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Editorial

Co-Operation

It requires no Rhodes Scholar to remind us all that in unity there is strength, or that, either we hang together or we will hang separately. This question of unity or co-operation has been stressed for centuries among nations and empires, let alone among a comparatively few individuals, and yet, it is probably only unity among several great democratic countries today that avoids the chaos of another world conflict.

It is this same co-operation scaled down which enables many small businesses throughout the world to engage in fair and reasonable bargaining with much larger firms and corporations in all walks of life. This same collective unity enables all types of Industries and Associations to meet on common ground and overcome the problems that from time to time confront them.

It has often been suggested that Associations are not effective because they do not get 100 per cent support from those they represent. I believe this is natural, particularly in an Association such as our own which is dependent on commonsense to obtain our objective.

In other words, Associations that are organised like our own depend on its members voluntary support to carry out policies which are initially decided by the members themselves.

Of course as I have already stated, only an idealist would suggest you can obtain 100 per cent unity under these conditions, but nevertheless, what support is forthcoming, provided it is in a reasonable majority is usually genuine support.

I feel that our organisation has shown commendable unity and co-operation.

You could co-operate even further by corresponding more freely. Correspondence to your Editor has reached a stage where it is practically nil. Other Unit papers have had to cease functioning because of that lack of correspondence. That little item of news from you, collated with the items from a few other sources will help build our 'Courier' into something good. Now **WHAT ABOUT IT?**

—W. MARCH, Editor.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

King's Park Scheme

Latest progress report on the King's Park Scheme may as well start with the donation list as this is a very necessary item re the installation. Total donations at the time of last Committee meeting came to the sum of £86/5/- and recent donors are: Charlie Sadler, Jim Corney, Gordon Rowley, Bill Rowen Robinson, Ron Dook, George Boyland, Ken Mackintosh and Eddie Craighill.

Thanks to all you boys for your help. This fine monument to our fallen will be something which you have helped create—a true tribute to our own band of heroes.

The cutting and screwing of the pipes is to be done by machine but a working bee of members of the Committee will meet at Gordon Pendergrast's home at 16 Henry-

st., Subiaco, at 9 a.m., Sunday, October 31.

Further working bees on which you will be asked to assist will be announced through the 'Courier' as soon as dates can be arranged. When called on to help at these working bees, please try and realise what a big job is in front of us and assist to your utmost.

Christmas Party

Arrangements are already well in hand for this year's party and while the general trend of events will remain the same a few new ideas and entertainments will be introduced. The venue will be the same as last year, 16th Battalion Drill Hall, and the date is Sunday, December 5. Keep this in mind and make up your mind to not miss this great outing for the kiddies.

November Meeting

In accordance with the Annual Calendar drawn up by your Committee a visiting night to Fremantle Power House was to be arranged. Through some untoward happening this will have to be postponed and a substitute evening planned. It is the intention of the Committee to provide a guest speaker and you all know what an attraction it is to be able to sit down and listen to someone who really has something to tell. The usual few drinks will be on tap so roll up and have a yarn with your cobs.

Ladies' Night

Were you there? If not you missed the night of the year. Hill's Crawley Bay Tearooms decked out with gay streamers presented a bright scene for the 1954 Ladies' Night.

Ladies were met at the entrance by the President, Mr. Colin Doig, and regaled with a posy and invited to have a cocktail to start the evening off brightly. Throughout the evening dancing was enjoyed and items by several folk were enjoyed.

Jim Willis rendered a couple of songs and the party thoroughly enjoyed listening to this talented young lad.

Mrs. Pendergrast ("Blue" Pendergrast's mother) played the piano accordion for a short session of

Convention

Unfortunately through lack of support of Association members the bus that had been chartered to carry the members to the Geraldton Convention has had to be cancelled and all Perth members will be travelling in independent groups by car. Any person who is desirous of making the trip please contact Colin Doig as soon as possible so as he can arrange transport (if necessary) and accommodation. Several country members have already said that they will be making the trip. Jack Hassen and wife from Ballidu and Jack and Jean Fowler from Wongan Hills are hopeful of making the trip. Knowing the lads in the Geraldton area I can assure you of a grand time so do try and make it. We have really gained a lot from past Country Conventions and by meeting the boys on their own ground we should find out how to serve them better.

