

News 3-3-26

Dr. H. E. L. Brose B.Sc., a brilliant South Australian, who won the Rhodes scholarship in 1912, will leave Britain by the Orama on March 3 for Australia. He has been engaged in research work at Oxford University, and has been granted 12 months' leave of absence for a lecturing tour.

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Institute. It is the intention of the South Australian branch to tender him a complimentary dinner at the Grosvenor on March 24.

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Sir Archibald Thomas Strong, Jury Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Adelaide since March, 1922, is among the passengers on the Osterley, which is due to arrive at the Outer Harbor from London to-day. He has visited Great Britain and the Continent, and discussed with various professors modern



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methods of teaching English literature. Sir Archibald is an author of note, a translator of the classics, an authority on Shelly, and a poet whose graceful verses have attracted considerable attention. He has had a distinguished career, both in England and Australia. Sir Archibald was created a Knight Bachelor in 1925.

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TRAINING IN FORESTRY.

MELBOURNE OBJECTS TO ADELAIDE.

Melbourne, February 24. The Minister for Forests (Mr. Richardson) to-day said Victoria had agreed with the other State Governments to send pupils to the proposed forestry school at Canberra, but the Government are not prepared to send students to Adelaide, where the Federal Government have decreed they shall be trained pending the establishment of the Canberra school. The Victorian Government, it is pointed out, already have a forestry branch at Melbourne University and a school at Creswick.

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JUBILEE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Preparations are being made for the celebration of the jubilee of the University of Adelaide in August. The University was established in 1874 by Act of Parliament, and in 1881 the Royal letters patent were issued which gave the right to grant degrees. It was not until 1876 that the academic work of the University began with the enrolment of eight degree students and 52 non-graduating students. At the opening of the first term, in March, the form in which the jubilee will be celebrated will be discussed in detail. It is expected that the second short vacation will be extended to three weeks, the first of which will be devoted to the jubilee celebrations. Invitations have been sent to universities in Europe and America, and it is hoped some distinguished scholars will be present. A conference will be held during the second week of members of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, and arrangements for the conference to be held in Perth will be considered. The final week of the celebrations will be taken up with visits to places of interest in and round Adelaide.

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Scientific experiments often necessitate the establishment of unusual farms. At the Adelaide University 800 white geese are helping Professor T. M. Drisford Robertson, Professor of Physiology, in investigations aiming at the discovery of means to control cancer. There are 300 guinea pigs at the Adelaide Hospital assisting Dr. Lionel B. Bull (director of the South Australian Government Laboratory), to classify disease bacteria. At the Agricultural Department, North terrace, various kinds of weeds are cultivated for agricultural investigations.

The hobby section of queer farming is largely contributed to by animal and bird lovers, and people whose mental outlook on things in general has been given an abnormal twist by some practical experiences in life. It is probable that many cats and dogs owe their petted positions to the whims of victims of unfortunate love affairs and similar harassing circumstances.

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DR. ARNOLD REIMANN, B.Sc., a personal paragraph concerning whom appeared in The Register on Friday.

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WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The enrolments for city and country classes in connection with the Workers' Educational Association in 1925 exceeded 1,000, and this year it is hoped that mark will be greatly exceeded. The general secretary (Mr. G. McRitchie) points out that one of the most difficult problems confronting the movement is to get into touch with those who most need the advantages offered by the University tutorial classes organised by the association. However, by a vigorous campaign during March and April each year, including advertising freely in the daily press and at the picture shows, the movement is becoming widely known. The aim is the imparting of knowledge, the up-building of character, and the making of good citizens. All types of men and women attend the classes, in which well over a hundred callings are represented. This year there will be 15 classes conducted at the University, Trades Hall, and Colonel Light Gardens. In addition to the city classes, 11 will be conducted in the country (five in the Renmark district, one each at Berri, Murray Bridge, Gawler, Riverton, and Freeling, and two at Port Adelaide). During this month four free public lectures will be delivered at the Institute Building, North terrace. The W.E.A. co-operates with other educational organizations. The social side, too, has not been neglected. The W.E.A. Club meets monthly, from April to October, and a ramblers' club has also been established. The syllabus for the 1926 classes is now available, free, from the association office, the fee for attendance being 5/ a year.

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The purpose of the movement is the imparting of knowledge, the up-building of character, and the making of good citizens. Educationists are more and more stressing the importance of equipping individuals for good citizenship. Whatever a man's job may be, he is all the better for possessing a trained appreciation for literature, music, psychology, history, economics, and public speaking. It has been well said—"Any branch of study tends to develop intellectual faculties in a manner which is of the highest importance, even in business." All types of men and women attend, well over a hundred callings being represented. This year there will be fifteen classes conducted at the University, Trades Hall, and Colonel Light Gardens. In addition to the city classes, eleven classes will be conducted in the country, five in the Renmark district, one each at Berri, Murray Bridge, Gawler, Riverton, and Freeling, and two at Port Adelaide. During March, four free public lectures will be delivered in the Institute Building, North-terrace. The Rev. A. C. Stevens will speak on "The Human Factor in Economics," Mr. A. E. M. Kirkwood on "Australian Literature," Mr. C. T. Madigan on "Anglo-Egyptian Sudan," with lantern views, and Professor Darnley Naylor on "Why I read Horace."

