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EDITORIAL

THE NEW BROOM

As the new broom sweeps clean so, let us hope, the influx of new blood into the committee of the Association will bring a new era of success.

In past years the success enjoyed by our Association has been such it has been the envy of similar organisations.

It is hard to blame the Committee for the recent apathetic attitude of some members. Let us lay the blame at the feet of those members themselves. THEY know who they are—members who have sat back and enjoyed their privileges and pleasures without accepting their responsibilities.

Let us all try to bring along a member who has not been attending meetings lately.

Let us give our FULL support to the new Committee and help them wield the broom which sweeps cleanest.

Just that little extra thought will give us the big meetings we have enjoyed in the past.

—WILF MARCH

A JOB WELL DONE

The 'Courier' wishes to thank and congratulate the out-going officers and committee for the work they have done during the past 12 months.

This period has not been an easy one and the job of keeping interest

in monthly meetings has surely tested the powers of those Committeemen. Once again thanks to Mick Calcutt, Ron Dook, Jack Carrey, George Boyland and the rest of the Committee.

A special vote of thanks to those willing workers at the various working bees. —EDITOR.

AUGUST MEETING GUEST EVENING

A Film Night has been set down for the entertainment of those attending. Arrangements are already in hand so endeavour to turn up on the first Tuesday in August, August 7, and bring your clobber. Make this a good night and enjoy yourself with some good films, a glass of beer and a mate.

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNUAL SPORTS NIGHT

Now you champs, keep this night in mind and start getting a bit of training in. I believe "Stricky", the Napier, Sprocky and Percy Hancock are all sharpening up their reflexes in anticipation of a keen tussle. Where's that dark horse? We are looking for someone to down George Strickland, the present Champ.

A modest girl, asserts our etiquette columnist, never pursues a man. Nor, we add, does a mousetrap pursue a mouse.

Personalities

Don Hudson:

Latest news to hand regards Don's whereabouts is that he is with the P.M.G. Department at Wittenoom Gorge. Please drop us a line Don, as quite a few of the boys have been asking me did I know where you were.

Arthur Marshall, of Harvey, and Roy Watson, of Collie:

Were both in Perth for the football carnival. Didn't catch my eye on them but heard they enjoyed their stay.

"Doc" and Blue Wheatley:

Were spotted at Mundijong by Gerry Green—or perhaps I should say that Gerry was spotted by the Wheatley boys. They had bogged their own truck for three days and Gerry says about half a dozen S.E.C. trucks as well. According to Gerry he wouldn't be at all surprised if they were still there.

Tom Towers:

Is now a lumper at Fremantle. What about popping up to a meeting or two, Tom? I'll square off for you.

Jack Spence:

Long time no see, but at last turned up at the Annual General Meeting. Jack is battling with the job of building a house at Morley Park. He intends to run a few head of poultry and also do a bit of market gardening. Hope that you soon get this job straightened out, Jack, and can manage to devote a little more time to Association matters.

Merv Ryan:

Last heard of was in Hollywood Hospital, in Ward 6. Shrapnel has been working out of his leg and is to have a skin graft when it heals. It is expected to be half way through August before he is discharged.

Marg and Les (Ping) Anderson:

Have been presented with a daughter (Margaret Patricia). That makes three boys and one girl to the Andersons. Recently Ping went to Busselton and ran into Charlie McCaffrey and Joe Kalonski in the Highway Hotel in Bunbury. They

knocked over a few spiders and had a good chinwag about things in general. Ping and three mates were having a "lost weekend" (by special permission of Marg) what a wife! Les wishes to apologise to Clarrie Turner for not calling.

Ted Loud:

Had quite a yarn with Ted at the Annual General Meeting. Ted does not change much and still has a fairly nippy waistline. It was quite amusing to see the look of amazement on his face when he noticed how paunchy a few of us are getting. Must be in a good paddock, eh, Ted?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Monash Club, King-st., Perth, on Tuesday, July 3, 1956.

Present: Twenty four members were present with Mr. Calcutt in the chair. Apologies received from Messrs. Boyland and Laidlaw.

Minutes: Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Doig and Pendergrast.

Business Arising: There being no business arising out of the minutes, the meeting proceeded.

Reports: The following reports were read:

President's Report

Gentlemen,

In presenting the Presidential Report for the year 1956 which as your President I have the honour of doing allows me to briefly look back for awhile on the past.

