



2/2 COMMANDO COURIER

(Registered at the G.P.O. Perth, for transmission by post as a periodical)

(Address All Association Correspondence to Box T 1646 G.P.O. Perth)

Vol. 9. No. 100.

OCTOBER, 1955

Price 1d.

West Australian Whisperings

LADIES' NIGHT

Once again members turned up in force to the annual Ladies' Night.

Crawley Bay Tearooms has certainly proved itself as the ideal venue for these evenings.

Engagement of top line artists in the Rhythm Spinners provided entertainment of a very high degree. The compere, J. Hallmarsh, with his guitar kept things moving and also rendered several items. We were fortunate once again to have Jim Willis with us and to give us a chance to hear his lovely voice. Jim's sister also rendered a couple of items.

The President, Mick Calcutt, followed the usual custom of greeting all comers at the entrance and presenting the ladies with a flower spray and a cocktail.

Dancing proceeded until after the witching hour. All voted this evening the best ever.

Committee Comment

Present: Calcutt, Dook, Carey, Willis, Holland, Smith, March, Boyland, Bowden, Pendergrast, Green.

Ladies' Night

Discussion at length on this subject. New ideas for entertainment for next year were voiced by several members.

While attendance was not up, to usual committee was pleased with outcome of evening as a whole. A vote of thanks was passed to all members who helped make the evening the success it was.

Country Convention

Further discussion took place re the entertainment of visitors at the Country Convention at Bridgetown on the weekend of Nov. 12, 13, 14.

World War Memorial

Decided to form a parade with Unit colours on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Sweep

Drawing to take place at Gordon Pendergrast's home in Subiaco

November Meeting

To take the form of a visit to W.A. Glass Manufacturers.

Honour Avenue Watering Scheme

Warden reports unsatisfactory germination of seed and suggested planting of runners. Busy Bee on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Kiddies Xmas Party

Xmas is sneaking up on us again and so is the Kiddies Xmas Party. Already a lot of spade work has been done in the organising of this affair. Donations of fruit, etc., have been received and anyone wishing to help in this direction may do so by advising secretary.

A sub-committee has been formed to handle the arrangements for the day. There will be no lack of entertainment for the tiny tots as a clown, Punch and Judy, and appropriate films are on the way. Of course Father Christmas will make his appearance and dispense his goods.

The ladies are asked to bring the usual plate to help the afternoon tea along.

The venue this year will be the same, namely 16 Bn. Drill Hall, on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER MEETING

A visit to W.A. Glass Manufacturers has been arranged for Nov. 1, so you are asked to endeavour to be at Monash Club as near 8 p.m. as you can and so not delay the move to the factory.

KIDDIES' XMAS PARTY

Venue 16 Bn. Drill Hall, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2.30 p.m. Sub-committee formed consisting of Dook, Bowden, Smith and March. Engagement of entertainers discussed. Busy bee 9.30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, to arrange hall for party.

BUSY BEES

Once again the Committee call upon you stalwarts to turn up and assist at two Busy Bees which have been arranged.

The first is arranged for the morning of Nov. 20 in King's Park to plant runners on the reticulated area. The Warden, Gerry Green, reported to Committee the seed germination had been unsatisfactory necessitating this work.

Please don't leave it to the "other chap" to keep on doing these jobs. There are a lot of faces who could be seen at these jobs if they only set their mind to it.

The second Busy Bee is to take place at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, to arrange the 16 Bn. Drill Hall for the Kiddies' Party.

COUNTRY CONVENTION

The annual convention, this time scheduled for Bridgetown, is to take place on the weekend of Nov. 12, 13 and 14. Bill Rowen Robinson has arrangements well in hand for the conduct of the business side of the convention as well as the entertainment. Anyone wishing to attend the Convention is asked to contact secretary as soon as possible, Box T1646, G.P.O. Perth, and advise him regards numbers attending.

Taking a line through past Conventions this one will be no exception and prove of great value in the exchange of ideas on the country members home ground and also give us a taste of the famed country hospitality again.

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL

His excellency the Governor will unveil the World War Memorial in

King's Park on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. All wishing to attend should meet at the main gates at 2.30 p.m. There will be only one official wreath laid, that by His Excellency the Governor, but an opportunity will be made after the ceremony for any other person who wishes to lay a wreath to do so. Please try and attend this important function as your Committee desires to have a good attendance.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

The annual sweep was drawn at Gordon Pendergast's home on Oct. 26. Following is the draw.

Ribera, 5730, Ron Lloyd, Fremantle Fighting Force, 3400, P. McPhee, Leighton.

Toparoa, 270, Ron Craig, W.A.M.E. Rising Fast, 3054, Joe O'Neil, Pin-garing.

