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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An Australian wide Association of Agricultural Diplomates will probably be formed within the next twelve months, during which time decisions affecting each of our 800 members will be made.

As your newly elected President, I am deeply conscious of the responsibilities that are mine to the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association and trust that I can carry out my duties to the best of my ability and in the best interests of the Association.

I pay tribute not only to the immediate past President, Mr W.S. (Bill) Edge, but to the long line of wise and capable Office Bearers who have brought R.O.C.A. to its present place of high regard throughout both the Agricultural community and the State generally.

Over 90% of those eligible are members of R.O.C.A. and with the co-operation and support I know will be forthcoming from all members, we can look forward to further progress and achievement.

Your Committee has been well chosen to act on your behalf in the vital issues that confront us in the formation of an Association of Agricultural Diplomates:- it is probably the most important matter we have yet had to consider. Almost certainly, this proposed Association will require a higher subscription rate than is at present being paid to R.O.C.A., but it is my earnest belief that an Australia wide Association, strong in both numbers and finance, has long been our greatest need.

Once formed, it will be of inestimable value in achieving a greater measure of financial security and status for Agricultural Diplomates in particular and all ex-Agricultural students in general.

Thus, it is in conclusion that I ask for the wholehearted support and co-operation of all members for both myself and the Committee during what may well be one of the most eventful and rewarding years in our history.

JOHN GORE.

R.O.C.A. COMMITTEE

The following committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting for the 1966/67 year:-

- Past President - W.S. EDGE
- President - J. GORE
- Vice President - H.V. STEPHEN
- Hon. Treasurer - C.W. HOOPER
- Member Graduate (1-10 yrs) - R. FEWSTER
- Member Graduate (last year) - No nomination
- Other Committee Members - R. NORTON, J. SOBELS, C. KAY,
R.G. RYAN and R.J. FORD
- Hon. Auditor - B.C. PHILIP

SOUTH-EAST BRANCH A.G.M. AND REUNION

The South East Branch will hold their A.G.M. and Reunion at the KinCraig Hotel, Naracoorte, on Wednesday, 30th November, 1966.

All members of R.O.C.A. are welcome to attend and help to make this function the biggest and best.

If you are able to attend, write or 'phone David Scales before November 23rd. Dave can be contacted by ringing Keppoch 56048 or writing to "Slumberdowns", Private Bag, Naracoorte.

It's up to you to help us give those West Coastites a nudge.

1966 CABARET

The Cabaret will be held on Saturday, 12th November at the Richmond Hotel. Although this is primarily an Old Scholars function, friends will be welcomed.

To avoid disappointment, reply immediately by filling in the slip below:-

FILL IN AND RETURN BEFORE 5th NOVEMBER, 1966.

The Hon. Secretary,
R.O.C.A.,
Agricultural College,
ROSEWORTHY. S.A.

Please book places at the dinner dance to be held on November 12th at the Richmond Hotel.

Find enclosed \$. to cover the cost at \$3.95 per person.

NAME.....
(Please Print)

ADDRESS
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ANNUAL REUNION DINNER, 1966

BY JOHN GURSANSKY

The dinner this year was attended by 148 members (a record) which packed the dining room of the Hotel Richmond. This very good attendance created a few problems for the organizers, the hotel had initially catered for 130. I hope the other 18 realize that one of you had my other half serve of sea food cocktail!

The guest of honour was Dr Callaghan who was awarded the Award of Merit this year. Among other guests at the head table was the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Bywaters.

The 25 and 10 year groups this year were organized by Gil Williams and James Sobels. For those groups coming up in future years we all appreciate hearing about some of the old happenings at the College.

I have heard on the grapevine that one of the Rice boys from Dutton had his car stolen during the dinner, or was it he forgot where he parked it?

With our increased attendances at our recent dinners, it appears as though more old scholars realize that the more who go the more enjoyment is had by all; see you all there next year.

R.O.C.A. SPORTS DAY REUNION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

The day began with a well attended church service. The Chapel was filled by students, old scholars and their families. The service was conducted by Rev. David Binns, an old student of fairly recent vintage (1956-58).

Although the day was dull and the attendance rather poor, those who were there enjoyed themselves.

The cricket ended in a 2 run victory for the old students with Chris Weeks (a "ringin") top scoring for the old students and Warren Roesler for the students.

