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Editorial

THE NEW THOUGHT

Somebody once said: "Men can live without air for a few minutes, without water for about two weeks, without food for about two months—and without a new thought for years on end."

Whether this quotation is true is open to question. We can disregard the part relating to air, food and water but let us think a little about the last part of the quotation—that part which says, "and without a new thought for years on end". Perhaps the writer was feeling despondent when he put his, or her, thoughts on to paper, but it certainly gives food for thought.

We too readily drift along in a channel—perhaps a comfortable one, and do not give much thought to our fellow creatures who may not be in such happy and prosperous circumstances. It is human for us to err. There can hardly be one of us who has not been in the position at sometime of disregarding some small duty which he could have performed without much difficulty.

This little extra thought or "new thought" is usually reserved for a particular pal, workmate or opposite member of our sex but it need not necessarily be restricted to those few.

There is a worthy body which exists only by means of those "new thoughts", by that I mean your OWN Association.

Quite a few years ago when we were overseas a little band of brave women and men met to see what they could do for the lads away. They derived great happiness by expressing their "new thoughts" in the shape of amenities, etc.

Let us all try to express a "new thought" by doing something extra to help our Association. We don't have to await the New Year to form a new resolution. But for goodness sake don't let it go the way of most new resolutions.

—W. MARCH.

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BY B. J. CALLINAN

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funds and Alberts are kindly col-
lecting on our behalf.

West Australian Whisperings

Committee Comment

The committee met on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m., in Col Doig's office in Perth.

Present were Messrs. Willis, Calcutt, Doig, Bowden, Walsh, Carey, Napier and Mrach. 2 The guests for the evening were Doug Fullaton and "Bluey" Pendergrast. Both Doug and "Bluey" were very helpful in their suggestions and the committee wishes to thank them once again for coming along and helping iron out some of the problems faced.

Through the good graces of Bill Willis the Association is now the possessor of an air rifle. It is a beautiful weapon and should provide us with a lot of amusement when we get the gallery organised.

The donor of the rifle has been invited to attend our next meeting which takes the form of the Buck's Night.

Considerable discussion took place re the Ladies' Night and future Ladies' Nights.

Thanks is again due to Bill Willis who brought along his talented friends who provided us with entertainment in the form of vocal items.

The attendance this year was not up to standard and a little disappointing to those who had put so much work into making this evening a first class show.

The reticulation of our area in King's Park has reached the stage where Gordon (Bluey) Pendergrast is going to make a scaled plan of the job and make out a work list of the materials needed, etc. We all know that this is in good hands when "Bluey" is on the job.

The Country Convention scheduled for the weekend Nov. 14, 15 and 16, 1953, was discussed at length and any member wishing to be present should contact Col Doig or Jack Carey, as soon as possible so as accommodation and transport can be arranged. Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, is to be the main function so as to give members a chance to be present who might not be able to get away on the Saturday. This Convention

looks like being even better than the South-West so don't miss the opportunity to be there if possible.

Secretary reported that quite a lot of butts for the Melbourne Cup Sweep had been sent in so don't delay it to the last minute and send them in as soon as possible. Return the butts to Jack Carey, 73 King-st., East Fremantle, or Col Doig, Box R 1273, G.P.O., Perth.

Association Activities

MOTTO CONTEST

Even though the Motto Contest has been extended to Nov. 30, the number of entries is very poor.

The prize of books by Bernie Calinan, Spencer Chapman and Michael Calvert should surely be enough inspiration for you to send in an effort.

No doubt at sometime or other you have had something flash across your mind which has appealed to you as an object which would be fitting for our Association.

Give it a bit of thought and bung in your entry while the opportunity is still there to win this handsome prize.

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XMAS PARTY FOR KIDDIES

Xmas is getting closer so if you have not already advised the Association of the age of your kiddies do so.

This year we expect to have an even better turnout for the little ones than last year. Don't leave this too late as a lot of spade work has to be undertaken before the success of this day is assured.

Fred: "That was certainly a heavenly kiss."

Meg (disappointed): "Yes, I kissed like an angel and you kissed like a saint."

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Personalities

Mrs. Bill Cooper wrote a few lines letting us know that they are settled in at their new abode in Scarborough. Bill has had his share of the chores of a new home—lawn planting, etc. Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Bill were unable to attend the Ladies' Night as the baby sitter went on strike. Oh well, that's always on the cards. Bill saw Ray Parry out his way the other day and had a bit of a yarn. Ray has recently married and is living in Wembley.

Mrs. Griffiths sent in the sweep butts and says that Fred is still up north where it is pretty warm. It was quite a change for her when she arrived back at Joodana Heights again and struck some cold weather. Fred hopes to be down at Xmas and will look up old pals then.

Peter Alexander, of Boulder, has sent in his sweep butts and subscription.

Alf Blundy has written from Beverly where he has just about finished a good season of shearing. He expects to hit the big smoke shortly. Alf also sent in his subs. for the year.

Beverley has certainly copped their share of rain this year causing extensive drowning of sheep and washing fences away.