Cromis, 128, J. Martin, Tce. Garage Knave, 345, P. Mantle, Canberra. Beaupa, 212, Rowen Robinson, Bridgetown.

Shadow Play, 1927, A. Friend, Melbourne.

Victualic, 2477, N. Hasson, Ballidu. Royal Gaekwar, 4248, L. Connor, Manjimup.

Triatic, 4480, J. B. Rogers, Denmark.

Devon Field, 2475, J. Hasson, Ballidu.

Acquilla, 240, R. Mauton, W.H.T. Dunsinane, 1947, J. Gallagher, Kojonup.

Somerset Fair, 1393, T. Crouch, Manjimup.

Lenarc, 2005, F. Gardiner, P.M.G. Gav Ranick, 5473, D. L. Lewis, Kulpara.

Historic Era, 3894, W. O'Connor, Busselton.

King's Call, 2704, L. Hollard, Victoria Park.

Oxlev, 3540, D.G.M. BA2497.

Sir William, 2570, G. Hislop, Carnamah.

King Amana, 823, G. Boyland, Double View.

Bvfield, 2693, L. Smith, Bassendean. Gold Scheme, 5599, 418 Carbar.

Omar II, 3794, W. H. Power, P.W.D. Feeling Fine, 2472, F. Hasson, Ballidu.

Royal Somme 5138, E. C. Harwood Bedford Park.

Pandie Star, 705, A. W. Ware, Beverley.

Electroz, 1607, Jack, Kalgoorlie.

Kinoster, 1070, M. Campbell, Moulvining.

Sancturn, 717, Mrs. Topliss, Beverley.

Red Craze; 2622, L. Hodges, Boans. Livinorno, 3752, D. Murray, Ampol.

Excise, 2265, N. A. Haire.

Vernet, 2412, J. Cousins, Bolgart.

Swift Gold, 5835, R. Finklestein.

Empire Link, 4431, A. Smith, Attadale.

Star Sapphire, 392, F. S. Williams, W.A.M.E.

Al Crusa, 849, H. Wojjowiczz.

Crassus, 2934, H. E. James, Scarborough.

R. Ribbon, 2198, Steve.

Tetrami, J. Ritchie, c/- P.L.B.

Sunworship, 1522, J. Denman c/- Vacuum Oil.

Vinetta, 3796, Blake, c/- P.W.D.

Tranquil Sun, 1006, L. B. Carmody, Kulin.

Ace Pilot, 3243, S. McDonald, Bassetdean.

Sir Brutus, 2763, K. Corr, Bayswater.

Personalities

They tell me that there was a bit of a "do" at Mick Morgan's the other evening. Ron and Agnes Dook and Mick Calcutt were present. Mick assures me that the evening was originally planned to celebrate the victory of South Fremantle in the football premiership—Oh, how wrong you can be.

Rather a pale and wan faced "Bluey" Pendergrast turned up at the Committee meeting the other night. He had just recovered from a bout of the cursed 'negative wog'.

Johnnie Burridge should be back in Perth soon. John has been off on one of his trips to Singapore,

etc., tidying up a spot of business for his firm. I'd sure like to be able to put in one of those trips.

Bill Willis, Warwick Crossing and Dave Ritchie have all recently become proud poppas. More little mites for our Xmas Party. We will soon have to engage a larger hall the way the kiddies have been on the increase.

Colin Doig is back at work again after a spot of leave. He is looking really well and that fertile brain of his is working away like a tin of worms. When I popped in to see him the other day he was in the midst of some Association work or other. The phone rang and it was someone wanting to know what to do with his sweep tickets. Our Association just wouldn't be the same without "Our Col."

Among the country folk spotted at the Ladies' Night at Crawley were Reg and Dot Harrington, Jack and Norma Hansen, Stan and Ailsa Payne and the Tony Bowers.

Spotted Don Murray having a "jar" with Jeff Laidlaw and a few of the Ampol boys the other day. Don looks really well. The life of a country sales representative seems to be agreeing with him.

Campbell "Roddy" Rod, of twin six-gun fame was due to pass through Fremantle en route to South Africa on a business trip for his firm, Australian Paper Mills. The boys had decided to meet the ship at Fremantle and escort "Roddy" around the sights until a little after the hour of nine or so and then have a glass of cheer with him. At the time of going to press no more details of his visit were to hand.

Random Harvest

"Bloss" Lawrence, of Fire Station, Fremantle, writes:

Please find enclosed sweep butts and cheque in lieu of the ready. Col Doig's gentle hints in the past (send those b—— butts or else) must have borne fruit because I really tore in and it was over with in the minimum of time and trouble. Also please note change of address. I am back at Fremantle again, after two years in Perth, as a Station

Officer, and now mark time for someone to retire before I get a station on my own which is the extent of my ambitions for now.

I must plead guilty, along with a lot of others, to having a paralysed right arm so I'll do my best to post you on what has happened in my little world of late.

