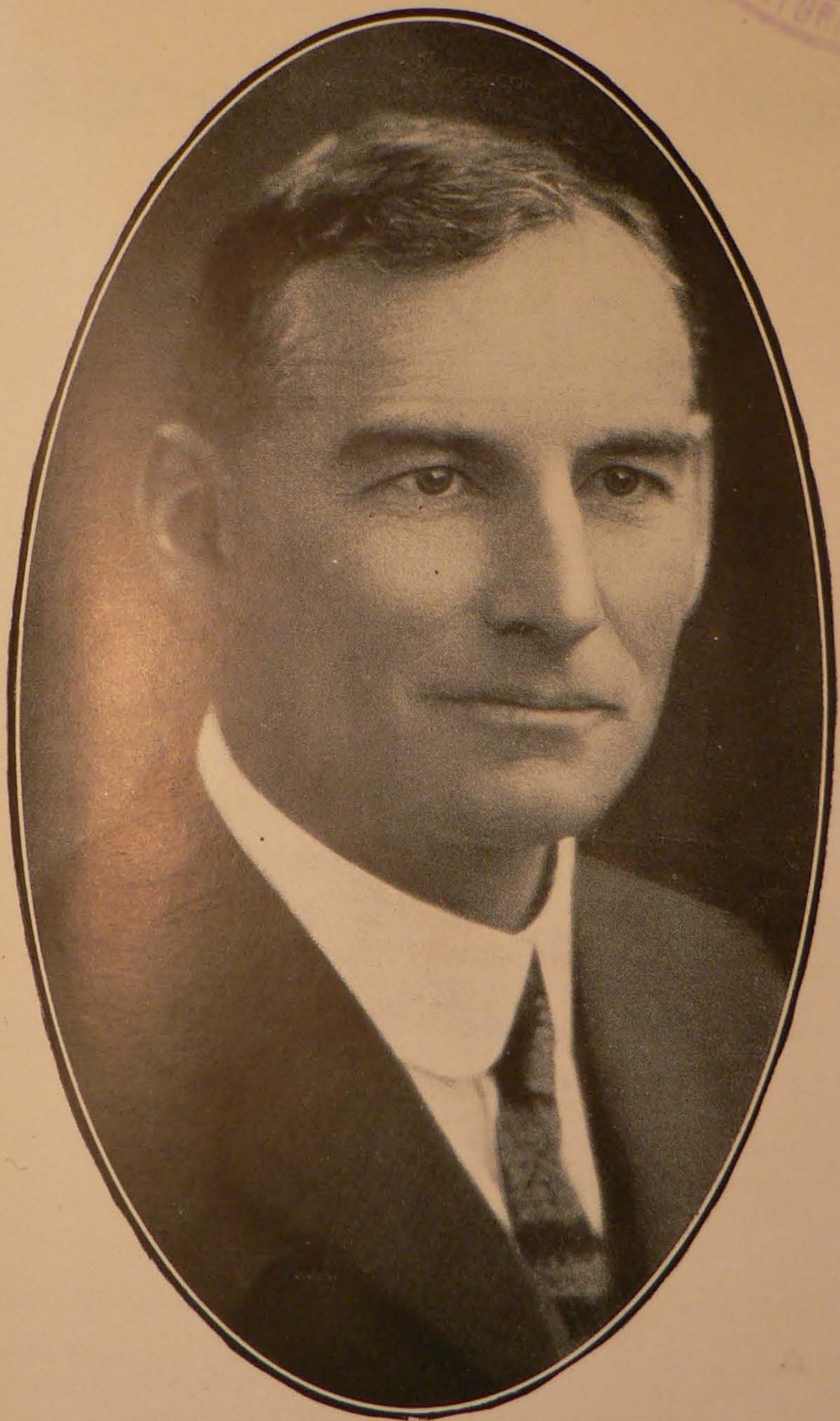


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## The Rural Development Commission.

The appointment of a Committee of three gentlemen of outstanding knowledge and experience in rural matters to examine thoroughly and report upon the condition of land settlement, farming, and stock-raising in South Australia is a step for which the present Government is to be greatly commended.

In 1917, under the National Government, a Commission was appointed to investigate the pastoral, agricultural, and dairying industries of this State, and to advise as to the best methods to obtain

- (1) better results in the development of the natural resources of the State;
- (2) general rural expansion;
- (3) increased employment; and
- (4) a larger supply of products for home requirements and export overseas.

In 1921 a final report was issued, embodying some very interesting statistical matter. It was shown that in the decade terminating in 1921 there was a very serious drift of the rural population into the city.

In 1911 Adelaide and suburbs accounted for 46 per cent. of the total population, while there was a rural percentage of but 44. In 1921 Adelaide claimed 52 per cent. and the country had fallen to 39.

These figures imply that not only had the country failed to participate in the total increase in population of the State, but had not even maintained the natural increase by birth.

South Australia has not been alone in this inflation of urban population, but, with the exception of Queensland, is the worst offender in this respect.

Furthermore, it was shown that the total area under cultivation during the decade was diminishing instead of expanding with the increase of total population.

Averages (in round numbers) of the first lustrum and the second clearly show this falling-off:—

	Average Area under Crop.	Average per head of Population.
1911-15 . . . . .	2,790,000 acres	6.49 acres
1916-20 . . . . .	2,661,000 acres	5.62 acres

This State's principal industry, that of wheatgrowing, was shown to be declining, also that of market-gardening, while the areas under barley, oats, vines, and fruit-trees were increasing.

With respect to the pastoral industries a notable increase of sheep was recorded and a slight increase of cattle.

	Total Sheep	Sheep per Head Population.
1911-15 . . . . .	4,922,000	1.14
1916-20 . . . . .	6,143,000	1.30

	Total Cattle.	Cattle per Head Population.
1911-15 . . . . .	332,000	0.772
1916-20 . . . . .	334,000	0.706

The present Government, no doubt alarmed by the retrogression of our primary industries, has decided to look carefully into the matter, and with the advice of chosen experts to adopt means to stimulate agriculture and encourage land settlement.

Though little has been made public regarding the purposes of the Commission, it has been gathered that the Imperial Government's offer of loans at a low rate of interest, providing that a sound policy of land settlement for immigrants be adopted, has been no small incentive to the appointment of the present Commission, and it is no doubt largely with a view to encouraging closer settlement that it will work.

With regard to the personnel of the Commission, we heartily congratulate the Government on its choice.

The Chairman, Mr. W. J. Colebatch, B.Sc. (Agric.), M.R.C.V.S., Principal of this College, is eminently suited for the position, by reason of his knowledge of the science of agriculture, his long experience in experimental work and in practical farming, and his acumen in eliciting information and drawing correct conclusions. We have no hesitation in endorsing the view of the Ministry that Mr. Colebatch is the most suitable man for the position.

Mr. W. J. Spafford, Chief Instructor in Agriculture, the right-hand man of our Director, has, by his service to the State in the supervision of experimental work and the instruction of farmers, well merited the confidence placed in him as a member of the Commission.

The third member, Mr. S. A. Fraser, by his service on the Lands and Pastoral Boards, has well qualified for his selection.



**W. J. SPAFFORD,**

Chief Instructor in Agriculture and member of  
Rural Development Commission.



These gentlemen have a long and arduous task before them, but it is one of extreme importance and should have far-reaching results.

As Roseworthy students past and present, we wish to express our gratification that two of the members are old Roseworthy scholars, and to wish the Commission every success.

The College has lost a very valuable member of its staff by the resignation of Mr. C. S. Piper, B.Sc., Assistant Chemist, who has been lured by the lights of the city (another example of urban pillage) into accepting a position on the Urrbrae staff. We wish him luck.

We give the heartiest welcome to Mr. W. V. Ludbrook, lately appointed Cerealist of the College. "Luddy" beat all records in graduating this year, and we feel confident that he will prove that a Roseworthy Gold Medallist is a man of great value to the State.

We heartily congratulate Dr. F. E. Place, our Veterinarian, on his promotion to the degree of Doctor of Science.

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## The All-Australian Exhibition.

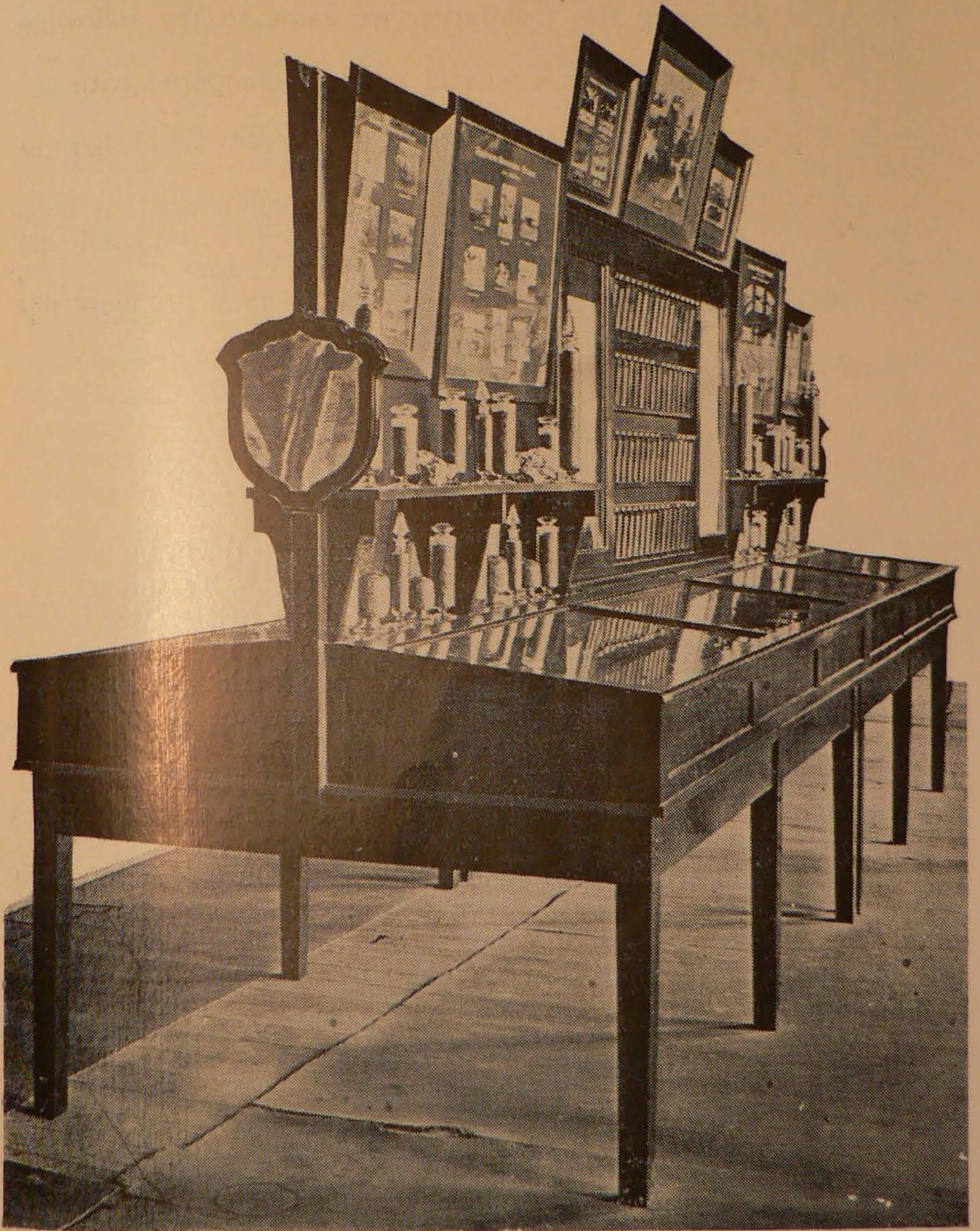
This year has seen the most comprehensive and successful Industrial Exhibition ever held in Adelaide. Opening on 27th March at the Jubilee Exhibition, the display ran for nearly two months and was well attended throughout, a tally of more than half a million visitors being recorded at the gates.

