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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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GUEST SPEAKER at our meeting of 20th June will be Ted Rankin who will be known to many as an excellent speaker.

Regretfully I have to record the loss of another member of our Club. Bob Orr passed away very soon after our May meeting.

Badgers bite! I now have first-hand experience of this characteristic. I suppose I should have known better - after all a badger is a "short-legged carnivore". Actually I don't blame Ray this time as I have now misspelt his name on three occasions. I have been advised that I am to get a new name badge as a result of my carelessness - my new name - Ken COLDS. My apologies Ray Downey.

REMINDER - Treasurer Jock is unable to go on holidays as a number of members - nine to be precise - are yet to pay their annual subscriptions. Please attend to this matter at the meeting.

ARTHUR MORRIS was inducted as a new member at the May meeting. Arthur was introduced to members by Harry Higginbotham, and pinned and welcomed to the club by President Gordon.

Chief Superintendent of Police for the Bendigo District - FRANK FOX was the speaker at our May meeting.

Supt. Fox who has served in the Uniform, Traffic, and Communications branches of the Force began his address with a brief history of the Victorian Police since its foundation in 1853.

During this history reference was made to the discontent that led to the infamous Police Strike. Officers did not take kindly to supervision

by unknown plain-clothes staff. Supt. Fox also listed the various Commissioners, and made a brief comment concerning his view of the effectiveness of each. Recent Commisioners polled well.

Later he expressed the view that commissioned officers of the Force need not necessarily be police officers as many of these officers were involved in administration only. Supt. Fox did not expect this view to be shared by all officers!

Supt. Fox expressed the view that the changes to the law that were of most benefit to the community were those that related to traffic control. Specific reference was made to legislation relating to the use of seat-belts, the .05 limit and the related testing procedures, and the various methods of speed testing. The associated laws were given the credit for reducing the annual road toll in recent years.

The minimisation of police time in court through the system involving the issue of infringement notices was quoted as important for traffic police as it allowed more time for them to be on the road. Supt. Fox speculated on the possibility that some lesser criminal offences may be dealt with in the same way.

With respect to criminal offences members were advised of a method of "getting rich" with few risks. On a more serious note the acceptance of recordings of interviews in court was applauded and the use of video-recordings foreshadowed.

As a bait it was suggested that we would all be better off if the legal profession was banned from the courts. This bait attracted only a minor nibble during question time.

Supt. Fox believes that the public relations side of police work is important and stated that the current Neighbourhood Watch programs were most effective and a plus for all involved. He also stated his belief that the Schools Programs will pay dividends to the community in years to come.

In conclusion Supt. Fox outlined structural changes that had reduced the number of police districts by 6 and consequently put 57 officers back to police duties rather than administration. He believes the Police Force to be a service industry with a future. Supt. Fox was introduced by JIM AITKEN and thanked by BRUCE PERRIN.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

TUESDAY AUGUST 21ST: VISIT TO BENDIGO BY FORREST HILL PROBUS CLUB

A party of approximately 45 Probians and their wives will be visiting Bendigo on this day. Their itinerary includes: arrival at Bendigo Pottery 11.30 am, tour of Pottery to approx 12.15 pm, Picnic lunch at Pottery to approximately 1.15 pm (Bendigo Probians and wives are invited to bring along a Picnic lunch during this time and meet our Probus friends from Forrest Hill). After lunch the gorup will have a short Walking Tour: Shamrock Hotel, Law Court, Post Office, Town Hall and Mall; followed by Coach Tour of Bendigo, prior to departure at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1990.

"TRIP TO HUNTER VALLEY/HAWKESBURY RIVER AREA-GOSFORD/RETURN VIA BLUE MOUNTAINS" (8 day / 7 nights) - COST: \$470 per person, includes: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Coach Fare, Entry Fees.

CURRENTLY: Full bookings, with (8) emergencies. If interested, place your name on "Emergency Listing".

TRIP TO GEELONG AREA: LATE NOVEMBER: proposed dates - Nov 27th, 28th, 29th. "Three days / two nights. COST: \$150 / person. INCLUDES: Coach fare, accommodation, D.B.B., plus entry fees. A trip especially designed for those who prefer a shorter trip. Day 1: Bendigo - Geelong with Geelong sightseeing, Day 2: Geelong to Apollo Bay and return to Geelong. Day 3: Geelong to Port Arlington, Indented Heads, St. Leonards, Pt. Lonsdale area and return to Bendigo.