My wife's name is Beverley, also answers to "Red". We have three girls aged eight, six and almost one

(10 months), the two eldest of course, go to school and seem to enjoy it more than their old man ever did.

My hobbies are sailing, and until recently the Army (C.M.F.), however through lack of time and the shift work, I had to resign my commission in April last at which Mum gave out three rousing cheers although I left with some regret. I own and skipper a sharpie with the Fremantle Sailing Club. I have an exceptionally keen crew and last season we did well and hope to do even better next season beginning Nov. 5.

Last, but not least, is the family. We get quite a kick out of them, Bev and I and although I'm sure at times they regard me as their idiot brother we get along extra well. All of them are as wrapped up in sailing as I am and have been out quite a bit. With the baby things might be different, this only time will tell.

Of the boys, I don't see many. Mick Morgan is the only one of late and Rusty Friend, both of whom look prosperous.

I must reluctantly scratch us from the Olympic Games as they have deferred my Long Service Leave until 1957. I was a bit of a crumb but there is nothing I can do about it. I can't think of any more so I'll close.

You might inform Kelvin Carther per medium of the "Courier" that First Officer Moore, of the Brisbane Fire Brigade, passed through on his way home after a tour of the Continent and we were able to accord the visiting fireman and his wife some of our hospitality in the brief time available. He was able to bring me up to date on Kel. a fellow I have heard little of since the war.

Jack Fowler, of Box 73 Wongan Hills, writes:

Am enclosing butts and cheque for same. Hope it turns out a successful sween.

I know I should write more often but am just lazy. Your bag will be full of correspondence this month.

We still love to get the "Courier" every month and read of all the goings on.

We are having a bumper season this year. Things looked black in the early part of the winter but

since the rains started, well, the rain has just forgotten to stop. We are trying to bale hay. I have managed to bale 5,000 bales but have a lot more to do yet. The weather just won't let us get on with the job. The cattle are up to their bellies in feed. The wool clip and lambs were quite good but it remains to be seen what we will get for our wool now. And of course, our wheat isn't wanted.

Kind regards to the gang.

Peter Mantle, of 15 Weston-st., Yarralumla, Canberra, writes:

Canberra's awash with raffles for every bloomin' organisation you can think of. Where I work a chap asserted that there were 58 different raffles being touted round the office at the time. And I'd been around selling tickets to benefit the infants school that my daughter attends, so I felt I just couldn't risk the public wrath by tackling them again with the 2/2.

And then blow me if Jack Hartley didn't send me 40 tickets in the N.S.W. 2/2 Cup Sweep. So I'm taking the lazy man's way out and buying most of them myself.

I now have a daughter approaching seven, a son of five, and a new baby daughter. By some odd mutation they are all beautiful—really lovely specimens. And all very good fun for my wife and me.

I'm still a journalist, working for the Federal Government doing immigration publicity. It has its moments but a lot of drawbacks.

Did Jack Carey's hair grow curly after we shaved it off at your request? I happened to be talking to someone about hair the other day and I recalled the time we had a bash at Jack's.

Bob Williamson (2/2) called on me the other day in the course of a holiday trip from South Australia. Looks well and happy. And evidently still a great pathfinder, because he drove straight to my home found my office, and then drove back to my house after nightfall. Which is quite an achievement in Canberra.

All the best to you.

Fred Sparkman, of Spencer-st., Bridgetown, writes:

Enclosed please find cheque for £3 also sweep books, hoping maybe a prize will come this way this time.

Am a doubtful starter for the Olympic Games as I can't get leave because they reckon they'll be busy because of the Games. However I'm due for Long Service Leave next August and that's my only hope.

Had a few beers with the Fullerton the other night. He's in the pink and is looking forward to the Convention as we all are here. Believe Robbie has everything teed up.

Sorry we couldn't make the Ladies' Night but hope to be up for the dinner.

News is scarce so give my regards to all the boys, hoping many of them will come down next month.

P. Campbell, of Southern Hills, writes:

Returning sweep tickets, £1, subscription 10/-.

A wonderful season up here. Should be down soon so hope to see some of you then.

Stan Sadler, of Wongan Hills, writes:

Please find enclosed cheque covering book of tickets in the sweep, and a donation towards this year's Christmas Party for the children.

Everything in the garden is lovely up here, the best season ever. Remarkable considering it was the worst ever for us until July 20. Since then conditions have been ideal.

Heard over the news that Bernie Langridge cleaned up all the major prizes in the Guernsey cattle section at the Royal. Congratulations to him. All the best.

Alf Blundy, of Smith-st., Beverley, writes:

Just a few lines with the sweep butts, also enclosed is a cheque for 25/-, £1 for the sweep and 5/- to make me financial for another 12 months.

