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VALE THOMAS MURRAY

On July 18th the Association in W.A. lost one of its greatest friends by the death of Tom Murray, father of Don and father of our Association.

Tom, together with a band of stalwart relatives and friends, formed our Welfare Association during the war years and practically handed over to us a going concern as an Association when we returned. This was the nucleus of what is now our thriving organisation and the foundation of funds handed over gave us a chance to get under way without any particular teething problems.

Tom Murray was himself a veteran of the 10th Light Horse and lost a leg on Gallipoli. He had light of his trouble and was prominent in swimming and athletics until advancing years forced him to desist from active participation in sport.

He was always extending a helping hand to someone and his contacts in the Governmental and business world of W.A. were always at the disposal of his friends and the Association.

Over the last 10 years he had more than his fair share of worry and trouble and sickness started to take its toll on his former virile body and he had to spend a lot of time in hospital.

Tom Murray was a citizen in the true meaning of the word and we will be the poorer for his passing. Many of us are personally indebted to him for his good offices and we cannot fail to miss his cheery smile. Truly may it be said that a true friend and a great citizen has gone to his just reward.

We extend our sincere condolences to his bereaved family and especially to Don and hope that a Divine Providence will assist them in their grief.

—C. D. DOIG.

West Australian Whisperings

Committee Comment

Committee met in Mr. Colin Doig's office, Perth, on July 20, when those present were Jack Carey, Colin Doig, Mick Calcutt, Gerry Green, George Strickland, Bill Willis, Ron Dook, Wilf March and Curley Bowden.

Entertainment

Discussion at length took place on how to entertain folk coming to monthly meetings. Lack of interest and poor attendances have made the job of the Committee an unenviable one. Whilst quite a few new ideas are in mind organisation of this needs some thought.

Flower Day

The annual Flower Day falls on Sept. 10, and the Committee is in possession of quite a large screed on the conducting of same. The Committee wish to seek volunteers for the designing and displaying of our colour patch entry. We have had quite a good job in recent times and hope that the necessary artisans come forward to present the "winning" entry for 1954.

There should be numerous of you with horticultural interests who could do this job with your eyes shut. Give us a tingle on the phone or drop a note and be in it.

Honour Avenue Water Scheme

A Purchasing Committee comprising Messrs. Doig, Dook and Green has been formed to select and procure piping for two 2in. water services across Lovekin Drive, King's Park, in the positions previously set out.

The preparation of the ground, levelling, etc., will be arranged by the chairman and the first working bee called when desired.

Mr. Calcutt will arrange a complete survey of the area with theodolite and advise on general road levels and any other matter likely to affect the effective laying of pipes.

Country Conventions

This evergreen subject came in

for discussion which occupied a considerable amount of time. The committee after making numerous inquiries, etc., re different townships received a motion from Mr. Bowden that Geraldton be the centre for the next Convention.

The weekend Nov. 13, 14, 15, was decided upon as ideal and an attempt will be made to charter a bus.

Inquiries re other means of transport resulted in.

MacRobertson Miller and Woods Airways quoting 3/6 mile plus fuel for private charter of aircraft with a maximum of seven passengers. This was out of the question.

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1954-55 PROGRAMME

- September: Sports Night.
Messrs. Strickland and Willis.
October: Ladies' Night.
Messrs. Calcutt, Dook and Willis.
November: Visit to Power House.
Messrs. Green and Carey.
December: Kiddies' Xmas Party, 5th Dec. Mr. Doig.
Bucks Xmas Social, Dec. 21.
January: No Meeting.
February: Annual Re-union.
Messrs. Dook and Calcutt.
Commemoration Service.
Mr. Doig.
March: Davis Cup Film and Guest Night. Mr. Doig.
April: Guest Speaker.
Anzac Day Parade.
May: Debate Night.
Mr. Napier.
June: Annual General Meeting.

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THOSE LETTERS!

Calling Kev Curran, Campbell Rod and Jerry O'Toole. Personal friends of yours in Cyril and Mary Hanrahan, formerly of Victoria, are living in the same street as myself and would like to hear how you are faring. I would also like to have a letter from you to give your old company friends information as to how things are your way.

Please drop me a note as soon as possible, W. E. March, 3 Bricknall Road, Attadale, W.A.

While on the subject of letter writing I will be only too pleased to hear from anyone of you ex-Unit members and promise to acknowledge the receipt of mail and pass on the information in the 'Courier'.

It's those little anecdotes and pieces of news which help to make the 'Courier' worth reading, and of late there has been practically no mail at all.

Now chaps, please give me a hand to make our 'Courier' a lot better. It is up to you. —Editor.

Personalities

Bert Matthews:

The other Saturday morning I spotted Bert coming out of a seedman's shop laden with parcels amongst which was an orange tree. Bert must be getting a backyard orchard into swing.

George Boyland:

Improving every day. A few of the boys dropped out to George's new home and lent a hand with the essentials.

Tom Crouch:

Donation of three cases of apples for the kiddies' party.

