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## COMING EVENTS

**AUGUST, TUESDAY 5th. BOWLS NIGHT.**

**SATURDAY 9th** ~~COMMUNITY DINNER~~ send off to JESS EPPS AND ELSIE AND SCOTTY WARES.

Anyone welcome and please contact Secretary if intending to attend.

**SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 2nd. BOWLS NIGHT.**

**SATURDAY 20th ANNUAL REUNION DINNER** at IMPERIAL HOTEL 6.30 p.m. MAKE IT A MUST.

**SUNDAY, 21st COMEMORATION SERVICE, KING'S PARK**  
2.45 p.m. ALL WELCOME.

**OCTOBER, TUESDAY 7th. ANZAC CLUB LOUNGE. BRING THE LADIES ALONG FOR DISCUSSIONS.**

**SATURDAY 11th-MONDAY 13th COUNTRY CONVENTION AT BUNBURY. SEE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.**

**NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 4th. FINAL CALCUTT TROPHY.**

**DECEMBER, TUESDAY 2nd. PRESENTATION CALCUTT TROPHY. MEMBERS BRING YOUR LADIES.**

Members will note new position of coming events. **RIGHT ON FRONT PAGE.** We have noted with sorrow that many members omit to read the back page and so miss announcements of meetings and social events. **PLEASE**—when you finish reading the Courier cut out this page and place it in an obvious position. (KITCHEN, BEDROOM CEILING, TOILET DOOR) so that you do not forget coming events.

**P.S.** Please read Courier as soon as it arrives and not two weeks later as again you may miss out on good social events. **EDITOR.**

## W.A. MONTHLY MEETINGS

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY MAY 20, 1975.

THE President: Mr. J. Carey declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Carey, D. Darrington, P. Hancock, A. Wares, R. Dhu,

TREASURER'S Report: P. Hancock presented the following statement of Accounts as at May 20, 1975:

	\$	\$
Balance Forward		572.75
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
May Meeting	11.00	
Donations	54.00	
Anzac Day	189.80	
Tie clips, badges	3.40	
Fullbrook painting	36.50	
Sale of Typewriter	25.00	319.70
		892.45
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
April meeting	13.00	
Courier Postage	9.60	
Petty Cash	11.56	
Anzac Day	190.53	
Courier, March issue	140.25	
Transit Inn	194.50	559.44
		\$333.01

Financial report was received and accounts passed for payment, on the motion of R. Neuzerling, seconded C. Varian.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Inward from Mick Devlin, Gerry Green, Jim Hallinan, Burrigade and Warren, Doug Bruce State Sec. R.S.L. Outward to Ken Piese of 2/4th, Burrigade and Warren Pty. Ltd. Moved R. Dhu, seconded A. Smith that correspondence, both inward and outward be received and confirmed.

**KINGS PARK:** G. Fletcher reported our area had been compiled, and that a list of all the names in there are still 5 plaques missing. He suggested that a wreath should also be placed on our Memorial Stone on Anzac Day.

**SAFARI RAFFLE:** A. Wares reported that 340 tickets had been sold to date.

**ANZAC DAY:** Despite the rain, everyone enjoyed this day, thanks to Col Doig's offer to use his home as the venue. The luncheon was provided by J. Carey, and he is congratulated on such a magnificent spread. Country

C. Varian, H. Sproxton, G. Fletcher, A. Smith, R. Neuzerling, D. Fullarton and L. Bagley.

MINUTES of Meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 1975, were taken as read as circulated, and confirmed on the motion of A. Wares, seconded H. Sproxton.

members were well represented among the 56 who attended. A Sam Fullbrook print was raffled and the winner was Peter Campbell. J. Fowler has generously offered his home as the venue for 1976.

**MAY Meeting:** Which was held in the Visitors Lounge of Anzac Club was a most successful mixed evening. The object of the meeting was to ask our ladies for suggestions for future social events, which would help the Social sub-committee to know what was required. A number of suggestions were put forward for consideration. Supper was provided by the Anzac Club staff.

**SOCIAL** sub-committee have acted upon a suggestion to hold a BBQ at Joe Kalanowski's Mundijong Hotel on Sunday, June 15. C. Varian is to arrange for the hire of a bus. J. Carey will order the meat. The Association will pay for the hire of the bus.

J. CAREY suggested that an evening be arranged to farewell Elsie and Alec Wares, and Jess Epps, who will be departing for the U.K. and Scotland, next August.

UNIT GLASSES: Ray Shaw has provided 3 doz. glasses, which is the balance of the 2 gross, which was originally ordered.