This Association of ours which has kept together those who were fortunate to survive not only the years of war but also the years of peace. Let us for a moment reflect on those comrades of ours who are no longer with us. Let us with all humility give a passing thought to, not only those to whom we have the honour of paying tribute once a year at Kings Park Honour Avenue, but also to those who since the war ended have gone to learn the Great Secret.

To those who have suffered a bereavement we offer our deepest sympathy.

The greatest memorial we can

give to those who no longer with us, is by keeping alive this Association of ours, and Gentlemen, that can only be done by keeping together, don't let it founder by lack of interest.

Those of us whom you elected as your Committee not only in this past year but in preceding years also, you have depended upon them to carry on the ideas and ideals as set out in our constitution. They have not let you down. Be sure that you don't let them down.

In the past year the main functions such as the Ladies' Night in October, the Children's Xmas Party the Annual Re-union and the Commemoration Service, all have been as successful as in the past. Here I wish to thank all those who were instrumental in making these functions the success they were, especially the Children's Party.

Now in regard to monthly meetings. I would like to recommend to the incoming Committee that something will have to be done to induce members to attend more regularly. Perhaps we may have to alter the date from the first Tuesday. Your past Committee has given the matter a great deal of thought. We have realised that the first Tuesday on about four occasions follows a holiday Monday. This could affect attendances.

Now here, possibly is the time to say that perhaps in all deference to past Committee members that new faces on your Committee may be helpful. By this I mean that possibly some of us may have run out of ideas. New men with new ideas may be the stimulant that our Association needs..

So, gentlemen, I earnestly ask you tonight at election time, if you are nominated don't refuse to stand but in the interest of the Association which is yours and mine and each and everyone of us, be prepared to give everything you have and dig in.

Your Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor will each be giving their reports so I do not propose to poach on their territory.

To the members of the Committee may I put on record my sincerest thanks for their consideration and invaluable help at all times. It has indeed been a pleasure and an

honour to have been associated with them.

To our Vice President, Ron Dook, words seem inefficient to convey his inestimable value to our Association. Since Ron took over the catering it would be difficult to estimate the gain we have had in quality, quantity and cost. We must admire his courteousness, his willingness and his tact. Ron, it is my privilege to extend to you our thanks.

Our Association was indeed fortunate to win such a Secretary as Jack Carey. In his quiet, unassuming way Jack has done a colossal job. Unfortunately Jack has not been in very good health this past year but it speaks volumes to his tenacity that even so he still had his finger on the pulse of our Association. Thanks Jack.

George Boyland, our Treasurer, is another who has had a bad year as regards illness. George has also done a grand job, always on hand with the receipt book waiting to take our money. Thanks a lot, George.

Unfortunately this year our Editor, John Burrige, has had to spend a considerable time away from town on business. In his absence our stalwart friend Wilf March took over. This little paper of ours still appears and while we have chaps like these and with the help of Bill Epps, Col Doig, Arthur Smith, and last but not least, contributors, it must continue to do so. Thanks all.

In conclusion, gentlemen, may I wish the incoming President and Executive as happy a time in office as we have had and may I thank you one and all for having bestowed upon me the honour of having been your President. —Mick Calcutt.

Secretary's Report

The activities for the past year have already been covered in the President's report, but I should like to add the following.

Committee Meetings: Your Committee met on 11 occasions over the last year, attendance record of members being as under: Mr. Calcutt, meetings attended 9 (apologies 2); Mr. Dook, 11; Mr. Pendergrast 10 (1); Mr. March, 7 (3); Mr. Bowden, 10 (1); Mr. Holland, 8 (2); Mr. Smith, 9 (1); Mr. Green,

9 (1); Mr. Willis, 8 (2); Mr. Boyland, 7 (3); Mr. Carey, 10.

The attendance and interest displayed by the Committee was commendable and deserving of more support from Association members.

Melbourne Cup Sweep: Once again the sweep was the main source of income for the Association, but I do not think it is fair to ask the Secretary or any other person to organise and conduct further sweeps unless permission is first obtained from the Lotteries Commission. It was noticed that members seemed reluctant to sell tickets which did not have the sanction of the Commission.

Country Convention: The Bridgetown Convention held in November though enjoyed by the participants could not be truly described as successful. Country members seem only too keen to have city members visit their district but unless the latter display more interest the future Country Conventions will be under a cloud.

General Meetings: Picture and sports' nights appear to be the most popular evenings for members and a good attendance seems assured when these are on. There was a noted falling off of attendance at the April, May and June meetings, this particularly applying when the meetings fall after a long weekend. I think consideration could be given to switching the General Meeting to the third Tuesday and having the Committee Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

Circulars: A number of circulars were sent out during the year notifying members of coming events, but in the main these met with a poor response which can prove discouraging to the sender.

