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R. O. C. A. AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

Award of Merit nominations are due with the Hon. Secretary by the 31st May, 1967. This Award is to any member of the Association who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of Agricultural activity, including Association affairs.

The Selection Committee has expressed a wish that it may have more candidates to consider each year, and I am sure that many of you know of an old scholar who is worthy of consideration.

Previous recipients of the Award are:-

Rowland HILL Len COOK Frank PEARSON David RICEMAN W. J. DAWKINS Dr A. R. CALLAGHAN

Nominations must be set out and include the required information as indicated on the Statutory Form shown below. If there is any doubt about any of these points, contact the Hon. Secretary, R.O.C.A., at the College.

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1. NAME
2. ADDRESS
3. AGE
4. PERIOD AT ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
5. Supporting data on employment, career, occupation since leaving Roseworthy Agricultural College, other organisations and committees on which nominee has served, papers published, honours other than academic bestowed on nominee.
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DEATH OF MR NORMAN HILES PEARSE (1900-1902)

It is with deepest regrets that we report the death of Mr N. Hiles Pearse, who died at his home in Payneham Road, Joslin on the 31st October, 1966. Mr Pearse always took an active interest in College and Old Scholars' affairs. He took a personal interest in our Digest forwarding information as soon as he received any, and he will be truly missed by all.

After graduating from Roseworthy, Mr Pearse went into partnership with his father at The Gums, a 100,000 acre property near Burra. This partnership also acquired Warioota in the Far North and the 1 million acre Yundamindra Station in the Coolgardie area of W.A. Father and son were also in partnership with the late Sir Sidney Kidman and the late Mr Lewis, M.L.C., in Witchelina Station in the Far North.

When his father retired in 1923, Mr N.H. Pearse and his brother took over the properties until relinquishing all interests in the land in 1941.

Mr Pearse was chairman of the Burra District Council for 20 years until the early years of World War II and for a time was a member of the Apoinga (now Robertstown) District Council.

Mr Pearse is survived by his widow, three daughters and a son to whom we express our deep sorrow at the loss of such a fine man.

LAST REMINDER

EYRE PENINSULA A.G.M. AND REUNION

The Eyre Peninsula A.G.M. and Reunion will be held on Saturday, February 25th, 1967 in the Great Northern Hotel, Port Lincoln. 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".

The last Reunion was terrific but this one will be far better. Entertainment has been arranged for the ladies and children during the Reunion, and on Sunday 26th, a Barbecue and picnic for the family and friends is to be held at Billy Light Point on Porter Bay.

Don't miss out! Contact one of the committee members below concerning the dinner and accommodation.

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

R.O.C.A. DINNER DANCE BY J.A. GURSANSKY

The Cabaret held at the Richmond Hotel on the 12th November attracted just over 20 couples.

Although the attendance was not up to expectations or indications received at the annual meeting, those who attended had a good time, particularly Dick Fewster's group, which included some of our West Coast members.

We hope that our next Cabaret is better attended and we would appreciate any suggestions as to how we can improve this function.

TASMANIAN NEWS FROM PHIL LONEY

On Saturday evening of October 1st, 1966, sixteen Old Collegians gathered at Lloyd's Hotel in Launceston for a social get-together and Buffet meal which proved very successful and was well conducted.

We discussed future get-togethers and the possibility of forming a sub-branch of R.O.C.A. Although all of us are right behind R.A.C. and are keen to meet again, we feel it is too early to form a sub-branch and would prefer to wait and see what response we get over the next few years before doing anything definite.

One of our difficulties in Tasmania is that we are scattered all over the island, and it makes it awkward to plan a time and a place to meet to suit everybody. However, I am optimistic of future reunions as 16 out of a mailing list of 28 attended our function and I know of several more who were keen, but unable to make it at the last minute.

The sixteen present were:-

Dave Wilson	- District Agric. Officer at Oatlands
Tom Winnall	- District Agric. Officer at Campbelltown
Clive Mathews	- District Horticultural Officer at Launceston
Max Clark	- Manager of Cressy Research Farm
Geoff Norman	- Dairy Officer at Wynyard
Ian Donald	- Department of Agriculture, Hobart (Junior Farmer Movement)
Doug Brain	- Herd Tester at Devonport
Mick Tandy	- with Department of Agriculture
Peter Cocker	- with "Edgells" - Devonport
Myles Ford	- Successful mixed farmer with accent on dairying at Mariarty.
Ken Pedley	- On home property at Deloraine
Simon Pitt	- On home property, "Glen Dhu", Ouse
Henry Foster	- On family property "Merton Vale", Campbelltown
John Hood	- On home property "Lisdillan", Swansea
Dennis Lawrence	- On home property, "Woodbury House", Woodbury
Phil Loney	- Own property "Mangalore Farm", Mangalore.