Though all States participated, South Australian industries were naturally best represented.

Roseworthy College displayed a compact and attractive exhibit on the main floor, where varieties of cereals in ear were shown, wool and wine from the College, typical soils from different districts, photographs of College stock and plant, and trophies won in Agricultural Shows.

The Agricultural exhibit on the ground floor was comprehensive and excellently arranged. A separate stand was devoted to Australian tobacco, from the growing plant to the finished and packeted article, whilst the display of fruit forced one to condone the original offence of Eve.

Lest visitors should tire of industrial instruction, the side-shows on the Oval provided every opportunity for thrills, ranging from the breathless expectation (fortunately unfulfilled) of witnessing the sudden death of trick-cyclists, or the pleasurable



The College Display at the Exhibition.

anticipation of precipitating princesses earthwards by well-aimed missiles, to the more certain "doing of one's dough" in the exciting pastime of "Hoopla," "Balloon," and "Race" games.

After attending the Exhibition we came to the following conclusions:—

1. Wembley was a woeful washout compared with our show.
2. Australia is not such a bad little old island, bar the mosquitoes.
3. Should the rest of the world be submerged, as it no doubt deserves, we could carry on and not necessarily revert to stone-age culture.
4. The College will assuredly be football premiers this season.

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### Current Events.

Speech-day has come and gone, and amongst the many visitors were the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. T. Butterfield) and Miss Butterfield, who kindly presented the prizes, which fact was greatly appreciated by the recipients; also the former Principal and now Director of Agriculture (Professor Perkins), Professor Prescott, the recently appointed Professor of Agricultural Chemistry at Urrbrae Research Institute, and many old students.

Congratulations are tendered to our venerable Veterinary Lecturer, Mr. F. E. Place, on having obtained the treasured degree of D.Sc. from the University of Chicago, the subject for his thesis being "Microbiology and Sanitation." During the vacation his energies were spent in trying to prove or otherwise the fallacies connected with the River Murray mosquitoes.

Cupid has visited certain members of the staff since our last publication, and through these columns we wish to tender congratulations to Mr. A. T. Jefferis and Mr. J. L. Williams on their marriages.

With the advent of each College year changes in the staff usually take place. This time Mr. C. Piper, B.Sc. (Assistant Chemist), has been transferred to the Urrbrae staff, where he will assist Professor Prescott in unravelling the complexities of South Australian agricultural chemistry.

Also "Chubby" Fels, the emulator of starlings, has again changed his vocation to that of wine-"testing" at a Renmark distillery. His place has been filled by W. V. Ludbrook ("Luddy") a breaker of records, whose duty is that of Plant-breeder, a recently created position.

Still another removal, but we hope only for a few weeks. "Skeeter" Gregory had the misfortune to be on the "Old Creamy" when the steed fell on rounding a corner, the result being that Skeet is now spending a few days in Gawler with the nurses, but bad bruises and the fracturing of a small bone in his foot confine him to his bed.

The latest innovation has been that of a four-valve wireless set, with a loud-speaker. Unfortunately we find that the Delco engine desires its energies to be noted, and so difficulty is experienced in hearing certain stations when the engine is working. Otherwise very enjoyable concerts have been heard from the familiar Adelaide stations, also from Sydney, Melbourne, and even Western Australia.

Through the daily press we note that the permanent experimental fields are being set out at Urrbrae under the direction of Dr. Richardson, who recently entertained numerous graduates of the Adelaide University at afternoon tea, meanwhile showing them over the Institute.

At the recent All-Australian Exhibition an exhibit was staged by the College, showing wools from the various crossbreds and purebreds of the College flock, veterinary specimens, wheats of South Australia and recent crossbreds, soils and their analyses, manures, and numerous photos which depicted the various modes of agricultural training offered students who enter this institution. On the whole, a most creditable showing.

The grass tennis courts now appear a little more completed than reported twelve months ago. The netting and woodwork forming the stopnets have recently been receiving the artistic touches of numerous students, but the lawns after their singeing will probably need two or three top-dressings before being fit for the summer game. On completion these courts should be enviable even to well-known exponents of the game.

The students are generally living up to the life of good citizens by participating in the social events of the immediate community. One wet Saturday evening, a number spent a most enjoyable time at the well-known flat adjoining the College, while quite recently a "pilgrimage" was made to the Gawler dances, with the result that everybody seems anxious for the next dance to come around. Evidently the usual good time was spent.

Football is now receiving very marked attention by the members of both the Firsts and Seconds, the Firsts remaining in the Students' Association, while the Seconds have been admitted to the Gawler B Grade Association. This latter move should be a great benefit to the members of the First Eighteen in the coming year because of the match practice.

The last, but not least, is the addition of an inbred Jersey bull to the College herd, of Macarini blood, the well-known sire of the present head of the College herd, King Solomon of Dalebank.

Alas, we hear as we go to press of the "disastrous" accident which befell the well-known College "Rolls Royce" along the Roseworthy Road. No doubt it seems to have burnt well.

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### Exchanges.

The Dookie Agricultural College Magazine.  
 The Scotch College Magazine.  
 The Adelaide High School Magazine.  
 The St. Peter's College Magazine.  
 P.A.C. Chronicle.

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### Third-year Notes, 1924-5.

The writer, as representative of those who went forth from this place at the end of the last College year, finds himself confronted with the difficult task of inditing, as it were, the swan song of his departed friends. There is little to be said about their doings during the last term at the College. The prevailing sentiment was "Well, it is the last examination we have to face; let us do our best"—and they did. But they have not done with examinations yet. They will never have done with them. Their future neighbours, and all new comrades along life's pathway, are unconsciously acting as examiners, weighing them in the balance of personal judgment. May they never be found wanting!

To celebrate the finish of our scholastic labours, we held a dinner at the Grosvenor, which was one of those gatherings which live long in the memory of the participants. The Principal was the guest of honour, and was presented with a case of pipes as a token of our esteem. Our Councilman, Hugh Robinson, was much astonished when a silver-plated shaving set mysteriously appeared from nowhere and was presented to him; but no one else was a bit surprised. If they were, they were too busy applauding to show it.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped to make our sojourn as students at the College such a pleasant one, and of wishing them continued success in their efforts for the advancement of agricultural knowledge in this State.

### Third-year Notes, 1925-6.

The varied experiences and curious happenings of this year are many, and with participating in sports a pleasurable time has been spent.

The long arm of the law has been waving to some effect lately, a tall Westralian being its favoured mark. A familiar cop found him without his lights, and a certain inspector discovered him not trying to demonstrate the pace of our trains according to the Aussie, but *vice versa*, his friend from the seaside resort being overlooked on this occasion.

The age of miracles has not yet passed. The man from Moonta was relating with gusto how he killed a dead sheep; he of the world-famous beaver was not to be outdone, however, and proceeded to demonstrate in flowing language how one might wake up dead any morning.