This is the completion of three years as Association Secretary, and because I honestly feel I have not given 100 per cent effort over the past year, I would appreciate a break from this office. The assistance of all Committee members has made my job a pleasant and relatively easy one and I am indebted to the Committee for their co-operation.

—Jack Carey.

Treasurer's Report

The overall financial position has deteriorated during the year.

Expenditure has exceeded re-

ceipts by £74/13/3, and as receipts include £8/8/- Olympic Trust moneys the actual loss on the year is £83/1/3.

An analysis of receipts shows a considerable fall in various items. Melbourne Cup Sweep sales £33, Annual Re-union £17, Subscriptions £3.

However, the largest loss has been incurred by reason of increased cost of various functions. Increased expenditure on some of these items is as follows: Monthly Meetings £34, Administration £6, Ladies' Night £6, Anzac Day £10.

The King's Park Scheme has only cost £22 this year and donations towards this have amounted to £32. Other donations total £13 and have not been credited to any specific item.

The total cost of the 'Courier' this year is £20 less than last year but it should be noted that there have been only seven issues during the year. Receipts from Eastern States Branches for the 'Courier' have only amounted to £23 this year as against £60 last year and some money is due from this source. However, this will be offset by the fact that the current account holds £20 Olympic Trust moneys.

Available funds have shown a serious decline in the past few years and some serious consideration will have to be given to this matter by your incoming Committee.

In conclusion I wish to apologise for presenting the accounts to you this year without audit. My excuses are health and pressure of work and for these reasons I wish to state definitely that I will not be available for any executive position this year.

—G. Boyland.

Since the Annual General Meeting the following Auditor's note has been attached to this report.

I have audited the books of the 2/2 Commando Association and found that all receipts entered in the Cash Book have been duly credited to the Association's Bank Account. Entries have been verified with duplicates of receipts issued.

Most payments are supported by receipts, exceptions mainly Entertainers, Convention Expenses and Raffle Prizes.

I concur with Hon. Treasurer's report. —H. Geere, Hon. Auditor.

Receipts and Expenditure 1955-56

Balances 1/6/55 and 30/5/56:	Receipts	Payments
Current Account	148 12 11	66 2 4
Savings Account	33 12 1	41 9 5
Bonds	546 10 0	546 10 0
Interest	7 17 4	
Subscriptions	29 10 0	
Melbourne Cup Sweep	211 19 0	64 14 5
Monthly Meetings	48 5 0	110 11 10
Ladies' Night	24 5 0	63 8 3
"Courier"	22 19 4	71 2 10
Annual Re-union	39 10 0	73 13 9
Donations - Various	13 11 0	
Donations - Kings Park	32 8 6	22 6 3
Anzac Day	36 19 0	43 12 7
Raffle	39 10 0	19 10 6
Olympic Trust	8 8 0	
Honorariums and Donations		7 7 0
Administration		17 13 8
Xmas Party		83 1 4
Country Convention		12 13 0
	£1243 17 2	£1243 17 2

Reports were received on the motion of Messrs. Green and Spencer. Mr. Doig moved, seconded Mr. Napier, that the President, Secretary and Treasurer be complimented on their reports. This was carried.

Following a short discussion on the Treasurer's report the reports were adopted on the motion of Messrs. Napier and Bowden.

It was pointed out no Auditor's report was made owing to the Treasurer being ill and not having his books available for Mr. Geere, the Auditor. Mr. Geere said he would audit the books at first available opportunity.

Election of Officers: Mr. Geere was appointed returning officer on motion of Messrs. March and Napier.

President: Mr. Green, nominated by Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Napier, and Mr. McDonald, nominated by Mr. Pendergrast, seconded by Mr. Willis, stood for Presidency and on the show of hands Mr. Green was elected President.

Vice President: Messrs. McDonald and Smith were both nominated for this office. Mr. McDonald was elected.

General Secretary: Mr. March was elected unopposed.

State Secretary: Mr. Smith was elected unopposed.

Editor: Mr. March was elected unopposed.

Committee: The following six

members were elected to the Committee: Messrs. Carey, Pendergrast, Hollyand, Cantwill, Anderson and Laidlaw.

Auditor: Mr. Geere was elected unopposed.

General Business: In view of the Association's poor financial position Mr. Doig moved "Permission be sought from the Lotteries Commission to run a sweep on the Melbourne Cup". This was seconded Mr. Calcutt and carried. Mr. Doig said if permission was granted he suggested tickets be printed for distribution.

