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"The Bull" Is Here

It has taken many years for Geoff Laidlaw to work his way West, but he has arrived here at last. The "Boss" always said that he would pay us a visit but we had almost given up the idea.

Now it has become a fact. Geoff has a position with Ampol Petroleum and is Country Sales Manager.

He had the option of a transfer to a couple of different places but chose the West.

Welcome to the West and may your stay here be a long and happy one. You will certainly have the opportunity to renew friendships and see "Your Boys" again.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

September Meeting

The Sports Night scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7, should be a crackerjack night. These sports evenings have proved very popular in the past so roll up and enjoy yourself.

The sporting fare this time should be one of the best provided with quoits, darts, table tennis and a shooting gallery—our latest idea—to help the evening along. Prizes will be given to the game winners as an added attraction. An innovation will be the awarding of a championship belt. A safety officer will be appointed to supervise the shooting and guard against the possibility of an accident. Fifteen gallons of the old "amber" will be provided.

Committee Comment

Minutes of Committee meeting held at 9 Barrack-st., on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Present: Messrs. Doig, Dook, Willis, Green, Napier, March, Strickland, Bowden and Carey. Apologies received from Messrs. Boyland and Walsh.

August Meeting

On the motion of Messrs. Bowden and Dook it was moved and carried that "a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the M.I.O.C. for putting on the picture night". It was agreed the night had been quite successful.

Country Convention

Per favour of Mr. Criddle the secretary had to hand a quote of £104 8/- from the Midland Railway Co. for charter of a 34 seater bus to Geraldton. The matter of charter-

ing the bus was discussed at length. It was pointed out that unless we could get a full load or near to it the trip could prove costly. The following points were decided on the motion of Messrs. Bowden and Strickland: (1) that a bus be chartered and the quote of £104/8/- be accepted; (2) we make the Geraldton Convention a firm date for Nov. 13, 14 and 15. (3) Mr. Smyth be approached to organise accommodation, etc., at the Geraldton end. (4) a committee member be appointed to sound out members at the September and October general meetings and find out who is prepared to make the trip." On the motion of Messrs. Dook and Napier, Mr. Green was appointed to handle arrangements at the city end

Honour Avenue Watering Scheme

President reported it was only a matter of signing necessary papers and paying the amount of £60 to the Water Supply and the job will be under way. Mr. Dook had obtained a quote of £182/8/- for piping and fittings and further to this Mr. Doig stated he had written to Stewart & Lloyds seeking a direct quote. No reply has yet been received. Mr. Calcutt had made arrangements to have the area surveyed and this would be carried out shortly.

Flower Day Display

Secretary reported no volunteers obtained from members at August general meeting to assist in the flower display. As members present seemed to doubt if an entry was worth while it was moved Mr. Napier, seconded Mr. Strickland, that "we submit no entry in the flower day display this year". Mr. Bowden's amendment that "in addition the sum of £2 be donated to the Silver Chain Appeal" lapsed for want of a seconder. Mr. Napier's motion was put and carried.

Ladies' Night

It was recommended to the organisers that for Ladies' Night community singing, shorts and a comedy film be shown.

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Personalities

Mick Morgan:

Quite a stranger these days but a very welcome one. We don't see half enough of big Mick with his pleasing personality and a word for all and sundry. A lot of time is taken up with his job as tally clerk on the waterfront. In past years Mick's job has been to carry the 2/2nd flag in any of the Commemoration marches, the only exception being when the Queen reviewed ex-servicemen on the Esplanade.

Alby Martin:

It was with great regret that we learnt of the death of Alby Martin's father recently. Please accept our sincerest condolences, Alby.

Slim James, Jack Carey, Colin Doig were spotted in the "ring" at Gloucester Park the other night. There were plenty of glum faces around so they must have been on a "slow" horse or two.

Gordon "Blue" Pendergrast:

Not enjoying the best of health of late and has been having a battle with the Repatriation Dept. over entitlement.

Bill Epps:

Had a yarn with Bill over the phone the other day and he tells me he has been burning the candle at both ends—that is in regards work. Quite a few nights every week he has been working back and coupled with meetings in regards the new innovation in Perth—Night Baseball—Bill is starting to feel a bit on the weary side. Bill is one of a committee of five who have been hard at work trying to introduce night baseball to the West and at last the fruits of his efforts are to be tasted—in November—opening night to be the 10th.

Kevin Curran:

Happened to be reading an A.M. (Australian Monthly) magazine the other day and who should I see peeping out at me from the pages but Kev. The photograph was taken inside one of the bars of Kev's Athenaeum Hotel in Bendigo. Mine host Kevin Curran, was on the customers' side of the bar (of course) and had his hand wrapped around a fair sized glass of beer—wonder what he was going to do with it. Kevin is coach of the Sandhurst Club during his recreational moments.

RANDOM HARVEST

Stan Sadler:

Of Wongan Hills, has written in with some news for the 'Courier'. Stan is a farmer in Wongan Hills and has just finished shearing. He was quite satisfied with the clip considering the set backs the flock has experienced. The season has been a very difficult one especially for stock.

In the 26 years that Stan has been on the property they are suffering one of the driest and frostiest seasons. The sheep have been hand fed until the feed ran out. The woolly backs got through about 3,500 bushels of oats and a couple of thousand bales of hay. This gave out about the end of June and since then they have managed to scrape enough green feed to keep them strong.