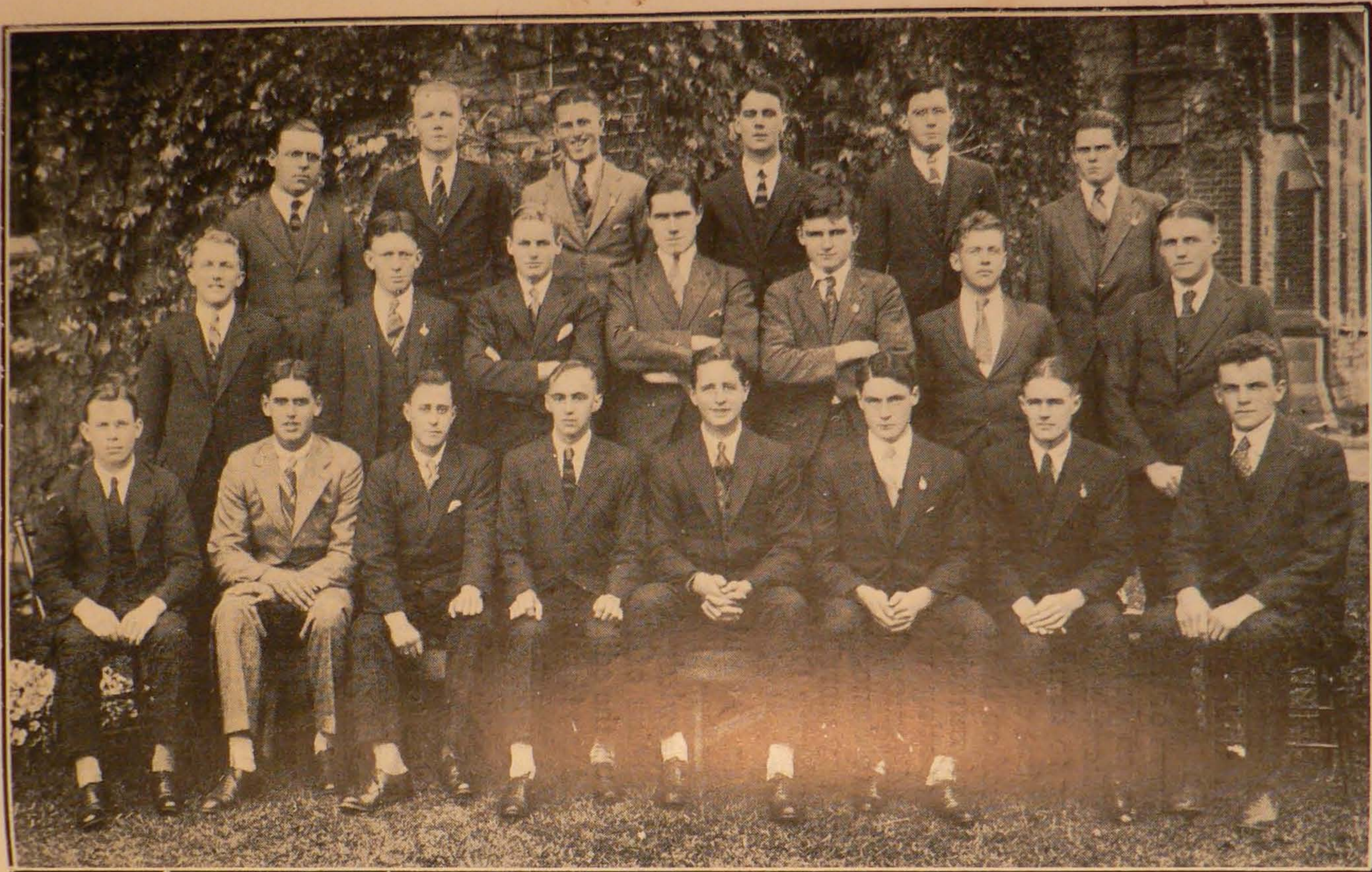
The Second-year Dinner passed off well, helped considerably by an extremely topical song relating to the suspicious oilskins, rendered by Barney and the Greek, aided and abetted by the aboriginal. Another interesting item was a discourse on push-backs by the acknowledged expert. The evening was marred by the personal relation of the sentimental activities of the beaver, who has taken up the editing of a "funny-story book."

Barney and the Greek became inseparable even to sharing the same room, and it appeared one day as though they were well in the running for three thousand, but the Greek had only been gorging himself with wheat.

A physical law was demonstrated to the little fair-haired boy when he tried to empty the contents of his plate one meal-time, much to his surprise. Many things are prohibited, but our worthy philosopher did not think it too late to sing when the early hours of the morning were being chimed. One of our number has thought it jude-icious to buy something that is not "Yankey."

The latest query is what was the matter with the person of *viva-la-leonesa* fame, when he slept in No. 17, and when he temporarily forgot? Also, what was the result of his "momentous" punch at the porthole?

It has been suggested that the programmes for the College dances should be made more topical, and these have been suggested as the nomenclature for the dances:—Daylight Jazz, Kyby Trot, Trilby Gallop, Dick One-step, Togo Crawl, or Dairy Dawdle, Corridor Cuddle, and Hornsby Hesitation.



ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS, 1925-6.

Top Row (left to right)—L. E. Yelland, J. K. Cox, F. K. Salter, R. S. Cooper, J. C. W. Rose, J. H. Fry.

Middle Row—F. C. C. Gross, M. E. L. McBain, K. Weidenhofer, C. J. Webb, J. B. Hughes, R. C. H. Smith,  
R. E. Welch.

Bottom Row—C. A. Chillingworth, C. Drew, G. Jackson, G. A. Robinson, A. B. Cashmore, H. H. Winnall,  
J. L. Johnson, J. C. Fornachon.

## Second-year Notes.

The holidays having ended, we returned to find that our number had been increased by three—to wit, Messrs. Cooper, of liquid fame; Fornachon, with whose name we are already familiar; and Webb, a wanderer far from his native land.

Nine of our number, their labours having been more fruitful than those of their fellow-sufferers, have the privilege of abiding in the Hall of Fame, while their less-diligent colleagues must needs be satisfied with the more plebeian habitats of the Rooms Upstairs.

The Last Rose of Summer is still with us, making the customary placid saunter to the farm a fearsome business, and one not to be lightly undertaken, in that he, having given us a fair start, speeds after us on a mechanical monstrosity, apparently with malice aforethought. If the Year is to base their standard of morality upon his doctrines, it is high time they took a pull at themselves.

Crashy and Ray, in an endeavour to give vent to their artistic talent, and, at the same time, to leave their names to posterity, were sadly disillusioned as to their obvious amounts of common sense.

Several of our brotherhood have become addicted to the crossword puzzle, which is slowly undermining their mentality. The most hideous example of this is Abo, who disturbs the measured breathing of the Vet. Form with a frenzied inquiry as to a "five-toed African monkey of three letters, the first and third being X and Q."

We extend our heartiest congratulations to H. H. Winnall on topping the Year, Cashmore on gaining the work marks prize, and to those members who played in representative College teams.

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## First-year Notes.

It is the custom at the beginning of each year, as probably most of our readers know, for a host of outcasts to arrive at the College in one of its chariots, and thenceforward to take up their humble abode there. These are the rabble, the serfs; in fact, the First-years.

It is of their indifferent works we would have you hear, should you find interest therein.

Owing to the short time that has elapsed since the commencement of the first term, our First-year Notes are somewhat lacking.



Nevertheless, there are a few points which may be considered as worth setting down.

Our number was at entrance 18, and the long and short of it was one Webb, between 14 and 30 stone, and Mutter, between 1 and 7. Sad to relate, our champion has since ascended some rungs of the ladder, and now sits in the midst of the mighty. Also two others have made our hearts heavy thus. Another of noteworthy interest comes from an obscure village in India, and is not optimistic of return for the three years, unless he becomes permanently disabled by our thrice-daily mutton.

We take this occasion to congratulate those fortunate members who won scholarships this year, and hope that the prowess shown in the subjects examined may appear equally well in the more scientific studies which they have since commenced.

McKay has so far distinguished himself as to be included in our First Eighteen, and up to the present has shown himself a very worthy member, and no doubt would have appeared to even better advantage, but for an unfortunate mishap which necessitated his absence from the field in one or two matches.

Hooper the younger is also in the Firsts, and does our motley ranks honour in a like manner. These two represent our proclivities in the football line, backed up by a varying six in the Seconds, of whom may be mentioned as a shining light our infant Mutter, who only lacks a stone or two to be a really good man.

This constitutes our sporting column till the athletics arrive (being young farmers we are optimistic of that arrival, dim though it might seem at the present time). We hope to break a few records in this annual ceremony.

The first Gawler Dance met with the approval of most of us, and a certain one could scarcely tear himself from that neighbourhood for some days afterwards. Our Indian friend excelled beyond the most proficient amongst us in the Terpsichorean art, and was sought after from all sides. Very soon we shall commence tillage operations on the Dining-hall floor. We all look forward with zest to our next effort on the candle.

We were glad to hear that Lucifer had removed a disagreeable object from the back of the men's quarters some days ago. We will now view the yard without the painful eyesore smiting us.

Our lives have been very agreeable up to the present, and we look forward to a successful year, both in mental and physical toil, with abundance of that higher vein which is the spice of life.

## Cricket Notes.

The cricket season opened in perfect weather, and our first match was played against Yatalunga on the College Oval. Williams won the toss and decided to bat. The batting in this match was fairly consistent, but the best performance was put up by Eaton, whose total was 118 not out at the end of the day. Williams was next highest scorer with 44. College declared at the end of the day with 5 wickets down for 226. Yatalunga on the following Saturday replied with 48 runs. Drew secured the bowling honours, his figures reading 4 for 10. Martin secured 2 for 6, and Sinclair and Williams 1 each. This match was a pleasing start for the season, and it put the players in good heart.

College (declared), 5 for 226.

Yatalunga—First innings, 48; second innings, 7 for 75.

### COLLEGE v. LYNDOCH.

This match was played on the College Oval on 8th and 15th November. It was one of the most exciting games of the season, and it was mainly due to the efforts of Drew and Eaton with the bat and Martin with the ball. This was a two-innings match for both teams, and with half an hour to play at the end of the second day College endeavoured to make 48 runs. Drew and Eaton formed the partnership, and at drawing of stumps we had lost 3 wickets for 76. Drew's score of 32 not out included three 6's. Lyndoch's downfall in the second innings was brought about by Martin, who secured the remarkable bowling average of 8 for 5. The College once again came out victors with 29 runs and 7 wickets to spare.

College—First innings, 67; second innings, 3 for 76.

Lyndoch—First innings, 85; second innings, 29.

### COLLEGE v. SMITHFIELD.

This match was played on the Smithfield Oval on 22nd and 29th November, and resulted in the narrowest win that the College secured. College had first use of the wicket, but the majority of our bats failed, with the exception of Williams and Curlewis, who scored 79 and 29 respectively. At the end of the first day we were all out for 166, and the match was left in a doubtful position till the following Saturday. Smithfield replied with 165. Martin being the matchwinner by bowling the last man a few minutes before drawing of stumps. Martin and Williams secured 3 wickets each and Ninnes 2.

College—First innings, 166; second innings, 5 for 71.

Smithfield. 165.

