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THE SPEAKER SAYS:

OUR NEXT SPEAKER is Mr. REG McDONALD, Managing Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser. Mr. McDonald has many years of practical journalism behind him and he has a most interesting story to tell. His subject: "Shoot the Messenger."

LAST MONTH the news was both bad-and good. First the bad news: Guest speaker Cyril Michelson was unable to attend. The good news? He arranged for author Frank Cusack to take his place. Historian Frank treated us to a graphic and sometimes poignant account of the trials of a new arrival on the Bendigo goldfields last century. Using as a basis for his narrative the diary of a young Englishman, George Baker, he enabled us to experience (if only in our minds) the hardships endured by those venturesome enough to 'try their luck' in pursuit of the elusive metal. The diary teetered off without a conclusion due to an unusual circumstance; the diarist ran out of ink and could not afford to buy any more! By this time he was literally starving. Happily, we can conclude that he survived the rigors of the 'diggings' since a descendant of the courageous George has been identified in Canberra - of all places! Maybe the family is still following in the traditions of the goldfields. Many have been known to gaze in awe and wonder at Parliament House and to mutter, "There's gold in them there halls."

## COMMENT

### WHY A PROBUS CLUB?

In a world in which there is a proliferation of clubs, societies, sects and other manifestations of the human desire to cluster together it is pertinent to question the need for yet another club.

When I retired my doctor remarked, 'I hope you won't be like some of my patients - they die within a few months of retiring!'

A remarkable and depressing statement? Yet psychologist Wilfred Jarvis in a press interview said, 'One quarter of all British managers are dead within six months of retirement, and the same trend is occurring elsewhere.'

Jarvis went on to say that the fate of many retired men who have been active, competent and committed in their careers was that they no longer felt valued by others. They had no significant goals ahead and were almost entirely oriented towards the past. He added that "MENTAL STIMULATION AND INTERACTION WITH OTHERS OF A SIMILAR LEVEL OF INTEREST WAS ESSENTIAL TO PHYSICAL WELL-BEING."

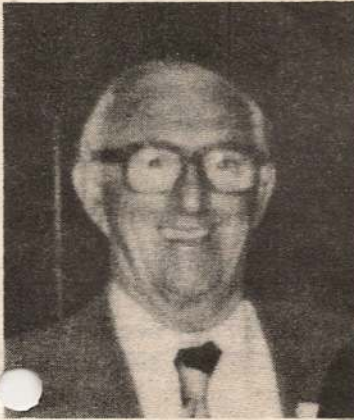
It is a fact that on retirement we become permanent exiles from the world in which we have spent most of our waking hours and move completely into the smaller quarters of our private life, which we must consequently organise for continual occupancy.

In his book THE REALITY OF RETIREMENT author Jules Willing made some points:

"In his retirement the business man no longer has associates opposite numbers in other companies, superiors and sub-ordinates who form the pool of people with whom friendships were possible.

His only basis for meeting other men and forming relationships with them dwindles to such things as sports, hobbies and volunteer activities; superficial links that lead to superficial relationships."

Which all gives point to the expressed aims of PROBUS: "To stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred."



## KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Take the basic values of a childhood spent on a family farm, a distinguished career in the public service, vigorous activity in first-class sport and a continuing involvement in community affairs. Mix them all together and you have:

### KEITH FINLAYSON INGLIS

To Keith, leadership came early. Born at Cororook, some 8 miles from Colac, his secondary education at Colac High School saw him make his mark as Form Captain, House Captain and Head Prefect.

A Diploma of Business Administration led to his appointment as President, (National & Victorian) of the Institute of Business Administration - a position which he held for some years.

It was, perhaps, inevitable that he would join the Commonwealth Public Service, being engaged at various times in the Departments of Civil Aviation, Labour & National Service, External Territories and the Industrial Relations Bureau.

As Branch Manager, Department of Labour & National Service he served in Seymour, Warrnambool, & Ballarat before being appointed OIC Professional Service.

Promotion, in 1966 to OIC Department of External Affairs (Vic) led him to the position of Official Secretary, Christmas Island, and subsequently to Papua New Guinea where he helped the first Indigenous Head to set up a local Department of Business Development.

Just prior to retirement he physically set up the Industrial Relations Bureau at Canberra, as well as some State capitals and provincial cities.

In Canberra, he pre-selected applicants for United Nations positions, short-listed applicants for University Register & Admin. staff and sat on final selection panels.

Amazingly, in the midst of an exhausting career, he found time to serve in the wartime AIF (signals & intelligence and build up an impressive record of community service.

## KNOW YOUR MEMBER (Continued)

In 1960 he was President of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool where he was, concurrently, chairman of the Rotary Exchange programme for District 250. An experienced and qualified youth Councillor, he combined Rotary service with public duties by inaugurating Trains, Buses and Planes of knowledge to assist in the education of young people. These 'Trains of Knowledge' are still operating in Victoria.

His involvement in community affairs reads like the dossier of half-a-dozen public spirited men: Director & secretary, homes for the aged; President and treasurer, RSL sub-branches and clubs; Honorary secretary, Agricultural & Horticultural Societies; Director, YMCA .. and many more too numerous to mention.

Currently, Keith Inglis is President of the Bendigo Flower Festival, State Councillor & District Board Delegate of the RSL, Junior Vice-President of Legacy, Councillor of the Agricultural Society, Past-President and Publicity Officer (as well as treasurer) of the Bendigo Orchid Club.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY-assistant-Secretary of the Probus Club of Bendigo.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

WE WELCOME five new members to the fold: Alan George, Alf Whatmore, Fred Hendy, Norman Spurling and Clyde Mahar - all of whom make valuable additions to our fellowship. Glad to have you with us.

CONGRATULATIONS to fellow-member Tom Roberts for being awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Queens Birthday Honours. A well-deserved recognition for many years of service to the community.

IT IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN that many members have responded to the appeal seeking possible locations for future visits, trips and entertainment for your consideration.

On the local scene: the Home and Hospital for the Aged, the Ordnance Factory, Railway Workshops, Advertiser Newspapers, Cooper & Cooke Ceramics, Telecom, BCAE.

In the country: Michelton Winery & Goulburn Weir, Lindsay Nelson, (Rochester), Maryborough, Ballarat & Geelong.

In Melbourne: Port of Melbourne tour, Inspection of Aircraft Industry, Mint, Trade Centre, Performing Arts Centre complex.

Maybe YOU may have something else worthwhile? Contact Arthur Eaton - he will be delighted to hear from you.