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Editorial

THIS TOPSY TURVEY WORLD

One can be forgiven if one wonders just where this planet of ours is headed.

Twenty years ago when the big shoot-up was on at least we knew our friends and our enemies, but today the question of who is for us and who is against us changes with such rapidity that ordinary mortals like you and I know not who to trust.

Out of World War II Japan, Germany and Italy emerged as the losers, but what of them today? Germany and Japan are probably the best based nations, economically, in the world today with a pattern of prosperity increasing daily. Italy is not so favourably placed, but her position is not at all bad and least she is a member of that European Common Market which appears to guarantee her eventual prosperity once she solves her internal politics.

But what of the alleged victors? U.S.A., England and Russia. England has had the most terrific treavils and whether we like to believe it or not, has sunk to the level of a Second class power. Even the little nations just emerging have no compunction in twisting the lion's tail and getting away with it. That glorious concept the British Commonwealth, today bears no resemblance to the great Empire it displaced so democratically. Within a few years it will most certainly be dominated by the

Afro-Asian group if it survives at all.

The U.S.A., despite its selfless programme of aid to undeveloped nations, seems to be held suspect by practically everybody proving the old adage that if you want to lose a friend lend him a fiver. The intense Anti-Communist fervour in America had Russia and U.S.A. at one another's throats for years, but just lately there does appear to be a rekindling of something resembling amnity with these two giants, and why? Simply because both have suddenly found very good reasons to fear the other giant—Red China.

Russia, who ten years ago dominated the Communist world, today has lost a considerable amount of its grip and her self sufficiency has had a bad setback with bad harvests and now Russia has had to import vast quantities of cereals and from whom? U.S.A. and Canada and Australia. Her natural enemies of but a short decade ago.

In the trouble spots of the world Mao, Sukarno and Castro seem to have taken up the mantle torn away from Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo and their tactics are not terribly different to that evil triumphant of World, War II.

At home Australia is most certainly going through an era of prosperity where practically everybody has no difficulty in aspiring to luxuries that would not have been

dreamt of 20 years ago. But are we sitting on a volcano? Neither of the two great parties appear to have an adequate defence policy and our education policy for the modern world is said to be lagging badly for a country appearing to be great industrially. Both parties are bent on appeasing the electorate with regard to taxation and are afraid to grasp the nettle and take a greater share of the present prosperity for the two great urgent needs of defence and education

which can only be paid for by taxation.

Certainly, in the words of Mc-Millan the winds of change blow over the face of the globe but one of such ordinary mental capacity as the present writer may be excused for not being able to keep up with the rapid transitions which have occurred since 1945. The burning question appears to be: "Who are our friends, and how long will they remain so?"

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

THE COMMANDO CABARET

After much publicity and organisation this function was held at the Cottesloe Surf Pavilion on Oct. 1. No trouble was spared to make this an enjoyable night for all at a most reasonable cost. The result—a wonderful night for those who attended but the response by members was terrible. The Organiser and the Treasurer were crying on one another's shoulders long before midnight and this was not the result of too much punch.

Just what can you do to get the "baskets" along to such a great night?

The trouble was not only confined to our Association as the 2/5th were in the same box. Don't tell me that we are getting too old and have lost our capacity for enjoyment. If this be so it is going to be a long weary track from here to the grave. If the Association and the organisers are doing it wrong and have picked on the wrong night or the wrong time of the year or the wrong form of entertainment, please, please, let us know, but don't let us go ahead and run another show such as this without your support.

Having bellyached long enough on the ills of the show let me now give you some of the credits. The music supplied by Col Christmas was outstanding. The compere-vocalist, Jim Willis, did a terrific job. The catering was really wonderful and was highly commended by all who attended. The refresh-

ments could not have been bettered. The weather was in its best mood and last but not least that floor show supplied by Marilyn Trembath, acrobatic-contortionist, was just what the doctor ordered for tired old eyes like your Editor now possesses.

The Association would like to thank Bob Smyth for once again being the main purveyor of refreshments. He did a terrific job with the punch and if anyone went home sober it wasn't Bob's fault. Ken Bowden did a great job in running the bar. Jack Carey, Arthur Smith, Jack Hasson, Frank Goddard, Col Christmas, Jack Penglase and Jim Middleton (2/5th) helped mightily either in arranging the venue or clearing up afterwards. Dick Geere and the Organiser also slipped in a modicum of work to try and make the night a success.

WORKING BEE KINGS PARK

A most successful working bee was held in our area in Kings Park on Sept. 22. A good roll up assured that what we set out to do would be done. Thanks to Geo Fletcher a number of areas not responding to couch grass were ploughed up with a rotary hoe and then raked over and planted with buffalo grass. Latest reports are that the grass has taken well and we have hopes that these recalcitrant areas will now come to hand.