## COLLEGE v. SOUTHS.

Played on Gawler Oval on 6th and 13th December, and this resulted in a decisive defeat for the College by 151 runs. Our batting stars sadly disappointed their admirers, as only two of them managed to reach the twenties, and the result was that we were all out for 121. Souths, being accustomed to the rough oval and also the pitch, fielded well and accepted all the chances. Our luck deserted us and the majority of chances were not taken. Fielding was poor, and Souths finished up with their total at 272. Williams secured 4 wickets for 84 and Curlewis 3 for 51.

College—First innings, 121; second innings, 4 for 82.

Souths, 272.

## COLLEGE v. UNIONS.

This match was also played on the Gawler Oval, and the result was another defeat. This was mainly due to the fact that during the Christmas holidays, which postponed the match from 20th December to 3rd January, our bowling and fielding lacked its usual sting. Again, our batting failed, and Eaton (32) and Williams (20) were the only ones to reach the twenties. Our final score read 115, and it looked as if another defeat was to be added to our list. It proved to be, as Unions replied with 189, thus having 74 runs to the good. Martin took 3 for 52, Fels 2 for 21, and Curlewis 2 for 12.

College—First innings, 115; second innings, 4 for 93.

Unions, 189.

## COLLEGE v. WASLEYS.

Played on the College Oval on the 10th and 24th January. The intervening Saturday was an off day on account of the Third Test Match in Adelaide. With the return to the home oval, we looked forward to a high-scoring match and also a win. We were not disappointed. The Wasleys bowling was collared, and the leather was banged round the turf all the afternoon. Eaton scored rapidly for exactly 100, when he was dismissed by a first-class one-handed catch by C. George. Williams (49), Curlewis (35), Drew (35 not out), and Woodroffe (37 not out), were the rungetters, and at drawing of stumps we had four wickets down for 284 (declared). Wasleys replied with 160, and were dismissed chiefly by Stott (3 for 6), Curlewis (3 for 45), and Martin (2 for 26).

College (declared), 4 for 284.

Wasleys, 160.

## COLLEGE v. LYNDOCH.

This was the first match in our second round, and as it was a one-day match rungetting was the main item. Played on the Lyndoch Oval on 31st January. Lyndoch had first use of the wicket, but scoring was slow, and with the major portion of the afternoon gone they had only 122 as their total. Although it wasn't a big score we were getting anxious about making it in the time. However, there was a surprise in store for us, and extra smart work by the principal rungetters resulted in their tally being passed long before time. Scoring still remained about the same, and at the end of the day we had 235 on the book. Fels, who batted splendidly, finished up with 56 not out, while Williams and Pearson scored 36 and 27 respectively. Martin secured bowling honours with 4 for 37; Williams, 2 for 26; and Fels, 2 for 7.

College, 235.

Lyndoch, 122.

## COLLEGE v. YATALUNGA.

On 7th February, we journeyed to Yatalunga and played the local team. The results of the last few matches were being closely watched by other teams that were fighting for first place, and we were anxious to win. Yatalunga had first use of the wicket, and owing to missed chances and rather poor fielding they put together the total of 237 for 8 wickets before they declared. This gave us little time to make the required runs. However, we tried, and the result was rather disastrous. Drew (39), Williams (34), Woodroffe (32), and Curlewis (19) were the only ones who scored at all well. At the drawing of stumps we had 8 wickets down for 162, and the match ended in an unsatisfactory draw.

College, 8 for 162.

Yatalunga (declared), 8 for 237.

## COLLEGE v. SOUTHS.

Once again on our own ground we looked for a win, and perhaps it was due to this that we were defeated. The match was played on 14th February, and it was our second-to-last Association match, and also the one which would decide if we had any chance of obtaining the Shield. College batted first, and a total batting collapse followed, which was brought about by Nottle, who secured 7 good wickets for something like 30 runs. College finished up with the very small total of 67. Souths scored slowly against the bowling of Martin (5 for 47),

Fels. (2 for 26), and Curlewis (2 for 16), all of whom bowled well. The last wicket fell at 113. College batted again, and at the end of the day had 2 wickets down for 50. This match eliminated us from the Shield, and incidentally placed Souths in a very strong position.

College—First innings, 67; second innings, 2 for 50.  
Souths, 113.

### COLLEGE v. SMITHFIELD.

This was the last Association match, and was played on our Oval on 21st February. The result did not interest us as far as the Shield was concerned, but the batting of our opening pair did interest us. They were Curlewis and Pearson. The former remained unconquered at 113, when he retired, and the latter was dismissed when he stood at 89. Smithfield compiled 110 with first use of the wicket, and we replied with 214 for 3 wickets. Curlewis also secured the bowling honours with 5 for 51, and Martin 3 for 23.

College, 3 for 214.  
Smithfield, 110.

### GENERAL.

This year the College Team adopted a scheme of picking the best fielder for the season. At the conclusion of each match the eleven players voted for whom they considered was the best fieldsman. At the conclusion of the season the votes were counted, and Curlewis emerged with the majority. He was the recipient of a bat presented by the College. The annual town trip was arranged with two matches—University B and Scotch College. Owing to rain the match with Scotch College could not be played, but an enjoyable afternoon was spent on the University Oval. University scored 169 in good time, but on the strange wicket (turf) we were much at sea, and only compiled 102, the major portion of which were made by the "tail," which wagged vigorously. Our final match for the year was played against the Old Scholars on Wednesday, 4th March. By a superior all-round team we were defeated, Curlewis being our only batsman to defy the bowling for any length of time. He compiled 48 in good style. Our total score was 200. The Old Scholars replied with 206, which was practically made by the first five batsmen. It was a close finish, and it is due to the local Old Scholars that they owe their victory.

Present Scholars, 200.  
Old Scholars, 206.

## CRITIQUE OF CRICKET TEAM.

EATON.—A good batsman, with a variety of strokes, but rather too free at the commencement of his innings. Lacking in determination. Sound in the field.

CURLEWIS (Vice-Captain).—A sound batsman, with some clinking off shots, but never quite lets himself go enough. A good slow bowler. Brilliant in the field.

SCOTT.—Fair left-handed batsman, with a weak defence. Brilliant fieldsman.

SINCLAIR.—Poor bat, but capable of getting runs occasionally. Fast bowler, but erratic. Sound in the field.

NINNES.—Fair bat and sound defence with a limited number of scoring shots. Good left-arm bowler. Slow in the field.

STOTT.—Only a fair bat, but developing along the right lines. Has some good shots. Rather too stiff in his actions. Good medium-paced bowler. Sound in the field.

MARTIN.—A really good fast medium-paced bowler on his day. Secured some valuable wickets and a good average. Fielding much improved. Poor bat.

PEARSON.—A real good opening batsman, with a sound defence. Has some good shots. Rather disappointing behind wickets, but a good field.

MR. WOODROFFE.—Did well as keeper and at times brilliant. As a batsman has some good off shots, but rather lacking in confidence.

MR. FELS.—Only a fair bat. Good medium-paced bowler. Sound in the field.

JUDE.—Disappointing as a wicket-keeper and a batsman; too weak in defence. Occasionally fielded well.

PAXTON.—Poor bat, fair bowler, brilliant fieldsman.

DREW.—Has some excellent scores to his credit, but takes some time to get going. A brilliant field, good bowler, and is a matchwinner on his day.

MR. WILLIAMS (Captain).—Has played consistently throughout the season. As Captain of the side he had a hard task in building up a sound team, but has succeeded ably. A brilliant field and a forceful left-hander, and on his day a very useful bowler.

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### The Third Test Match.

The visit of the English Cricket Eleven to South Australia, under the captaincy of Mr. Gilligan, was eagerly awaited, not only by those who knew the game, but also by those of the general public who did not know a bat from a bail. The Third Test

was all the more fraught with interest because of the fact that on the result depended the fate of the "ashes," and although the cricket must be admitted to have been decidedly slow at certain periods of the game, yet the spectators could not have been treated to a more fitting finish to such a Herculean struggle.

The sympathy of the majority of those who viewed the match can be said to have been decidedly with the Englishmen. That they did not win was indeed a matter for general regret, yet, at the same time, it will be said by those who saw the whole of the Third Test that the Australians won by sheer tenacity of purpose and a better combined ability. The "will to win" was more apparent in them than in their opponents, and they went about their work in the best possible manner. The tactics of the Englishmen in endeavouring to wear down the opposition by slow, uninteresting batting had their answer in the steady plodding of the Australians in the field, and it may be safely said that they did more harm in wearing out themselves and the pitch as well.

The students of the College, through the generosity of their Principal, had ample opportunity of witnessing the match, and we would take this occasion for thanking him, at the same time assuring him that full measure was taken of his leniency, and that at no time were no students to be seen at the Adelaide Oval on any of the days made available to them.

With regard to individual performances of the Englishmen, the bowling of Tate stands out pre-eminently. It was unfortunate that the bulk of the bowling fell on him, but he bore the burden well, and was most to be feared. The extra zip off the pitch that the hard Australian wickets gave him needed watching, and no Australian batsmen, except perhaps Taylor and A. Richardson, were at home when facing him.

The batting of Hobbs and Sutcliffe was indeed wonderful, and their running between the wickets a lesson to all Australian cricketers. If at times their tactics were slow, their playing was all the more remarkable for the patience displayed and the skill shown in defending their wickets. But once their dismissal was brought about, the rest of the English Eleven failed lamentably on the majority of occasions.

The fielding of the Englishmen was the best seen from any visiting Eleven, and it was agreed by most that it was generally superior to that of the Australians—which usually means a lot!

The Australians were good, each player earning his place by skill in his own particular branch of the game. Moreover, by their general all-round ability and team work, they proved that this factor is of far greater importance in any contest than mere individual brilliancy.

## Speech-day.

The Speech-day function on 5th March, 1925, brought to a close the fortieth scholastic year of this College. The hall was filled to its utmost by parents and friends of the students and numerous Old Scholars.

Mr. Colebatch's report contained many items of great value concerning the aims and educational value of the College course. Reference was also made to the splendid achievements of the Old Boys in connection with the Universities, Agricultural Departments, farming pursuits, and, also, the number of prize-winners at the Royal Show in the live-stock sections.