It was expressed that all members look forward to seeing any mainland Old Collegians whenever they are over.

R.D.T.A. NOTES BY B.D. HANNAFORD

The annual picnic and barbecue of the R.D.T.A. was held on Sunday, November 27th, 1966 in the South Parklands.

Thirty-one people were present this year (the majority - offspring) making the function the most successful yet held.

A welcome was extended to Messrs J. Marshall and J. Skull, recent H.D.D.T. graduates. R.D.T.A. members present were Messrs Lucey, Van Hooff, Timberlake, Steed and Hannaford.

This particular section of the parklands caters rather well for children, with a tree house, swings and other assorted playground equipment. The adults are not so well catered for in one important respect - this distance to the nearest convenience. However a taxi service was soon operating for those who over-indulged in Metro chocolate milk.

A very short Annual General Meeting was held late in the afternoon, when members were rather mellow. This resulted in Robin Steed being re-elected Secretary and yours truly President for the coming year.

OENOLOGY NEWSLETTER

BY PHIL TUMMEL

Happy New Year to you all, and all the best for 1967.

The proposed society of Oenologists constitution has been printed, and is now in the process of being forwarded to all Oenologists for their perusal, and an inaugural meeting will shortly be called to receive the approval of adoption of the said constitution.

We welcome Ray Beckwith and Chris Hancock back from their overseas tour.

To the following we offer our best wishes for their new stations in life:-

Morgan Yeatman	-	Buring & Sobels to Glenloth.
Jamie Sobels	-	Reynella to Buring & Sobels as an appointed director.
Neville Wilson	-	Seppelts to Barossa Co-operative.
Doug Collett	-	Berri to Whitehill as a consultant in the winery engineering side.
Ian McKenzie	-	Berri to a local winery

A startling number of moves in such a short time!

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

BY DAVE SCALES

The Reunion this year was the best for years if numbers attending is any sort of guide. Forty-two R.O.C.'s were there, plus one Hawkesbury old boy and two from Dookie.

R.O.C.A. president John Gore, past president Bill Edge and past Secretary Harry Stephen made the trip, and to a very large extent made the reunion. This sort of thing is just what we wanted to give us a lift.

The business side of the meeting was dealt with fairly quickly, and the new committee is: President Peter Fisher (who incidently has a brand new bouncing boy), Secretary David Scales, Alex Grieve and Kevin Robertson.

One notable member present was Ron Badman, who has just won a Churchill Scholarship, and he will be going to America towards the end of the year to study small seeds production. Our sincere congratulations to Ron Badman.

This year's dinner took the form of a smorgasbord, by way of a change and the meeting resolved to do the same next year.

The College was represented by Max Burton and Ray Norton, who were ushering Third Years around the S.E. and both looked surprisingly fit and perky - their looks probably belied their feelings!!

Ray gave us a most interesting run-down on a current College goings and comings, wins and loses, successes and failures, and in fact held the floor for quite a considerable period of time, but was kept there by questions and wise statements from the assembled gathering, who by this stage were becoming a little vocal.

John Gore pointed out to us the advantages to be gained from the proposed Australian Diplomates' Association.

A point which I must not forget to mention was that I read out a letter from the President of the E.P. Branch, Pat Marrie wishing us all the best for our reunion. Thanks 'coasties', it was good to hear from you.

All in all I feel it was a most successful "do", and we'll try to do even better next year.

COLLEGE CHATTER

BY CLIFF HOOPER

The new Farm Engineering Building is gradually being assembled and by Speech Day construction will have reached the stage when visitors will be interested to inspect it. It will be pleasing to that section to have all their teaching facilities assembled under the one roof.

Harvest has been completed following a long break after 350 points of rain in early December. Fortunately we did not have a large number of bags standing in the paddock and damage was light except to dry feed. As we have no weighbridge this year (it is included in the area of the new F.E. building), yields can only be estimated. Wheat returned up to 13 bags on fallow with an overall yield about average. On Leyland, which suffered in the September pinch, yields were down to 8 bags with oats 11-14 bags and barley approximately 9 bags - the harvest was better than anticipated during September.

On the staff front, we have again seen several changes. With the retirement of Keith Fairlie just before Christmas, another staff member of very long standing has left the College. Bill and Keith and the College garden have been associated for many years and I am certain that Old Collegians wish Keith good health and all the best.

Colin Bungey, still struggling to regain his health after the accident, has returned to the Department of Agriculture. This leaves Horticulture and A.P. Lab. sections very much understaffed at the present time.

Chris O'Brien has joined the Chemistry Laboratory as Lecturer in Biology. Chris, a graduate of the University of Adelaide in Agricultural Science, came to the College from Murray Bridge High School where he was acting Senior Master. Prior to that he had been at Naracoorte.