Rifles ended in a 10 point win for the students.

Tennis was washed out before it started and a few hardy golfers had a round without any competition offered by students, the best of a bad lot of golfers was Wilf Bowen with 50 for the nine holes.

For future days such as this, students, staff and all the regulars would like to see more old scholars attend this day to make it worthwhile.

RIVER BRANCH REUNION DINNER 1966

BY JOHN GURSANSKY

The dinner was held as usual during the students River Trip, on Wednesday, September 28th. The venue was the Loxton Hotel, after a decision to rotate the location of the dinner and annual meeting at the last annual general.

Guests included John Gore and Bill Edge, who travelled up to encourage others to attend and also to enlighten members on the proposed new Diplomates Association; Alan Footer and myself represented the College.

A total of 20 attended and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The annual meeting was chaired by the outgoing Chairman, Rod Pfeiffer, whose brother Kevin was Secretary. The new Committee appointed at the meeting was Alan Emerson - President, Ross Wishart - V. President, with secretary/treasurer being temporarily undecided at the meeting.

EYRE PENINSULA REUNION AND FAMILY PICNIC

Port Lincoln, Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th February, 1967.

Benefiting from our experiences at our last Reunion the Organizing Committee have decided on a more attractive and ambitious weekend of entertainment.

Saturday Night:- Men's Reunion Dinner - Ladies' and Children's entertainments.

Sunday:- Billy Light Point on Porter Bay - Barbecue and picnic for family and friends.

The dinner will be held at the Great Northern Hotel, Port Lincoln, Ladies' and Children's entertainments to be finalized.

The following day at Annual Picnic chops, sausages, bread and butter, etc., will be supplied for lunch with ice creams and refreshments. Highlights of entertainment will be the "Belle of the Beach" contest and the swim from Port Adelaide to Port Lincoln. Interested persons are advised to enter early as the field is limited. In the case of the latter competition, should sufficient interest be shown, we will make it an annual event.

Accommodation:- For various reasons Thuruna is out and the picnic spot planned is only about two miles from Port Lincoln.

There are Hotels, Motels, Caravan Park with cabins, Private Homes, etc., at Port Lincoln. If it is not possible for you to make private arrangements please contact any of the Committee and state your preferences and we'll do the rest.

But do it now: Put in for your holidays or organize a trip, etc., we want you to be with us and don't forget the family. The last Reunion was terrific.

This one will be far better.

Get moving boys and join the Coasty types on the 25th and 26th February.

Persons to Contact:-

Re Dinner and Accommodation

Secretary	Des Habel Peter Thyer Jack Jones Ray Alcock Bob Horne	4 Frobisher Street, Port Lincoln Bonanza Road, Port Lincoln 8 Ruskin Road, Port Lincoln 12 Ellen Street, Port Lincoln Tumby Bay
President	Pat Marrie	Cummins.

OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER

BY PHIL TUMMEL

The proposed society of Oenologists is well on the way to becoming a reality. A special committee meeting on September 30th drafted a constitution which will be presented to the original inaugural gathering on October 28th for perusal and amendments, and then a further inaugural meeting of all proposed members will adopt the same constitution.

It is a slow process, and we request patience from all concerned. Our Honorary Secretary, Peter Wall is not only enthusiastically working hard, but also most efficiently. Ian Hickenbotham is being most helpful and constructive.

We all wish Peter Weste and Jim Jenkins the best of luck in their new appointments.

Congratulations to Jim Barry and Bob Baker re their latest stork arrivals.

I will be looking forward to a large gathering of Oenologists on October 28th at Nuriootpa.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL DIPLOMATES

Below are sections of a report received from Frank Pearson and Bill Edge who represented our association at an Agricultural Old Boys Association meeting held at Wagga Agricultural College, N.S.W. on 24th August, 1966.

The following delegates were present:-

Hawkesbury Old Boys Union	- Alex Miller & Neville Medley
Wagga Old Boys Union	- Jim Kemp
Dookie & Longerenong Old Collegians Association	- Dean Runge, Tom Liley & Peter Flude
Muresk Old Collegians Association	- F.H. Gillett
Roseworthy Old Collegians Association	- Bill Edge, Frank Pearson.

Gatton Old Boys Association did not send delegates but did advise that they were in sympathy with the objects of the meeting.