COUNTRY Convention: Tom Crouch will be further contacted regarding this outing.

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1975.**

THE President: Mr. J. Carey declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Carey, D. Darrington, P. Hancock, A. Wares, R. Dhu, C. Varian, H. Sproxtton, G.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P. Hancock presented the following statement of Accounts as at June 17, 1975:

	\$	\$
Balance Forward		333.01
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
June meeting	14.00	
Donations	22.00	
Tie Clip	50	
Mundijong barbecue	70.00	106.50
		<hr/> 439.51
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
May meeting	32.36	
Postage June Courier	13.00	45.36
		<hr/> \$394.15

Financial report was received and accounts passed for payment, on the motion of A. Wares, seconded G. Fletcher.

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward from Tom Crouch, Clarrie Turner, Charlie Sadler, Tony Bowers, Max Davies, Jack Hartley, Vic Pacey, Tony Adams, Alan Luby, Mick Devlin, Bloss Lawrence, R.S.L., Jack Peattie, Allan Stewart, Portuguese Government, Senator Willesee, Ted Mulcahy. Outward to Tom Crouch and Colin Doig.

Moved D. Fullarton, seconded D. Darrington that correspondence, both inward and outward be received and confirmed.

KINGS PARK: G. Fletcher said the area was in good condition. Some plaques are still missing and Ron Kirkwood will be contacted to find out where replacements can be obtained.

SAFARI RAFFLE: A. Wares stated that 400 tickets had been sold

HOSPITALISED: R. Sprigg is in R.P.H., Ward 11, and J. Smailes is in Hollywood, Ward 6. All visitors welcome.

THE Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

President .....

Date .....

THE next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 1975, at Anzac Club at 8 p.m.

Fletcher, R. Neuzerling, D. Fullarton and L. Bagley.

APOLOGY from A. Smith was accepted.

MINUTES of Meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 1975, were taken as read as circulated, and confirmed on the motion of C. Varian, seconded H. Sproxtton.

and was hopeful that the remaining 200 would sell before the October closing date.

MUNDIJONG Picnic: C. Varian reported on the success of this day. Joe Kalatowski was the perfect host to the 20 people who arrived by bus after travelling via Fremantle, Kwinana, Safety Bay, to Mundijong. Excellent meat for the BBQ was supplied by J. Carey. The return journey was via Jarrahdale, Serpentine, and Albany Highway.

FAREWELL evening to Elsie and Alec Wares and Jess Epps will be held ~~on Saturday~~ on Saturday, August 9, prior to their departure for a holiday in U.K. and Scotland.

COUNTRY Convention: T. Crouch has advised that accommodation is not available in Manjimup for

October 11, 12 and 13. The secretary was asked to write to C. Turner regarding the availability of accommodation in Busselton.

**CALCUTT Trophy:** Sixteen members attended this evening, with the points score to date being: P. Hancock 9; D. Fullarton 8; R. Finklestein 6, L. Bagley 5; R. Kirkwood 5; A. Smith 3; G. Maley 3; and C. Doig 1.

**JULY Meeting:** A mixed night will be held at the Anzac Club Visitors Lounge, supper to be provided by the Club.

**AUGUST Meeting:** Bowls night.

**HOSPITAL Report:** Merv Ryan is in Royal Fremantle, Jim Smailes and Ron Sprigg have both returned home.

**ANNUAL Dinner:** L. Bagley is to make enquiries at the Imperial Hotel concerning this function. THE meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

President .....

Date .....

THE next Committee Meeting will be held at Anzac Club on Tuesday, July 15, 1975.

## VICTORIAN NEWS

Have been very slow in sending in applications for Mammoth Raffle—but find enclosed cheque and forms for three tickets.

Things are very quiet over here, we have not been active at all mainly because I have been taking things very quietly after my operation, and have not had any meetings—but I am feeling good again and we shall get cracking again.

The only function we have had was the Anzac Day march and reunion with the Commando Association after the march, at the Dorchester by the Yarra River—it turned out to be a very good day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were thirteen of our members present namely—Bruce McLaren, from Surfers Paradise, Bernie Callinan, Rolf Baldwin, Max Davies, Ken Monk, John Southwell,

Alex Boast, George Kennedy, Jim Robertson, George Veitch, Bert Tobin, Don Freyer down from Wangaratta, and he sends his regards to all the boys.

Gordon Stanley and his Joan were down for a holiday from Queensland to visit their folks early March—coincided with the time I was in hospital and it was good of them to visit me.