In January Mr T.A. LUCKHURST joined the staff as Lecturer in Animal Husbandry (Poultry). He is a graduate of Reading University, England, in Agricultural Science and comes to the College from the Department of Agriculture, Tasmania.

On the Student front, there are one or two points of interest. The Status of the Roseworthy Diploma has been appreciably raised by the University. The increase has been sufficient to encourage Teachers College Students to attend Roseworthy as part of their course and it is expected that some will take the course in 1967.

There has also been discussion on a Fourth Year Course at Roseworthy for students who will be joining the professional ranks.

Mr B.N. Khurana, holder of an Indian Degree in Science, is in residence with the object of going direct to second year Oenology. There is a possibility that two other science degree students will do the general course.

PHILPY'S MEMOIRS

COMPILER OF NOTES - RAY NORTON

It has been said by some, who wish to remain anonymous, that they will pay Philpy anything "to keep his mouth shut". However, being the incorruptible, strictly truthful, scrupulously honest, tight fisted (how did that get in there?) type that he is, he has decided to publish or perish.

Anyone who has been associated with a place such as Roseworthy College for as long as Mr Philp, would be at a loss where to start and he was no exception. However, where better to begin, than with the Principals with whom he served and the staff that served with him.

This is where the first interview commenced and the following episodes, if they can be called such, will be compiled from a series of reminiscences by our old friend, many beginning with "I remember the time". Because there is so much to tell and so much to remember the facts won't be in chronological order, nor will they be all anecdotes. I, as compiler of these memoirs, foresee that they will come out in a mixture of official history sprinkled with anecdotes, but as the readers are Philpy's friends and interested in the College, it should be of interest. Someone may have their memory jogged in some instances, then they may be able to write and add to some event or embellish a story.

PHILPY'S MEMOIRS (CONTINUED)

We begin in January, 1918, the Department of Agriculture, then on the corner of Victoria Square and Flinders Street. A raw recruit had joined the ranks: Burleigh Coad Philp. It could be said, I guess, that he wasn't that "burly", but he stuck to a "code", but puns were never anyone's long suit at Roseworthy.

The Department of Agriculture tolerated him for three years it seems before sending him to the salt mines.

He arrived at Roseworthy in March, 1921. The Principal was Mr W.J. Colebatch or "Coley". The farm manager was Les Orchard, with a good team of farm hands including Alf Glenn, Art Benger and the Dalys. To use Philpy's own words, "There was a tribe of Dalys". Old John, the father, was on the salaried staff, as was his fencer son Bill and then "young Jack". There were apparently two other Dalys not related, Mick and Frank who lived at the back of the kitchen in an old hut. It was here that the clan used to meet at lunch time, and the arguments on football, according to Philpy, were classics.

The other farm hand was the well known "one and only", Fred Hillman, but more of him later. Bert Nourse, the man about whom many stories must be told, had just commenced in the workshop, replacing Jack Williams' father.

At this time the Plant Breeding section did not exist as such, but was labelled Experimental. It appears that ex students who were good at sport found their way into this section and the man of that moment was Colin Scott.

"Coley" was very keen on sport, in fact a great outdoors man, spending only about 20% of his time in the office. The paperwork kept up to him on the more, it seems, as Philpy says he used to chase him around the farm for signatures and the like.

The oval had just been transferred from the "old oval", north of the College proper, to its present site and Mr Colebatch put in a great deal of work in getting it established. Even during a football match he would be out with his potent weeder, a mower section welded to a rod. While play went round one wing, he would weed the other it seems.

During the cricket season however, things were different, with the principal taking an active part in the game as an adroit wicket keeper and an excellent bat. He was always the Principal however, as there was never any familiarity with Coley.

Another good sportsman on the staff in 1921 was Dolf Baker the lecturer in Dairying. He is a person of whom many have heard without having met.

The veterinarian was Mutty Plaice, a chapter on his own I believe, so perhaps enough for now.

THE GRAPEVINE

It is pleasing to be able to include the first of many interesting "Philpy's Memoirs" which are being compiled by Ray Norton. I am sure that all Old Scholars will read this section with great interest as mention will be made of names well known to us, and who knows, your name may even appear as well.

Best of luck to the Eyre Peninsula boys for their coming A.G.M., Reunion and Picnic Day. They really put a lot of effort into this function and with the Committee that they have working for them guarantees nothing but success.

Congratulations to Doug Mellor who has been appointed Sales Manager, South Australian Branch, of John Deere Limited.

Another of our members doing well is Bill Heath who is now Principal of the Agricultural Training Institute, Popondetta, Territory of Papua and New Guinea. In 1957, after leaving Roseworthy, Bill joined the Territory Public Service as an Agricultural Officer, and shortly afterwards was posted to Samaria, working mainly on coffee. Three years later, after spending his recreation leave touring Darwin-Ord River Area, Singapore, Malaya and Bangkok, Bill was based at Port Moresby on relief duties assisting with the F.A.O. Survey of Subsistence Agriculture prior to taking up duties in the Agricultural Training section of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries. From this position, Bill transferred to the Agricultural Training Institute in June 1963 as an Assistant Lecturer in

GRAPEVINE (CONTINUED)

such subjects as Livestock, Tropical Crops, Surveying, Bookkeeping, Economics, Business Principles and Public Speaking.

