required. Get them in pronto, also any unsold books.

The Xmas Party at 16th Bn. Drill Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 14, is a date to mark off on the calendar.

How long is it since you wrote to that best friend of yours in your army days? Don't you think it would be great to hear of him again irrespective of where he is. Your Editor can supply you with his address if you request it. What about making November "a write my best friend" month?

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Dudley Tapper writes from S.A. He has only sighted Keith Dignum lately. Keith is still with the Ford Co. Dud himself still laying bricks but trade slackened a bit with financial restrictions. He says he would like to compliment Bernie Callinan on his editorial and says that personalities like Bernie, Mad Mike and Freddie Chapman are among the unforgettable.

Another from S.A. is our old friend Geo Lewis. Geo is finding things in S.A. excellent with more work than he can cope with and a real bumper barley season. Has been working around the various farms building sheep showers and sheds, etc., and doing really well. Can't find time to add a room to his own mansion. You'll have the wife on your back, Geo., if you don't get that done. His regards to you all.

Last for this month is a really long letter from Tony Adams. Tony as you know is with the A.&N.Z. Bank at Toowoomba, Qld. He starts off with a bouquet or two for the 'Courier' and thanks all those who make it possible for

chaps like him to get the doings of the old gang. He says that our organisation is the cynosure of all eyes among Queensland organisations of the same style.

Tony has been doing quite a bit of relieving for a while and had a trip to Warwick and to Chinchilla relieving the managers there. He was unlucky enough for the wife to get sick while at Chinchilla and it was some time before she fully recovered, but she and family are O.K. now. While at Chinchilla they had a week end at Roma and looked up the old Hooper, who is now running a grocery business there and doing a really grand job of work. His business is really thriving and the Hooper a well spoken of citizen about the place. Tony and Neil bashed one another's ears for some time on old times over Sunday. Only recently he had a visitor in the person of Max Davies, who with his wife and her cousin, were on a caravanning tour and pulled into Toowoomba for a week end. Once again the ear bash was on in a big way. Jim Fenwick is in camp quite close handy and Tony and wife went over for a night in the Sgts. Mess and had a great time. Jim is as big as a house. He recently had

a nasty accident with a drum of petrol exploding in his face and he was badly burnt about the fore-arms and face but he is now 100 per cent.

Tony is real keen on the Olympic Re-union and has already a foundation of plans ready to be there. He says at least plans do not cost money. He has given away active participation in sport and only has an odd game of tennis in a social sort of way. He saw all the big footy games (rugby) and says Toowoomba has a good team and actually beat the Kiwis. He specially asked me to remember him to all the old gang with special reference to 'C' Platoon.

Peter Mantle was in W.A. for the Royal Show and was able to attend our Ladies' Night and voted it a great show. It gave him a great chance to meet a lot of the gang and bash a few ears. Peter looked well and fit and was seen lapping up a few Boyland and Doig jokes. He has now headed for Tassie and their Royal Show and hopes to be able to contact Vic Pacey and Joe Loveless while in Hobart.

The Thought of the Month

Youth can win but has not learned to keep.

New South Wales News

STAFFORD'S GONG

The citation printed below gives a full account of the deed which won Sgt. Jack Stafford the Silver Star.

"Pte. Stafford, a member of the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy north of the Chong-Chon River in Korea on the 29th of October, 1950. During a company action which ultimately cleared the main axis of advance for the 24th United States Infantry Division, to which his unit was attached, Pte. Stafford displayed such individual courage and initiative that he made it possible for his platoon to secure its objective. During the advance of the platoon towards its objective, intense enemy fire from small arms halted the advance and pinned down the platoon. Pte. Stafford's section was ordered to

advance but again encountered intense enemy fire which inflicted several casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety and in spite of the enemy fire which continued to sweep the area, Pte. Stafford moved alone around the right flank and destroyed an enemy light machine gun position. In doing so he exposed himself to fresh en-position. Although he could not advance further in the face of this fire, Pte. Stafford, from his exposed position, placed such accurate and effective fire on the enemy with the Bren gun he was carrying that the rest of his section was able to advance and bring additional fire to bear on the enemy. Aided by this fire, Pte. Stafford again advanced alone, firing his Bren gun from the hip, with such devastating effect that the entire platoon was able to advance and seize the objective. During the reorganisa-

tion Pte. Stafford moved forward of the platoon position to clear the front. Discovering what appeared to be a camouflaged dugout, he fired a burst from his Bren gun into what seemed to be the opening, but was in fact ammunition on the side of a concealed tank. The resulting explosion blew away the camouflage and drove out the tank crew. The tank was later destroyed. Throughout the entire campaign Pte. Stafford has shown outstanding courage and has been an inspiration to all members of his unit. His masterful use of the Bren gun and his complete disregard for his own safety have repeatedly been the deciding factor in carrying his unit to success over numerically superior enemy forces. The gallantry displayed by Pte. Stafford reflects great credit on himself and the military service."

AS A MATTER OF FACT

Reminders have gone out to all sellers of sweep tickets and the results so far seem to be fairly good. Only a few who have sent in their butts already have bothered to include a note with their letters so there isn't an over abundance of news this month. I'll leave the little I have until next issue when I hope to have more time to sort it out.