I take this opportunity to ask all **VICTORIAN MEMBERS TO SEND IMMEDIATELY FOR A TICKET IN THE MAMMOTH RAFFLE** and thereby make it a success, so that the N.S.W. boys can plan their Safari properly.

This is all the news for the present and hope it will not be so long before the next issue,

Harry Botterill.

## NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

Received your welcome letter, and I am pleased to say Betty is well on the way to recovery. It is good to hear that all is well in W.A. John Darge continues to make good progress, although he had to return to hospital for a week for observation. It is really terrific the recovery he has made after such a major operation. Coral Coker has also just been discharged from hospital after surgery, and she also is making good progress.

At our March meeting the Safari was discussed in detail, and whilst there are some modifications to the original plan we feel that it will meet with everyone's approval. We are hopeful that all the outstanding problems will be resolved at our April

meeting, and Safari 1976 will be available for general publication soon after.

We have had several requests for address books, and I was wondering if you had any spares. In regards to the recognition of the boys who served on Timor being accepted as unofficial P.O.W's, our committee advises that this should be done on a national bases, and all states to take it up with the RSL sub-branches.

The combined Commando Association are holding their re-union on Anzac Day, and this looks like being a really good day.

Well that expires the news for the present, and NSW extends the best to all members,

Mick Devlin.

Just a very few lines hoping that all W.A. members and their families are enjoying the best of health. I have been asked by the N.S.W. committee, that providing it does not require a great deal of work, a list of NSW and Queensland members who have purchased tickets in the current raffle, we are not interested in the names just the numbers. The information is required for a survey we are conducting, regarding the posting of another circular to boost the sales.

We had a most welcome visitor last Thursday evening in the person of young Don Sproxtion, who called in

on the eve of his departure back to S.A.

Alan Luby will phone Scotty re plans of Safari within the next week. Will forward next newsletter after June meeting,

regards,

Mick Devlin.

VALE

It is with regret that I have to report the passing of Charlie Williams of Fennell Bay, N.S.W. on the 25th June 1975. His passing came after a very long illness. The sympathy of all members of the Association is extended to his wife and family.

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### CALCUTT TROPHY

On Tuesday 3rd June a most successful competitive evening was held for the first round of the Calcutt Trophy. The results of the various games and the points tally are as follows:

**BOWLS.** Hancock 4, Smith 3, Bagley 2, Finklestein 1.

**TABLE TENNIS.** Kirkwood 4, Maley 3, Finklestein 2, Bagley 1.

**DARTS.** Fullarton 4, Hancock 3, Bagley 2, Doig 1.

**QUOITS.** Fullarton 4, Finklestein 3, Hancock 2, Kirkwood 1.

Progressive points scores—Hancock 9, Fullarton 8, Finklestein 6, Bagley 5, Kirkwood 5, Smith 3, Maley 3, Doig 1.

### MUNDIJONG PICNIC

Sunday 15th June dawned cloudy but fine after a very wet night and by 9.30 a.m. it was obvious that the weather was going to be kind to us for our picnic to Mundijong. As advertised in the last Courier we assembled at the Barrack St. Jetty, met our bus driver Bill and were soon aboard. It was a disappointingly small roll up, but we were in gay spirits and made up our minds that we were going to have fun—and this we did. Bill—our driver suggested a slightly different route that took us through Kwinana and Waikiki and past the Ocean Endeavour oil rig. This was a delightful drive and it seemed all too short when we arrived at our destination the Mundijong Hotel where we received a right rolay welcome from a 2/2nd member Joe Kalinowski. The sun was now shin-

ing brightly and we sat at small tables in the sunshine drinking and chatting while we waited for the barbecues to be right for our cook out. As always Jack Carey turned up trumps with an array of mouth watering steaks, chops and sausages and very soon the aroma of grilled meat filled the atmosphere. What a wonderful meal! Replete and slightly comatose, we sat in that lovely fresh air and sunshine surrounded with lush green grass and sturdy old trees. After a little more of the hard stuff we regretfully said our thanks to Joe and once more boarded our bus. This time we drove to Serpentine Dam—a beautiful spot and then back to Perth. Bill continued to drive along “different” little side roads to keep our journey interesting. This was a wonderful day with everyone feeling relaxed and refreshed, and on the last stages of the trip many were the jokes told and laughed over. A last stop at an orchard for oranges fresh from the trees and then back home. This was one of the first of a proposed list of social events and should wet our appetites for more of the same.

