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THERE'S STILL TIME TO BOOK FOR THE
A.G.M. & REUNION DINNER

5 P.M. SAT. AUG. 31

ADELAIDE GREYHOUND RACEWAY

DAYS RD. ANGLE PARK

RETURN COUPON NOW

ANY OLDER MEMBERS WITH TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN GETTING TO THE MEETING
PHONE RICHARD STEWART, ADELAIDE 2783411, AND WE'LL GET YOU THERE...

A.G.M. AGENDA

1. Normal Business
 - a) Apologies
 - b) Minutes of last A.G.M.
 - c) Correspondence
 - d) President's Report and discussion on said report
 - e) Treasurer's Report and discussion on said report
2. Ammendment to the Constitution - D. Suter to report
That Clause 15 of the Constitution of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association be changed from:-
 - (a) There shall be a Life Membership Reserve Fund. The principal of this fund will be decided by calculating the number of current life members prior to 1/7/60 at \$10.00 plus life members since then at \$20.00.
 - (b) All moneys received for Life Membership shall be paid into the Life Membership Reserve Fund and such other moneys that may be voted by an Annual General Meeting of the Association from the Ordinary Funds.
 - (c) Only ~~the~~ Interest received from the Life Membership Reserve Fund and the excess principal shall be utilised for the ordinary purposes of the Association.

to read as follows:-

Life Membership Reserve Fund Clause 15

- (a) There shall be a Life Membership Reserve Fund.
 - (b) To read as para. (b) above.
 - (c) Only the Interest received from the Life Membership Reserve Fund shall be utilised for the ordinary purposes of the Association.
3. Discussion of Motion from E.P. Branch.
 4. Incorporation of the Association - I. Rice to report.
 5. Scholarship - D. Suter to report.
 6. R.O.C.A. Digest - Review by Editor.
 7. Associate Members.
 8. Election of Officers - Nominations are in hand for most committee positions, but further nominations can be forwarded to the Secretary (I. Rice at the College).
 9. Dr. Williams - "Roseworthy 1974" - a brief summary.
 10. Any other business.

Guess you noted the 'bungle' in the last digest - it's Sat. Aug. 31 of course, not 30 - must invest in another calendar..

10 & 25 & WINE &

Traditionally the reunion dinner is a particularly joyous and sentimental time for the groups that graduated from the college 10 & 25 years ago. The dinner provides a fitting forum for their reunion, and these groups by their noisy and vocal presence provide interesting entertainment when reminiscing and announcing their respective claims to fame.

This year Bill Edge has taken on the task of organising the reunion of the 1949 agriculture, oenology & dairy graduates. All members of these groups are asked to contact Bill at 5 Bakewell Road, Tusmore, Telephone: 311008. Rally round boys and make a special effort to make it to the '74 AGM & dinner.

Likewise, despite the global scattering, as many as possible of the 1964 graduates are asked to come along.

1949 R.D.A's.

G.P. Auld	G.A.H. Breaker	E.J. Crawford
W.S. Edge	P.J. Emery	G. O'H. Giles
J.L. Gordon	W.P. Hanckel	G.O. MacHugh
R.J. Mortimer	D.E. Moss	P.H. Muhlhan
D.L. Nicholls	V.T. O'Grady	A.C. Ross
D.R.H. Secomb	A.R. Smyth	

1949 R.D. Oen's.

D.H. Collett	A.B. Dolan	R.M. Herbert
R.H. Kidd	R. Shipton	

1949 Dairy group

R.A. Bowden	R.G. Merton	D.B. Wilson
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1964 R.D.A's.

P.T. Gallasch	P.R. Letheby	I.M. Holman
R.A. Murray	R.M.A. Gamble	R.N. Pederson
A.G. Summers	G.A. Paltridge	B.P.F. Daniel
M.L. Milne	B. Colbey	T.G. Klug
T. Stiller	K.C. Kong	D.P. Lawrence

REMEMBER SAT AUG. 31

WHO'S WHO

The following snippets of fact and fiction gleaned from the 1948 "Students Who's Who at College" might help to refresh some minds and put faces into perspective. For any-one knowing any of these ratings in Who's Who, it will be telling to see how the probable destinations forecast in 1948 have turned out.

G.P. AULD (Patauldie - Tusmore). - P.S. "What's wrong with ya?"
Act: Football, President of Bachelor's Club, arguing beligerently.
Amb: West coast cocky. P.D: Beachcomber.

G.A.H. BREAKER (George - Payneham) P.S: "On the Atherton Tablelands"
Act: Travelling extensively and inexpensively, blowing fuses.
Amb: Successful mixed farmer. P.D: Citizen Army Armoured Corps.

ERIC CRAWFORD (Urb - Brinkworth). P.S: "You prize galah" Act: Going to Gawler, growing mo's. Amb: Bloated landowner. P.D: Race track tout.

