

Memos on Members

The big news of our general meeting on Monday, August 23, was that FIVE new members were accepted into our Association. This is an excellent start for our membership drive, and the membership committee formed at this meeting promises even more startling developments in the near future. The new members are: Robert Lewis Pohlmann, 11 Frederick Street, East Geelong, panel beater; Earl William Packer, Thornton, logging contractor; Michael L. O'Brien, Wollamba River Hotel, Mordialloc, hotel manager; Dion Knud Alber, 8 Mitta Street, Box 100, engineer; Charles Newton Coughlin, Mountain Highway, The Basin, carpenter. Glad to have you with us, fellows.

Things have been happening at the G.I. Editor Don Bruno's wife left for the States a few weeks ago and now Don has left to join her. Don's now who is going to edit the G.I. now (ex-Editor Al Block is doing this issue), but it will straighten itself out. All of us wish the Brunos the very best of luck in their new adventure.

Joe Bradshaw's mother is coming to Australia this month. Mom and Joe have not met for almost ten years, so it will be a wonderful re-union. Glynnda Bradshaw is going to Sydney to meet her, and Beryl Saynor, and Muriel Calloway are going with her. A happy home is the Bradshaws', and it is going to be happier still.

Some of us went to the Bradshaws' a few nights ago for a little get-together and had a wonderful evening. The girls whipped up a marvellous dinner and we danced to Les Saynor's tape recorder till the wee hours. At this social, Ray Underwood and Muriel Calloway met again after 12 years. He was best man at her wedding, she a bridesmaid at his. Incidentally, Joe did a professional

job of painting his house. Wish he'd do mine.

Earl Mitchell handled the dispensing of soft drinks at the Ball and he was really on the ball. Thanks a million, Earl. Showed a profit, too.

There will be a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at the home of Glynnda Bradshaw on Thursday, September 6. All members please attend.

The next function of our club will be a stag night. It will be held in September. The exact details are being worked out by our Entertainment Committee and we will try to get word to all of you via the grapevine. So keep your ears tuned and don't miss this long-awaited gala evening.

Beyond a doubt, the oldest member of our club is Tom Grant (was he in the War of 1812?). This grand old gentleman has not been the best of late and we suggest that a visit from some of you "old buddies" would cheer him up immensely. His address is 33 Parkside Street, Elsternwick. Drop in and have a word with Tom. He'll be glad to see you.

Johnny and Belle Ezar spent their holiday in Mildura, before the floods.

Bell hails from Mildura and the Mildura train passes her home in Sunshine, often making her homesick. Never mind, Belle, Mildura will see better days.

One new development which pleases us is the appointing of Associate Members on committees. We like to see our Aussie "cobbers" taking a more active interest in our club, which is their club. And from our knowledge of the Associates who have been chosen, we are certain that they will produce excellent results. Even expect good results from Les Saynor, our personal good friend from Moorabbin.

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In the course of arranging publicity for our Ball, President Paul Bailey combined business with pleasure as he aided American model Georgia Case with her garb for a publicity stunt. But Paul was not alone, for some of the Ball Committee members went along and joined in the merriment.

And the Ball? Folks, if you missed it, you should kick yourself. All of us had such a bang-up time, we haven't got over it yet. First there were the decorations. Beautiful murals depicting Western scenes were all over the hall, to put you in the mood. These were painted by Williamstown High School students. Thanks a lot, kids. Then there was the tip-top rhythm of Reg Bloxham's orchestra. What a band! They played all kinds of music, the way we like it. The food was out of this world, and plenty for all. In addition to delicious pre-supper savouries, there was hot tomato soup and whiting entree and turkey with vegetables (fish for those who preferred it) and ice cream pavlova and coffee and spaghetti with meat sauce served at one A.M. We never stopped talking about the food, except to eat it. Finally, the prizes. So many were given away, we lost count. First prize(s) was won by Miss Maureen Howard, 2 Reynolds Parade, Pascoe Vale South. Miss Howard needed help to carry it all away. So you can see we have plenty to crow about over this year's Ball. We hope you didn't miss out.



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The Trip to Flemington

This year we are getting started in plenty of time for our Trip to Flemington. The details have been handled very capably by Art Mayfield and Johnny Brown and books are already available. You can obtain yours by ringing Art at FX 2429, or Johnny at JJ 2471.

The purpose of our Flemington Trip is to help finance our kiddies' Xmas Treat. Each year we entertain between 30 and 40 kiddies from the orphanage, in addition to those of our members, with a huge Xmas party. At this party, there are clowns and cowboys and Santa Claus and a Xmas tree and plenty of ice cream and lollies and soda pop and a lovely gift for each kiddie.