Those present included Alby Friend and his two boys, Rod Dhu and his wife (a beaut worker, too), Bob Smyth, Dick Geere, Joe Poynton, Roy Watson, Bill Epps,

Harry Sproxton, Geo Fletcher, Jack Penglase, Jack Hasson, Arthur Smith, Ron Kirkwood and Col Doig

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Association will drop back to normal activities after a break for the Cabaret, on Nov. 5 when the usual monthly meeting will be held at Anzac Club Basement. Due to the fact that this also falls on Guy Fawkes Night no special arrangements have been made but you can be assured that something to entertain you will be arranged commensurate with the roll up. Come along and have an enjoyable night with the boys.

COUNTRY CONVENTION

As stated in previous issues this will be held this year from Nov. 9 to 11 at Geraldton. The Geraldton area lads under the leadership of Peter Barden, Eric Smyth and Jack Denman have arrangements well in hand and a good weekend is promised for those attending.

Those city folk who have signified their complete intention of making the trip are Arthur and Beryl Smith, Fred and Glad Napier, Bill and Jess Epps, Jack and Norma Hasson, Jack Carey, Jack Penglase, "Spriggy" McDonald, and Col Doig. There are a number of other possibles and these should notify their intentions to Secretary Jack Carey as soon as possible.

BOWLS NIGHT WITH MAIMED AND LIMBLESS SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION

This will be held at the headquarters of the M. & L. Association in Colin-st., West Perth, on Friday, Nov. 15. To enable an estimate of numbers who will attend and thus give our hosts a chance to provide the necessary catering arrangements, please let Jack Carey know your intentions as soon as possible.

Every year this is a wonderful evening with a bundle of fun, so bring along the wife and have a good time on Nov. 15.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held at the South Perth Zoo on Sunday, Dec. 8, and will largely follow similar lines to previous years. Make certain your family is with us on this day.

Committee Comment

The Committee met on Oct. 15 at Anzac House Basement and there was the usual excellent roll up of Committeemen.

The Treasurer advised that the finances were still in a healthy state but final accounts for the Cabaret were not yet to hand and he could not advise of the state of this function.

The matter of Honour Avenue was discussed at some length and, Col Hodson produced a facimile showing the various colours for making the lettering on our signs more prominent. This facet was deferred until the matter could be taken up with Bob Smyth. It was also reported that Bob Smyth was pursuing the provision of kerbing with the Kings Park Board and it was decided that this be left in his hands for the present. Bill Epps expressed satisfaction with the way the buffalo grass was taking in the area. A small working bee was arranged to adjust certain of the sprinklers in the area.

A full and frank discussion took place on the Cabaret and the Organiser expressed his disgust at the small response by members in no uncertain terms. It was decided that future of this type of function be discussed at a later meeting and in the meantime the views of members be obtained regarding the best possible evening in the week and the best month to run any further Ladies' Night.

The Secretary reported that the Country Convention was well under way and that it appeared that an adequate number of visitors would be attending.

The Secretary advised that arrangements for our annual Bowls Night with the M. & L. Association on Nov. 15 were under way.

The President and Col Doig reported on the Association efforts to assist the widow of Jeff (Rocky) Williams, and said all that could be done was being done and that the case would be kept under constant review by the President.

A letter was received from Major Herculano De Carvalho, from Lisbon, Portugal, coming to the Association as the result of the recent trip abroad by Bernard Callinan. The Major outlined a plan for the inter-change of letters and

possibly visits by Portugese Officers and men serving in Timor at the present time. This was most favourably received by the Committee and Col Doig was instructed to take up the matter with Major Cavalho.

Personalities

At least out of the Cabaret there are a few items for this column.

Down from Salmon Gums was Vince Swann and his wife. Would appear to be enjoying meeting some of their mates for the first time for a considerable period. Vince looked extra well and said that his farming ventures at Salmon Gums and Esperance were prospering.

Terry and Mrs. Paull made the trip from Boyup Brook and had a wonderful time in company with Rod and Mrs. Dhu and a number of friends.

Don and Vida Turton made it from Wandering and also had the time of their lives.

Most pleased to see Jim Barnes there with a party of friends, tripping the light fantastic and generally having a whale of a time.

Tony and Mrs. Bowers came all the way from Kojonup to take the pleasures of the evening as they hit. Both looked exceedingly fit.

Jim Cantrell and his wife brought along a big party and thus helped to swell the numbers of those present.

Another to arrange a big party was Fred and wife Glad.

Fred and Mrs. Griffiths also made it again this year and both said it was most enjoyable.

Jack Hasson arranged a large party as also did Jack Penglase and they also had wonderful time.

Pleased to see Joe Poynton and Roy Watson there with their good wives having a good bundle of fun.

There were many others but owing to alcoholic remorse and the pangs of disgust that there were not more there, afraid I just can't remember them, so please excuse.

Noticed in the paper the other day the sale of a large property at Northampton by the Drages. Was this our Bill cashing in on the present bouyant market? We'll probably be able to tell more after the Geraldton Convention.

Once again Mal Herbert was Captain of the State Rifle Team that journeyed East for the Commonwealth matches. Afraid we can't chronicle great success this year but you can be certain that Mal did a good job. Also noticed that his brother Colin was well up with the leaders in the local Queen's Prize meeting and at one stage looked the winner. It would have been nice to see this prize taken by the two brothers, Mal and Colin.