Gordon Holmes:

Wrote in the other day from Home Bush, Cranbrook, enclosing a donation for the Honour Avenue scheme. Thanks Gordon. Things have been very busy down Gordon's way and he wasn't able to supply us with any news this time.

Ted "Hash" Jensen:

Has been seen in Perth of late. Ted is managing St. Helen's Hotel in St. Helens, Tasmania. All we

can hope that Ted keeps out of the kitchen and gives the hotel guests tummy ulcers a break.

Fred Bryant:

Have just learnt that Fred is a caterer with the Queensland Railways at Rockhampton Refreshment Rooms.

Arch Campbell:

Up in Perth for a recent weekend looking very healthy and suntanned. A few corns in the right places and the usual cocky grizzle—not enough rain. Hope you have been satisfied in that respect by now, Arch.

RANDOM HARVEST

A letter has been received from Mr. Chaney, President Returned Servicemen's League, requesting a donation to the R.S.L. State War Memorial Appeal. A donation of £5 has been decided upon.

Latest donors to Honour Avenue Water Scheme are: P. Campbell, C. Varian, G. B. Holmes, J. Haire, J. Fowler. Total amount received is £75 with £220 required.

Lofty Timcke, from Payneham, South Australia, wrote over a while ago. Lofty is engaged in that very necessary part of the sheep industry, namely woolclassing, and had been spending a few months in the bush prior to writing.

Lofty went back to Commonwealth Hill Station again this year and had a regular ear bash with Lyle Litchfield who was overseer there. Lyle by the way, is now managing a property on the S.A. and Northern Territory border. His new address is Kenmore Park Station, Finke. Lyle is a great worker and we are all pleased to hear he got this job.

Jack Fowler, of Wongan Hills district, wrote a few times a while ago to say he had finished seeding after going like blue blazes to get the job done. Jack managed to put in about eight hundred acres.

The woollybacks are going to be. Jack's bet for next season as wool and fat lambs look like the best bet. For a while the feed was a bit slow in growing but Jack managed to get through without hand feeding the sheep.

WHAT IS — DOING NOW?

We are starting a new feature in the 'Courier' beginning with this issue and hope that it proves a success. Many times I run into one of the boys and he will ask, "What is Bill Smith doing these days?" Sometimes I **have been able** to supply the answer but on most occasions it has been beyond me.

In a serious endeavour to provide interesting reading and also serve a useful purpose I ask you all to jot down straight away the answers to the questions set out below. Each month a few will be printed.

Name:
 Occupation
 Previous Occupations
 Sport
 Any other information

Bernie Langridge:

Not much introduction needed here as most will remember recent advert in 'Courier' informing members that if they required apples they could procure them from Bernie. Apart from apple growing in the Donnybrook area Bernie has recently enhanced his fine property by bringing over some heifers and a bull from Victoria, to improve his dairying herd. Bernie has put a huge amount of work into his property since the war and it is fast becoming one of the finest in the area. Bernie's three boys want to hurry up and grow up and give dad a hand. Being a keen member of the Farmers' Union and other civic bodies, Bernie doesn't seem to find much spare time on his hands.

Jack Fowler:

Here's another land type, this time hailing from Waddy Forrest, about 29 miles from Wongan Hills. Wheat and sheep keep Jack from being a dull boy and he certainly has a very nice property as can be testified by those fortunate enough to enjoy his hospitality at the last Country Convention. Jack still is a pretty good hand at cricket and he hops into his Customline (very nice, too) and goes for a game now and again. Among Jack's list of achievements etc., can be numbered President of Local R.S.L. Jack

is the proud father of a boy and a girl.

Don Young:

Riding herd on the old wooly-backs at different stations, over the past four or five years has been Don's little lot. His present position is on Cunyu Station out of Wiluna. Don can usually be found around the horseflesh or sheep dogs for which he has a great love. Don is still travelling in single harness.

Alf Hillman:

A property at Broomhill, W.A. The season for Alf has been a pretty tough one owing to severe fires which burnt up most of the seed in the paddocks making the feed position grim. Alf is a civic leader in quite a big way and was recently in Perth on the R.S.L. Congress. Golf and tennis help to provide relaxation in his time away from the grind.

Ernie Bingham:

Working for Don Turton on his mixed farm at West Pingelly. Clover rolling is one of Ernie's jobs while the season lasts. Two boys and a girl bless the Bingham family. Ernie's relaxation is spent playing cricket and football.

Bill Epps:

For a long time a stalwart of the Association. Bill has given his services on numerous occasions at different functions even though up to his eyes in that "great pastime" building his home. Until recently a member of the Committee. For over 20 years Bill has been employed with "Swan Express" at Midland Junction. Bill's pet sport is baseball and at present he is one of the executive handling the plans for night baseball.

Tom Nisbet:

Before the war Tom was an engraver with West Australian Newspapers but since then has devoted his time to the Rootes Group. The motor vehicle game seems to agree with him because he looks quite properous and well. Tom has just completed a three year term as Commanding Officer with the Cameron Highlanders. Baseball was a sport that Tom really excelled in, he being at one time State captain and coach.