In the Diploma class no less than 16 out of 17 competitors gained a Diploma. The Dux of the College W. V. Ludbrook, eclipsed all records by attaining a general average of 92.82 per cent. The previous record was held by H. A. Follett, who gained 90.3 per cent. in 1913. Both secured honours in every subject, but the record in this respect still belongs to Follett, who sat for one more subject than this year's Gold Medallist. The second position was won by J. C. McL. Fornachon, with honours in eight subjects and an all-round percentage of 90.22. G. N. Lewis was third with 85.37 per cent., F. B. Pearson fourth with 81.47 per cent., and R. J. Wilson fifth. These five qualified for a Diploma of First Class.

The first position of the Second Year was won by A. R. Ninnes with 88.62 per cent., and he was closely followed by Kenneth Pike, with 87.93 per cent.

In the First Year the Medallist was H. H. Winnall (87.56 per cent.), and second in order was A. B. Cashmore (86.53 per cent.).

Short speeches were then delivered by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary members for the district, and also Mr. A. W. Robinson.

The Diplomas and prizes were presented by Miss Butterfield. Before the closing of the proceedings Mr. Haselgrove handed over to the Hon. the Minister a hundred pounds' worth of Government bonds, the interest on which was to form a prize which could be given for any subject each year, the subject at the disposal of the Principal. Sincere thanks were expressed by the Minister himself and also Mr. Colebatch.



The following is the list of Diploma and prize winners:—

### Diploma List, 1925.

In Order of Merit.

Diplomas of the First Class.

305. Wallis Verco Ludbrook, with honours in agriculture, viticulture, fruit-culture, dairying, veterinary hygiene, chemistry, book-keeping, surveying, aviculture, and wool-classing.
306. John Charles McLeod Fornachon, with honours in agriculture, fruit-culture, dairying, chemistry, book-keeping, surveying, aviculture, and wool-classing.
307. Gilbert Norman Lewis, with honours in agriculture, chemistry, book-keeping, surveying, aviculture, and wool-classing.
308. Francis Benjamin Pearson, with honours in dairying, surveying, aviculture, and wool-classing.
309. Richard Joseph Wilson, with honours in agriculture.

Diplomas of the Second Class.

310. Murray Owen Bested, with honours in book-keeping and aviculture.
311. Hugh Warburton Robinson, with honours in aviculture.
312. Jack Ayrton Close, with honours in aviculture.
313. Sidney Keith Will.
314. Alan McLean Martin.
315. Angas Fisher Morphett Mair, with honours in aviculture and wool-classing.
316. Gilbert Vaughan Rogers, with honours in aviculture.
317. Cecil Ralph Clarke, with honours in aviculture.
318. Urlwin Donovan Tate.
319. William Donald McNeil.
320. John Harold Goss Lord, with honours in aviculture.

Diplomas of the Third Class (not competing in present year).

302. Stewart Bruse Opie.
303. William Wallace Taylor Kerr.
304. Gordon Victor Cohen, with honours in aviculture.

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### Prize List, 1925.

Third-year Students.

Gold Medal (presented by the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society for the highest aggregate in all Diploma subjects).—W. V. Ludbrook.

College Second Prize.—J. C. McL. Fornachon.

Old Students' Cup (presented by the Agricultural Old Collegians' Association for the highest aggregate in agriculture and veterinary science).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Practical Examinations (presented by the members of the Advisory Board of Agriculture).—R. J. Wilson.

Veterinary Science (presented by Mr. R. H. Crawford).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Outside Work (presented by the Albert Molineux Memorial Trust).—J. C. McL. Fornachon.

Agriculture and Farm Diaries (presented by the Principal).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Knowledge of Farm Machinery (presented by Messrs. Clutterbuck Bros.).—R. J. Wilson.

Morphett Medal and Special Prize for Dairying (bequeathed by the late Mr. A. H. Morphett).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Oenology (presented by the S.A. Vinegrowers' Association).—F. B. Pearson.

Surveying (presented by the College).—J. C. McL. Fornachon.

Chemistry (presented by Mr. A. T. Jefferis, B.Sc.).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Valuation of Live Stock (presented by Mr. E. L. Orchard).—G. V. Rogers.

Wool-classing (presented by Mr. A. E. Hamilton).—J. C. McL. Fornachon.

Ploughing (presented by the Director of Agriculture).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Practical Dairying (presented by Mr. R. Baker).—R. J. Wilson.

Shearing (presented by the College).—R. J. Wilson.

Fruit-culture (presented by Mr. D. G. Quinn).—J. C. McL. Fornachon.

Viticulture (presented by the College).—W. V. Ludbrook.

Special Prize (presented by Mr. A. W. Robinson).—H. W. Robinson.

Special Prize—Sheep Husbandry (presented by Mr. W. S. Kelly).—J. C. McL. Fornachon.

Special Prize (presented by Mr. D. Menzies).—G. N. Lewis.

### Second-year Students.

Dux of Year (Medal presented by the Gawler Agricultural Society).—A. R. Nimnes.

College Second Prize.—K. A. Pike.

Outside Work (presented by the Albert Molineux Memorial Trust).—F. H. Clifton.

Agriculture and Farm Diaries (presented by the Principal).—A. R. Ninnes.

Chemistry (presented by the College).—N. L. Jude.

Morphett Prize in Dairying (bequeathed by the late Mr. A. H. Morphett).—K. A. Pike.

Book-keeping (presented by Mr. H. C. Pritchard, A.F.I.A.).—G. R. Rogers.

Wool-classing (presented by Mr. A. E. Hamilton).—J. S. Phillips.

The T. G. H. Buring Prize in Viticulture.—K. A. Pike.

Veterinary Science (presented by Mr. R. H. Crawford).—R. L. Panse.

Entomology (presented by the College).—K. A. Pike.

Physiology (presented by Mr. R. C. Scott).—R. L. Panse.

Special Prize (presented by Mr. D. Menzie).—D. C. Hague.

### First-year Students.

Dux of Year (Silver Medal).—H. H. Winnall.

College Second Prize.—A. B. Cashmore.

Agriculture and Farm Diaries (presented by the Principal).—F. C. C. Gross.

Outside Work (presented by the Albert Molineux Memorial Trust).—A. B. Cashmore.

Farm Seeds (presented by Mr. W. F. Leake).—K. Weidenhofer.

Mathematics (presented by Mr. A. J. Adams, M.A.).—R. E. Welch.

Chemistry (presented by the College).—C. A. Chillingworth.

Botany (presented by Mr. A. J. Adams, M.A.).—K. Weidenhofer.

Physics (presented by Mr. A. J. Adams, M.A.).—R. E. Welch.

The Morphett Prize in Dairying (bequeathed by the late Mr. A. H. Morphett).—A. B. Cashmore.

Anatomy (presented by Mr. R. H. Crawford).—H. H. Winnall.

Special Prize (presented by Mr. D. Menzie).—C. Drew.

## Football Notes.

### FIRST EIGHTEEN.

The prospects for a successful season for this team in the Students' Association were very bright at the commencement of the season, in view of the fact that fourteen of last year's team had remained in residence.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the football team:—Captain, J. B. Curlewis, who was Captain last year; Vice-Captain, A. W. Scott; and the third member for the Selection Committee, W. K. Sinclair.

F. K. Salter has been entrusted with the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary.

In the two games played to date the College have emerged victors, and on both occasions the games have been spirited and interesting, the match against Varsity B being especially good.

The first match for the season, on 2nd May, was against A.H.S. on the College Oval. This match introduced the new rules, which seemed most satisfactory under the interpretation put on them by the umpire. The wind greatly assisted the scoring, and resulted in a somewhat crowded game, which may also be due to lack of practice. Scores—R.A.C., 7 goals 10 behinds; A.H.S., 6 goals 5 behinds. Best players for the College were Sinclair, Scott, Curlewis, Drew, Robinson, and Hooper. Goalkickers—Eaton (4), Curlewis, Fry, and Sinclair.

In the match against Varsity B on 9th May, rain had fallen on the previous night and morning, thus making the ground in good condition. The College maintained a margin up to half-time, when rain commenced to fall, the third quarter ending with the College leading by 1 point. In the last quarter Varsity only added 1 goal, while the College 2 goals 2 behinds. There was a marked improvement in the team work on that of the previous Saturday. Final scores were—R.A.C., 6 goals 6 behinds; Varsity B, 5 goals 5 behinds. Best players—Scott, Sinclair, Curlewis, Stott, Jude, Salter. Goalkickers—Eaton, Drew (each 2), Jude, and Panse.

### SECOND EIGHTEEN.

This season our Principal has permitted a Second team to be admitted to the B Grade of the Gawler Association. Without doubt, the wisdom of this will be seen next year, when the younger players are advanced to the senior team.

At first a temporary committee was elected to select the first team and then the final committee. The election resulted as

follows:—Captain, G. R. Rogers; Vice-Captain, A. B. Cashmore; Hon. Secretary, R. S. Cooper, also A. T. Hooper and L. T. Hayward.

The first match, on 2nd May, was played against Centrals on the old oval, which resulted in a win for Centrals. Final scores—Centrals, 9 goals 10 behinds; R.A.C. Second, 2 goals 1 behind. Best players—Mr. Woodroffe, Cashmore, Mutter, Collins.

The next Saturday, still on the old oval, the College were again defeated by Willaston. Final scores—Willaston, 6 goals 10 behinds; R.A.C. Second, 4 goals 10 behinds. Best players—Cashmore, Cooper, Chillingworth.

On 16th May, on the new oval, Rovers defeated us by 4 goals 8 behinds to 5 behinds. Best players—Mutter, Winnall, Johnson Cooper.

The 23rd May brought the Seconds their first victory, it being against Smithfield. The team work was greatly improved. Final score—College, 16 goals 13 behinds; Smithfield, 1 goal. Best players—Mr. Woodroffe, Jude, Collins, McKay, Hooper ii.

Souths again defeated us on 30th May, many regular players being absent through playing for the Firsts. Final scores—Souths, 5 goals 15 behinds; College, 2 goals 5 behinds. Best players—Mr. Woodroffe, Thomas, Phillips, Pike.