Once again have the task of advising of the loss to one of our members. This time to Fred Spark man who lost his sister in a tragic rail and car accident. Our most sincere sympathy Fred, in your sad loss.

Heard This?

HE RECLINES TO COMMENT

Three travelling salesmen met in a bar and fell to discussing the opposite sex, as salesmen will.

"I'm a liquor salesman, and I hate to see a woman drink alone," said the first.

"I'm a wholesale food jobber, and I hate to see a woman eat alone," said the second.

The third, a mattress salesman, gallantly remained silent.

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In the will of Hetty Smith, who died a spinster at age 70, was the following instruction: "I don't want anybody to put the word 'Miss' on my tombstone. I haven't missed as much as some people think."

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Once again we are around to sweep time and I appeal very strongly to all our members to support us to the hilt with this effort and try and sell all your tickets and ask for more if you need them. We only ask this once a year and surely, it is not asking too much, even if some of you find them hard to sell take some yourself and send the rest back. Every little helps and as this is the life blood finance of our Association we must keep up the effort and where possible we ask you to roll up at the drawing night and enjoy yourself with the boys and refreshments. So go to it and make this our best year yet and give Jim Wall a big thrill as he has put a terrific effort in to this and he doesn't mind knocking up counting the dough.

I have been away on holidays. Took a trip up to Mildura and called in on Boy Coates on the way but he had left for Bendigo that morning (where I believe he joined in on a bit of a re-union with some of the boys, Max Davies, Bluey Sergeant, Kev Curran. I don't know all the details of this but I hope either Kev or Max will write something on this for the "Courier"). Met Norm Tillett (who, incidentally, had helped me get accommodation up there), his wife, Francis, and daughter Christine, and his latest addition to the family, young Paul (approx. 20 months) who is a real beauty and will keep Norm and Fran young chasing him around. Had two very pleasant evenings with them and our kids had a lot of fun riding on Christine's poney, Raindrop who Christine is training for the local show up there. Bumped into Baldy up there. It's amazing just how far one travels and still sees some of the boys. Baldy was up for a big wedding and found out he often goes up there. Has a brother living in Mildura. He rode a push bike out to the caravan park where we were staying to have a natter with us and I must say that he really looked at home on it, the only thing missing was

the bowyangs but it was good to see him and he told us about some of the local spots to see that normal holiday people never know about.

I had never seen Mildura before and I was very surprised. It is a very pretty town, well laid out and clean and it is very obvious that the local people are very proud of their town.

On the way back we came via Swan Hill and Bendigo where I called in to see Kev Curran who is looking very fit and he told me that he was expecting Tex Richards up from Melbourne on the 4 p.m. train. Unfortunately I could not wait to see Tex as Lynette, our youngest girl, was sickening for something (turned out to be measles) and was a very sick girl. This is the first time I had been in Bendigo. Kev is in the process of renovating his hotel and it should be very nice when it is finished. He has a pet kangaroo, Judy, in his back yard and is very tame. The kids had a great time playing with her. Kev is looking very well and was kept busy in the bar.

By the way Norm Tillett asked me to remember him to any of the boys, and if any of them happen to be up that way to be sure and call in on him as he will be very pleased to see them. Norm told me that Smithy, of 5 Section, "B" Troop, had called to see him a couple of weeks earlier (was in Mildura on business) and they had a good natter together.

Well, folks, that is all the news for now. Don't forget the Cup Sweep effort. Better make it a good one or I will blast you next issue. So until then, all the best.

—HARRY BOTTERILL.

Heard This?

Joe: "What makes you think he is leading a double life?"

Moe: "I was with him today when he bought twin beds, and he had 'em sent to different addresses."

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ragging me into asking Skipper Turton into granting me those cases of .303 shells. For Jack was a ready disciple of my pet theory "Give me quick reflexes and a group of good from-the-hip snap shooters and dammit I'll only fear myself then." It was an awesome sight to see Jack charging those Timor ridges with the Bren at the hip, but the noise did do grievous damage to my nerves. It may have jacked up the taxpayer's bill but I still think if I could have sold that idea wholesale and internationally, we would all have used up all our resources in harmless (though noisy) practice.

Arriving at, or to, the inevitable conclusion that we then had nothing to fire at each other with, we could then have tutted a bit, fuddled our thumbs in futile frustration, and arrived back home to give Mr. Ikeda a much earlier and far more fulsome welcome than that which we achieved.

The Greeks had a word for it and "Chips" Rafferty is our contemporary—"You can't win them all".

Our chaps are still full of the joys of the trip West for the Games. I thought I caught a nuance of wistfulness in the statement of one of them. He said: "Smash, do you know that I was glad I took my bathing togs?" I said: "Cripes did you cram in time for a bit of swimming?"

"Nay, nay, and not so," he says sadly. "The hospitality was so overwhelming that I used em as a flag of truce to get me to the beach. A matter of self survival."

All the best to the troops there. Will get around to more personal and diligent writing later.

Dick Adams, Fred Bryant, there are others I owe you letters and will remit soon. The "Courier" is great. So are the jokers who build it.