Those attending were Jack and Delys Carey with Melita, Lindsay and baby John, Col Doig, Joy Loudon, Thelma and Harry Sproxtion, Harry and Maisie Holder, Dorothy and Len Bagley, Jess Epps and friend Ann Douglas, Clarrie Varian with wife Lex (good to see you along Lex) and son Warren, Dot and Gerry Maley with Rodney, Arthur Smith, Percy Hancock, Elsie and Alex Wares. Thank you all for coming and for those who missed it—do try and make it another time as you missed a great day.

## COUNTRY CONVENTION 11th-13 OCTOBER 1975

Our Country Vice-President Clarrie Turner has made bookings at the Rose Hotel Bunbury for the long week-end in October so would members intending to participate please let the Secretary know as soon as possible to enable him to notify the hotel of exact numbers. This is an urgent must.

## MAMMOTH RAFFLE

Application forms and money for tickets are very slow so this is a reminder to all members to send to Box T1646, Perth as soon as possible as I wish to clear up as much of the work before my departure overseas.

# RANDOM HARVEST

## KNYSGROVE

Dear Elsie and Alec,

The good news of course is that John is at work again and although he finds the travelling difficult he is managing.

Before John went back to work we had 10 days holiday in Newcastle staying with Bob and Joyce Smith. Actually we were only going to call at their place for a good cup of tea on our way to Nelsons Bay and would you believe it took us 10 days to get that cup of tea, plenty of wine or coffee but tea or rather "good tea"—never. They turned on beautiful weather for us, beautiful warm days and cool "cuddling" nights the only hitch being we had single beds and John could not manage to get the mattresses on to the floor. We were given a Grand Tour of Newcastle districts and holiday spots and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. One day Bob took us to the vineyards—Boy!!—Bob drove, John watched—Joyce and I "tasted". We started at McWilliams Vineyards where Ces the "gentleman" who conducts the tour which normally lasts 40 minutes ended up opening bottles normally kept for private functions and filling our glasses as soon as they were empty and entertaining us with some hilarious stories so the tour lasted 90 minutes. Joyce laughed, I sang and for some reason, maybe and only

Some members have reserved a second ticket so please send money and ticket will immediately be returned. To make the Safari a success all tickets must be sold.

## COURIER DONATIONS

The President wishes to thank the following members for sending donations, Mulcahy, Mantle, Martin, Press, Finklestein, Neuzerling,

## COURIER PUBLICATION

The Courier will be published on the 1st of February, April, June, August, October, December, and it would be appreciated if correspondence reached the Editor by the 14th of the preceding months. Editor.

maybe because he was driving instead of drinking Bob could not see why we were so happy, but John quietly smiled. Then on to Vineyard 2 namely Pokolbin Cellars, it was very quiet here until we arrived and suddenly the atmosphere became so happy and we were able to buy wines here. It was getting close to lunch time and we headed for Tyrells, the best vineyard, for a Bar-B-Q lunch—Beautiful!! and "The Hills were alive with the Sounds of Music". We had a bottle of cold sauteur with our lunch and then on for the tasting. Joyce and I sat at the bar. Bob and John sat away from us in fact they were not keen for it to be known we were with them. Joyce knows the Tyrell's and crew behind the bar and at one time she had four full glasses of different wines in front of her. I had a large order of wines to buy for different friends so of course I only tasted what I was buying and as I tasted the Hill became more alive with the Sounds of Music and Bob drove soberly on, for we had another vineyard to visit on the way back, the Wyndham Estate. The glasses were not as full here but the wines were quite nice and who wants to be called a greedy drunk anyway. On the way home Joyce and I found so many funny things we laughed all the way or maybe giggled and sang would be closer.

The 10 days passed so quickly for we met most of Bob's family and they made us so welcome and as for Joyce's cooking well John could honestly say "Home was never like this". But all good things come to an end and so did our holidays and then home and off to work.

Most of the talk over here is Safari and all we hope is that we can make your stay here as completely enjoyable as all of us enjoyed in the West.

Our weather at present is atrocious and if it doesn't soon stop raining we will all have webbed feet.

John and I hope you enjoy your trip and John says to say hello to Elizabeth two for him.

Our family is having a few ups and downs at the moment but I am sure all will be well soon.

How are your sons and their families, please give them our best wishes.

Good luck and good health for your tour.

Best wishes,

Joan and John Darge

Delighted to hear of John's remarkable recovery and return to work.  
Editor.

Geraldton

Many thanks for the confidence displayed in me by my reappointment to the position of Country Vice-President for the Northern area. You can rest assured I'll do my best to attend at least one Committee meeting during the new term of three years. As far as the other responsibilities of this office are concerned, it has always been my aim to have regular contact with double-red-diamond types in northern areas and to pass on to the "Courier", news about their activities. I would also like to take advantage of this opportunity of extending a hearty invitation to any of you visiting Geraldton, to call in at the ABC office which is conveniently situated two-doors from the Victoria Hotel in the main street, Marine Terrace, and to let me know how things are going with you and your family so that I can pass on the information to some of your old mates, per medium of the "Courier."