In December 1965 he was appointed Principal of this Institute. Bill was married in Adelaide during December of 1962 and he and his wife Geraldine have two daughters.

I have heard that Geoff and Rosalind Norman are shifting back to South Australia after having spent several years in Tasmania. It will be good to have Geoff back at our functions here in S.A.

Our members have not been patronising the local jeweller to the extent that they have in periods between other issues of the Digest, but we extend our congratulations to the following recently engaged and married old scholars and also those who have recently increased their family in size.

Engagements - Trevor Joyce

Marriages - Brenton Baker to Barbara Atkinson
Geoff Crome to Meridith Hooper
John "Alf" Skull

Births - Malcolm and Jan Timberlake - a daughter
Harry and Lorna Nash - a daughter

The above are probably not the only ones that should be included under these headings. I would appreciate receiving information such as your engagement, marriage and additions to the family as it is of interest to other members.

Brenton Baker who has only recently been married is serving his two years National Service and is at the moment stationed in Sydney.

Harry Stephen has passed on to me a letter that he received from David Purser (W.A.) and below is a section from this letter in which David mentions several Old Scholars and some of his movements.

"I only spent one year on the home property at Piawaning and in 1954 moved over here to a very nearly virgin property which is divided by the Midland railway line - taken over by Government last year - This line divides the sand plain from heavy country all the way from Perth to Geraldton and so half the property on the West side of the line is the now famous W.A. light country. My wife calls East side "right side" and West "suicide" and another friend calls this same West side "Water Bag and looking-glass country" - The water bag so you won't die of thirst and the looking glass to watch yourself slowly fade away - in fact my wife has found herself in some sticky situations, having made these comments for the person to say "Good heavens, I have just been allocated Block No. 1053 five miles west of you" - This sounds very Anti W.A. so perhaps some crow eating country did rub off on me in three years - However, from 500 wethers in 1954 to a permanent flock of 7000 (3000 breeding ewes). This year on 2500 acres of not very good pastures is satisfying although there were years of frustration, you might tell Mr Leske of many hate sessions for his not telling us where to get large sums of capital on Long Term at 1% Interest - perhaps I was asleep in that lecture!!

In earlier years rarely was a Countrymen's session missed in case David Kidd or Pete Whitlock were on - now they have vanished, perhaps running the A.B.C.

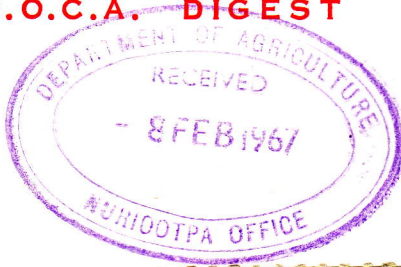
Bill Sands called here last year, having come to W.A. from Kenya and joined Elders - he said he wanted to brush up on sheep so he was shot to Kalgoorlie when sheep were pouring over and he told of some fantastic numbers they handled at the time" .

Have you heard about the 1967 Graduation Ball?
Venue is West Adelaide Footballers' Club, Richmond.
Reception 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. and dancing till 12.
And you have so little time - Friday, 3rd March.
Is your party arranged yet?
Further particulars by writing to the Secretary, R.A.C.

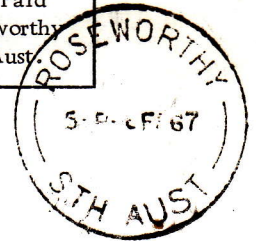
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VETERINARY NEWS

Two Roseworthy Old Collegians have recently been in the headlines in the Veterinary field. They are Dr Rex Butterfield and Bruce Eastick.

Dr Rex Butterfield has recently been appointed Professor of Veterinary Anatomy in the University of Sydney. Prior to this appointment he spent ten years in a rural practice at Oakbank from 1950 and in 1960 he entered the University of Queensland as a Research Fellow in Veterinary Anatomy and was awarded a PhD in 1963 for an anatomical study of beef cattle. Since 1963 Rex has been Senior Research Officer in Veterinary Anatomy at the University of Queensland, where he concentrated on anatomical studies on beef cattle until his recent appointment.

Bruce Eastick recently became the President of the Australian Veterinary Association and becomes the third practitioner to receive this high honour. In the South Australian division of this Association, Bruce has also held many positions, including President, Honorary Secretary, committeeman and councillor. As well as his veterinary work, Bruce is a tireless worker for his district of Gawler.

To both these men we extend our heartiest congratulations.