ROBBIE ROWAN-ROBINSON, of Woodborough, Bridgetown, W.A., writes:—

Raining again so I'm taking a little time off to drop you a few lines for the "Courier". Should be out spraying fruit trees but it is quite impossible this weather.

No doubt, as you have made me a Country Vice President, you will expect me to supply a few letters

and a bit of local news of any of the boys. The latter is a bit hard to come by but will do my best in this letter and I have a few items of interest that could fill in a few letters another time.

Back to the re-union. Sorry Bernie and I could not get a bigger car load, but I did my best. Gordon Rowley was a starter but rang up to say friends were arriving from Perth. Also I think the chain saw business keeps him busy over the weekends. Fallers bring their saws in for repair on Friday night and want them for work again on Monday morning. Doug Fullarton, now at Donnelly River Mill, as most of you know has been back with Bunning Bros. for some time. He went to Perth under his own steam but never turned up at the re-union. Don't know what happened. Then there was Tom Crouch. He was busy "squeezing the money bag" milking cows. Always a bit of a job getting someone in to do that job for you. He is, as far as I know, well, and I often see his name in the local paper as rep for Bushfire Brigade, Farmers' Union, etc. Bernie got in touch with Clarrie Turner, also busy "squeezing the money bag" but no other news.

Bernie saw Alf Brady with the railways at Bunbury. Impossible to move him, as far as the 2/2nd is concerned I thought he was dead but he evidently is still alive. Rang up George Timms. George was well but busy shearing. By the way we (that is my family) were over there last Boxing Day. Spent a very enjoyable day there. Looked over his new property and he had a beaut crop of oats there.

Tried to get hold of Ted Loud. No news except he was last seen heading for Singapore on long service leave. Bob Palmer was the only other one but I did not contact him as he is some way off from here. Last, but by no means least, the "Mighty Marshall" from Harvey. We called in on the way up and as you know he got to the dinner before us. Arthur is doing well. Had half his house pushed out and a few more rooms put in the middle. All looked very nice, T.V. and a beautiful bedroom suite made to order by Finkelstein (could not have spelt that without the Address Book). Arthur was

busy planning the unloading of a ship load of sulphur at Bunbury for La Porte. Had to plan to unload 600 tons a day. With the wharfies on strike some of the time La Porte most of the time, he hoped to get a few tons out every now and again. Hope all went well, Arthur. No doubt if you made a success of this you will get the contract again next time.

That is about all the news for the time. Will be up in Perth Wednesday before the show but have a full programme so doubt if I will be able to see you. I'm working on a collapsible pallet with removable wheels for my new apple packs. If this works it will enable me to wheel about 40 packs at a time into a railway truck. There the wheels are removed and the pallet remains in the truck for use at the other end. When empty it folds up and is returned. Have already had one meeting with the railways who were very helpful and co-operative. Have now got a model for the railways to study, then on to the "Timber Development Association" who have a "pallet" committee and will offer further advice (they might politely tell me that it is no b—— good). Any way I'm having a try.

My packs are causing great interest. Wesfarmers have just started repacking 5,000 out of boxes into my packs. I think that speaks for itself.

No more news except that next time I will have a little news of Timor, as Wesfarmers men are over there doing a bit of business, or trying to anyway.

FRANK PRESS, of "Bobanaro", Carcoar, N.S.W., writes:—

Having again been placed on the mailing list I guess that it is up to me to drop a few lines whilst returning the sweep butts.

I was very pleased to receive the Address Book, and must congratulate those responsible for its compilation. It is surprising just what memories a casual glance through it brings. I found it very useful on a recent motor trip north when I was able to call on Allan Luby in Grafton, and Basher Adams in Southport, both of whom look as if they will last for ever, and tried to see Russ Blanch whilst going through Bangalow,

but time prevented be doing so.

Things haven't changed very much this end over the last few years, still trying to get a quid out of this bit of mud, manage three feeds and half a bed a day so have not very much to complain about. Ted Cholerton, who lives next door is well and still very much the same kind of bloke that you all knew. He is leaving tomorrow for a holiday up Queensland way so will most likely meet some of the boys on the trip.

Have been in Sydney recently for the R.S.L. State Congress and whilst there met up with Cliff Patt who looks very well and prosperous, and Tom (Allee same no grass) Martin, both of whom were delegates. As a matter of fact Cliff and I went to a Legacy luncheon as well. Another chap whom some of the earlier arrivals at Darby will remember, Doug Otten of the 1st Company, was also there and the three of us spent quite a good deal of time together.

Well, as I said before, it was good to again start getting the "Courier" and read about the doings over there. Keep up the good work you are all doing and the best of luck go with you all until I get the urge to write again.

J. C. BURRIDGE, of 69 King St., Perth, W.A., writes:—

I have sold only one book. It seems I am selling tickets for too many organisations these days and people are starting to avoid me.

The enclosed cheque is for the sweep and a donation towards the curbing fund in Kings Park.

TEX RICHARDS, of Bradshaw St., Latrobe, Tasmania, writes:—

Always running late. Am enclosing butts and cash trusting you have a good result.