Olympic Re-union: The President read a telegram from the Victorian Branch asking for something definite on Re-union regarding number going from the West. Mr. Servanty briefly outlined the Victorian Branch's position. After a short discussion it was moved Mr. Doig, seconded Mr. Dook: "General Secretary be asked to send a reply paid wire to those members who had previously signified their intention of going and ask for a definite answer from them." This was carried.

Mr. Dook said the old Committee had discussed the possibility of sending an accredited delegate to the Re-union, having in mind, Mr. Doig as a likely candidate. Mr. Doig indicated there was no chance of him going to the Re-union. After several members had spoken on Mr. Dook's proposal, Mr. Dook

moved, seconded Mr. Hancock, "a member be appointed to act as Official Delegate for the W.A. Branch at the Olympic Games Re-union and this member be subsidised to an amount to be agreed upon by this general meeting." Mr. Napier moved, seconded Mr. Carey, an amendment that "a delegate be chosen from members who have intimated they are going." Mr. Loud moved, seconded Mr. Spence, that the words "providing the delegate be considered a suitable ambassador" be added to Mr. Napier's amendment and this was agreed upon. Put to the vote Mr. Dook's motion was carried.

Mr. Doig then moved "Delegate be resolved by the incoming Committee with a subsidy not exceeding £50". This was seconded Mr. Calcutt. Mr. Dook moved an amendment, seconded Mr. Loud, "Delegate be resolved by the incoming Committee with a subsidy not exceeding £100". Following a discussion the matter was put to a vote with members voting in favour of the amendment.

Annual Re-union: Discussing a more suitable date for holding the Annual Re-union Mr. Bowden said he would like to see the Re-union put back to Show Week and moved a motion to this effect. This was seconded by Mr. Willis. Mr. Dook moved an amendment seconded Mr. Calcutt "The Annual Re-union be held in the first week in August." Members voted in favour of the amendment.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Committee meeting held at Monash Club on July 18.

Meeting commenced at 8.30 p.m. those present being Messrs. Green, Smith, March, Carey, Prendergast, and Cantrill.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were read. Minutes were adopted on the motion of Mr. March seconded by Mr. Cantrill.

Business arising: Olympic Re-union: Mr. March advised that he had only three names as positive, of persons going to the Games. These were Messrs. Fowler, Thornton and Pierce.

Re delegate for the Olympic Games: After some discussion it

was decided to hold this matter over to the next Committee meeting.

Melbourne Cup sweep: It was moved Mr. Prendergast and seconded by Mr. Cantrill, that the prize money for our Melbourne Cup sweep be as follows, First £35, Second £10, Third £5, all other horse drawers to receive 5/- Charities ticket. Carried.

The following programme was drawn up for the first five months; August 7, Picture night, guest night; Sept. 4, Sports night, championship belt; Oct. 9, Ladies' night at Crawley Bay; Nov. 6, Musical evening, cum hidden talent night; Dec., Children's Christmas Party; Dec., Bucks' evening, dates to be fixed.

Country Convention: Discussion on this matter was deferred until next Committee meeting.

It was resolved to hold a busy bee in Kings Park on Sunday, Sept. 1.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.15 p.m.

OLYMPIC RE-UNION

The response to the Olympic Re-Union has so far failed badly, to bring many members forward with a positive answer. Those who have signified their intention of being present are: N. Thornton, C. Pierce and family, Jack Fowler and wife. While others may eventually make their way to Melbourne we will have to accept this small number as definite.

As the General Secretary, Wilf March, will be keeping in contact with Melbourne any late entries will receive every consideration, as I know that our friends in Victoria have gone to a terrific amount of trouble to make this a grand show. If you read the Victorian Branch President's report you will find a programme of the entertainment mapped out for the Re-union.

Please contact Wilf March, 3 Bricknall-rd., Attadale, phone FX1231, for information regard-

From The Editor's Mailbag

Gordon Holmes, of Cranbrook, writes:

I saw in the June 'Courier' that "Baldy" Baldwin is going to England in August. If you are able to find out in time if he is going to call at Fremantle and have time to see a few of the boys I would like to go up and see him, so I am enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. I haven't got much news as things are just the same with me. I am still working around different farms and trying to make something out of a virgin block in my spare time and finding it a hard job.

I will post your letter off just as soon as I can obtain the information you require. Glad to see you have got yourself a block and able to find time to clear it.—Editor.)

Jack Fowler, of Box 73 Wongan Hills, writes:

We certainly let you down with news. I guess it's only laziness.