I'm afraid news is very scarce down this way. The only thing is the weather. It hasn't hardly stopped raining ever since I commenced shearing.

Regards to all members of the Association.

Herb Thomas, of 166 Eton-st., Tuart Hill, writes:

Well as per usual I'm late on parade but that's nothing new for me I suppose. Have just returned

from doing a spot of "bait laying" for a shearing team and hope to see some of the boys around before heading north again. Believe it or not I didn't kill anybody but must admit the soda jar got a bit of a bashing aiding the digestion. Am enclosing a "spin" towards the Kings Park Scheme, also the butt from the Cup sweep.

Hoping this finds you in the pink.

Jim Corney, of 1306 Albany Highway, Cannington, writes:

Just a few lines enclosing sweep butts and cheque. I think I owe sub. for the year and balance can go towards the Christmas Treat for the children.

I am sorry have been unable to get to the meetings, but have been working overtime both nights and weekends, and it has not improved the health which has not been the best for some time. It has just about come to an end now and I hope to have a bit of time to myself and catch up a bit of rest.

I will not be able to attend the November meeting but have every hope of being at the Christmas Treat this year, all being well.

Am now off to get a bit of shut-eye so will say cheerio and best of luck with the sweep.

J. Ritchie, c/- P. L. B. Shearing Team, Twin Peaks Stn., via Mullewa, writes:

I hope you received my last hurried letter in plenty of time to include the ticket butts in the draw. I'm still waiting for a cheque for £5 from the station manager but it seems he's gone walkabout and "we don't know where he are". (Sorry I have to use this new fangled biro but the tar they use nowadays isn't what it used to be). He'll probably be back tonight and there's sure to be someone going into Yalgoo within the next day or two. We're only 15 miles out of town and half the team went into Yalgoo for the weekend. Although the hotel was burnt down a year or so ago the publican still manages to keep full the cup that cheers and the bloke what fears. This operation (lobotomy I think it's called) takes place in a tin shanty alongside the ruins of the temple of Bacchus. It would take too long to cover all that I've been up (and down) to since I last saw you. All I can say is I have covered up

most of it pretty well. I've been sneering fairly consistently for the last 18 montas and have not been able to attend many meetings, functions, etc., and feel guilty about this solitary letter in all that time. Must write now and then. I suppose a lot of us who don't write to the Editor of the "Courier" feel that our personal ups and downs aren't of common interest. But I don't believe that. I reckon that the fellow who writes and tells us of his ups and downs is doing much more for the Association than the fellow who doesn't write.

The boys chose wisely when they asked Mick to carry the burden of President. I think most would have declined. I know I wouldn't have the emotional maturity to calmly accept responsibility. The standard set by Col would have been too much for me. Moral fibre such as Mick's makes a certainty of the Association's future.

I would love to go to the Olympic Games next year but at the moment I can't see the slightest possibility of getting there.

My "Courier" came through like a bloke with dysentery. Get three or four in a burst—a long pause when I might get one or perhaps another burst. Something wrong with liaison on the homefront.

The fiver is to pay for the sweep tickets and bring me up to date financially. If there's anything left I'm sure the Association funds can find some use for it.

Well I expect to be shearing up till a week or two before Christmas when I hope to meet the boys again.

Bernie Langridge, of "Crawlea", Donnybrook, writes:

At long last here is a brief note to you all. The "Courier" is still very much appreciated and looked for anxiously and read "non stop" when it arrives. Good work.

Please find enclosed £3 being sweep butts, membership fee and donation. I will also send a case of oranges up for the Children's Christmas party if you think they would be appreciated.

Saw Joe Poynton and Dutchie Holland at the Royal Show and they well and truly told me off for not appearing at the Ladies' Night—that was Tuesday. I had had a very hectic few days and nights—

could have overcome them but there was the pressing emergency of a maternity case in the cattle section which I thought I should be present at. The "lady" in question was only the Reserve Champion female in the Jersey exhibits. A "son" or bull calf did not eventuate until the following day so I could have been present after all. That's the second time I have been in Perth at the time of a function and failed to put in an appearance. Perhaps third time lucky.

Very best to you all.

Ron Kirkwood, of Commonwealth Bank, Kalgoorlie, writes:

Herewith two books of butts and cheque for £2/2/-. Don't know why I made it out for £2/2/- unless its because almost all my cheques lately have been for hospitals, dentists or doctors and the guineas crop up there. In any case I'll have two of someone else's tickets. I won't enclose a sub as I don't know whether I'm in front or not and I hope to be at the Re-Union next year. Have just had Bill Drage up here for a week and he kept me pretty busy. I was very pleased to see him. As I haven't been able to get to a Re-Union for two or three years I miss seeing a terrific number of the chaps. Hope everything is going well with the Association.

