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GUEST SPEAKER TODAY: is Mr. EION FLOYD and his subject will be "Amnesty International".

GUEST SPEAKER LAST MONTH: was well-known son of Bendigo and fierce defender of the Golden City, LOUEY YEUNG MING. If the name sounds strange try RUSSELL JACK and he becomes immediately familiar as a man who has done a great amount of work for the community. He is currently President of the Chinese Association.

The change of name came about when Russell's grandfather arrived in Bendigo in 1906 to find a proliferation of Loueys in the community causing considerable confusion. With the wisdom of his ancestors behind him he changed the family name to Jack and set about establishing a family now well-loved and respected in the City.

The Chinese have a custom which we all could copy. They believe that a community which offers them so much in freedom and gracious living deserves their unstinted support and fierce patriotism. They return good

for good.

Their commitment to Bendigo began in 1871 when, despite earlier mistreatment by some ignorant elements of the goldfields, they formed an association to assist charity in the form of the Bendigo Base Hospital and (as it was then known) the Bendigo Asylum. A levy on the Chinese citizens raised £500 all of which went to the charitable effort.

Russell pointed out that the Association has no money - every cent raised goes to charity and projects like the Dragon Sun Loong and the projected Chinese Museum to house it must come from outside sources. The Association provides the workforce and the "Know How' to achieve the desired result. So great is the esteem in Bendigo in which the Chinese are held that all their efforts have had the full support of the Community.

Our speaker captivated his audience by relating some experiences on a recent trip to his ancestral homeland promoting the Museum project which was received with gentle but determined enthusiasm that augers well for the success of the venture.

Gordon Glover introduced Russell and Harry Clifton made the presentation for a heart-warming and amusing talk.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Future trips, other than those already specified are:-

MAY 1988: - Proposed a trip to Castlemaine, anticipated date Wednesday, May 25th. Inspections of Castle Hams & Bacon, Woollen Mills, a visit to Budda and Childrens Cemetery. B.B.Q. lunch in Castlemaine Gardens, meet Castlemaine Probians? Cost: Approx. $8.00 per person, which includes coach, B.B.Q. and admission to Budda. Payment at May meeting. (LIST TABLED TODAY).

JUNE 1988: - Visits to and inspection of selected local industries, Cooper & Cooke, possibly Strammit and/or S.E.C. Terminal Station. (Possible date: Thursday, June 16th or other suitable date after June meeting). Transport arrangements/costing to be finalised. (LIST TABLED TODAY)

JULY 1988: - Proposed visit to an inspection of Ford Factory at Broadmeadows, Royal Mint at Craigieburn. Negotiations currently in course for possibilities of a 2 course lunch at nearby Hotel/Motel. Estimated costing for Coach: Based on 40 travelling $7.25 and lunch to be decided. Proposed date - Wednesday, July 6th. (LIST TABLED TODAY).

AUSTRIAN NIGHT AT DAYLESFORD HOTEL - DINNER/FLOOR SHOW: - Currently negotiating to obtain a night on which to go. Visiting "Austrian Band" in attendance. Cost for this trip would be $23.00 per person which includes Coach travel, meal, floor show.

VISIT TO BRISBANE FOR EXPO & TOURS: - Departs August 21st, 1988. 12 days $794 per person. (At present fully booked) Without any emergencies re-

maining. If interested as emergency, please give name to Arthur (43 9162).

TRIPS TO REMEMBER:

We are indebted to Secretary RAY for this excellent description of the two very recent trips.

"Probians and their ladies continue to have a busy time.

On March 8th, 1988 a party had a busy day visiting places of interest at Serpentine, Boort and Charlton.

At Serpentine we called at the Irrigated Pasture Production farming operation run in conjunction with the Charlton Intensive Feed Lot.

Water from deep bores is fed into channels about 1½ km long from which it is pumped and sprayed on the pasture by two 400m long irrigation sprinkler systems. The principal crops are maize and lucerne which are used to produce silage. (Refer Weekly Times, march 23rd, 1988).

On to Boort where Ian and Murray Lanyon (nephews of Arthur Lanyon) and their wives entertained us to morning tea/coffee, showed us a video of the whole tomato growing operation and then demonstrated the large mechanical harvester which handles many tonnes per hour. They grow between 350 and 500 acres per year on contract for the Heinz factories.

After lunch by the lakeside at Boort the party divided. The men went to the Hi-Cube lucerne processing plant while the ladies visited the home of Mrs. Dulcie Boyle where they saw a wide range of hand-crafted articles of great quality.

On to Charlton where, after aftenoon tea in the township, we visited the Charlton Feedlot (refer Weekly Times, March 23rd, 1988), and were given a conducted tour.

This intensive activity is in two parts - (a) fattening of beef cattle and (b) the dairy herd. In total there were 13,800 cattle in the pens. Many of the beef cattle are fattened on contract for other owners and are subject to regular weight checks to monitor growth. The feeding is scientifically controlled to suit the stage of development and market requirements. Most stock is sold before reaching 12 months of age.

There are 750 cows in the milking shed and the results of the highly-selective breeding programme are clearly to be seen in the magnificent quality of the cows. The average production has been greatly increased in recent years.

The Serpentine forage production unit, the Feedlot operation and the Sandhurst Dairies are now all part of the Coles-Myer group.

Altogether a most interesting and enjoyable day."

On Wednesday, 23rd March, a party of Probians and ladies visited Melbourne where the first call was at the Gallery of Sport adjacent to the MCG. This is the first National multi-sport Museum in Australia and shows photos and memorabilia of a wide range of sports.

One floor is completely devoted to Olympic Games performances.

From there to the MCG itself - the oldest sports stadium in Australia. It has a remarkable collection of historical relics and photographs particularly related to cricket and football.

A barbeque meal on the banks of the Yarra was most enjoyable; the sun setting behind the City buildings making a most picturesque backdrop to the scene.

We were met at Parliament House by Bruce Reid who was our Host and later for a time by Michael John.

We were given escorted tours over this magnificent building in two groups and later sat briefly on the proceedings in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

Restoration work and repainting have been completed in recent years and it is truly a splendid structure. Our forebears certainly had foresight and great architectural skills.

We arrived back in Bendigo at about 12.30 a.m. tired, but very happy with another lovely day.

A NEW PROBUS CLUB is born. Secretary RAY and ALLAN DINGLE complete with Ladies journeyed to Benalla on 24/25 March to assist in launching a new Probus Club there. The Club is off to a good start with 27 Foundation Members.

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that we record the death of a valued member, ARTHUR LANYON. In his notes on the Boort trip, Secretary RAY records the pleasure that the party received from morning tea at the home of Arthur's nephews. Our sympathy goes out to the relatives of our late member.

SECRETARY RAY DOWNEY is in the news in this issue - but we would be remiss if we did not mention the occasion of the Golden Wedding of he and OLLIE which occurred on Saturday, 2nd April. We all unite in expressing our pleasure for an event which, these days in the 'fast lane', of modern living is likely to become a casualty in the near future.

- Well done - RAY and OLLIE.

OUR BABY IS DOING WELL: In the latest issue of "AMITY" the Newsletter of the Probus Club of Sandhurst under the heading "Optimum Membership Reached" we learn that:

> "March meeting saw six new membership applications approved, which brought the club strength up to the maximum of 90. There are also two applicants on the waiting list."

WHERE WILL IT EVER END?