The weather hasn't been so kind to us this year, not that we have had too much rain, but we had too much rain at once for the start of the season, and we have been sort of bogged out ever since. It just dries up enough to start work and it rains again.

Anyway we just managed to get 400 acres of wheat in, now the red mite are eating it all, so now we have to spray for red mite, a job that should have been done a few weeks ago, but once again held up with wet weather. One thing with you city people, rain doesn't stop your work.

I don't see any reason why Jean and I can't make the Olympic Re-union. We intend to drive over by car. We also have accommodation booked in Melbourne.

We are leaving the two children home, as they are old enough to stay with relations, and can't afford to miss out on school.

We poor old cockies just can't catch up with our work. So I guess getting a little further behind won't matter. We still have red mite to spray, lambs to tail, fences to put up, besides dozens of jobs that one can't see, and there is always repair work to do, some machine is

broken down and has to be repaired before its next job, the shearing is also getting close (everything is dropped for shearing).

I saw Arthur Marshall a few weeks ago, he brought a load of timber up to one of our neighbours so I popped over and saw him for a little while. We had a good old chin wag.

He's one man who hasn't changed. It's nice to see the old boys again. I often run against Alf Brady, as big as a house. I see the Saddler boys every month, but haven't seen Jack Hasson or Fred Growns for quite awhile. I saw Reg Harrington awhile back. Reg is still the same. Also saw Boomer Giles while he was working on the C.O.R. depot at Wongan.

Will do my best to write now and again to help the 'Courier', as I would hate to miss out on the 'Courier' as you certainly keep us in touch with the doings of all the gang. So here's hoping you get many more replies re the Olympic Re-union. Regards to all the boys.

Thanks for very newsy letter, Jack. Very pleased to hear that you are able to make the Olympic Re-union. You have made quite a bit of contact with the boys lately and your letter is very acceptable to the 'Courier'. Hope to hear from you again soon.—Editor.)

Peter Mantle, of Box 120, Biloela, Queensland, writes:

I am leaving the Commonwealth Public Service, and leaving blizzardly-rugged Canberra to become the proprietor of a little country newspaper in Queensland, "The Central Telegraph", Biloela. When I say 'I' I mean me and the bank. But in a decade or so when the mortgage is paid off, I shall be a Press Baron.

Very much looking forward to it. Ownership of a country paper is allegedly the ambition of every journalist. Can be a very good and satisfying life.

Nice little town in a district that goes in for dairying, beef, maize, sorghum, cotton.

Should be a good life for the family too. Now have two daughters and a son.

It will mean nose well down to

the grindstone: no 40-hour week. Which will be a bit of a shocker after 10 years in the Public Service. But it's work I'll enjoy.

Great deal to do at the moment so just a brief letter. Hope to write more often in future.

Congratulations on becoming a "Press Baron" as you term it. You certainly said a mouthful when you said you will have to keep the nose to the grindstone. Any time you can send in any news for the 'Courier' I would be only too pleased to print it. Just when I was beginning to become a bit disconsolate the mail angle brightened up and helped make the 'Courier' the bright budget it should be. Your change of address has been handed on to the secretary. —Editor.)

Arthur Marshall, of 7 Peet-st., Harvey, writes:

Well out of the blue comes this letter. Don't think for a minute that it's an effort for me to write this, it's not. I'm just like all the rest of our chaps, don't get around to picking up the pen.

Things have been reasonable down these parts this last year. I think everybody has been getting three feeds a day and a little bit on the side. I've been busy myself since last October.

Prior to that had four months off with a slipped disc in my back. Mind you I didn't mind having the time off it was the pain I objected to. Doing absolutely nothing in large lumps is a favourite pastime of mine. Especially in winter time. I'll give this tip to any of the chaps who suffer with a crook back or any aches and pains in their joints. A chiropractor (that is a good one) is the man to see. The last trip I paid to the one in Bunbury (about Xmas) I walked out so fit that at the head of the stairs I strode straight out into space and landed on the cement footpath about 20 feet below. Nearly cashed in the chips, but I knew I must have been cured.