Now once again try and make this trip and bring your wife with you.

community singing and Fred Napier, assisted by Beryl and Ted Withell, supplied a bit of humour. Fred incidentally, was strutting around with the championship belt around his waist. Fred won the belt at the previous sports night. There was much amusement while Fred told us just how good he was and also advised Henry Sproxton on the reasons why he was so superior to him when the pressure was on in the final round of games.

Keith Connolly of the A.B.C. was engaged and put over a few clever items and solo humour items.

During the evening Jeff Laidlaw was presented to the members and spoke at length, during which he stated that he hoped his stay in the West to be a long one. He also remarked that he couldn't understand such a lot of pretty girls marrying such an ugly lot of men.

Ladies' Night after his severe bout of arthritis which kept him some time in hospital.

Tony Bowers:

Down in Perth for the Royal Show and showed us that he was no mean hand with the axe in the log chop events. Tony ran second in two events.

Country Members:

Amongst the country members spotted at the Ladies' Night were: Jack Hassen, Bill Rowen Robinson, Don Turton, Tony Bowers, Bert Burgess, Reg Harrington.

Curly Bowden:

Once again worked like a nigger at the Ladies' Night. Where does that fellow get his energy. Curly can always be found on the hard end of any jobs to be done, and he usually has the job done while the rest of us are wondering who is going to help us.

Colin Doig:

Another tireless worker for the Association. Where would we be today without the likes of our Col? He can always be relied on for advice or help of any kind and is a source of information regards Association matters, that is tapped by one and all. It would be a sorry day for us all if Colin ever decides to relinquish duty as an executive of the Committee.

Ernie Dinwoodie:

Had the time of his life at the Ladies' Night. It's a long time since we saw Ernie looking so well and able to enjoy himself as fully as he did. Until recently Ernie had spent a long, long time in hospital and we are all hoping that you can continue to enjoy yourself.

Reminders

November Meeting on Tuesday 2nd:

Guest Speaker in place of Fremantle Power House trip which is postponed.

Country Convention, November 13, 14 and 15, to Geraldton.

Kiddies Xmas Party, December 5 Sunday, at 16th Bn. Drill Hall.

Buck's Xmas Social, December 21.

Personalities

Bernie Langridge:

Down for the show, Bernie had his photograph in the "Daily News" the other night. He was milking a cow and had a host of kiddies around awaiting free milk. Bernie did quite well and took several prizes.

Rip McMahon:

Spotted him having a glass of the "amber" the other day. Rip looks a bundle of health and vitality these days.

Mick Calcutt:

Well I tipped it in the 'Courier' last month—Mick made it to the

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Random Harvest

"BOBBIE" BURNS has written over from Ingleburn Camp in New South Wales. He is a corporal in "C" Coy., 4 Bn., R.A.R., and sadly misses the West and things which go with it. A longing to masticate a couple of West Aussies glorious drops of "amber" is one of Bobbie's main wishes. Both he and his wife hold out great hopes of making the West for Xmas and say that it only needs a small thing like a win in the Lotteries to clinch the matter. An awful thing this money business isn't it? It is pleasing to hear that you are regularly receiving your 'Courier' and that you manage to glean some news from it. We are always trying to keep the news items up to you boys who are away from Perth. Thanks for the letter and hope to hear from you again. Cheerio for now, Bobbie.

JOHNNY MOORE, of Dwellingup, has written in and sends his regards to all the lads. He would very much like to see the boys if they are in his area. Just ask in Dwellingup for Johnny Moore and you will be directed the right way.

Being a Pannikan Boss with the Forest Dept. keeps Johnny pretty busy with plenty of fires and consequently plenty of overtime. The Moores are now the proud owners of a new car and have been able to pop up to the "big smoke" to see a few football matches.

JIM CORNEY, of Cannington, has sent in a cheque with his sweep butts with 10/- towards Ladies' Night, his annual sub and a donation towards the King's Park Water Scheme. Thanks Jim, it will surely be very acceptable. Jim has not been enjoying the best of health of late and has had three spells off from work this year, and at present is contemplating having a lay-off for about six months to help him regain his health. I hope to see you at the November meeting, Jim.