Nip Cunningham wishes to be remembered to all the boys. He's cycling as well as ever—just as Yours Truly is walking as well as ever. Nip's son-in-law and daughter, Alan and

Jan Johnson, have been in the news again as a result of the good prices they received at the second annual sale of the Mid-West Cattleman's Association. The Johnson family, which farms at Ogilvie near Northampton, received top price of \$725 for a polled Hereford bull.

I enjoyed a few noggins with Bruss Fagg of Northampton at the annual R.S.L. Reunion at Geraldton. Bruss, an R.S.L. Life Member, is currently Vice-President and Treasurer of the Northampton Sub-Branch after having been President and Secretary for some years. Although he's been retired a few years from the Water Supply Department, Bruss is busier than ever in various community activities, because he says it keeps his mind active. One of his jobs is that of President of the Aged Homes Steering Committee at Northampton.

Geraldton continues to prosper, as evidenced by the fact that a big shopping complex for Boans and Woolworths will open soon and a new Post Office is under construction.

Well, I must be off now, as duty calls. Kind regards to all the boys,

Peter Barden

Orange, NSW

Enclosed herewith is my application, together with cheque for a ticket in our lottery. As a matter of fact Kathleen has had the cheque made out for some considerable time waiting for me to put pen to paper letting you know how things are in this neck of the woods, and me, I have been trying to con her into writing the letter herself, but I am afraid that she did not fall for that, so here I am doing it myself.

I was particularly pleased that the appeal to save the Courier has been more or less successful and attached hereto is my few bob to go into that fund. It would be such a pity if, for the want of a few dollars we let this means of keeping in touch with each other fall by the wayside. We both look forward, so much, to receiving it and keep abreast with all the goings on.

Apart from Frank Sharp, who I run into occasionally in Dubbo, I haven't met up with any of the N.S.W. boys since last August. Did have hopes of getting to Sydney over the Anzac Day week-end, but had to give the Anzac

Address at Peak Hill, in the west of the State, so missed out both the Sydney march and the Commando Squadron's re-union, which I have heard was a very successful turnout. There are two members of the 2/5th Squadron on the N.S.W. RSL State Council with me, Jim Brooks, who is the Senior Vice President and Jack Williamson. Jim tells me that it was one of the best turnouts he has been to. RSL State President, Colin Hines was a guest and he too is loud in his praise of the outing, so it looks as if I missed out on something good.

We are starting to look forward to next year's safari and the suggested format appeals to me and should let us all enjoy a very pleasing get together. I will in all probability be able to get to our August meeting, when no doubt more definite plans will be taken over. It is hoped that we will have a good roll up for the safari so that we can continue the close association that has been part and parcel of our existence.

Found time a bit heavy on my hands after retirement and am now holding down a two day a week job with a grower's Co-operative and have just been re-elected to RSL State Council for my eleventh term.

I enjoyed Elsie's article about Women's Year and the logic of her views must be quite clear. Most of the ratings of the Women's Electoral Lobby and other Women's Libbers seems to me to be doing more harm than their cause than good. The Dubbo Race Club came up with what I thought was quite an idea to demonstrate what equality of the sexes meant when they had the same admission charges to both men and women at their Women's Year meeting, much to the consternation of the women patrons.

Kathleen and I sent our kindest regards to all in the West and as I said earlier we are looking forward to meeting as many as possible when you are over next year.

With kindest personal regards, I am  
Yours sincerely,

Frank Press.

#### DARWIN.

Firstly I would like to thank Len Bagley for arranging the get together when Dorothy and I arrived in Perth.

My sincere congratulations to Elsie Wares on the excellent editorial in the January edition of the Courier. May I

say thanks to your good lady and yourself and the many other people who gave their time so willingly to help the mothers and children when they arrived in the Capital Cities throughout Australia.

As I said previously I was working at Darwin Airport 18 hours per day and I admit that more than once a lump came into my throat to watch the old and the young patiently waiting for aircraft. It is a memory I shall never forget as long as I live.

I did not realise at the time that the strain was starting to tell on Dorothy when we were in Perth and since she has been back she is under the doctor. He wanted to put her in hospital but she refused to go.

Enclosed is a cheque for ticket and balance for Courier.

It was wonderful to see the boys on Anzac Day, some a bit grey and others a little stout. Once again thanks for everything,

regards, Ted Mulcahy.