All the Richards are doing all right. Am going to Melbourne next Saturday taking my youngest boy with me. Will be going to see Kev Curran for about a week, so will write you when I come back from my holidays.

Trusting you all are well and you don't get your feet wet. By the news you are having a drop of rain.

Regards to all, especially Jess, Bill and family and Colleen and George and family. So it's cheers until late next month.

JEAN HAMILTON-SMITH writes:

Geordie has writer's cramp as usual, otherwise is well. Hope these butts arrive in time. Sorry you had to jog his memory.

C. HOLLEY, of 21 Ashcroft St., Ernington, Sydney, N.S.W., writes:—

Sorry to be, so long winded about writing and sending those butts back, but I'm a commercial traveller and I move around a lot. Anyway I've moved to a new address as above, and will mostly be around Sydney now, although I expect to be in Adelaide for a bit, early next year.

Haven't seen any of the boys around lately, but now that I'll be in the one place (I hope!) I'll look them up and should be able to send you a letter with some news in it. I'll get this posted off, anyway.

E. G. ROWE, of Pine Creek, Canungra, Q., writes:—

It's been quite a while since I dropped you a line. I'm very pleased to be receiving the "Courier" like I have been, thanks a lot.

Enclosing butts, also cash which may help to cover costs. Sorry to keep you waiting. I put them away in the drawer and forgot about them.

I haven't seen any of the boys the only news I get is out of the "Courier".

We are still farming and liking it but could do with a little drop of rain. Should have 90 to 100 cows to milk this season. Will be kept moving. I shouted myself a new Holden ute, had it since February and am very pleased with it.

Still only have three in the family the eldest is 18. Makes me feel older. He plays football of a weekend in Brisbane. Plays for Souths. The other two go to high school next year, one 14 and the other 12½, but are all big, strong and healthy kids.

I'll close now. You probably won't hear from me for another 12 months, so till then all the best to you and the gang over there.

W. D. HUDSON, writes:—

Have enclosed one butt of tickets. Afraid we have lost one but it will not matter as I had bought that book myself. Have enclosed cash to cover both books.

JIM ENGLISH, of 5 Bamford Place, Seven Hills, N.S.W., writes:—

Please find enclosed tickets and money. If we miss the drawing don't worry. We probably would not win it anyhow.

I have plenty of news for you to print but time is the problem now, but I will guarantee a good letter within two weeks. Until then best wishes to all from the English family.

KEL CARTHEW, of 13 Gilbert Rd. Windsor, writes:—

So sorry I forgot all about the tickets. Hope they reach you in time.

REG HARRINGTON, of Ainaro, Wyening, W.A., writes:—

I must apologise for not having answered about tickets to the Cabaret. In fact I had hoped right up to the last that we may have been able to make it, but we were in the midst of shearing. I managed to slip away for the afternoon and take the boys to the Show but Dot had to keep the inner man satisfied. However I will fine myself the cost of the tickets and the loss of enjoyment that I know would have been available. We might be freer to get along to more of these functions next year as our eldest lad will be home. It is not always easy to make arrangements when there are a few nippers to think of.

It has been an up and down kind of season this year. Too much rain, then not enough. We could do with more now, yet a few weeks ago we were praying for it to stop. On the other hand haven't got bogged today doing fire breaks and we still have to travel an extra four or five mile to get the mail because of a lake of water across the normal road we use. It is quite annoying to see ducks swimming across the road.

The brighter side of the picture is that there is bundles of feed with an extra heavy wool clip. We average 12½ lb. and if the prices continue on the present trend it should compensate somewhat for lack of wheat yield.

Saw Lou Thompson at the local inter-school sports. He was there barracking for his local team, Wan namal I think. I couldn't spend

much time with him though as there were numerous duties to perform. Also blew the froth off a couple with Jim McLaughlan at the show. He was to be out this week to have a look at a sight for a shearing shed but hasn't shown up yet. Of course it is early in the week yet. One of the opposition were in on Monday and by the figures he had to offer I look like being separated from quite a few bales of wool to carry out this project.

We must make a big effort to get to the Christmas Party this year, particularly as it falls on my birthday. That will be 44 that have slipped by so it's no wonder the grey hairs are starting to show.

I was sorry to hear of Rocky Williams passing and send my deepest sympathy to his family.

KEVIN S. CURRAN, Fleece Inn Hotel, Bendigo, Victoria, writes:—

At long last I found the evening to pen a line or two of interest to the boys as Gladys and I have been privileged to have had a few of the Eastern Staters pay us a visit in recent weeks so here goes.

Max Davies and Grace paid us a visit to Bendigo where her sister Leslie and brother-in-law Tom Finlayson are mine host at the Waterloo Hotel so a smoke signal went out to Arthur Coates and wife who made the trip from Culgoa. Blue Sargent who is a Weir keeper not far away apologised as he has a very sick father and could not be left alone. However, with a few of the locals we spent a very enjoyable weekend and naturally lowered the kegs a bit in both hotels. Great chaps both Max and Arthur along with charming wives.