W.S. EDGE (Bill Aldgate). P.S: "Right-o, chaps - private study!"
Act: Encouraging traditions, home decorating, filling in leave forms, starting rumors. Amb: Not known. P.D: Odd-job man.

PETER EMERY (Doc - Campbelltown) P.S.: Hello. Act: Throwing medicine balls. Amb: New Guinea Planter. P.D: Market gardener.

G. O'H. GILES (Geoff. Medindie). P.s: "May I interrupt to ask a question?". Act: Tennis, arriving late, shooting through early.
Amb: Landowner and M.P. P.D: Street photographer.

LYN GORDON (J.L. Blackwood). P.S: "Shooting thru', boy!"
Act: Shooting thru'. Amb: Dairy farmer. P.D: Clay digger.

NORMAN HANCKEL (Hank - Angaston) P.S: "Coming to Gawler?". Act: Swotting, book medleys. Amb: Orchardist. P.D. Assistant Horticulturist (fifth in charge) at R.A.C.

C.O. MACHUGH (Gordo Mac - Quorn). P.S: "Well the way I look at it".
Act: Returning late from holidays, asking questions. Amb: To breed the homozygously perfect Merino. P.D: Raising a large family.

ROSS MORTIMER (Mort. - Nth. Adel). P.S: "Have you had your innings"
Act: Rifle shooting, dancing in Gawler, week-ends in Adelaidemspinning yarns. Amb: Shorthorn breeder. P.D: Cattle rustler.

DAVID MOSS (Mossy? - Salisb) P.S: "Now, in the Ford" Act: Advertising Fords. Amb: Getting away from R.A.C. P.D. Dairy supps.

P.H. MUHLHAN (Pete - Klemzig) P.S. "I've had motor bikes" Act: Having accidents. Amb: Citrus grower. P.D: "Gun" shearer.

D.L. NICHOLLS (Nick - Eudunda) P.S: Are you fair dinkum. Act: photography. Amb: Bumbunga Bigshot. P.D: Lochiel salt scraper.

VICTOR O'GRADY ('Ocker - Kirkcaldy) P.S. "Well how are you" Act: Sleeping in. ringing up. Amb: Stud Jersey breeder P.D: City Milkie.

ALLISTAIR ROSS (Drong - Williamstown) P.S: "Gotta light?" Act: Being a dark horse, baiting people. Amb: Williamstown grazier P.D: Tomato grower.

D.R.A. SECOMB (Cec. Myrtle Bank). P.S: "Give us a fair go chaps!" Act: Giving up smoking, resigning. Amb: Super-successful salesman. P.D: Clown in Wirth's Circus.

ROGER SMYTH (A.R.S. - Salters Springs) P.S: "I'll do you, Moss." Act: Bowling maidens. Amb: Mixed farmer P.D: Sugar daddy.

D. COLLETT (Dougal - Adelaide) P.S: "Shambles....!" Act: Screaming, eating garlic. Amb: Research chemist. P.D: Market gardener.

A.B. DOLAN (Junior - Renmark) P.S: "What's the score?" Act: Acting like a grown up. P.D: Caddy. Amb: To win Australian Open.

R.M. HERBERT (Pop - Wallaroo) P.S: "Why don't you wise up?" Act: having bad luck. Amb: Peace and quiet. P.D: Barman.

R.H. KIDD (Captain - Renmark) P.S: "I disagree..." Act: Arguing, two-timing. Amb: The Australian Pasteur. P.D: Part-time pruner.

R. SHIPTON (Shippy - Rooty Hill) P.S. "You wouldn't read about it" Act: Football, King's Cross. Amb: Connoisseur. P.D: Strong-arm man.

R.A. BOWDEN (Rusty - Parkside) P.S: "Aw, cut it out." Act: relaxing, whistling. Amb: "Life of luxurious ease." P.D: "Cheese puncher."

R. MERTIN (Ron - Mannum) P.S: "Just going for my morning glass." Act: Getting engaged. Amb: "Job with house." P.D: "Still looking."

D.B. WILSON (Willy - Port Lincoln) P.S. "You beaut." Act: Laughing, dancing, eating and visiting Gawler. Amb: Travelling. P.D: "Running around in circles."