I have baled only a few short of 50,000 bales of hay during the summer. Have carted a fair quantity of wheat, oats and barley at the Bunbury silo. And squeezed in a few trips with the semi to different parts of the West, mainly without a permit. I think carting without

a permit gives me greatest enjoyment (that's if you don't get caught). A best seller could be written on what goes on after midnight (that is on the road I mean). Take last Saturday night or, rather early Sunday morning, I did a trip over the ranges. Had to sneak out of Harvey with as much quiet as a straight through exhaust would let me. See we have a traffic inspector cum transport board officer rolled in one in our own town. Then firstly came upon a car against a telephone pole. Didn't seem to be anyone hurt. On through Collie where a bit of free wheeling had to be done because another one of those permit hunters reside and I just didn't want to disturb his dreams. In a few miles a torch waving in the mist. Thinks me, "Well, here goes £50", but it was another car over the brink. Couple of chaps staggering around but more drunk than hurt. Many miles and a few hours later came upon a semi just over turned. The driver had gone off to sleep, but forgot to stop first. Got bogged in a side road that I was using to keep pursuit off my tail. Then on arriving at my destination some four hours late, you wouldn't read about it (being Sunday) there's a Salvo band playing right in front of the place I had to go to. I can tell you there's never a dull moment.

I had afternoon tea with 'Chook' Fowler in Wongan a couple of weeks ago, and a few snorts with Charlie McCaffery in Bunbury last week. I also wave to Bluey Wilkes at Brunswick occasionally.

Hell, writer's cramp has sure got me and I must away. All the best to the boys and I'm sorry to hear about Charlie Anderson. It knocked me for a few days. He sure was a good mate.

Firstly your £1 for subs., etc., has been forwarded to the Treasurer. You seem to pack quite a lot into one life Arthur. These sojourns of yours with the semi-trailer (under the lap) provide you with quite a bit of a change. Thanks for the information in your very welcome letter. I will always appreciate a letter at anytime.—Ed.)

Bert Burges, of "Burlands", Broome hill, writes:

Though we are by no means flooded as less fortunate people are,

would like to see a few days of sunshine. Haven't had any very heavy rain but, the ground is completely saturated and the weather being cold and continually overcast feed is not growing and stock are actually getting ahead of it.

Crops however, look remarkably well, so far showing no signs of water logging.

I would like to add my congratulations to both Brig. Tom Nisbet and Capt. Joe Poynton. Can't think of anyone more fitted for the position than Tom. He certainly doesn't show any signs of being harrassed by his many duties.

It was with real pleasure that I heard that Joe had reached his treasured ambition to be appointed Capt. of the State Rugby team. He is to be congratulated on keeping himself fit enough to play that type of rugby and doubly so on being appointed captain! Best of luck with your team, Joe.

Arch and May Campbell were down in Katanning recently. Arch successfully coached Dumbleyung-Lake Grace to a win over Katanning Football Association. May was coaching the Great Southern team to play the visiting English Hockey

girls here in Katanning on Saturday, July 14. Arch said he had been up to see Victoria outclass W.A. in the final of the Carnival. Perhaps you saw him. Both looking marvelously well.

Had a wonderful fall of snow here a few weeks ago. Was practically a continuous fall from 7 to 9 a.m. and the whole area as far as we could see was completely covered.

Made a hurried call on Bernie Langridge some weeks ago on our way to Bunbury. He and his wife were out counting and admiring their recently acquired stud of Romney March sheep. Bernie has at last seen the light and disposed of his milkers and is stocking up with stud Romney March.

Not knowing the result of the Annual General Meeting will just say well done to the past officials and congratulations and good luck to the new. Regards to all.

Once again thanks to one of our most consistent and prolific correspondents. Bert, for years you haven't failed and it should be an incentive for some of our more lax members to keep on reading your letters in the 'Courier'.—Ed.)

Victorian Vocal Venturings

Committee meeting held May 29 at the Wayside Inn. Present were Bert Tobin, Jim Wall, Gerry Maley, Max Davies, Gery McKenzie, Gerry O'Toole, Harry Botterell (in chair). Not up to our usual numbers but we managed to get through all our business on hand. Apologies from John Roberts and George Humphries.

Correspondence was read and the Treasurer's report was received which brought up to date our financial position after the Anzac re-union.

We discussed many aspects in regards to the Olympic Re-union functions.

Gerry McKenzie reported that progress was being made with our honour roll and by all accounts it is going to be something that we will be proud of.

Harry Botterell was appointed accommodation officer for the Olympic Games Re-union, and it was

decided to send out a circular to all the members who had earlier stated that they would be coming over, asking them to definitely state if they are still coming, how, and estimated time of arrival and departure, so we can get on with the job of allocating the visiting members to their respective hosts.

Meeting ended at 10 p.m. after the usual refreshments.