GORDON ROWLEY, of Manjimup, writes in quite a long letter and sends his ticket butts. Since Gordon last wrote he has become the proud papa of another daughter, making his gay little band three girls and one boy. For the last

seven or eight months Gordon has been timber falling and has a combination circular and drag saw. The game pays very well and he intends to stick at it for a few years. Rowley family have just bought themselves a nice new home and are feeling quite thrilled with the experience. Gordon bumped into Jeff Laidlaw and Ken McIntosh the other day and managed to have a snort or two with them. Thanks for cheque and donation, Gordon.

NIP CUNNINGHAM, of Geraldton. Only a short note but you'd hardly expect Nip to sit down and write a long screed anyway. Nip is looking forward to the coming Convention in Geraldton on November 13, 14 and 15. Recently Don Hudson hit Geraldton for a night and Bill Drage, Jack Denman, Eric Smythe, Irish Hopkins and Nip had a wild evening. Regards to all from Nip.

JOHNO JOHNSON, of Koorda. Only a very short note to return sweep butts and remittance.

ERIC THORNANDER, of Collie. Another short note with sweep butts. Would appreciate a long newsy letter one day, Eric, telling us how things are in your area.

CHARLIE GORTON drops a line to say that he and his wife thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the social and also returns sweep butts and cash.

RON NEUZERLING, of Dover Gardens, South Australia. Well, it's certainly nice to hear from someone so far away, Ron. Have received your sweep butts, proceeds and subs. Thanks very much. Ron says that the only familiar face in his area is Jack Raffey who seems to be domiciled near him. Ron is still a conductor on the trams and doing a bit of driving as well at times. He has high hopes of switching to a driver as the pay is much better. Ron's hopes of spending Xmas in the West this year have been dashed but may make it later on.

P. ALEXANDER, of Boulder, dropped a line or two and asks for news of Keith Hayes and Merv Ry-

an. Both were hale and hearty when last seen enjoying themselves at the Ladies' Night. 'Boyo' Hewitt was spotted on his way to work the other morning pedalling furiously on an old push-bike. Must be keeping in the pink these days. Peter says his wife is always trying to talk him into going to Perth for the Annual Re-Union but nearly always finishes up at Esperance where he is able to indulge in his favourite pastime—that of fishing. Peter expressed his sorrow at Mick Calcut being laid up with arthritis. I can assure you that Mick is well on the way to being well again. Ron Dook is keeping well. Peter, and still doing a lion's job on the Committee.

ALF BLUNDY, of Beverley, has penned us a little news. Yes, it is a long time since we heard from you, Alf, but your letter is welcomed just the same. Alf has just about finished another successful year of shearing. His only complaint being that it finished a few weeks earlier than usual. The dry year was the main cause. There hasn't been any hold-ups due to wet weather for a couple of months. Your idea about increasing the size of the sweep books has been noted, Alf, and anyway we will have to send you extra books if you find it so easy to sell them.

STAN KING, of Pinganing via Lake Grace, has the usual old cockies' moan, no rain and as dry as hell. Bad luck, Stan, but you blighters are not happy unless you have a grizzle. Thanks for the sweep butts and remittance.

FRED SPARKMAN, of Bridge-town. A cheque for £3 and sweep butts, nice work, Fred. Has had the virus flu and been pretty sick on it. Fred has only spotted Ken MacKintosh once and says that he is doing a good job with Elders. There's a little bit of news about Bill Rowan Robinson. Bill is in the pink and preparing for a bumper crop of apples this year, but needed more rain yet. Sparky was in Perth for the Grand Final but only managed to catch a hasty glimpse of the Criddle battling for a revival at the Victoria. He missed having a yarn with him. Fred managed to snare a couple of

schooners with Don Young recently and says that Don was going back North. Still the same "Youngy". Not a change. Four timber boats had been in and of course Fred, who is an engine driver, came in for quite a lot of work and had to shift something like 2,000 tons a day. As there had been no break in the weather Sparky had been carting water for the railways and looked like having to cart for the town if the change didn't come. Fred will be up for the Re-Union in February.