John Poynton, of 33 Waroonga-rd., Claremont, writes:

I was amazed that my subscriptions were so far behind and I therefore enclose a cheque for £3, £1 for the sweep butts and £2 for my subs.

The Ladies' Night was an extremely good show which I'm sure was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Is the next meeting on Nov. 1, if so I'm afraid I will not be able to get along.

W. O'Connor, of Box 97, Busselton, writes:

Please find enclosed tickets for sweep. I've just sold them to my wife and two young sons, Lian six and Brendon four. After reading Bob Palmer's letter in the "Courier" I find he has left me nothing to say. My troubles are much the same as his own even worse as my stick-picker isn't so good.

Gordon Barnes, of Rocky Gully, writes:

Things are going fairly well here the season has been good and there fore the pasture is establishing itself.

I had hopes of going on lease this year with 300 sheep but the board has altered its tactics and we must carry 500 sheep before lease conditions will be considered, however next year it should be right, in the meantime it is giving the block a chance to come good.

I hope to be able to make one day of the Bridgetown Convention that is if the bus is O.K. I have a few jobs to get done on her but hope to have her right by then.

I am afraid the Melbourne trip will be out next year as far as I am concerned I will have too much to do here and I think the L.S. Board might take a dim view if I went off to Melbourne about that time.

Well I shall say cheerio, give my regards to the boys. Hope to see some of them at Bridgetown.

Arch Campbell, of Moulyinning, writes:

This is but a token effort at writing, main theme is to return my butts on time. Enclosed find cheque for £3 being two for butts and one in case I am behind with my subs.

Am feeling 100 per cent fit and the farming life goes along A1. It is a good, if wet, season but unlike the farming fraternity I have no complaints.

Give my best to all the lads when ever you see them. Am really hoping to get to my first Re-Union this year—and will I enjoy it?

Saw Stan King last week at Lake Grace and he looks very fit and prosperous. See Ray Aitken from time to time in Dumbleyung and he seems to be as fit as ever—verbally I mean.

Jack Penglase, of King-st., Coolgardie, writes:

Please find enclosed sweep butts As you will see from my address I have shifted from Perth for a while. I've leased my house for two years and have gone back into the mines to get ahead of things again. Have had a lot of family sickness and just couldn't make ends meet. However I am coming good with good money coming in

again. Won't be able to make the Re-Union but wish you all a successful night. My regards to everyone.

Ted Loud, of Pemberton, writes:

Enclosed £2 and butts for the sweep, plus 10/- for my sub. Trust they reach you in plenty of time.

I have received the "Courier" every month and pleased to hear that everything is going along quite alright. It is quite a treat to hear how the boys are getting along. I'll sit down and write two or three pages in the near future when I get some time.

Since my illness almost six months ago, I haven't had a drink or a cigarette and have now almost regained the best of health.

Alf Hillman, of Broomehill, writes:

Am afraid I am running things a bit close with the enclosed butts and will probably cross a reminder on the way. I couldn't find where I had put them in the mess on my desk until your last reminder forced a real spring cleaning and since then haven't been to town so will have to go in and post it on the train tonight.

We have had the best season in history here this year as to fodder, too wet for many crops. Wool clips generally are 12½ per cent or more above average. However a 25 per cent drop in prices will more than offset this.

At present I am trying to cut hay for baling but as it has rained every day for the last two weeks the game is progressing very slowly.

It is now all down on the ground and all that is needed is a good heavy storm to destroy it all.

Met George Timms in Katanning the other day at a sheep sale trying to make up his mind whether to buy or sell. He was looking fit but lean. Can't be too good a season out on his area.

Shearing this year was a lengthy process owing to bad weather early my shearers were late to blazes so started on my own. Got half way through before one of them turned up. He only lasted a few days then crippled with boils and left me to finish alone as the other still had not finished his previous shed.

I though I could give the game away but luck was against me.

Hope to see all the gang at the Re-Union in January.

Chas Pierce, of Hazeloale, via Denmark, writes:

Please find enclosed sweep butts and cheque. I could have sold two books if I had had them so if you care to make a note of it for next year you could send a couple.

I would like to make a dennite point re the Olympic Re-Union next year. I will definitely be a starter also my wife and three children, possibly four, although we hope to leave the youngest with my wife's mother.

We will definitely require accomodation in Melbourne. Our means of travel as yet is not certain although I hope to make the trip by car.

However having recently purchased a large bulldozer my finances might not run to such luxury. Although when the weather decides to clear I will be able to get stuck into some contract work which is worth £5 an hour. I think we have had something like 72 inches of rain this year which has made it pretty wet, believe me.

Will close now with best wishes to all the gang.

A letter from Campbell Rodd to Col Doig:

Well after all these long years you will no doubt wonder what has prompted me to write you. However, believe it or not I don't want anything apart from seeing your ugly mug again and buy you a few beers.