Tex Richards was over from Tasmania for a few days, and a get together was arranged at the London on Tuesday, June 19. Present were Gerry O'Toole, Bruce McLaren, Ron Host, Max Davies, Bert Tobin, Pete Krause, Dave Brown, Alf Grachan, Gerry Maley. They had a few beers together, then all but Max and Dave went on and had dinner together and they had a very pleasant evening and they tell me Tex is as big as a house and looking very fit.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the George-st. Drill Hall on

Monday, June 25. Our numbers were very small perhaps owing to the cold night. Unfortunately our President was unable to be there, being out of town, and Harry Botterell presided at the meeting. Apologies were received from Bernie and Gerry McKenzie. The President's report was read (below) which thoroughly covered all our functions for the past year. Bert Tobin gave his usual very thorough and well prepared Treasurer's report (below).

She: "Oh, stop it! I'm tired of you pawing me."

He: "Oh, have a heart!"

She: "I have. Haven't you been looking for it long enough?"

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"Where can I get hold of you?"

"Gee, I don't know—I'm so darned ticklish!"

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Income and Expenditure Year Ended June 30, 1956

Expenditure		Income	
Melbourne Cup Sweep:			
Prizes	78 0 0	Victorian Sales	266 10 0
Printing of Tickets	27 11 3		
Sundry Expenses	25 8 11		
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	131 0 2		
Deduct N.S.W. share	44 0 0		
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	87 0 2		266 10 0
Sweep Drawing Function:			
Refreshments, etc.	18 17 10	Contributions	6 18 0
Christmas Party:			
Toys, Ice Cream,			
Sweets, etc.	42 5 4		
Country Kiddies' Xmas Books:			
Books and Postage	9 2 9		
Christmas Raffle:			
Expenses	10 15 0	Receipts	23 10 6
Anzac Re-union:		Contributions	44 10 0
Ale and Service	48 10 0		
Foodstuffs	15 4 6		
Sundries	4 4 7		
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	67 19 1		44 10 0
Major Anzac Raffle:			
Six Tankards and Tray	8 5 0	Ticket Sales	46 13 0
Printing of Tickets	3 0 0		
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	11 5 0		46 13 0
Minor Anzac Raffles:			
Two Bottles Scotch	3 7 6	Ticket Sales	10 17 7
Secretarial Expenses	31 5 5	Subscriptions	33 5 0
"Commando Courier"	18 0 0	Provident Fund Don.	4 18 0
Provident Fund Adv.	50 0 0	Profit Sale Cigarettes	11 6
Engraving Honor Roll	12 10 0	Interest on Bond	3 5 0
Picture Night Refresh.	7 12 0	Int. Provident Fund	1 15 9
Presentation	3 12 0	Int. General Account	3 14 2
Loss Annual Meeting,			
Refreshments, etc.	1 6 0		
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	374 18 1		
Profit for Year	71 10 5		
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	£446 8 6		446 8 6

Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1956

Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1956			
Liabilities		Assets	
Subs. paid in advance	13 0 0	A. & N.Z. Bank Ltd.	
"Courier" accrued . . .	20 0 0	Provident Fund . . .	105 12 6
Olympic deposits from		A. & N.Z. Bank Ltd.	
visitors	10 10 0	General account . . .	188 8 2
Net Worth:		State Savings Bank	
Capital Account:		General account . . .	13 10 5
Bal. at 30/6/55 . . .	443 6 3	Petty Cash advance . .	2 0 0
Add profit for year	71 10 5	1956 Treasury Bond .	98 5 9
		200 Tickets Opening	
		Ceremony at Olym-	
		pic Games	110 0 0
		Dep. 2 Parlorscars for	
		Nov. 25, 1956 . . .	10 0 0
		Dep. 2 Parlorscars for	
		Dec. 1, 1956 . . .	10 0 0
		Dep. Kelvin Hall for	
		Nov. 22, 24, 28 . .	6 0 0
		Stock of Stationery .	12 4 4
		Stock Glasses, Cutlery	2 7 6
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	£558 6 8		£558 6 8

Provident Fund Account

Bal. at June 30, 1955	100	0	0
Less Ad. made July	30	0	0
	70	0	0
Plus Bank Interest	1	1	3
	71	1	3
Less Ad. made October	20	0	0
	51	1	3
Plus transfer from General Ac.	48	18	9
	100	0	0
Plus Bank Interest		14	6
	100	14	6
Plus donations April-June, 1956	4	18	0

Bal. at June 30, 1956	£105	12	6
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Election of office bearers was then held and the same office bearers as last year were elected except that Alan Stewart was elected to be a Vice President, so we have Bernie Callinan, President; Vice Presidents Alan Munroe, Bruce Maclaren, Gerry McKenzie, Alan Stewart, Harry Botterell; Secretary, Gerry Mailey; Treasurer, Bert Tobin; Auditor, Max Davies, and a Committee of 15 members. Major Love was re-appointed our Patron. Our Provident Fund Trustees were re-appointed, namely Bernie Callinan, Bert Tobin and Max Davies.