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### People Say—

- That the Hornsby hasn't jibbed for four days.
- That Dick touched three miles an hour last week.
- That one morning we had eggs—not chops.
- That Chas. once solved a crossword puzzle.
- That Shxxxxrd only got in the Seconds.
- That the same gentleman (?) dislikes boxing.
- That Uncle loves his iron steed.
- That certain First-years have fine voices.
- That Killarney's velocipede is a public menace.
- That the Lawn Tennis Courts will SOON be ready.
- That Judy finds trips to the hospital rather painful.

HILLOC BELLAIRE.

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### Tennis Notes.

This season we had a fairly full programme of matches away from the College, but difficulties concerning return matches arose owing to our inability to arrange matches on dates that would



**W. V. LUDBROOK.**

Gold Medal and Old Students' Cup, 1925.  
Appointed Cerealist to the College.

coincide with those of other teams. This was mainly due to the fact that their Association fixtures could not be altered.

Mr. Colebatch kindly offered the team the use of his own courts for any matches that could be arranged at the College.

The team enjoyed all the trips immensely, and would particularly like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tate for the splendid evening spent at their home.

We met with a fair amount of success, and every match was played in the correct spirit.

Those who took part in matches were Mr. Fels, U. D. Tate (Captain), F. K. Salter (Vice-Captain), G. R. Rogers, J. L. Johnson, M. O. Bested, H. H. Winnall, G. V. Cohen, and M. E. McBain.

We trust that next year tennis at the College will become more popular and reach a higher standard than previously, as our three new grass courts should encourage more to take part in the summer game.

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### Old Collegians' Association.

Every year more and more Old Students are being attracted to Western Australia and taking up land in that State, until at the present time there are about 80 over there whose addresses we know, whilst no doubt there are others whose whereabouts are unknown. From time to time the question of establishing a sub-branch of the Association in the West has been discussed, the way towards its formation having been left open by the following motion carried at a general meeting some years ago:—  
“That a branch be established in Western Australia, and that the Committee make all arrangements.”

Subsequently, at a Committee meeting further details were drawn up, but there the matter appears to have rested, and no serious attempt was made toward its formation until recently, when, through the energy of Mr. K. M. Horwood, the following circular letter was forwarded to Old Collegians in Western Australia whose addresses are known:—

Dear Sir,

I have been approached by Mr. R. C. Scott (Hon. Secretary Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association) with a view to forming a branch of the Association in Western Australia. In view of the number of Old Students in this State, some seventy-odd, as far as I know at present, I think that it will be generally felt by all that a branch over here is a much-wanted necessity. Numbers of Old Students

here have got out of touch with the affairs of the College. This, no doubt, is understandable, because of the distance one is from its seat. The objects of a branch in this State would mainly be in the bringing together of as many Old Students as possible, at least once during the year, besides keeping us all in constant touch with the College and its doings through the medium of its official organ, "The Student," which is now to be published three times during the year.

I would be very pleased to hear from Old Students in regard to this matter, giving their views as to formation of a branch, and also any suggestions as to its mode of formation and constitution.

I am, yours sincerely,

K. M. HORWOOD.

Williams, W.A.

Mr. Horwood is to be commended for making a move in this matter, and I am sure all wish him every success in his efforts. I am under the impression that there are many in the West who for some years have been waiting for someone to make a move in this direction, and will heartily co-operate, render every assistance, and establish an enthusiastic branch. When some definite proposal can be placed before the Committee the matter will then be considered, but our Western Australian members can rest assured that the parent body will take a very sympathetic view and place no obstacle in the way of the establishment of a branch in their State.

The matter of erecting the tombstone and kerbing over the grave of the late Professor Custance by the Association has advanced another stage, and sufficient length of time has now elapsed for the foundations to be laid without danger. The work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. W. Darby & Sons, Adelaide, at a total cost, covering stone, kerbing, inscription, and erection, together with a five-year guarantee, of £35 18s. 9d. The stone is Italian marble in the form of a pedestal monument five feet high, surrounded with a marble enclosure. The inscription is—

JOHN DANIEL CUSTANCE,

Died 14th December, 1923.

Aged 81 Years.

Professor of Agriculture  
and

Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College  
1881 to 1886.

Erected to his memory by Old Students of the College.



The sculptors intend commencing work immediately, and therefore in a comparatively short time the grave of the man who laboured so strenuously for the success of the College in its earliest days will be marked, and the respect and admiration with which his name is held by those familiar with his efforts expressed in a practical manner. The subscription list toward this worthy cause is not yet closed, and any who desire to closely associate themselves in the movement are requested to forward their contributions at an early date.

Some little time ago the question whether Diploma-holders of the College were entitled to use any distinctive letters after their names, engaged the attention of the Committee, and the matter was left in the hands of the Principal (Mr. Colebatch) to make inquiries. No doubt there is some regulation debarring individuals from the use of such letters as commonly denote a University degree, and therefore the matter is at present before the Crown Solicitor for a considered opinion. Diploma-holders of the Cirencester Agricultural College (England) add the letters M.R.A.C., whilst, I understand, Hawkesbury Diploma-holders also adopt a similar practice, and in our next issue of these Notes we hope to be able to state our position.

The annual general meeting will shortly be upon us, and the question of the establishment of a scholarship will have to be decided. The subject was explained in our last publication, but in order to make the position quite clear a brief history is again given. Generally speaking, the proposal is that a scholarship to the value of £30 per annum, tenable at Roseworthy, be established; that this scholarship be balloted for from time to time by financial members of the Association, and that the successful member could nominate his son or any other person to hold the scholarship for the ensuing three years. After consideration, the sub-committee reported that the present revenue of the Association was not sufficient to defray the cost of a scholarship, and whilst in sympathy with the proposition, they were unable to recommend that any steps be taken in the matter. This, then, was the position at our last general meeting, when the question of raising our annual subscription to 10s. and life membership to £5 5s., in order to make provision for a scholarship, was discussed. Finally, it was agreed that the matter be deferred until the next general meeting, and it is on this question that members will be asked to vote in September next.

Of late years Old Students have frequently sat as members of Royal Commissions, and our most recent appointment is that of Mr. W. J. Colebatch (Principal of the College) as Chairman of the Commission inquiring into rural settlement and production in South Australia. Associated with him is Mr. W. J. Spafford (Chief Agricultural Instructor in the Department of Agriculture)

and Mr. J. A. Fraser, of the Land Board, who is not an Old Student. The knowledge of suitable land for settlement thus gained will be invaluable to students who, having completed their course, intend acquiring property under the Agricultural Graduates Act, and Mr. Colebatch will be in a position to give sound advice.

The annual cricket match between Old Students and the College, played on the College Oval early in March, again provided an enjoyable day's sport. The Old Students managed to win by a narrow margin, owing to a last-wicket stand between Messrs. V. M. Fairbrother and R. Baker. However, we are not greatly concerned as to the ultimate winners of these matches, but rather desire a close contest, with the renewal of old acquaintances and happy recollections of sport when students at the College. Details of the match, with the names of the players, appear under the Cricket Notes.

We hope this year to make the football match with the students more successful, as last September we were unfortunate in striking a wet day and taking the field without a full team. There is no reason why this game should not be quite as enjoyable as the cricket match, and this year efforts will be made toward this end. Possibly the game will be played on the Thursday afternoon of Adelaide Show week on the University Oval, if it can be secured. When arrangements with regard to date, time, and oval are finalized a circular letter will be forwarded to footballers asking them to take part in the match. We trust that the response will be good and a creditable team selected.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, 10th September, at Covent Garden, King William Street, at 7.30 p.m. We hope that as many members as possible will keep the evening free of other engagements and endeavour to attend the annual reunion gathering, which is growing in popularity. Prompt replies of your intention to be present greatly appreciated.

I have to thank those who have contributed toward the following notes:—

BROCK, H. (1885).—Was for a number of years manager for John Darling & Son, Port Pirie, but is now farming at White Hut, near Clare.

EASTWOOD, M. (1885).—Spent a considerable time in Western Australia, but at present is connected with the Tamworth Carrying Company at Tamworth, N.S.W.

MORRIS, O. H. (1886).—Grazier in the Mount Gambier district.

HILL, R. (1886).—Soon after leaving Roseworthy settled in Victoria, and for a number of years was farming in the Warracknabeal district. At present he is Director of the Knitting Mills at Portland.

PEAKE, H. (1887).—Farming near Cleve.

SHAKES, VAL (1888).—Has returned from British Columbia, and is with Goldsbrough, Mort & Co., stationed at Abattoirs.

HEARMAN, D. J. (1889).—Part owner of the Middalya Station, Carnarvon, Western Australia. Was in South Australia a few weeks ago and attended the sale of Canowie Stud Merinos.

GILES, H. M. (1889).—Orchardist, Woodside.

WIGHT, F. S. (1890).—Clerk of the District Council at Mannum.

HARVEY, S. K. (1891).—An official in the Department of Mines and Industries, Pretoria, South Africa. Private address—232 Mare Street, Pretoria. Rendered valuable service with the Union of South Africa in connection with the campaigns in German South-West Africa and German East Africa, and awarded the O.B.E.

LEAKE, R. M. (1891).—The following interesting letter concerning Old Students and the early days of the College was recently received:—

Moorawoppin, 13th February, 1925.

The Secretary Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association,  
Roseworthy.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing cheque for £1 1s., to cover my subscription for four years. Owing to the distance from Adelaide there is not much chance of attending the annual gathering. Still, it is always very interesting to get "The Student," and so keep in touch with the College. There are a group of us in this district. The following notes may be of interest:—

In 1894 Robert Hinckley, who was one of the foundation members of the College, took up land at Woolundia, six miles east of Kellerberrin. He farmed there for several years, was married, and later sold out and went to Jandacat, near Perth, to live, and went in for market-gardening. He was killed through a fall from a young horse.

Roy Dyer has taken over his father's farm, "Holmbush," two and a half miles north of Kellerberrin, since his return from the war. He is married, and has two children. The property is a good one, and he is farming successfully.