Unfortunately Gladys had made arrangements for a break in the city and it was school holidays but I looked after her interests to the best of my ability.

The very same weekend Keith Beer paid us a flying visit as he was on his way to a trap shoot. Keith looks very well and would love to be put on distribution list of the "Courier". His address: Mr. Keith Beer, Niemeer Park, Malan, N.S.W., Phone 46.

The following day a call from Tex Richards over from Latrobe for a break and take in the first semi final. Brought son Warren

with him and we had a delightful time as he is such good company and Warren teamed up well with my son, Dennis. On top of this a further smoke signal that Baldy and Vie were heading south for a spell at Mildura. This turned out to be an excellent situation so we conversed into the wee small hours of the morning. Naturally we did not rise early next day, but when I did come downstairs my barman was most upset as he had to shoot and finish off a Jap we left wounded the night before. Poor bastard was reaching up from the floor with his one good arm trying to get his hand into a plate of dim sims Baldy had left from the night before.

Next morning took Tex and Baldy for a trip around the Eppolock Weir, just completed, 12 miles from Bendigo and filled the first year, 275,000 acre feet, some weir and some water.

Later that day Baldy, Vie, Gladys and myself watched Cobb and Co. coach make its entry into the city after a trip from Queensland to promote funds for the Royal Flying Doctor team, and finally a farewell drink at the Shamrock and then goodbye for the time being as both Vie and Baldy have agreed to spend a portion of their Christmas leave with us. Gladys and I were a little sad that night as Vie and Baldy are a couple that generate a terribly friendly atmosphere with their simplicity and friendliness. Farewell Baldy and Vie.

Next day it was on again when we wished Tex and Warren a safe trip and good luck in the future for it's always a pleasure to have Tex with us as he's such a cheery chap in spite of quite his share of bad health. However the last couple of years have been much kinder and we wish sincerely you continue that way.

With so many of our pals we almost forgot to mention a flying four Harry Botterill, wife and family, who it was a pleasure to welcome as Harry has one of the nicest families a man might wish to see. Lovely to see you Harry, but try and make it a longer spell next time.

Well, so much for our very welcome visitors and a dibble of our doings. Council is very interesting though it takes up a lot of

time but I am pleased we made the step as we have learned a lot and met a lot of interesting people.

Hawthorn have had a great year. We are hoping for another premier ship, though Geelong will be hard.

You might mention Joe Poynton's father called in and is looking well and sends his regards to all the boys in the West.

This about winds me up for the present so cheerio to all the boys and a special good wish to yourself.

Please find enclosed cheque for overdue subs.

PETER MANTLE, of Box 120, Biloela, Queens., writes:—

In the Anzac Memorial Club here at Biloela, there is a notice asking members to wear a shirt and footwear after 8 p.m. I doubt if there are many notices like that anywhere in the world.

Dairying for butterfat is still important here; cream carriers use some pretty rough roads that get messy in the wet. They carry all sorts of goods and get pretty filthy, so many work in singlets and bare feet. They pad into the Club for a drink, leaving their trucks outside. But after eight at night we get all formal and bar bare feet and chests.

It's a well-got-up club, with about 80ft. of laminex topped bar, chairs and tables, a good lounge with piano, and now it has sewerage.

One day someone might make a collection of interesting notices in public places. For instance the Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay has notices "South-Africans not admitted" and the Bombay Gymkhana Club used to have one "Women and dogs must not pass this point" near the dressing rooms.

STAN SADLER, of Wongan Halls, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed are the tickets for the Cabaret and also a cheque in payment. We will not be attending and although I've left it a bit late you may be able to resell them.

Not much news. The rain seems to have left us at last, it has left plenty of damage in the way of washed out paddocks and tracks around the farm and the crop we have in is only fair. Plenty of sheep feed and the fire hazard is

going to be high this year. Breaks—firebreaks—are non-existent at the moment, it is still too boggy in patches and too hard in other patches to do much about them. We may get a late rain which would enable us to do a fair job.

You will notice great progress in the township of Wongan when next you are up this way.

Under construction and nearly completed is a £35,000 Olympic-length swimming pool, also a £27,000 Court House and Police Station. A regional hospital and a new station (railway) are to be started next year. A new golf club house was completed last year and quite a number of new residences and business premises have gone up in the past two or three years. It is becoming quite a decent sized town. I forgot the most important thing or so John Fowler will say, new Shire Council offices for about £30,000. John is a Shire Councillor.

I'll sign off now, and all the best to you.

JIM WALL, of 18 Shaw St., Nidrie, Vic., writes:—

I am enclosing copies of our accounts for the year ended 30/6/63 and I would appreciate it if you could publish them in the "Courier" at the first available opportunity. I have re-arranged them slightly but you can re-arrange them further to suit your requirements. I have pencilled a note on one of the statements to the effect that you can omit the bottom portion if necessary.

I hope to have the accounts published in the October "Courier" but I have probably left it a bit late. I intended to write last week end but I forgot all about it.

Whilst going through the Association papers in the process of preparing the account I found my Address Book, much to my relief.