President's Report

During the year that has passed the Branch has continued the activities of previous years, but special efforts have been made to prepare for our guests during the Olympic Games time.

Olympic Games: Your Committee has decided to allocate at least £500 for the entertainment of Association guests to the Olympic Games. At present we know of 34 adults and five children who will be coming, and there will probably be more.

For the entertainment of our guests we have made the following arrangements:

1. Two hundred tickets for the opening ceremonies have been purchased.

2. Cabaret Dance at Kelvin Hall,
Collins Place, Melbourne, Thursday,
Nov. 22.

3. Re-union at Kelvin Hall, Saturday, Nov. 24.

4. Bus trip to Lorne, Sunday,
Nov. 25.

5. Association Convention at Kelvin Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 28.

6. Barbecue, Saturday, Dec. 1.

7. Picnic and Christmas Party, Maroondah Dam, Sunday, Dec. 2.
The arrangements for the accommodation of our guests have been handled by Harry Botterill, and we

need the full co-operation of everyone in this vital matter.

Sweep: Our sweep was conducted on a bigger and better scale than ever; led by those great salesmen, Blue Sargent and Smash Hodgson, Victorian sales totalled £266/10/- to give a profit of 173/9/10. Again we co-operated with the New South Wales Branch in conducting the sweep.

Provident Fund: The Treasurer will report to you the financial activities of the Provident Fund. This practical demonstration of comradeship has been maintained, and the fund restored to its normal strength of about £100 after payments have been made.

Anzac Re-union: It was not possible to hold the re-union at the George-st. Depot, but Gerry McKenzie arranged for it to be held at Royal Park. We are grateful to Gerry for making such excellent arrangements for this important function.

Each year the re-union is a source of pride in the excellent spirit and atmosphere that exists and, whilst these continue, the Branch will remain healthy and worthwhile.

Honour Board: At last we have an Honour Board with the names inscribed in silver and mounted on jarrah. The silver plate was donated by Johnny Roberts who also arranged for the inscription and the mounting by Gerry McKenzie.

Picture Night: A picture night was arranged for us by the Public Relations Branch of Army Headquarters at which films of Damien Parer including "Men of Timor" and a film showing the Trooping of the Colour for the Queen at Duntroon.

Army Headquarters, having prepared and circulated without consultation or approval a radio broadcast feature on Timor, which was incorrect and objectionable, agreed to write an explanation to the 'Courier' and to arrange the picture night. The night was enjoyed by everyone.

The 'Courier': Harry Botterill has collected news items and forwarded them to the 'Courier'. Unfortunately the 'Courier' has not appeared regularly enough to be of value for notifying members of forthcoming events.

The publication of this paper by the Headquarters in Perth is a great achievement and it keeps our mutual interest alive.

The more information, items of news and editorials that we send to Perth the better the paper will be, and its continued success will be assured.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party for children was again a success, and was enjoyed by 55 children and their parents. Books were sent to all the children in the country, and chocolates were given to the wives in the country and to those who attended the Christmas Party.

J. Servante: During the year the Branch lost a stalwart supporter in Jack Servante who went to Perth. Over the years Jack has been a tower of strength and we were sorry to lose him, and even more sorry to hear too that he has been ill. Our best wishes for his future good health and success go with him.

The Terrible Two: As usual the burden of keeping the Branch together has fallen on Gerry Maley and Bert Tobin. Gerry was laid low for quite a while but has laboured hard for us. Bert has been our "Rock of Gibraltar" bringing in the money and watching it with eagle eyes; and with Gerry McKenzie and Harry Botterill he has done the organising for the Olympic Games.

The strength of the Branch is due very largely to the efforts and enthusiasm of Gerry and Bert, and they deserve our sincerest gratitude.

The Executive: During the year your Executive has worked hard and continuously to put on the normal activities and to prepare for the Olympic Games. Again your President has been carried by the Executive; I have not been able to match their keenness and hard work.

As I am not able to be at the General Meeting to present personally this report to you, I should like to thank you for having allowed me to enjoy the Presidency during the last year. I think it desirable, especially in the Olympic Games year, that you should have a President who is able to match the great efforts of the members of your Executive.