#### RANDWICK.

Just a note to enclose another application form for the raffle. Have another couple swinging, will advise when they sign up.

John Darge has improved to a degree but still has a long way to go. They left yesterday for a couple of weeks at Nelsons Bay. John is hoping to return to work immediately after they came back and lets hope he can.

We have a meeting tomorrow night to further the Safari plans. All well here and trust you are both fit and well,

best wishes,

Alan Luby.

23/6/75.

I have included the date in this letter so that you will know when I wrote it because some of my letters have obviously been getting mixed up in Perth (for instance, some have not appeared in the "Courier" and the one that appeared in the June issue was written ago ago).

However, I have addressed this letter to Box T1646 in the hope that there will be no undue delay. I would also suggest that you include a line or two in the "Courier," outlining the deadline for the receipt of copy for the next month's issue.



Now onto the news regarding Double Red Diamond types in this area. Eric Smyth was returning from one of his favourite pastimes, fishing, when he found the luxury ketch "Madelon" on a reef near Geraldton. He rescued the crew in his 25 foot boat "Muliama" (which in the New Guinean language means "Wind and Water"). Eric and his wife Twy recently enjoyed the wonderful hospitality at the Bolgart farm of Reg and Dot Harrington.

Brus Fagg of Northampton has been in hospital in that town with a bad leg (a recurrence of trouble resulting from his war service). He was hoping to get out in time to attend a public meeting of the Pioneer Lodge Homes for the Aged Committee of which he is Chairman.

I enjoyed a few noggins with Roy (Plugger) Watson of Perth who was at Geraldton as the driver of a fish freezer truck. He had just finished his holidays and said he had a great time at Mandurah with Joe Poynton and the crabs, and also with Bill Howell who is manager of the Bowling Club. Plugger reckons the Mandurah Bowling Club will take some beating—only 20 cents for the drinks of your choice. Plugger also re-visited his old home town, Collie, where he imbibed with members of his old footie club which is currently on the top of the South West League's premiership ladder with my old team, Harvey-Brunswick.

Had a pleasant chat the other day with Eric Weller who is looking as well as ever. He spent eight months in Karratha and Roebourne, supervising the erection of six houses. However, he's now enjoying the pleasures of home life because the building firm for which he works, has a lot of contracts at Geraldton. Eric was recently in Perth for the wedding of son Tony who is teaching at the Hills High School in the Kalamunda area.

My eldest son, Ross, who works for the Geraldton Building Company, is among those being congratulated on the company's excellent effort in completing one month before the contract date, 190 houses at South Hedland. Ross was in charge of the plumbing.

Well, I must be off now, as duty calls. Kind regards and best wishes to all the boys.

Peter Barden

ALLORA.

Dear Editor,

We must's let the Mammoth Raffle fall by the wayside for lack of support. And I'll bet we don't. Anyhow here's the price of another ticket, plus a bit for the Courier fund or wherever you think it will fit in best.

Looks as though I've lost a long battle with Taxation. Some time ago I sold a farm belonging to me and the bank to the chap who'd been my sharefarmer (which for the benefit of you city slickers means that he did the work and I got one third of the crop). Well what he had plus what the Rural Reconstruction Board would lend him didn't reach my asking price. So it was agreed all round that in addition to that total money I was to retain my share-farm third interest in the 300-acre more or less of wheat then on the land. Ordinarily of course I'd have lost that one-third interest.

And so from time to time I've received a cheque from the Wheat Board.

And to my mind that money is plainly part of the selling price . . . sort of buying on terms. I simply wouldn't have sold the place on just the cash offered.

But the Tax boys say no, its income, pay up.

So you'll see why, when I was recently in Brisbane, standing in Adelaide street and some chap asked me which side the Taxation Department was on, I gloomily replied "not on my side—that's for sure."

Best regards,

Peter Mantle.

BRISBANE.

Thought it high time I dropped a line to express appreciation for your good work with the Courier. It is a constant joy to receive it and get news of the fellows.

Enclosing cheque and raffle application form. Sorry I have not been able to interest my work mates into a ticket.

See Tom Nesbit and Ian McPhee regularly but apart from them hardly see any of the local 2/2nd ites as I seem to be tied up with work that I have little time left for visiting.

Regards to all the boys and good luck to the new office bearers,

Tony Adams.

## YAGOONA.

Today is the shortest day of the year and at present it has stopped raining. The sky indicates that it is only a temporary respite. Rivers and creeks adjacent to Sydney are over the banks. Until now it looked like being one of the driest May and June periods since 1917, but it's heading towards the wettest since 1964.