I was speaking to Johnny Roberts today—I am getting a couple of watches from him for Christmas presents for two of my daughters. I think they are a bit young for watches but they don't think so. As a matter of fact they have been after them for the last two years now.

I have seen Bert Tobin a couple of times lately and also Bill Roger-Davidson. I was at the football

with Bill a couple of weeks ago and although we were supporting opposing teams we managed to have a few friendly beers. Bill was in the process of buying a new house at Mooroolbark, about 20 mile from the city. He hoped to be moving in in a few months.

I was speaking to Mrs. Benedict, Bernard Callinan's secretary, a few days ago and she said that Bernard would be back in Australia in October.

Do you remember Ian "Gur" Ronald? I sent tickets in our Cup Sweep to him and the letter was returned endorsed "In London". He was previously living in Broken Hill, so apparently is in the U.K. at present. I don't know whether for good or just a visit.

I struck my bank manager in a very sympathetic mood a few weeks ago and purchased a new car. A Holden EJ model. I previously had a Morris Minor but my family was beginning to grow out of it.

I had better finish off now as it is fast approaching 10 p.m. and as I had a late night last night I better retire a bit earlier tonight.

Give my regards to all of the boys over in the West.

TOM (Master No Grass) MARTIN, of 670 King George's Pt., Penhurst, N.S.W., writes:—

Sorry, I am late but find enclosed cheque for sweep tickets and my sub.

We have just finished our R.S.L. State Congress and you can imagine what it was like with Paff and Press there with me as delegates from our respective Sub-Branched.

No need to worry about our conversations but we certainly upped the production of Reschs Brewery.

Press is like a greyhound on a diet and Paff could pass for one of his Hereford bullocks.

See Micky Mannix on and off. Seems to be doing all right in the building game.

Myself, a hard working public servant with the State Treasury. Got my own home. Just taken delivery of a new Holden and suffering hell with my ulcers.

Will give you some news later on as I wish to get this to you pronto. Regards to yourself and all the boys.

BETTY CRAIG, of South Greenbank, Young, N.S.W., writes:—

I have just found the tickets and I am sorry I have forgotten to return them to you. If they are too late just place in the funds the cheque.

Keith has been really busy these last months with stud and show sheep and the wet weather. He has shearing coming up this next week and quite a few shows to take the sheep to. The owner is away for a couple of months so all are really extra ordinarily busy.

I did tell him I would send the tickets in and I am sorry about forgetting.

We were hoping to go away for holidays now but hope now to go in January and will take the children somewhere to swim a bit.

We did enjoy the visit from the Jack Peatties and were sorry their visit had to be so short.

I also told Keith I would send all the news so I'll have to sit down and write a letter later.

D. FULLARTON, of Donnelly River Mill, via Bridgetown, W.A., writes:—

Sorry for the late return of the sweep tickets but at the moment am reasonably busy, only excuse.

Enclosed postal note for tickets. All the best. See you next time we hit the city.

A. C. JARVIS, of Evelyn St., Gosnells, W.A., writes:—

Please find enclosed money and butts. Sorry I have not been able to get around much what with the weather and my old aches and pains do not live such a hectic life these days. Success to the sweep and regards to all.

WILF MARCH, writes:—

Herewith sweep butts and cash for same. Sorry they are a bit late. I am on night shift and have been very busy. Hope to see you soon.

H. GOODE, of 8 Ernest St, Windsor, Brisbane, Q., writes:—

I have just received your reminder about the sweep. I am sorry but as I do not gamble I am having to send the tickets back to you. Trust you'll understand.

Wishing you and the Association all the best and thanking you for the "Courier".

G. F. BAYLISS, of 20 Armanda St. Bayswater, W.A., writes:—

Sorry to cut it so fine with the raffle tickets which you will find enclosed, but I have been kept busy running our Sub-Branch raffle which has just been drawn.

Will bring cash for butts to the meeting next week.

I have enclosed a short story taken from our Union book that you might like to publish in the "Courier".

D. A. DAVIES, of 14 Elswick St., Petersham, N.S.W., writes:—

Very sorry I have to return book of tickets unsold. Have been ill and unable to move about. The Government has got me on T.P.I. I fully appreciate the "Courier" and hope you have great success. Would take full book myself but finance at present will not permit. Best wishes to all. Hope to come good later on but at present cannot see too far ahead.

JACK DENMAN, of Geraldton, W.A., writes:—

Herewith butts and cheque. Best wishes to all the fellows.

SNOWY WENT, of 32 Wyong St., Canley Vale, writes:—

Enclosing sweep butts and cheque for same. I'm sorry to be late again. Just don't seem to have enough time these days.

Must be getting older and slower although it's a poor apology for not attending to this matter sooner than now.

Many thanks to you and the Association for the Address Book. It is very handy.

Your Editorial was to the point and regarding opinions of it, well we're in a sorry plight unfortunately because politicians and newspapers are the only ones allowed opinions and then are always right.

A. JAMIESON, of Larmer St., Narrawandra, N.S.W., writes:—

Please excuse me for sending the ticket butts and money on to you. What is left over please put to any use you like and will write again next month. Could not remember the address of where to send the butts back to and had thrown away the letter on which they came. Hope the sweep is a great success and look forward

eagerly to the papers. One of these days I will make an attempt to reach the West.