JACK FOWLER, Wongan Hills, that hard working farmer dashes off a page to let us know he hasn't forgotten us. It's great to hear from you regularly Jack and sure helps the 'Courier' to find news items of interest to the readers. Jack says the crops look like being a washout owing to the lack of rain but the light land seemed to be producing bumper crops.

Heard This?

A Scottish newspaper, in reporting an accident, stated that "the engineer put on full steam, dashed against the cow, and literally cut her into calves."

Once, when Sir Robert Peel set out for a pheasant-hunt in Ireland, the local paper (perhaps with tongue in cheek) reported: "The states man and a party of fiends are here to shoot peasants."

The night was supreme. Old Luna was beaming in all his glory. Harry pulled up to the side of the road and sighed:

Harry: "Two minds with but a single thought."

Little Nell: "You cad! Let me out this instant!"

The Man: "Shall we take a walk in the garden, it is a glorious night?"

The Lady: "Yes, I think it would be within the realm of propriety, as the Bible starts with the story of a man and woman in a garden."

The Man: "Yes, but don't forget that same book ends with Revelations."

What's So and So Doing

Peter Campbell:

Southern Hills, Norseman. Married with two kiddies. Station owner with his brother. They also have an area under development on the plain at Esperance. This area could quite easily rival South Australia's Ninety Mile Beach project as the areas are similar and rainfall more than adequate.

Jack Denman:

C/- Vacuum Oil Company, Geraldton. Married with three kiddies one boy and two girls. Sales representative with Vacuum Oil Company in Geraldton. Jack was our foundation president and was largely responsible for our good start as an organisation especially with the framing of our rules and constitution. Has always taken a keen interest in our doings.

Bill Drage:

Northampton. Married. I don't know whether Bill has any family or not. He is a wheat and sheep farmer at Northampton, having recently commenced on his own after being in partnerships with his brothers for some time. Bill is now a bundle of health although he suffered a good deal of sickness just after his discharge.

Gordon "Blue" Pendergrast:

"Blue" is a plumber by trade and his services have been "tapped" by the Committee in an advisory capacity to design the layout for the King's Park Watering Scheme. Working every weekend and too much work in general is his grouse—a very common one these days. Night school takes up a lot of "Blue's" time as he is studying to get a Master Plumber's certificate. Next year he has plans of building a home in Morley Park. "Blue" is the proud papa of two boys.

Mick Calcutt:

Lives at 278 Barker-rd., Subiaco, and is unattached (too shrewd to be married). A carpenter with Walters and Son of Fremantle, and conducts his own Commission Agent's business on Saturdays. Mick has served in one capacity or another with the Association as an executive ever since its foundation—a truly remarkable record and is

one of three life members. Originally secretary and for the last two terms as Vice President. A real driving force and tireless worker for the Association. They don't come often like Mick!

J. C. (Joe) Burridge:

Place of abode, Claremont. Married with three children, two boys and a girl. Executive with the firm of Burridge and Warren, produce merchants, importers, exporters, etc. A past President of the Association and served in this office for three terms. Joe has been a real live wire and rendered great service to the Association, especially in the formative years. Increasing business activities and overseas travel have forced him to relinquish active association with the Committee. Joe's advice is often sought on many a matter concerning the welfare of the Association. He holds the position of our auditor and is one of three Life Members.

Jim Cantrell:

Resides at 144 Gwenyfred-rd., South Perth, and is married and the proud father of three kiddies, two girls and a boy. Jim has been a heavy transport driver with various firms in the metropolitan area but has spent the past seven years with Bell Bros. specialising in bulldozers, front end loaders, etc. A follower of East Perth football team when the opportunity presents itself.

George Boyland:

Recently shifted to Double View but accurate address unknown. He is married and has two girls to help make up his family. Employed as a clerk-assessor with Department of Social Services. As General Secretary of our Association he performs quite a duty for us. Has held executive positions with the Association for a long time now and been one of the stalwarts. He has unfortunately been laid up with a broken leg for some time now but has returned to work. Just acquired his own War Service home in Double View.

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