J. Hoile bought a farm about four miles south-east of Kellerberrin about two years ago, and is doing well. He married a little over a year ago, a sister of Roy Dyer, and they have a daughter.

Frank Packham.—Since his return from the war he has been farming near Tammin, about 17 miles west of Kellerberrin. When in England he married and they have a daughter. He has good land, and is making a success of it.

E. Clark.—He was farming at Tammin in a partnership property, but last year sold out, and is now in the Toodyay district, where he has recently bought a property. He is married, and they have two children.

H. W. Leake.—Since his return from the war he has taken over his father's property, "Kareewa," two miles south-east of Kummioappin. He is married and they have three children.

C. A. Sweeting.—He recently bought a farm at Tammin. He is one of the old brigade, being at Roseworthy in 1892-3. He has a son 18 years old.

The season in Western Australia has been a good one, and all the above have had good returns. The wheat averages in the Kulin district are the best recorded since the land was taken up. There is good opening area here for young men with farming experience and with capital, for the value of land over here in the wheat belt is much below land of a similar quality in South Australia. Land values are steadily rising so that the present time is opportune to buy, with the knowledge that you are buying on a rising market.

I notice that Leslie Salter has been President of the of the Association for the last two years. He was at Roseworthy in my second year—the year Professor Perkins first came to Roseworthy. We were having study in the evening and some noise was made, and the master-in-charge making some remark, Salter immediately said, "Did you refer to me, sir?" "Well, if the cap fits you, wear it, Salter," the master replied. "I can assure you it is a very bad fit, sir," said Salter.

It was also that year the first vineyards were planted at Roseworthy. Part of the ground was laid out with a seven-foot drill on the septuple system. After the lines were made one way with the drill wheels, the proper angle was laid off with the survey instrument, and the land was then crossed with the drill, and at the intersection of the wheel tracks we planted the cuttings with a crowbar. The rest of the land was planted on the square system, ten feet apart. The land was laid out with a marker pulled by four students, with one student keeping one side of the marker in the last track. The land marked with the drill was planted the straightest, for we had in those days at the College, a man named C. Jarman, who was the straightest driver I have ever seen, with any implement, before or since going to Roseworthy. Jarman was at that time classed as ploughman. Later, I believe, he was made foreman, and is, I believe, farming now at Clare.

You still have Jack Hocking at Roseworthy. I remember a story he told me to illustrate the advantage of having plenty of assurance. He told me that he applied for a job of stripping (he had never driven a stripper before), and when asked if he could drive, said yes, so he was put on. The hitching of the horses was a simple matter for Jack, but when he went to start the machine nothing went round, so he pulled out of the crop and started looking round. The other machine in the field came round, and the driver stopped and came over to Jack. "Why," he said, "you haven't got it in gear." Jack turned on him promptly, and said, "You ruddy fool, do you think I want my fingers smashed?" etc. The man said no more, and returned to his machine. Jack said when the man had gone he found out where to put her in gear, and had no more trouble, and when the job was finished the boss told him that he was the best driver he had ever had. Jack was always pretty severe on those who could not milk (for at that time he was in charge of the dairy), and one did not get much praise from him. I always remember a compliment he paid me. He gave me the separator bowl and some fat and ashes to polish it with, and when I had finished he said, "Well, you are the first one I have given it to that has not made it look worse when finished than when he started."

I am afraid I have let myself go rather; writing of 33 years ago, memories come back. Clem Hill was playing for the P.A.C. at that time, and in December, '92, we played them at Roseworthy a week before the Oval match and beat them. Clem Hill, playing back, knocked his wicket over that day. Hantke was also playing for P.A.C. that day. His son was the champion athlete in the secondary schools in Western Australia last year—a chip of the old block, for I saw Hantke, sen., win the first Intercollegiate Cup that was run for between P.A.C. and S.P.S.C. in '92. Things have advanced in 33 years. At that time the College consisted of 800 acres, and land was worth at that time only about £3 per acre. The staff consisted of the Professor (Lowrie), Science Master (Dr. Earps), Assistant Science Master and Book-keeper (Hughes), Viticulturist (Professor Perkins), Farm Manager (Inglis), Outside Ploughman (Jarman), Dairyman (Hocking), and a blacksmith. Superphosphate had not come into use then, although we used it at the College. The average for the Roseworthy district was then only four bushels per acre. The College average was 12 bushels, and wheat was then at a low price. I remember sheaved hay being carted from the College to

Gawler and sold there at the chaffmill from 25s. to 30s. per ton.

Yours sincerely,

R. M. LEAKE.

NICKELS, H. H. (1892).—Farming at Forreston, near Gumeracha.  
CASTINE, C. C. (1892).—Continues to shoot extremely well, and in business in Adelaide, manager for Castine, Edwards, and Motten, gunsmiths, North Terrace.

GRAHAM, W. L. (1893).—His record for the Mile of 5 minutes 1-5 seconds obtained in 1895 has never yet been broken. He is now farming at Narrogin, W.A.

GILES, I. H. (1894).—City Gardener for the Corporation of Port Pirie.

HODGE M. F. (1895).—Licensed land valuator and agent, with an office at Grenfell Buildings, Grenfell Street.

PRITCHARD, A. G. (1895).—Farming at Murrayville, Victoria.

READ, W. B. (1896).—Writes from 28 Barton Street, Mayfield, Newcastle, N.S.W., as under:—"You asked me to write you something. Well, if the following is of any use to your paper you are welcome:—Kirkton Vineyards are situated on the banks of the Hunter River, some 150 miles North of Sydney. In 1827 the late John Busby was given a grant of 2,000 acres in the Hunter River Valley. This was in recognition of his finding Sydney's first water supply. To this day it is called Busby's Bore, but no longer Sydney's water supply. It is used at Botany in the large woolscouring works, combing mills, and fellmongering. Mr. Busby immediately imported from the Rhine and France 360 varieties of rooted vines, and planted. Then he picked out the vines that suited the climate and soil. These were the first vines planted in Australia, and since then cuttings from this vineyard were planted throughout the Hunter River. The old homestead still stands, built by convicts. It is built of lath-and-plaster, with shingle roof. It is very cool in summer, much more so than the modern house. I know, as I have lived in it for the past eleven years. While excavating some four years ago we came against various old relics, such as coins, handcuffs, officers' discs (who were in charge of them), chains, and the original bell that used to shake them up for work. The property remained to the descendants of the late John Busby until 1914, when it was bought by the firm of Lindeman, Limited, and I was put on as their first manager at Kirkton, resigning my position at the end of last month owing to ill-health, and am at present on the office staff of the B.H.P. Steelworks, at Newcastle. Kirkton makes a very delicate light wine, chiefly of the

claret and hock type. It is all sent in bulk to the head cellars, where a large proportion is used in the manufacture of sparkling wines. Needs careful handling and each cask topped fortnightly. The last of the old vines, 96 years old, were grubbed out last year. Some were sent to the Exhibition at Wembley. These vines were still bearing, but at their age were not a paying concern, although up to 1918 they were. The vineyard now comprises 150 acres of vines in bearing. I have just heard that not a grape will be picked this vintage; half-an-hour's hailstorm took the whole crop. Dalwood Vineyard, belonging to Penfolds, some fourteen miles away, shared the same fate, but other vineyards in the valley were not touched, showing that hail goes in strips. Mr. Leo Buring is General Manager and Managing Director for the whole of the firm's vineyards, each vineyard having a manager. This may not be of any use to your paper, but as Kirkton is historical in New South Wales, and also Australia's first vineyard, I thought this may be of some interest to you." [We are indebted to Mr. Read for this interesting letter, and wish that others would contribute similar articles.—Ed.]

LAFFER, H. E. (1897).—Has resigned his position with Penfolds, Limited, in Sydney, and is at present on his way to England in the interests of Messrs. Lindeman, Limited. The following cutting from the Sydney press explains the position:—  
 "A Great Revival. Wine Export Trade. Standardized Shipment. A substantial revival in the wine export trade, which is a development of considerable moment to the industry throughout Australia, has set in. This is largely the result of organizing work done by Mr. Leo Buring during his last trip to London and since his return. There are also other factors. Stimulated by the increased demand in Great Britain for wines of a port wine character, which type Australia can so well produce, several of the large British firms who cater for this trade, and in view of the proposed preference by Great Britain to Australia in duty on sweet wines, aided by the Federal export bounty, have placed extensive orders with Australian growers covering 120,000 gallons. The shipment of 16 lorry-loads yesterday represented a portion of that shipped by the old-established growers, Messrs. Lindeman, Limited, Sydney, who have taken London orders totalling 30,000 gallons. One of the most interesting features of this shipment, comprising 209 hogsheads, is the inclusion of 4,000 gallons, a consignment representing standardized blends of port type wines from 12 of the leading growers of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, prepared for shipment on their behalf by

Messrs. Lindeman, Limited, to test Australian sweet wines on the British market in a thoroughly scientific manner. These wines will be accompanied by Mr. H. E. Laffer, formerly State Viticulturist for New South Wales, a well-known wine expert, who will carry out careful investigations, following the wines through from the grower to the British consumer. The result should be of the greatest value to the Australian wine industry."

MILNE, G. S. (1898).—Officer in the Customs Department at Cape Town, South Africa.

GURR, G. C. (1899).—Has recently been appointed to the responsible position of Manager of the Sewage Farm at Islington. Formerly was Farm Superintendent at the Magill Reformatory.

VANDREY, C. (1899).—Farming at Willunga.

DAWKINS, W. J. (1899).—Holds the position of Vice-President of the South Australian Sheepbreeders' Association for the establishment of which he was mainly responsible. Also connected with the Clydesdale Society. His farm is at Gawler River, where he has a Clydesdale stud and a noted Dorset Horn flock. At present is on a trip to England.

CAW, A. B. (1900).—Farming at Kojonup, Western Australia.

PALTRIDGE, J. W. (1901).—Has a dairy farm at Mypolonga.

JACOBI, A. C. (1902).—During the season has charge of the Spare Parts Department of the Stock-owners' Co-operative Shearing Company, in Adelaide, and for the remainder of the year is engaged in numerous mechanical jobs in the Edwardstown district.