INDECENT KNEES

The following extracts come from one of Brian Polkinghorne's letters. Brian, a congregational minister spent 1967-70 at college, while supporting a wife and growing family. In 1970 Brian, wife Jill, toddlers Kym & Michelle, and babe-in-arms Stuart headed off true missionary style for the Y.M.C.A. Farm School at Moshi, Tanzania. On arriving they found the agricultural training provided was inadequate in many respects. Brian's truly practical mind and insuperable get-up-and-go, backed up by similar qualities in Jill have resulted in the expansion of the syllabus, and along with numerous other achievements, educationally & socially, the introduction of an extensive poultry flock and programme, and more recently a rabbit breeding unit. Brian writes:

"Since writing last we have faced several crises on the Farm. Following one of the worst droughts in Kilimanjaro in '73, we are now plagued with the problems of flooding. Floods just swept a path of destruction through the School, filling all the poultry houses with 1½ to 2' of water, and completely knocking down one house. Fortunately we only lost 50 growing cocks, but further soakings have bought stress and disease problems. Worse than the flooding problem is feed availability.

I have made two trips to Dar es Salaam by bus (350 miles), hired 10 ton lorries and filled them with poultry feeds - after a lot of huffe and fuffe! When the feeds arrived the problem did not end, as being low in animal protein, and very poorly balanced, we now have a three month old problem of cannabilism among the birds. This is a nation-wide problem. We have lost 20% of the Hybrid layers through this, despite many ingenious efforts to try and stop it.

The breeding, hatching and meat production sections are going ahead more normally. We have an incubator capacity of 2,000 eggs, but orders are still with us up to Christmas. I have perfected the design of the kerosene incubators, brought in a "fundu" (Craftsman), and taught him the production process so that he is now turning out 2 to 3 machines per month. We are selling in 6 sizes from 100 to 1,000 egg capacity, but as yet have not dared to advertise.

Shortages are as much a part of life here as ever. We have had no white flour for 6 months now - Tanga has had no white flour or bread for 3 months. Fortunately we have been able to buy wheat, and have been having it ground into wholemeal flour by a local mill.

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The dress code (which decrees knees as indecent) is still being enforced spasmodically with the occasional incidents of women having their above knee hems ripped down.

Tax increases have hit hard at the higher income earning bracket, affecting a lot of Tanzanian workers as well as expatriates. Tax clearances to leave the country - even to go to Kenya - are now so complicated that it is hardly worth the effort.

The coffee and sisal farmers who had their farms nationalised last year are waiting for their compensation - most of them sitting it out in their houses surrounded by their former properties. The Chinese built Uhuru Railway line has been pushed through quickly to Zambia, and is now in use from Dar es Salaam to the border. Scandinavian countries as well as China are increasing their aid to Tanzania in the form of money and experts."

NOTE - - - - -

Brian recently wrote that he is badly in need of second-hand carburettor needle and seat valves which he utilizes in poultry waterers. Any-one able to help out with any of these is asked to send them to the editor who will forward them on..

R.A.C. THE START

"It is with interest and great support that I read of changes occurring to the form of education at Roseworthy, and that people associated with the future of this education centre, are progressing with an up to date approach to agriculture and related disciplines.

My career after graduating in 1964, has been a gradual climb to my current position. Initially I had a very strong desire to own a property, so I jackerooed on a sheep station and then a merino stud for three years. The experience gained during these years was, and still is extremely valuable. Practical work learnt at Roseworthy was a real help during these years of practical farming.

I then decided to look at positions which could utilize my academic training, and came to Tasmania in 1966 to work with the Dept. of Ag., starting a programme of animal production testing, micronutrient investigation and animal nutrition advising.

I soon came to appreciate the structures within a Department, and recognised that I must take another course to strengthen my status and improve my opportunity to earn more. I must add here that Tasmania is an enlightened state and has the same wage awards for Diplomates and Agricultural Scientists.

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I started to study accountancy in Launceston, and hope to complete the course in two years. The course has helped already, as I now hold a District Inspectors Position with the Agricultural Bank of Tasmania, Flinders Island - a position which is paying well. I say this to demonstrate the importance of sound practical experience and sound academic knowledge for all of those who are advising others.

Flinders Island, Tasmania, is the largest of forty land masses comprising the Furneause group of Islands, and is situated off the N.E. tip of Tasmania. Industries are entirely primary, and comprise agriculture and fishing. Rainfall is a reliable 30-40". The total area is aprox. 500,000 ac., area under pasture aprox. 110,000 ac., and 48,000 acres still to be developed when released.

Farming is confined to animal production, and most properties - average size 700 acres - run 150 breeding cows and 800 breeding ewes. Harvesting is confined to making 3000 bales of hay and pulling off the lambs and calves for market. Stock are marketed in Tasmania and in Victoria.

Any-one wanting further information on Flinders Island, are welcome to write to me direct."

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If you haven't done so already fill in the coupon below, Reg. loves receiving them.

Also return nominations for the Committee as listed in July digest.

Mr. Reg. Hutchinson
ROCA Treasurer
Agricultural College
ROSEWORTHY. S.A. 5371

I will/will not be attending the reunion dinner on August 31.
I enclose \$6-00 to cover costs.
I do/do not require a receipt.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....