Bob Williamson has dropped a note from South Australia, sending in sweep butts and letting us know that any of the boys passing through who contact him he will meet the train, plane, etc., and have a get together. Bob's address is: 2 Goldsworthy Crescent, North Glenelg, South Australia. Thanks Bob, I am sure that any of the lads will be only too pleased to see you if they are going your way.

Alf Brady of Wongan Hills writes sending in sweep butts. Alf has been to Kalgoorlie for the round and met the "terrible three", as he calls them—"Boyo" Hewitt, Les Glasson and Tony Davidson. 'Boyo' is looking in the pink and like the side of a house. He has a surface job on one of the mines. Les has an undertaking business in Kal. Tony as you all know, has a fruit and vegie business.

Alf has changed his job on the railways. He is now a length runner with not much work to do—lucky Alf!

Bert Matthew's hastily scribbled note to hand enclosing sweep butts and nominating his two children for the Xmas Tree.

Johnny Moore has sent in his sweep butts with a cheery word for everyone. Dwellingup seems to suit Johnny as he says everything is going O.K.

Don Young has changed his address. He is now at Cunyu Station, Wiluna. He has bought himself a car to run around in and expects to be in Perth soon. He has a better job now so everything is rosy.

Mrs. Eddie Craighill has returned sweep butts for Eddie.

Fred Wilkes writes from Brunswick to send in his sweep butts. Things are pretty quiet down his way he says, so didn't have any news to relate.

Alf Hillman, of Broomhill, sends in money for a couple of Bernie Callinan's books. As far as Alf is concerned the season up his way has been pretty fair. The wool clip was better than last year but the crops are very poor. Alf says that he has had a good season's golf, winning the local championship fairly easily. Sorry to hear of the bad back, Alf, and hope that you soon recuperate.

The good old Dinwoodie dropped a note from Hollywood Hospital and reports that he is feeling pretty good—that's the way, boy—hope that you are soon well again.

Had a letter from one of our ladies—the wife of a member of the Association. Am printing the letter in full as there are numerous suggestions and criticisms. We appreciate hearing from the ladies and I hope that this will be by no means the last. For personal reasons the writer did not wish her name to be published.

"This is an appreciation from a member's wife for the Ladies' Night. I congratulate the Unit for making it a great success and those of us who attended thoroughly enjoyed it and on behalf of the ladies sincerely thank those who were responsible for the evening.

"As a wife, I have a few suggestions, and one or two complaints.

"Firstly. I think the ladies should see each other more often, as we do not get much opportunity on the Ladies' Night, as once a year is really not enough for a get-together, personally, the Unit is selfish in this matter. A suggestion on this point would be either another social evening, or a picnic during the summer months, or an outing of some kind. Incidentally, the Xmas Children's Party is very much appreciated, a lovely idea on the part of members.

"The Memorial Service at King's Park to those who paid the supreme sacrifice is also a kind remembrance on the part of the Unit, but, as it is held during our hot summer, usually the day is rather warm, and if members would like their relatives to attend, and believe me, we do, some light refreshment in the way of soft drink, etc., should be provided.

"From another member's wife, whose husband was in Hollywood Hospital recently. Only one member visited him during his illness. I believe there is a roster for hospital visiting, this should be looked into.

"We wives are agreed that the Association is a great thing, for keeping the members of the Unit

together, but, we do deserve more consideration for helping our husbands in keeping up their interest."

OLYMPIC RE-UNION 1956

Although 1953 is only in the closing stages and 1956 seems a long way off it is not that far away that some preparation is not necessary.

For a Re-union of this magnitude and importance a tremendous amount of prior ground work has to be done.

Melbourne metropolitan members are to act as hosts.

Keep this in mind because it will surely be one of the biggest events Australia has ever seen when the Olympic Games are held in Melbourne.

REMINDERS

The Kiddies' Xmas Party is getting closer so nominate your kiddies' ages if you haven't already done so.

Nov. 30 is closing date for the Motto Contest so send in your entry.

Subscriptions are still lagging so check up and see if you are currently financial.

Random Harvest

The old "Bloss" Lawrence wrote the other day giving a few items of news and his address for some of his coppers to drop him a line. His address is J. B. Lawrence, Headquarters Fire Station, Murray-st., Perth. "Bloss" has just finished C.M.F. annual camp and thoroughly enjoyed it. While in camp his commission came through so had the necessary excuse for wrapping himself around a few ambers. Congratulations "Bloss" and I am sure all the boys join in with me in wishing you further promotion.

Don Hudson is a member of the 11/44 Inf. Bn. with "Bloss" and is now a sergeant. Don is feeling in the pink and wishes to be remembered to all the lads.

The flu put paid to "Bloss's" chances of attending the Ladies'

Night but will be around and looking up a few pals. Try and manage to get along to the next meeting. We can assure you a good time.

Stan Sadler dropped a note enclosing his sweep butts and also supplying quite a bit of information regards the proposed Country Convention in the Wongan district. Thanks, Stan, further news on the Convention as soon as something concrete is to hand.

Stan had a hurried trip to the Royal Show only spending about three hours there. Unfortunately for Stan the only one he saw there among the old team was Tom Nisbett. Stan is quite pleased with the wool clip but says the crops are below average due to too much rain early in the season.