I shall be leaving Melbourne on the "Dominion Monarch" on the 23 October on a business trip to South Africa. I don't know the ship's time of arrival in Fremantle or how long it stops but I thought I should give you some warning that one of your more disreputable associates of the past will be around Perth looking for you about that time.

My wife is going with me but I have extracted an open leave pass for Fremantle. Her only worry is that once I get mixed up with that 2/2 crowd I shall at least miss the boat.

A little bit of news about myself. I'm going on this trip on behalf of my firm, Australian Paper Manufacturers, to look at and exchange technical information with our friends in South Africa who are busily establishing a pulp and paper industry based on eucalypt forests they have planted there. Strangely

enough the eucalypt and blue gums grow many times better and faster in S.A. than they do here.

Traralgon has become quite a centre for the mob. At one time Tom Coyle, Blue Sargeant and I lived on the three corners of two cross roads. Harry Bickerton and George Merritt are also in the town and work at A.P.M. and I see Bernie Callinan now and again and he is the council's town planner.

Well will close now with best wishes and hoping to see you and a few of the boys soon.

Bob Palmer, of Cowarannup, writes

Just a note with the butts. Had not forgotten or mislaid them this time. As usual I have to take the book myself as 'tis not easy to get about to sell them down here as I rarely leave home.

Hope to see you at the Re-Union at the end of January. Regards to all.

Reg Harrington, of Wyening, writes:

Once again it is a last minute job getting these tickets in. You will find cheque enclosed to cover same

I would like to congratulate you people of the big smoke on the organisation and carrying through of Ladies' Night. It is certainly great to meet the old team again on these occasions and what is better still is that the wives are able to meet other women who have so much in common.

Well what a season this has been. We are still trying to get the fleece off the jumbucks but can't get the damn things dry. However they won't go short of feed. On the other hand it is almost impossible to get hay made. There have been tons upon tons of hay cut and spoiled through not being baled or stacked before it goes black. We have been fortunate in not having made a start on it thanks to having had shearing hanging over us. The sheep generally are cutting a lot heavier than usual and I am going to be disappointed if we don't knock up 80 bales. All we want then is for the price to creep up before February or larch.

Cheerio for now.

(Printed for the publisher by "The Swan Express", 10 Helena Street, Midland Junction, W.A.)

Ron Sprig, of 60 Hill-st., Albany,
writes:

I almost missed out but our house has been in such a turmoil lately I haven't known what day it is. At one stage last week I was the only one on deck. We got hit by the measles, two of the kiddies are still recovering. I have just about had this semi darkness all the time.

There is little to report from this area apart from the usual rotten weather, have never seen anything like it, wind and rain, could not believe my eyes this morning, actually saw the sun for a very short time.

I saw the great Syd West the other day. Have seen him a few times and wondered if it was him. He says he has been down here for five years. I smartly bit him for a couple of tickets. He is driving a truck for Woodsons Ltd. Says he wants to move on shortly over East or New Zealand.

I had quite a bit of sport with the salmon this year, catches of 18 and 20 quite common. They are still about too, generally gone by this time of the year.

I have not written since the backward sweep. I received the check O.K. It was my wife's brother so I scored a few drinks. Hope I do as well in this sweep. Put my name on Rising Fast.

I must hurry and get this posted. Wish you luck with the sweep and regards to all the boys and welcome to the West Jack Servante if you have arrived.

Alf Brady, of P.O. Wongan Hills,
writes:

Please find enclosed ticket butts and a P.N. for £1. My kindest regards to all members. I am in the pink as usual, still as fat as ever and still have my easy job with the railways. I often see the Sadler boys and old "Chook" Fowler in Wongan and have not set eyes on Jack Hassen at Ballidu for a long time now.

As I am not so hot on writing I will close now wishing the Association all the best for the future.

Johnny Moore, of Dwellingup,
writes:

Just a few lines to let you know who the enclosed butts are from.

I am sorry if I am a bit late in sending them in but if you have

ever lived in a small town you will understand what it is like to sell tickets at this time of the year.

Have not seen any of the boys from the old Unit for ages now so have not got any news of any of them.

So I will close now wishing all the boys all the best of luck.

Shirley Alexander, of 48 York-st., Boulder, writes:

Please find enclosed sweep tickets. Sorry Peter didn't do any better for you but owing to a bereavement in the family they have been overlooked.

Wishing you all the best of luck.

Tom Crouch, of "Burnside", Donnelly Mail, Mangimup, writes:

Find enclosed sweep butts and 30/-. The extra half quid is for my subscriptions for I must be getting light on. Also enclosing a clipping on the weather for it would burn the paper if I started writing one of my own. I think we've had three successive fine days since the middle of July. We've had just over 51 inches up to now and it is still raining and blowing a gale.