After a preliminary discussion, Dean Runge was appointed Chairman of the meeting and Peter Flude Secretary and the first part of the meeting was devoted to delegates giving information regarding their various Associations and Unions.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the Associations and Unions should continue to maintain their present social and other functions.

It was further agreed that there was a need for and interest in an association to promote the advancement of Agriculture and the agricultural diplomates.

Following further discussion the following list of proposals was adopted with the request that these be referred back to the parent Association for consideration and decision.

- (i) That a Commonwealth-wide body of Agricultural College Old Collegians Unions and Associations be formed.
- (ii) That membership of this Association be restricted to diplomates and other persons of equivalent qualifications as decided by the National Executive.
- (iii) That the Constituent member associations each provide \$20.00 to help with the formation expenses of the new Association.
- (iv) That the body be known as the "Australian Association of Agricultural Diplomates".
- (v) That its aims and objects be to promote the advancement of agriculture and the Agricultural College Diplomates.
- (vi) That it have an Executive Council consisting of not more than three delegates from each constituent member.
- (vii) That this executive council elect an Executive Committee to carry out its aims and objects.
- (viii) That all members must first be members of their constituent state Association or Union.

Some general discussion then took place which considered amongst other things the possible location of the executive committee and indicated that a permanent secretary might be desirable.

If these were to be achieved some 1500 members at an annual subscription fee of \$5.00 or more would be necessary.

After the meeting, a get-together was held with representatives of the various student groups present at Wagga for the Inter-Collegiate Sports to acquaint them with the objects and aims of the meeting and what had been discussed to-date.

THE GRAPEVINE

With the A.G.M. and Reunion and also Old Scholars Day since the last issue quite a bit of news has come to hand.

Two of our older members in Chris Carr and "Mac" Horwood came back to Roseworthy recently, both receiving their diplomas 43 years ago. In 1924 Chris went to Western Australia where he was farming at Mingenew on a block adjoining that of Bruce Thomas'. Bruce was in the same year as Chris and Mac. Mac recently retired from Executor Trustee and Co. Ltd. after 21 years of service. Other members of our association whom Bruce mentioned were F. Burton Wood (1919-21), a Director of Wesfarmers and Rex Morgan who retired from the Taxation Department in W.A. because of his health.

THE GRAPEVINE (CONTINUED)

Our congratulations to Mr A.W. Allan, a Roseworthy Old Collegian, who in April of this year was appointed to the position of Deputy Chairman of the Victorian Dried Fruits Board in place of another old scholar, Bill Nankivell, whose term of appointment expired.

John "Joe" Hardy who went to Chile with a consignment of cattle is apparently still in Chile and contemplating staying on there in a permanent position.

Dick Flower visited the College with a group of students from the Mt Barker High School. Dick who is married and has one child, mentioned that Henry Foster is to be married in the near future.

Activity has been rather brisk again in the matrimonial section over the past few months. In some cases full details have not been known but in all instances the old scholar "responsible" is mentioned.

Engagements:	Bryan Thomas	-	Jill Thyer
	Ian Thomas		- Irene Siostrom
	John Skull		- Katherina Scholderer
Marriages:	Derrick Adderley	-	Marlene Bryant
	Steve Gee		-
	Dick Buckett		- Carol Follett
	Bob Jeffery		- Jennette Lancaster
	Dick Sage		-
	Jim Wiese		- Elwyn McFarlane
Births:	Brian and Ann Merrigan	-	Son
	Colin and Joy Krause		- Daughter
	Geoff and Rosalind Norman		- Daughter
	Bob and Marie Baker		- Daughter

I am sure all old scholars will join with me in extending congratulations to the above. Ian Thomas was beaten by his younger brother Bryan in the engagements field, but only by a matter of a few weeks.

Sam White and Reg Radford made sure that Dick Sage was at the church on time.

Jim Jenkins has transferred his employment to McWilliams Wines, Yenda, N.S.W., after eleven years at Hamilton's. Jim and his wife Val have four children (two boys and two girls).

I have received a letter from Hiles Pearse who has mentioned three of his Roseworthy associates who have passed on in the last twelve months. Thank you very much for your letter Hiles. The following is an extract from his letter.

"H.D.M. Adams, (Monty), 1898-1901, (one year ahead of me), enlisted in World War I; Visited Queen's Coronation on behalf of the Government; Appointed Government Agricultural Adviser on West Coast, a job he held for some years; Died 30th June at Repatriation Hospital, aged 85.