An Address You May Want

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Victorian Vocal Venturings

My vocal venturings will not be very extensive this month as a result of a request to shoot them over to the Doig, but will endeavor to make up for it in November. Owing to an extensive interior decorating programme initiated by my good lady, I have been flat out during the last three weeks and cannot boast of having answered even one letter. There are quite a number too, from Ivan Brown and Max Loveless in Tasmania, Rolfe Baldwin, Blue Sargeant, Dick Adams, and Colin Doig, and in due course I will shoot out replies and receipts where required.

The Commando Ball was a great success and there was a goodly gathering of the clan. John Binks made a wonderful job of organising with the happy result that everything flowed along smoothly. Naturally we all consumed our share, and thanks to Bruce McLaren's good fortune in winning lashings of Craven A's we all smoked to excess. Amongst the revellers were Bernie Callinan, Arch Campbell, Bruce McLaren, Jack Benson, Bill Tucker and others. I couldn't recognise through the haze, all with respective better-halves. As far as I can remember all finished up

with the respectives too, although at one stage while walking up a ladder out Highett way it was difficult to work out who was who.

I was having a few words with Gordon Stanley, and all will be pleased to know that his youngest is now around the corner and can be classed as a permanent. Good work, Gordon, what a battle it was. Many thanks for ticket butts and cash.

Had a jug or two with Peter Krause who had just booked for his W.A. trip in February. Pete looks well and brings news of George Kennedy, now in Sydney, and Kevin Curran, with whom he had recently chatted.

Of interest at the committee meeting held on October 6, was the appointing of George Robertson to the committee. George has been a hard and willing worker for the Association and is an asset to your committee.

Arch Campbell has been appointed Convenor to proceed with the preliminary organisation of the 1956 Olympic Re-union. We feel we cannot start our preparations too early and Arch is the man for the job. An invitation is to be sent to Mike Calvert and Freddie

Chapman to make the trip also and we all think this would give an added zest to the occasion.

Jack Hartley has been in constant touch with Bert Tobin and between them the Cup sweep is all sewn up.

Our general meeting will be held at the Victorian Railways Institute, Room 9, on Thursday, October 30. After the drawing of the sweep and any other business has been dealt with all present will be able to have a quiet suck and partake of some cheese and biscuits.

I was favored with another report from Jack Servante, but in the turmoil at present prevailing in my home it has been mislaid. My apologies, Jack; I will endeavor to make amends later on.

Alan Stewart has recently completed a couple of weeks course at Broadmeadows. It was a rushed course and Alan had very little spare time, hence could not arrange a gathering of the clan. However, I had a couple with him and learnt that he now has a family of two, and that Monica now reigns over her own household. Nice going, and I hope things continue to go well for you both.

At long last we have paid our 'Courier' dues and can hold up our heads again. Treasurer Tobin included the cheque with this report.

The time has come the Walrus said, and this time it is the committeemen's reports.

MAX DAVIES. Just back from a great trip up north and still a bit collar-proud. We averaged 1,000 miles a week whilst away so didn't stay put for long.

Met Bash Adams at Toowoomba and had a good old ear bash over a noggin or two. Bash sends regards to all and hopes to meet lots of the boys in 1956. He assured me that he is a certain starter, although he does consider Col Doig's goal of £1 per week saving much too steep for a poor hank clerk. I sure agree, Bash, particularly at the moment.

The only other chap I met was our old friend "Happy" Greenhaigh, who is stationed at the post office at Maclean, N.S.W. Still the same old "Happy". He also has made the 1956 Games a must.

Bash and Happy were both loud in their praise of the 'Courier' Col. Both being somewhat isolated

from the rest of the old Unit they have to rely on the 'Courier' for their news and they agree that it delivers the goods. Cheers—Max

H. E. TOBIN. At the time of writing this there is only a little more than a fortnight left before the drawing of my Melbourne Cup sweep so it will probably have been run and won before this gets into print. Present indications are for success. Ken Monk forwarded an interesting letter with his sweep money. Ken is happy to report a visit from the stork who presented him with a plumber's certificate—he already had two daughters. Ken is flat out at present—the weather has been playing up with his cows which have included milk fever and paralysis in their complaints so that when all the worry and trouble is taken into account Ken reckons the price of milk and butter is not too high after all. All will wish Ken better luck and his good wife a return to perfect health.

Had a recent trip to Gippsland so made a point of looking up Smash Hodgson at Nyora. Smash was as cheerful and warmhearted as ever although the superfluous rains had curtailed his timber cutting activities in recent months.

Also had a very enjoyable trip when Alan Munro took George Humphreys, Harry Williams and myself up to Stan Weppner's place at Colbinabbin one week end. Could not speak too highly of the hospitality of Stan and his family. Their farm is a sight for sore eyes but a little experience of the routine or our country friends has convinced me that I am not badly overworked with my pen pushing after all.

Ran into George Merritt on Flinders Street station one morning. George was still in uniform but had hopes of going to Sydney that day to be discharged and returning shortly to Victoria to get a soldier settlement block. George looks well. His address for correspondence (and that of his wife and two kiddies) is 760 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham.

Also ran into Ron Eastick looking a ball of muscle one day. Enjoyed the Commando Association ball all right but would be willing to bet that there weren't two happier blokes than Jack Benson and Bill Tucker present.