Cattle are in fair order though the cold winds of the last week have caused a fall off in milk in my herd. Am milking 27 and feeding 26 calves and a few pigs.

I bought 130 gns. worth of Hereford bull recently and believe me he is all bull, only 16 months but would pass for a two year old easily.

Gordon Rowley has had his share of bad luck over the past three or four months. Ran a motor saw over his knee and had to have his shank encased in plaster from the heel to hip for two or three weeks. The kids all got the measles mumps and flu in one hit, including Eva and the old Rowley had to promote himself to Sergeant Cook for a couple of weeks. Now Eva has pneumonia and is immobilised.

I give him a ring now and again. Have had the phone on here for 18 months or so and have a bitumen road to within half a mile of the gate so am living the placid existence of a suburban dweller. Saw Bill Rowan Roby in June at the big cattle sale in Manji. Bill was restocking his place again. He surely had plenty to choose from 1,600 head of them. Incidentally the biggest sale of store cattle in

W.A. If you don't believe it, ask Ken MacIntosh.

Tom's news cutting is headed: "40 Days and Nights of Rain".

On July 21 rain began to fall at Manjimup and with the exception of one day (Aug. 20) it continued for 40 days and 40 nights with a total of 1,292 points for the 30 days of August.

This set an all-time August record for Manjimup since records were first kept in 1897. Previous heaviest fall was 1,219 points in 1920, and 1,200 points in 1915, the only other occasions when the monthly August fall was 1,200 points or more.

Heaviest fall in the history of the town and only total to eclipse last month's figure, was 1,307 points in June 1917.

On three days alone in August the fall was more than the total received in 1954 and 1953 for the same month.

Total for the year to date is 4,308 points for 117 days and the equal of most average years for the town.

Heard This?

Among the pupils in a high-school chemistry class was a lad who had a tendency to monopolise discussions. The teacher decided that such a troublesome habit should be brought to the attention of his parents and wrote on the lad's report card: "Alan is a good student, but he talks too much."

Several days later the report was returned. Underneath the teacher's comment the boy's father had added. "You should meet his mother."

* * *

Isn't it marvellous how science is progressing? Went to the family doctor the other day to have a check-up. He drew a big chart of my body beautiful and punched a hole in it wherever he found anything wrong. When I got home I tried the chart out on our player-piano, and what-do-you-know? It played "Nearer, My God, to Thee". I wonder !!!

Victorian Vocal Venturings

Committee meeting held Thursday, Oct. 13, at Wayside Inn. Bernie Callinan in the chair, Gerry Maley, Alan Munroe, George Robinson, Max Davies, Bert Tobin, Harry Botterill, Jack Servante, Harry Wilkins. Apology from Bruce McLaren.

General business took up most of our time. The organising for the Melbourne Cup sweep draw to take place at the George-st. Drill Hall from 8 p.m., Oct. 27, with our usual get together with ale and refreshments.

Xmas treat also came up for discussion with the event taking place at the usual place, Bonbeach Life Saving Club on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Xmas Raffle. It was decided to have a raffle (of mixed prizes to be announced later) to be drawn at the Xmas treat. Proceeds will go to the Olympic Re-Union Fund.

We were told that we could be shown the Timor Campaign picture taken by Damon Parer by courtesy of the army any time we like, so

we took this offer and decided to have a picture night on Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Batman-ave. Drill Hall. These times and place are as yet tentative, subject to the O.K. of the army who are going to do all the organising, and we will be told more of this when everything is finalised.

Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. with the usual refreshments to follow.

We were pleased to see Jack Servante along with us for his last meeting with us. As we all know by now Jack is going over to the West to take over the management of the branch of his firm over there, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack for all the support he has given us over here, which has been mighty as he has always done the tasks which have been allotted to him and we will certainly miss him and we all thank you for a job well done Jack and wish you all the best of luck and happiness during your stay over in the West. (I think Jack has

taken heed of the Editorial "The Bull" wrote recently in the "Courier"—Go West Young Man.)

Max Davies starts his annual leave soon and is heading north on an ideal caravan holiday. Have a good time, Max, and look after that leg

Jerry is back to good health again and looking particularly well but is still off the grog.

Cambell Rodd is leaving for South Africa per the "Dominion Monarch" on Oct. 23, on a business trip for his firm (Australian Paper Mills). Will be away a few months and is taking his good wife away with him. He is going via Perth so I dare say we will hear of his short stay over there (should be hectic).

Bert has given me a letter from Smash Hodgson who most will remember for his witty and delightful way of speech and expressions and I pass a copy on to all to enjoy this gem. It's in answer to a request for more tickets for our Melbourne Cup sweep which Bert duly sent. I quote.

Dear Toby: Herewith some briefs and doodle on account.