Anzac Day and week-end was a busy period. The Combined Commando Association held a big reunion. All States were represented except the West. The reunion after the march was held aboard a ferry and a cruise round Sydney Harbour. The wives of the members had dinner at the Menzies after the march.

Ron Hilliard, Don Woodhouse and myself didn't go on the ferry but went to Arncliffe RSL and met John Darge and Bob Smith, and had quite a natter. John Darge is making an excellent recovery from the serious operation and glad to report that he has returned to work. I know how much determination it took to achieve that step. Quiet determination is a quality that both John and Joan have an abundance of. Good luck John and keep up the good progress.

Gordon Hart from 2/4th Coy came along to the May meeting and gave an interesting talk on the political scene in Portuguese Timor, also what the 2/4th were doing as regards the inhabitants of that part of Timor, so as they are not sold down the drain.

Find enclosed cheque for two tickets in the raffle, the success of the safari depends on the raffle so all Eastern States members please send your application and money immediately to the P.O. Box T1646 Perth.

In a few weeks time Scotty you will be heading for Scotland, may good health, good luck and a happy time travel with Elsie, Jess Epps and yourself.

Good luck to all,

Paddy Kennealy.

## MILING.

Enclosed please find cheque for raffle ticket and balance for Courier. I am writing this on Tom's behalf. I think he has forgotten how to write. Our family of three are married and

No. 5 grand child is due next week. The two boys are on the farm with us and the daughter is at Perenjori about 100 miles away.

In January this year Tom and I went to New Zealand on tour with 37 other West Aussie farmers and their wives. We travelled 3000 miles by road in 27 days, and as well as seeing the beauty spots of which there are many we also visited farms of all varieties. As well as visited the Agricultural Universities of which there are three and the International Genetic Centre, all being interesting to we farming types.

It was a very enjoying tour with first class transport, accommodation, food and company, and has wetted our appetite to travel again—so we wouldn't mind a world trip for \$20— if our ticket should win.

regards to all,

Ilma Martin.

## KOJONUP.

Tony asked me to write and get two more application forms as he can sell some more tickets.

He is on the recovery list as he had an accident some time ago. He fell off the back of the utility when we were chasing a fox across a paddock. He landed on his face and nearly broke his neck. It is completely untrue that I did it from malice. He was instructing me from the back of the ute and bellowing at me to turn left several times and as I was taking some time about it he got up from a kneeling position and leant around to scream again just as I turned left so out he went. He spent 4 days in hospital and had a broken tooth removed and really should go to Perth for further treatment as the nerves in his neck are pinching and causing pains in his arms.

So you see things are only middling around here,

regards,

Carol Bowers.

## WEST TAMWORTH.

I've meant to drop a line each time that the Courier arrives but that's as far as I've got. However when one arrived today my conscience got the better of me so here goes.

Since the family has grown up and left home Marj. and I have been get-

ting around quite a bit and enjoyed life. We spent five weeks in Tassie over Xmas and really enjoyed ourselves. We managed to catch a few trout and also did a bit of bush walking. There's no doubt Tassie leaves the other States for dead in this regard.

On the way to Tassie we called in on Keith and Betty Craig at Young. We met Harry and Olive Botterill and Bert and Wilma Tobin in Melbourne. It was really great to see them again.

This year as Anzac Day fell on a Friday Marj. and I were able to fly to Sydney, and as Mick Devlin reported a good time was had by all.

We also had the pleasure of Bob and Joyce Smith calling out to see us on holidays, and to cap it all off George and Edna Vandeleur dropped in and stayed for the week-end. George met Geoff Lairlaw and he was able to get an address book and wrote to me and arranged to come up. He has not changed and still plays a nasty game of cards—I'm glad I was not playing him poker.

I am enclosing application forms for tickets in raffle,

sincerely,

Jack Peattie.

CANBERRA.

Enclosed find cheque for raffle ticket and please send some more application forms. No real complaints from Canberra, beautiful autumn, winter now setting in with a little snow to be seen in the distant mountains. I am in the Treasury (no connection with the rapid turnover of Treasurers lately) and content to stay here. I did not get down to Sydney for Anzac Day as I had hoped but may be able to t in a trip later.

There does not appear to have been many members visit Canberra so far this year or at least none that I have seen. I was talking on the phone to Jim Fenwick but otherwise I have not seen any. I also missed the Combined Association re-union in Sydney.