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CONSERVATORIUM CONCERTS.

The Director of the Elder Conservatorium of Music (Professor Harold Davies, Mus. Doc.) has announced the 1926 series of concerts, which will be given as usual on Monday nights. The syllabus includes two concerts by members of the staff, four chamber music recitals by the Elder Conservatorium String Quartet, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Schalky; as well as choral, orchestral, and student concerts. The opera class, under the direction of Mr. Clive Carey, assisted by Mr. H. Winsloe Hall, will give performances of student opera in the Norwood Town Hall during the year. These will not form a part of the regular concert syllabus, but will be subject to an additional charge for admission. During the winter months a short series of free mid-day organ recitals will be given in the Elder Hall by Dr. Davies. This year a slight alteration will be made in the ordinary charges by the addition of a booking fee, and the usual season and single tickets will be obtainable. The plan for the 1926 season will be at Cawthorne's, Limited, Rundle street.

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DR. RICHARDSON IN AFRICA.

Impressed by Advanced Methods.

How does our Agricultural Department strike an outsider versed in the system of other countries. "South Africa has a splendid Agricultural Department, as good as that of any other country, but does the farmer benefit by it as he should? This summarizes the views of a noted Australian, who has been sent to study the agricultural research methods of South Africa and other countries. He is Professor A. E. V. Richardson, M.A., D.Sc., Director of the Waite Research Institute, and Professor of Agriculture at the Adelaide University. Dr. Richardson has had a look over our Agricultural Department, and spent a day at the Onderstepoort Laboratory. "I don't know of anything to contradict the claim that the Onderstepoort Laboratory is the finest of its kind in the world," he told a representative of The Johannesburg Sunday Times. "I certainly have not seen anything better in America or England."

A Unique Laboratory.

"The laboratory is unique in the respect that, not only does it carry out research work of a high order, but it also applies its results to the farmers' practical problems. In other countries these functions are usually carried out by separate departments. Your farmers seem to have confidence in the laboratory, too, judging by the millions of doses of vaccine it issues every year. The chief of the laboratory, Sir Arnold Theiler, explains in his person the success of the institution. In addition to his high technical ability, he is a wonderful organizer, and seems able to keep daily track of all the experiments under his charge. In all the other divisions that I have seen, your equipment and laboratories are up-to-date, and compare favourably with those of older and richer countries."

Does the Farmer Benefit?

"The burning point, though, is whether the farmer gets the benefit he should from this splendid organization?" continued Dr. Richardson. "We have the same trouble in Australia, the problem of spreading to the last farm in the black blocks the knowledge we gain from research. In South Africa this achievement would seem to be even more difficult than in Australia. In Australia a 40-bushel crop and a 10-bushel crop are often separated by a barbed-wire fence. It is neither soil nor climate, but human equation that makes the difference. It is these 10-bushel men that lower our produce yields, and hold back the country. We need not worry about the 40-bushel man. He'll learn all he can of his own accord. The only solution is to create a super-extension division, and this seems particularly true in South Africa. The backward farmer won't read and won't attend lectures. Therefore, you've got to hire a man to carry the knowledge to him. Your experts are alive to this point, I believe, and have made a successful start with some ten district agents."

ARSENIC ON EXPORT APPLES.

The issue of drastic restrictions by the Commonwealth Government regarding the export of apples has caused consternation among shippers in South Australia, who will export 17,000 cases within the next few days. The matter was referred to the Premier (Hon. J. Gunn) on Wednesday. He stated that he had communicated with the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce), and the Victorian Government with the object of having the position reviewed.

The Amended Procedure.

The following amended procedure to be adopted in the examination of apples for export by the examining officers under the Commerce Act has been communicated by the Collector of Customs to Mr. G. Quinn who acts as the Senior Supervisor for Fruit in this State:—"Apples submitted for exportation to Great Britain and which show external signs of spray marks are not to be permitted shipment. If consigned to Germany the apples are to be wiped clean, or show only slight spray marks in stem or calyx ends. When the apples submitted are apparently clean from spray marks the examining officers have been instructed to draw samples from various growers' consignments for submission to the Customs analyst, and if less than one-hundredth of a grain of arsenic per lb. of apples is found the fruit will be allowed to be shipped, but not otherwise. Providing the analyst's report of such fruit is not ready when the time of loading is closing the apples may be allowed shipment. Apples rejected on account of visible spray marks may be withdrawn, and be repacked after being wiped clean prior to being resubmitted for exportation."

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Professor W. K. Hancock, who has been appointed professor of modern history at the University of Adelaide, is expected to arrive from Britain on Saturday.