We can expect a more than slight recession in trade from now, and I expect that six more books will amply see out my salesmanship. Should I be astray I can easily apply for more.

About the questionnaire, Toby. I cannot honestly answer it. I may not necessarily be in this house or town at the time of the Games, but if I am a caravan or even three would easily fit into my back yard or adjacent block. We live 58 mile from Melbourne.

P.S. It grieves my inner instincts to be passing on this pelf as you will see by the claw marks on each note, my talons take a firmer grip each time I handle 'em. Over to you and all the best. Ted Hodgson. Unquote.

A true "Smash" letter, and I hope you never change.

Xmas Treat. This event will be held in the usual spot, Bonbeach Life Saving Club on Saturday, Dec. 3, at approx. 2.30 p.m. All are welcome and bring along those pride and joys of yours and we will guarantee you a terrific time. This particularly applies to those country members who are not so very far away. We want to see you and your kiddies.

Picture Night. As discussed at the meeting the army have made an offer to show us the film of Timor by Damon Parer, and also other films of particular interest to make up an hour of interesting enjoyment. They are going to supply the films and projector and make arrangements for the hall and seating, and we have made a tentative arrangement to hold it on Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m., subject to O.K. by the army and we will be told and given details at a later date. It is to be a social night with wives and friends cordially invited, so keep this night open and come along and really enjoy yourselves.

We have decided to run a Xmas raffle to be drawn at the Xmas Treat to help raise funds for our Olympic Re-Union. The prizes are mixed and all donated and will be announced soon by a circular giving all details. We ask you all to make every effort to sell these tickets and we need all the money we can raise to help entertain our visitors at the Olympics.

APOLOGY

Reprinted hereunder is a letter from the Directorate of Public Relations.

The "Courier" has been requested to print this apology to Lieut.-Col. Callinan. —Ed.

A half-hour feature programme based on the activities of the 2/2nd Independent Company in Portuguese Timor during World War II was produced by the Directorate of Army Public Relations and distributed for broadcast by Australian commercial radio stations. The programme was entitled: "Winnie The War Winner" and was included in a series entitled: "On Active Service".

The central character in the feature was Lieut.-Col. B. J. Callinan. Due to an unfortunate oversight during research, and in the preparation of the script, the approval of Lieut.-Col. Callinan for his character dramatisation and the use of his name directly in association with the Timor narrative was not sought by this Directorate.

Subsequently, after the programme was broadcast Lieut.-Col. Callinan made strong representations claiming that:

(a) Undue latitude was taken in the presentation of factual detail of the Timor operations;

(b) He was not given an opportunity to peruse the script before broadcast;

(c) The script represented him as being present during certain operations in the campaign when in fact, he was elsewhere at the time.

In view of the obvious misunderstandings that may have arisen in the minds of those ex-members of the 2/2nd Independent Company, who may have heard the broadcast, it is felt that an explanation would perhaps clear the air.

If this were done, any suggestion that Lieut.-Col. Callinan may have approved of the script and its broadcast would be discounted.

It is suggested that this could be achieved by bringing the circumstances to the notice of the members of your Association by publication of this letter in your monthly journal, "Commando Courier".

Your members may be interested

to learn that the feature "Winnie The War Winner" was very well received by listening audiences throughout Australia.

An apology for the omissions made, together with an assurance that no discourtesy was intended and that the feature was designed especially at furthering the prestige of the Australian Army and presenting to the general public the outstanding and gallant record of those men who served with the special force on Timor during the war, has been sent to Lieut.-Col. Callinan.

To other members of your Association who may not have been mentioned but who were present during the actions dealt with in the script, it is pointed out that this was unintentional.

If you consider it appropriate to have this letter published in the Association journal, which course has the approval of Lieut.-Col. Callinan, your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.



Headlights

The traffic cop pulled up beside a car parked on a country road in the wee small hours of the morning.

"Hey," he yelled, "what business have you got to be out here at this time of night?"

A voice from within answered: "This isn't business, it's pleasure."

Racing man jumps on a tram. Sits next to swish sort nursing a cat.

"My word, I'd like to be that little cat," he wolfs.

"I wish you were, too," says the sort. "I'm taking him to the vet."

"Daddy," he asked, "is my kitten a man kitten or a lady kitten?" Everyone on the bus listened.

"A man kitten," said the father. "How do you know?" the child persisted.

You could have heard a pin drop as the father promptly replied: "Well, he has whiskers, hasn't he?"

A: I've been a busy man this week. All week long I've been cultivating in my garden, while that cute little blonde next door has been sitting in the sunshine watching me.

B: What have you been cultivating?

A: The little blonde.

* * *

A young J-Force sergeant named Yoman, Yoo-hooed at a passing young woman.

When his officer said That it wasn't well bred, He said: "No, sir, by cripes, it's human."