Will close now wishing you all the best.

RIP McMAHON, of Commercial Hotel, Three Springs, writes:—

Enclosing cash and butts and hope the sweep is an outstanding success.

I am now pulling the nut brown ale in Three Springs and it is a quiet though friendly little place. The only outstanding features are a full sized Olympic pool and a talc mine. The talc is of a very high grade and is mined on the open cut principle. So far they are down 120 feet so there is no shortage of the stuff.

Ran into Leo Criddle who is a ganger with the Midland Railway and he sends his regards to all. Is a much married man with five girls and a boy.

Well, so long for the present.

LORENZA KING, of Wilfred Road, Canning Vale, W.A., writes:—

Charles and I trust this letter will find yourself and the rest of the boys and their families in the best of health.

You will find the money and ticket butts enclosed. So sorry we are a little late in returning them.

Charles had a wonderful time at the Re-union. He has not stopped talking about you all. It was such a dreadful night that he was not going to venture outside the house but the boys and I drove him to the bus stop and insisted that he must go. We are also going to try and insist that he attends next month's meeting. He really enjoys getting together with you all.

Victor is still in Melbourne. He has met one of the "boys" over there but did not tell me his name. He also met one in Adelaide. I shall write and ask him their names. He wrote and told me he had a wonderful time with them both.

All the best to you all.

NORM THORNTON, of Box 81, Denmark, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed find butts and cash for tickets and for subs, and anything else. Sorry they are late. Will write a long letter next week.

KEV MILLINGTON, of 10 Venn St. Bunbury, W.A., writes:—

I mislaid the raffle tickets and when found it was too late as I only got your letter this morning as it went to our old address in Donnybrook. We are now living in Bunbury and like it.

I am so sorry I didn't sell tickets and was late into the bargain.

J. J. MOORE, of Dwellingup, W.A. writes:—

Please find enclosed butts and money for tickets for the sweep. Hope it is a success.

BERT MATTHEWS, of 185 Ravenscar St., Double View, W.A., writes:—

Just a few lines to return butts for sweep and I am enclosing extra as I think I must owe some money for subs as I don't remember paying last year.

Sorry I have not been at meetings for quite a while but will make one soon.

Hope the sweep is a success.

Bill Richards (JACK SPENCER'S brother-in-law) writes:—

I still do not know where Jack is so I took the liberty of selling your tickets and am enclosing the butts and cheque for the same.

STAN KING, of Pingaring, W.A., writes:—

A short note to return sweep butts and cheque. Not much trouble to get rid of them around here. They seem to like the idea.

A good season here. All the crop in and shearing just finished. Wools a bit light but have got to have a mean of some sort.

Will see you all at the dinner, as usual, so cheerio for now.

F. WILKES, of Brunswick Junction W.A., writes:—

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still in the land of the living.

I don't see any of the old gang down here but the other day I ran into Bernie Langridge from Donnybrook. Still looks the same Bernie. See Arthur Marshall now and again in his car or truck but not to talk to.

I've just moved into a new house at last, but don't seem to be doing anything else but paying bills, but

I suppose it's all for the good in the long run.

I'm stationed now at Bunbury on the railway, as Brunswick has just about had it now, but still live in Brunswick.

I'm enclosing the sweep butts and a cheque, and all the best to everyone.

CHARLIE SADLER, of Box 108, Wongan Hills, W.A., writes:—

Just a few lines to return butts and cheque. Half of the balance to go for Kings Park and the other for Children's Christmas Party.

I don't think I will make the Re-Union this year.

My wife is ready to take off for Perth so I had better not keep her waiting. Regards to all.

ERIC THORNANDER, 10 Robert St., Kalgoorlie, W.A., writes:—

Find enclosed money order to cover sweep and subs.

There is not a great deal locally to write about. All the boys here and the Thornander family are in the pink.

Trusting everything works out well for the Association and all concerned for the future.

RON GURR, "Tarquin", Private Bag, Naracoorte, writes:—

It is much easier to get the ticket butts and the money into the envelope than the letter, but the amount of work you must do for the Association shames one into writing.

I have not seen any of the 2/2nd in the last 12 months so am particularly grateful for the "Courier" to keep me in touch with the doings of the boys.

No doubt you will be hearing from my old SX mate, Keith Dignum whose wife Betty, has presented him with a daughter, their first child after 20 years married. Dig says he does not know what everyone is getting in a flap about.

My wife and I are hoping to make the trip over to the West one of these days. It would be good to see the boys again.

L. J. FREEMAN, of 3 Warringa St., Yagoona, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosed is cheque and butts of sweep tickets.

Hoping your sweep is a big success.

Remember These . . .

NOVEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT

Geraldton Convention

LONG WEEKEND — NOVEMBER 9 to 11

Bowls Night

MAIMED AND LIMBLESS ASSOCIATION
COLLINS STREET, WEST PERTH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Children's Christmas Party

SOUTH PERTH ZOO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th