MAGAREY, A. W. (1903).—Fruitgrowing at Berri. Had the misfortune to have his homestead burnt out a few weeks ago.

FAIRWEATHER, W. R. (1903).—Manager of Minchinbury Vineyard, Rooty Hill, New South Wales. Was in South Australia recently, and paid a visit to the College.

TITLEY, B. J. (1904).—Farming at Port Victoria, Yorke Peninsula.

BILLINGHURST, S. C. (1905).—Until recently Orchardist at Kybybolite, but has now succeeded Mr. R. Hill as Manager of the Experimental Farm at Minnipa.

WILCOX, K. S. (1906).—Has purchased a dairying property on the Gawler River, of which he has only taken possession recently.

SHEKLETON, J. B. (1907).—Spent considerable time in Queensland, and has now returned to South Australia, and is on a station at Olary.

BRUCE, M. (1908).—Employed at the Gypsum Works at Penong, Eyre Peninsula.



- TOLLEY, R. D. (1909).—At the Angas Park Distillery, Nuriootpa.
- TAMBLYN, W. K. (1909).—Has a fruit block at Renmark.
- MADELEY, G. V. (1910).—Is now on the land at Moorak, and has been obtaining some good returns. In an extract from one of his letters he says:—“We have been going in for Cape barley the last few years, and find we do much better out of it than English malting barley, as we get much heavier yields, which more than makes up for the difference in price. Last year we got an average of 61 bushels off 20 acres, and this year we averaged 50 bushels, but it was taken off with the reaper-thrasher, and I think we lost quite 10 bushels per acre. All things considered, we have had a very good season. We had about 1,000 sheep shorn last year, and they gave us double the weight we got off 650 last year. Our oats were splendid, one crop yielding well up to three tons per acre, and I estimate will thrash out to 60 or 70 bushels per acre.
- WEBB, G. R. (1911).—Has a combined grazing and cropping property at Warrnambool, Victoria.
- SIBLEY, S. J. (1912).—Accountant in Geo. Wills & Co.'s Office at Port Adelaide.
- HOWARD, H. H. (1912).—Farming at Petina, on the West Coast.
- CONWAY, B. (1913).—Possesses an orchard at Cadell, and his trees are commencing to make returns.
- ORCHARD, H. H. (1914).—Inspector in the Horticultural Department, stationed at Mount Gambier.
- LE MESSURIER, E. J. (1914).—Farming at Curramulka, and doing fairly well.
- CATT, K. C. (1914).—Has recently disposed of his farm at Bowmans, and may probably take up land in the West.
- KOCH, F. R. (1915).—The owner of a well-improved property at Wilkawatt, and with his wife and child is at present on a trip to England.
- ROBINSON, J. O. (1915).—Dairy-farming at Meadows.
- PRESTON, D. H. (1916).—Upon the completion of his course was on Bon Bon Station, Kingoonya, for some time, and later returned to Adelaide to take up the study of wool, whilst within the last month he has sailed for England in order to complete his education at Bradford.
- JAMES, W. J. H. (1916).—Chief Inspector for the Phylloxera Board in South Australia.
- BEAUMONT, L. W. (1916).—Was dairy-farming at Murray Bridge, but on account of his wife's health had to leave that locality, and has been appointed to the position of Farm Superintendant at Magill Reformatory.

- NICOLSON, A. J. S. (1917).—At Roopena Station, Whyalla.
- WILLIAM, J. L. (1918).—Superintendent of Vineyard and Orchard at the College. Married last Christmas, and lives in Gawler.
- SAMUEL, C. G. (1918).—Has returned to Kenya Colony, South Africa. The coffee from the plantation he is connected with returned the highest price in the market last year, a fact to which he largely contributed.
- FAIRBROTHER, G. E. (1919).—Upon his return to Australia from New Zealand had rather a serious illness in Sydney, but has now quite recovered. At present is on Kulina Station, Kingston, in the South-East, about nine miles from L. Paltridge, who has the Minnie Crow run.
- SCRYMGOUR, B. B. (1919).—Has sold his farm at Warooka and taken up land near Murrayville, in Victoria.
- THOMAS, E. B. (1920).—Purchased land in Western Australia. Up to the present have not got his new address.
- PELLEW, C. E. (1920).—Upon the dissolution of partnership between Clarrie & Lin, Clarrie bought Lin's share of the farm at Saddleworth, and is devoting his attention to sheep, whilst Lin has purchased another farm in the same district.
- HOWE, F. L. (1921).—Writes concerning his doings as follows:—  
 "I am stationed at present in a comparatively new district on a wheat and sheep farm of 6,600 acres, 60 miles from Narrogin (postal address, Jitarning). We are at it pretty hard just at present getting the crop off. There are two of us on machines—a Sunshine Eight-foot and a Big E. The hours are somewhat longer than at the College—5.30 a.m. till 8 at night. We have stripped 70 acres of Queen Fan, going seven bags, 170 Nabawa at seven, and have nearly completed 200 acres of Federation, which promises to give even a bigger yield. Another 220 acres of Gresley, which we have not yet touched, should yield about six bags. We have a Cricket Association, comprising three teams. Ours is very medium, and you can imagine its class when I have the honour of being one of the best."
- HORWOOD, K. M. (1921).—Writes from Williams, Western Australia, as under:—"No doubt you will be surprised to see that I have come over to this part of the world. I got a very good offer to come across, and took the opportunity. This place consists of 10,000 acres, all freehold; 1,700 acres cleared, and at present carrying about 2,100 merinos. However, I think this number can be doubled by clearing, top-dressing, and subterranean clover, which grows remarkably well even on the poorest soil. The rainfall is 24 inches, and with top-dressing clover is sure to do well, as the patches already laid out are carrying a sheep to the acre. Most of

the big timber is ring-barked, but the suckers which have come up make things, if anything, worse than the virginal timber. Got here in time to take charge of shearing operations, which lasted a fortnight, and since then have been pretty busy, grubbing poison weed, shearing stragglers, etc. There is also a new set of yards to build, but fortunately there is plenty of timber close handy, and also hundreds of other things besides." Notwithstanding all these jobs ahead, he has circularized Old Students in the West as regards the formation of a branch, as stated in the early part of these Notes.

CLOSE, J. A. (1922).—Went home to Tasmania after Speech-day, and has recently returned, and is obtaining further experience on the farm of Mr. J. H. Dawkins, at Gawler River.

TATE U. D. (1922).—Taken up land in the Lameroo district.

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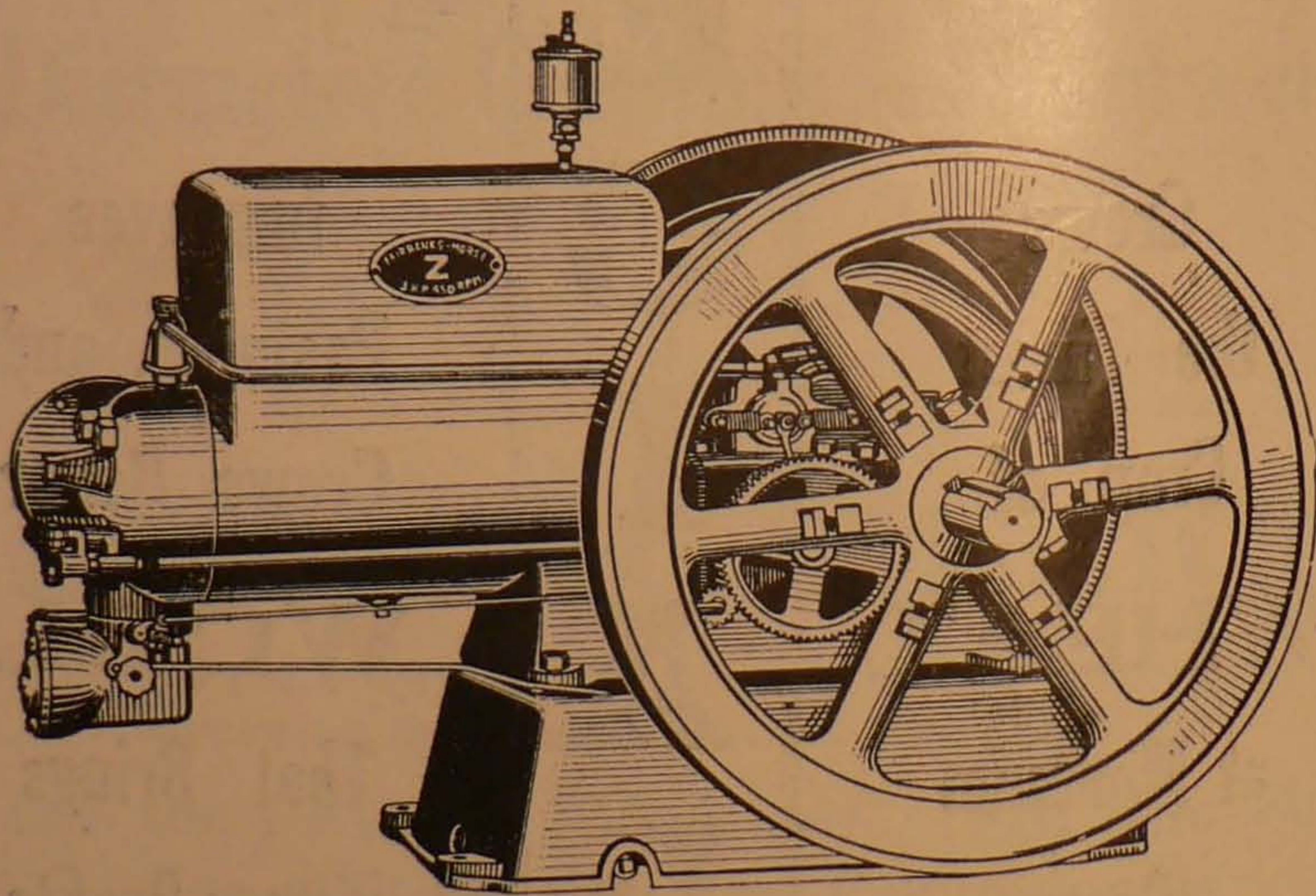
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