"Alfred B. Caw, 1899-1902, (same period as myself); Married a daughter of late Mrs. Hubbe, Girls' School, Statenborough Street, Marryatville, (my wife also attended this school); Farmed for a number of years at Harvey, W.A.; Returned to Adelaide, several years ago and lived at Burnside Lodge; Died last year, also aged 85.

"Two old mates, and very dear friends.

"Another man who was a student during my regime, passed on last year, (I missed the notice in the paper, but was told about it) he was Rev. W.E. (Bill) Terry. I forget whether he was in the same year as "Monty" Adams, or a year earlier. He spent the later years of his life as rector of St. Jude's Church of England at Brighton. The only time I met him after R.A.C. was when he was locum tenens for our parson at St. Marys' Church of England in my home town of Burra. He was years older than I, and as I am nearly 84 he must have been well on in the 90's.

"I understand that he was at the dedication of the chapel at the College. He was an Englishman."

COLLEGE CHATTER

Like most of the state the rainfall in August and early September gave us a few headaches and the mowers were cutting grass hay early in September. Since then the hay has given Ray Norton more headaches as the wet spell made baling and carting rather a difficult proposition. As usual the benefits will outweigh the loss - regrowth on mown areas is very good and the cereal crops now give promise of good yields.

It was possible to put together one good bunker of silage which will help the dairy stock through the summer.

Alain Chartier recently laid down the foundation of a large white stud with the purchase of one boar and six sows. These were obtained from top breeders - Mr Lance Dawkins, Mr Bill Dunsford and Mr Jim McAuliffe. Also during Show week he purchased a well bred Jersey bull from Mr Bruce Mullens of Wasleys.

The tenders for the new Farm Engineering Building has been let and a start was made in early October.

The Staff front has again received a few alterations. Harry Stephen, after many years on the College, has transferred to Murray Bridge as Poultry Adviser for that area. I am certain that all Old Collegians wish him well.

Another staff member of long standing to leave us was Jack Wood, who left to join the laboratory of the Sewerage Department at the Bolivar. Quiet and efficient Jack's departure leaves a further gap in the staff at the A. P. Laboratory.

Colin Bungey, still recovering from his accident has returned to the Department of Agriculture in Adelaide and it is very pleasing to know that he is back at work.

David Woodruff, after a brief stay, has transferred his activities to Queensland.

Another face missing is Murray Stevens. Murray had not been well for some time and a sudden seizure in September brought fatal results.

Our only addition to the staff is Jack Foot, who has taken over the duties of Housemaster. Jack served for seven years in the A.I.F. and after discharge had a fruit property at Barmera for 15 years. During the latter period he was Chairman of the District Council and a member of the Australian Dried Fruit Federal Council. Joining the Public Service Association in 1961 he has been Superintendent of Aboriginal Reserves at Musgrave Park, Gerard and Point Pearce. We welcome Mr and Mrs Foot to the College community.

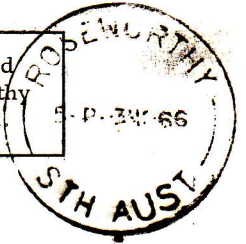
IF YOU ARE A ROSEWORTHY OLD SCHOLAR
 YOU SHOULD SEE THAT YOU SUPPORT **R.O.C.A.**
 IF YOU MILK COWS
 YOU SHOULD SEE A PSYCHIATRIST
 UNLESS YOU MILK **JERSEYS**

Then you really should see Gwangwea Jerseys at Inman Valley

JOHN AND MRS GORE WOULD WELCOME YOU

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EYRE PENINSULA A.G.M. AND REUNION

The above Reunion will be held at Port Lincoln on Saturday, February 25th, 1967, in the Great Northern Hotel.

Don't miss out, start planning now as a good time is guaranteed for all.

The guest speaker is Dr. John Lee, Acting Chief of Division, Division of Biochemistry, C.S.I.R.O., Adelaide. His subject, which will be of considerable interest to all, is "Mineral Supplements for Sheep - Historical, Philosophical and Practical Considerations".

Further details of what is arranged for the ladies and children on this night, plus the family picnic to be held on Sunday, 26th February, and who to contact, appear elsewhere in this issue.