ACT has obtained Statehood status in Rugby this year and had two members including the vice-captain in both tests against England which we won. Just about all sports are catered for and played here now, and the closeness of the mountains to the coast allows, a choice between ski-ing and surfing in a distance of about 120 miles either way at several times of the year.

My family are growing up now. My eldest moved into her new house about six weeks ago in Woden Valley. I though I would give advice on where to lay foot paths, gardens etc, but was demoted from honorary adviser to the wrong end of a wheelbarrow. Usual success there, tipped over a special mix.

I would like to pay a tribute to Col Doig's long years of work on the Courier which has been a vital link, and good luck to his successor. A demanding job, but much appreciated by everyone.

Best regards to all members,

Allan Stewart.

CLARE.

Please find enclosed money for raffle ticket.

Just a short note to say I am still as wide and short as ever but can still run 50 yards. I can still bend to play bowls so am not too old yet. See Dud Tapper and Lionel Newton now and then. Bill Coker called in on his way to Perth, still looks as young as ever.

All going well I will be on the trip next year.

Ross Smith.

CAPEL.

To all Members,

Many thanks for th econfidence shown in electing me as a country vice-president once again. I will try and get some news to you in the future.

I have been sitting back here enjoying each Courier as it arrives and lapping up the writings of other members which I should be ashamed of but am afraid there are a lot of us tarred with the same brush.

However have seen very little of any of the boys or heard of any of their doings. Did see Bernie Langridge for a moment recently but as I was working and busy at the time I was unable to catch up on any news he may have had. I will say that he looked very well in himself, the best I have seen him look in recent years. Had a brief visit from Alex Thompson last Saturday evening and managed to knock over a few ales.

Since last seeing any of the unit, Grace and I have celebrated the

arrival of another grandson, making it three grandsons and two granddaughters. Also we are expecting word from Darwin from our daughter Bethel who is expecting her second child. She says she can hardly get through the door of the caravan they are now living in, having lost their home during the cyclone.

The area around here has been very dry and the farmers have been hard feeding their stock and dairy herds. At last good rains have fallen and things should get better for them now. Today is a terrible one with terrible winds which have brought down trees and power lines. I have never seen the sea so rough or so high here and have been thinking of Joe and Helen Poynton and wondering how they are fairing.

Will sign off by wishing all members the best in life and hope to see them all again one day. I am sending a cheque for two raffle tickets and will remind Mac and Glad to get their's in.

regards,

Clarrie Turner.

#### WOGAN HILLS.

Enclosed cheque for raffle ticket and donation for Courier. I am sorry that I have taken so long to send for a ticket but if it is fully subscribed keep the cheque for funds.

Mavis and I now live in Wogan but I go out to the farm whenever I am needed.

John and Jean Fowler called in to see us and they gave us news of the 2/2nd doings. Also saw Ted Monk at bowls he was playing for Buntine who won the pennant this year.

That's about all for now,

regards,

Charlie Sadler.

#### KOJONUP.

Please find enclosed cheque for 6 tickets in mammoth raffle.

Not too good today as I spent yesterday at Mandurah and had a session with the boys there, and I have just arrived home.

all the best,

Tony Bowers.

#### MORNINGTON.

Hello W.A. Just a note to enclose a cheque for a couple of raffle tickets. Somehow or other I slipped off the Courier mailing list and didn't receive it. Grace (my wife) wrote to Jess Epps and mentioned the fact with the result that I received three, December, January and April. Thanks a lot. It made sad reading to see so many of the boys passing on.

It was only last Anzac Day that I jokingly growled about getting old and Bernie Callinan said "old age is not so good Max but I prefer it to the alternative". Don't we all.

Regards to all over there and hope to see a lot of you on the next Safari.

Max Davies.

#### CABRAMATTA.

Just a quick note to enclose the copy of the Courier you were needing to complete the collection. I have kept all the Couriers since the first and was contemplating have them bound into one volume, but could not find anyone who would do it. Should you need any others I would be pleased to forward them.

I am pleased to report that John Darge is coming along well and attended the monthly meeting, for a couple of hours.

Well I have a few chores to attend to before bed so I will close,

cheers,

Jack Hartley.

#### LENAH VALLEY.

Find enclosed donation for publication of Courier, which is a small substitute for the immense pleasure derived from receiving it, over the years.

It was quite a pleasure to meet such a number of members and their wives when they visited Tassie on the Safari, and speaking on behalf of Ivan Brown, Tex Richards, and myself many happy moments were spent in their company. It was noticeable that the years had been kind to most of them and quite noticeable also that they have not forgotten the taste of the amber fluid.

Would you kindly note the address and also I would appreciate an address book if available,

regards,

Vic Pacey.