Sometimes, it seems to me that the grown-ups have a better time than the kids, just watching them enjoy the enchanted afternoon. So if you want to join the fun and help the youngsters, get behind our Trip to Flemington and make this one the biggest ever.

The President Says —

On Sunday, August 19th, the Association participated in a Victory in the Pacific commemoration ceremony with the Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women. This service is conducted annually on the nearest Sunday to V.P. Day. The President of the Legion, Mr. Arnold Blashki, and I talked about future services and were quite in agreement that this should be the biggest dual Memorial Service in which the two countries join because it has so much individual and national meaning to so many.

We should aim to have it known universally as V.P. Sunday. It is one day which we set aside to pay our respects to our comrades who lost their lives in the war or through war injuries. The public should be invited to join us in these Memorial ceremonies.

For V.P. Sunday in 1957 we plan to have a short parade with unit colours, if possible, a band and one of Australia's more prominent wartime leaders to deliver the main address. I ask all members to remember this day and I feel that with little trouble it could easily become to our Association in Australia what Memorial Day was to all of us in U.S.A.

At our August General Meeting it was decided to appoint an Entertainment Committee of five (3 members, 2 associate members) whose main duty would be to provide at least one social evening each month. This committee will not be asked to handle either the Christmas Party or the Annual Ball as the membership felt that they would be busy enough with other forms of entertainment. Also in any month in which the Ladies' Auxiliary has some function planned which includes the full membership of our Association, we will not be holding anything which might interfere with the success of the aforementioned.

The members of the Entertainment Committee are: Joseph Allison, Alan Bamfield, Clyde Johnson, Dan Kizer, Owen Mayhew, and any member who has a suggestion as regard forms of entertainment will get a very pleasant reception from any of them if he will take his ideas along.

We also formed a committee to organize a drive for new members. It was thought best not to make it an ordinary membership committee as the onus is on each of us to secure new members at all times. But this committee will plan a campaign for, using all the tactics and weapons at hand so

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that when one of us finds someone eligible but reluctant we will have all the answers necessary for getting him into the fold. Members of this committee are: Al Block, Bud Bailey, Harry Oden, Les Saynor, Wally Scammel.

One other long overdue act came out at this meeting. Our good friend and member Dan Kizer was appointed custodian of the Association flags. Danny, who was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, not Pittsburgh, but took up exile in Texas at an early age and has more knowledge of and respect for the American flag than any other American I know, is ideally suited for this important task and his appointment was greeted with cheers.

I've written into this column this month the highlights of Club activities in the hope that it will bring all members up to date and at the same time attract more and more to the meetings. The larger the attendance the more emphasis we give to motions and plans for action.

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No, the public doesn't want another Marilyn; they are happy with the original. She is always charming and witty. Never does she utter a derogatory remark about her rivals. Her extemporaneous witticisms are delightful and unassuming. Above all, she is an outstanding example of the type of figure most men dream about and has that indefinable sexual attraction that is so aptly called "it".



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GENERAL MEETING
Third Monday of each Month

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The Big News!

As we go to press, we just learned what we consider one of the biggest news events that ever happened to this club. Arrangements are being finalized for the club to take its place as host to our Olympic visitors and at the same time earn itself a huge chunk of dough. Full details cannot be disclosed in this issue, but we will give you an idea of what is in the wind. The full story will be in the next issue of the "G.I.", so don't miss it.

The general idea is for us to act as hosts at a city dine and dance place for the five weeks of the Olympics. That is as much as we can disclose for the moment, but you can gather the importance of this move if you just think about it. At the last general meeting, it was disclosed that a group of members, in conjunction with President Paul Bailey, had been investigating place after place with this idea in mind, but success had eluded them to that date. But we learned, just as we were about to put the paper to bed, that a certain member (name disclosed in next issue) had succeeded in obtaining this wonderful opportunity and it only remains for final details to be ironed out by the club.

This step, coming on the heels of a rapid increase in membership and sparked by our membership drive, points out dramatically the giant strides encompassed by the club in the past few weeks. Just a little effort by all of you could push us over the top this year. So get on the bandwagon, before you miss the boat.

A FEW EXTRAS

One of our new members is Bud Bailey. Bud is a master painter and a darn good one. He has already become an active member and big things are expected of him.

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Missed Art Nichols at the last general meeting. He was still in a cast the last time we saw him and getting weary of it. Art, you've had a rough spin, and things must be getting ready to pop for you in the very near future. Your friends are hoping to see you, minus cast, at the next meeting.

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Seems the Yanks have the pennant sewed up. Main interest in the American League seems to be, will Mickey Mantle break Babe Ruth's home run record of 60 for one season? At last count, he had 42 and was ahead of Babe's record. But Babe hit 17 in the month of September, which is a big task. We wish Mick well, but there was only one Babe.

Next month, we'll have the results for both Leagues and perhaps some other baseball news.



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