Lew Thompson called in to see Stan one day to inquire the way to a neighbour's place. He was looking exceptionally well and is farming somewhere in the Chittering district.

Royce Wilkinson—better known as Wendel Wilkie—has sold out his farm in the Wongan area and bought another property about nine miles south east of Goomalling.

Dick Crossing is reported to have bought a property about two miles north east of Goomalling on the Dowerin Road and getting stuck into the dirt in a big way. All the very best in your new venture, Dick.

DONATIONS TO KING'S PARK SCHEME

A few more donations towards this worthy scheme arrived this month.

Whilst the total of money received is a handy sum it is still well below the figure necessary to finance the water scheme.

You are asked to have a look into the old purse and see if you can spare something. The sooner sufficient cash is received the sooner we can get about the real business of laying pipes, etc.

Latest donors are H. J. Morgan, H. Sproxtton, C. Gorton.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

It's on again! This time with a vengeance.

The Committee has set a goal to achieve with the sale of sweep tickets which behoves everyone of us to really get down to the business of selling them.

By now you will all be in receipt of some tickets and the rest is up to you. It's not very hard when you have such good prizes to offer as our sweep has. Already there are several butts returned and orders in for further tickets. That's the style.

The cash obtained from the running of the sweep is the life blood of the Association. Without this good boost once a year we would have considerable difficulty in functioning.

Now don't wait until it is time to return the butts before thinking about selling. Hop in now—sell your tickets and come up for more.

BERNIE LANGRIDGE TOPS HERD RECORDING

Reprinted hereunder an extract from the "Preston Mail" 12/8/54.

Bernie Langridge has in quite a short time built up a herd which today tops the list in the Donnybrook district. Congratulations for a very fine effort.

"The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. E. K. Hoar) has announced the average monthly production of the three leading herds in the Donnybrook grade herd recording unit for June, followed by the unit average.

"B. C. Langridge 3 (No. of cows) 1,150 (av. lb. milk), 65.60 (av. lb. b/fat); D. A. Doust, 2, 1,140, 54.0; Mrs. M. C. Fry & Sons, 34, 1,076, 47.08. Unit average, 326, 682, 33.14.

"It is interesting to note that Mr. B. C. Langridge's herd was top of the State, comprising 25 herd recording units. Mr. F. M. Worsfold (Albany) was next with an average of 64.7 lb. of b/ft."

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What's So and So Doing

Ray Aitken:

School teacher at the State School in Nyabing. Ray is travelling in double harness with a couple of boys both getting towards secondary education stage. The past years have seen Ray spending most of his time teaching in the country schools so a headmastership in a metropolitan school will not be amiss. An ex-member of the Association Committee and a stalwart when the committee was in its teething stage.

Les Anderson:

Resident at 47 East-st., Fremantle married with three boys aged 3, 5 and 6. Previously a painter on his own account but of more recent times has changed his means of employment to the Fremantle wharf.

K. C. (Curly) Bowden:

Hails from 72 Railway-st., Cottesloe, but will soon be building his new home in Bicton, quite close to Point Walter reserve. The river views around this area are lovely. Curly is married with three kiddies 1 boy and 2 girls. A cabinet maker foreman with Hardies at Fremantle. Curly is a very valued member of the Association and has been a Committee member for the past four terms.

Jim Corney:

Albany-rd., Cannington. Still single and is a foreman carpenter with Department of the Interior. Commonwealth buildings throughout the State claim Jim's attention. A former vice president with the association and has also served as Committeeman. This was in the early stage of the Association but of more recent years Jim's job has precluded him from taking a more active interest. Jim, by the way, is one of our very few World War I veterans with our Unit.

Arch Campbell:

Moulyinning. Married but no family as yet. Now farm manager—share farmer with his wife's family at Moulyinning. Arch has only recently returned to W.A. after long periods in both N.S.W. and Victoria where he was a tower of strength to the Association in both places, serving on various executive positions on the committees in two States. He was organiser of

the Olympic Re-union project in Melbourne prior to his return to W.A., and helped to lay the foundations of the scheme.

Jack Carey:

Resident at 73 King-st., East Fremantle. Unattached (remarkably so) and a clerk with W.A. Meat Export at Robbs Jetty. Jack has been one of the most consistent workers the Association has had and has done loads of good work for the Association. He has served on the Executive for a considerable time and has been secretary for the past two terms and a remarkably good secretary at that.

Ralph Finklestein:

From Royal-st., Tuart Hill. Married with two children. A maker of fine furniture and has quite a name in the West for the fine craftsmanship which has been put into his furniture making. Ralph owns his own business which is under the name of Woodcraft Ltd. Interested in the Macabbean Soccer Club

Frank Freestone:

156 Adelaide-ter., Perth. Married with two teenage children. Frank is a linesman with P.M.G., specialising in cable work. He was previously a metal moulder but had to give that up owing to ill health. A committeeman for many years but had to give it away owing to increasing demands on his time. Frank put a lot of work into Association matters and his return to the Committee is earnestly looked forward to.

Heard This?

"Eddie," said the mother to her little son, "I wish you'd run over and see how old Mrs. Smith is. She has been very ill."

In a few minutes Eddie came running back and reported: "She said to tell you it was none of your business."

"Why, Eddie," said the astonished mother, "What in the world did you ask her?"

"Just what you told me to," replied the little innocent. "I told her you wanted to know how old she was."