Accommodation at Buena Vista Motor Inn, Geelong with Erin & John Ligerwood, (including a Concert Hour with John - "Songs of Old").
List was tabled at May meeting: Deposits: of \$20 / person at July meeting. Houlden's Tours require a decision on this Tour by the end of JULY. To enable this Tour to proceed additional commitment for bookings are required. (LIST WILL AGAIN BE TABLED AT JUNE MEETING).
ENQUIRIES: To Arthur Eaton or Cyril McDonald.

For those who keep a diary and enjoy "The Good Old Days" - please note that the next matinee for Probians has been scheduled for 16th December.

HAWKE IS MY SHEPHERD

I shall not want. He leadeth me beside still factories and abandoned farms. He restoreth my doubts in the Labor party. He annointeth my wage with tax and inflation, so my expenses runneth over my income. Surely poverty and hard living shall follow the rest of my days. And I shall pray for the dole. And live in a rented house forever. Five thousand years ago, Moses said: "Pick up your shovel, move your ass, and I shall lead you to the promised land". Five thousand years later, Gough Whitlam said: "Lay down your shovel, get off your camel, sit on your ass, this is the promised land". This year: Hawke will take your shovel, sell your camel, kick your ass, and tell you he has sold the promised land. I'm gald I'm an Aussie! I'm glad I'm free! I wish I was a dog, and Hawke was a tree!
Author - An unknown Conservative.

VICTOR THOMAS CANOBIE (Vic) IN PROFILE

Vic was born at Tatura in the Goulburn Valley. His early education was undertaken at Tatura Primary School and Melbourne Boys High School. During this period he was one of ten boys selected to visit the Sydney Royal Easter Show. This visit, together with a long family tradition of 'showing' cattle had a great influence on Vic's later activities.

On leaving school Vic joined the stock and station firm of Adamson Strattle & Co before returning to work on the family property.

Involvement with farming was interrupted by the war years when Vic served for a period in the 38th Battalion. On discharge he was able to purchase the property formerly owned by a politician we would all remember as 'Black-Jack' McEwan. Although this was a mixed farming property Vic acquired some of his father's Ayrshire cattle from the family stud "Woodstock".

This involvement with stud cattle led to participation with, and membership of many Agricultural Societies including the Royal Melbourne. Vic's particular expertise has led to winning many championships, contributing to the committee work of the Royal Melbourne, acting as a Cattle Tattoo Inspector, judging cattle in every state in Australia, and life membership of the Royal Agricultural Society.

In 1965 poor health caused Vic to leave the farm and move to Dandenong. However he later returned to "north of the divide" when he sold the farm and purchased the Bendigo Estate Agency in Hargreaves Street - a business he conducted for some years.

In the sporting field Vic's earlier interests were cricket and football - was there anything else in our younger days? As is well known the main interest now is Bowls. As well as being a very good bowler he has also been involved at an administrative level being a past president of Bendigo East Bowling Club and a delegate to the Association for 12 years. What may not be so well known is that he is also a nationally accredited coach and a national umpire.

Other interests have revolved about the care of other people. He has been keenly involved with his church, freemasonry, and is a Life Governor of the Bendigo and Northern District Base Hospital.

At a personal level he has been married to Glad for 47 years (Gold approaches), has three daughters living as far apart as Brisbane and Kyneton. Vic and Glad have 5 grand-children.

An important barrister - Q.C. no less had successfully defended the 'madam' of a brothel on a very serious charge. To show her gratitude the lady offered a free evening with one of the girls.

The barrister related this to his wife who took absolutely no notice of him. The barrister told the story more forcefully to be greeted by "Why not dear - you might just as well disappoint someone else!"

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Congratulations Ken Hesse - O.A.M.

*** Items for future issues would be appreciated. (Ed).

FEMALES OF THE SPECIES anxious to form a Probus Ladies club will be interested in the opinion of a well-known male chauvenist. When asked, "Are you in favour of clubs for women?", he replied, "Yes, but only when all other methods of persuasion have failed!"