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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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TELECOM - That service that we love to hate but cannot do without is the subject for our research today.

Regional Manager JOHN PETHYBRIDGE will throw some laser beams on How, When and Why the system works. No doubt we will learn a lot and perhaps we will get a clue as to inept reply when, dragged from our warm cot at 3 am by the insistent clangour of the phone, we hear a voice at the other end of the 'line' say, "Sorry - Wrong number!"

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE must surely be the ambition of all entrepreneurs and for a club to enjoy the efforts of two excellent speakers simultaneously addressing two separate audiences must rank as a high standard of showmanship.

Last month our very good friends from the Probus Club of Doncaster, ALFRED and DOROTHY WALDREN made this possible. Whilst Alfred took our members on safari through the intricacies of life in Nepal, Dorothy held our wives enthralled with adventures in Saudi Arabia. Both speakers used slides of exceptional quality to illustrate the talk and these added considerably to the realism.

***** NOTE! MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST AT 10 AM *****

We learned that Nepal until the third decade of the present century was virtually a walled country. No-one in its centuries of existence had been outside its perimeters. As a result there was a complete ignorance of all the modern developments of the world outside. It was as though time had stood still.

The breakthrough came when India built a road into the forbidding territory to permit a two-way travel experience which revolutionised the lives of the Nepalese.

Alfred had an interesting job in Nepal. Working for Telecom he was transferred from Africa to establish communications for Nepal with the world outside. He found the indigenous people to be happy, kind, friendly and peace-loving despite their tendency in earlier years to indulge in internicene tribal warfare!

Dorothy fascinated her audience with slides of superb beauty as she told of the place of women in the Saudi Arabia society. It seems that the Powers-that-be have solved the dangers of sexual attraction by compelling their ladies to disguise their charms in all-covering black attire when in the company of the male of the species. However, under this chaste attire they wear the most delightfully beautiful and exotic raiment; (no doubt Eunuchs excepted!)

We are indebted to Alfred and Dorothy for their most interesting and informative talks and they join a long list of talented people who have contributed so much to the success of our meetings and, indeed, to our club.

WELCOME to new member, COLIN WEEKS. Glad to have you aboard. For the little book: WEEKS, Colin, 109 Neale Street, Phone: 43 3113.

COMING EVENTS:

Trip to Tasmania: 8 days, 7 nights - depart Sunday, September 13th.

Air Fare, Coach, Accommodation, Entrances (Tasmania), Dinner-Bed and Breakfast daily. Cost, per person \$747 (single supplement, plus \$132).

Still a few vacancies - Contact National Bank Travel (42 1677) direct.

All persons booked for trip will be notified re travel arrangements by National Australia Bank Travel Agency.

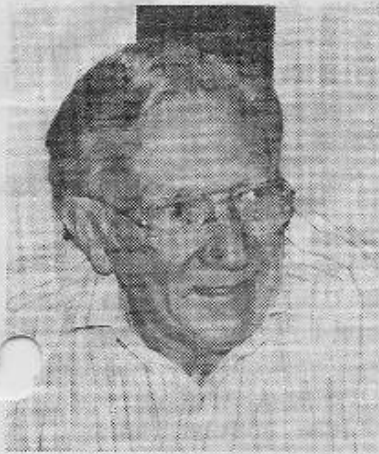
"Cats - Musical" Wednesday, October 14th. Matinee Session at 1.00 pm.

Excellent seats and vacancies still exist. Closing date extended to Thursday, August 13th.

Werribee Park and RAAF Museum, Point Cook: Tuesday, October 27th.

Approx. cost: \$14 includes coach fare and admissions. Lunch arrangements - your suggestions, please! BBQ by tour operator? BYO? or What?

List will be tabled on August 19th. ONE BUS only booked.



A MAN WHO, IN HIS YOUTH rode a pushbike for two hours every day covering 15 miles and delivering 146 newspapers for the princely sum of one shilling (10 cents) per day to escape the stigma of the dole (susso) became a successful business man operating three Butcher shops and served in the highest Civic office in Bendigo - as Mayor of the Golden City. He is

J.C.M. (CLARK) JEFFREY, J.P.

and, like most of us, his career grew out of the travail of the Great Depression. Born in 1915, the only child of a close-knit Christian family, Clark was devastated when at the age of twelve death robbed him of the mother to whom he was devoted.

He became very close to his father. Horace A. Jeffrey was highly respected as a Master Craftsman in cabinet making and Bendigo today contains many examples of his skill. Church furnishings, including the Christening Font at All Saints old Cathedral and the entire interior, in Fiddleback and Blackwood of the stately Masonic Temple - all bear witness to the skill of this exceptional craftsman.

Although Clark was absorbed with the craft of his father and spent a great deal of time working and learning, there was little demand for the trade at this time so he studied Civil Engineering at the School of Mines.

The Depression worsened, jobs were few, and Clark took on contract cleaning whilst helping his father part-time. Then he answered an advertisement for a Butcher's apprentice.

With the astuteness that served him well in later life he figured that people MUST eat! At the age of twenty he started dismantling beasts at butcher J. Trevean at his shop next to Ashmans where he quickly learned the Trade. He studied book-keeping at night but with only six months experience behind him he received a blow - his boss was stricken with typhoid fever. Clark and his fellow workmate maintained the business and kept it afloat for three months unaided, to the subsequent joy of the owner on his return.

After 12 years as Manager (sans holidays) for butcher Alf Petherick, Clark left to start his own business which, ever striving for excellence, he built into three shops.

World War 2 and rejected for service, he trained as a medical officer with the Volunteer Defence Corps, passing his First Aid Certificates three times with Credit.

His Civic career spanned eight years and he was Mayor of Bendigo in 1969-70. Progress was his primary aim and he strove for unity with the surrounding Municipal bodies. In his many civic duties he enjoyed the support of wife, Gwen, and they are now in the 49th year of happy married life. Four children and eight grandchildren keep them young. It was Clark's pleasure, in 1982, to host the whole family on a three week trip overseas, with Disneyland included in the itinerary. If Clark Jeffrey has one main hobby it is helping people, especially the disabled. He was instrumental in the development of the Sheltered Workshop which now caters with employment for 80 retarded people at the Peter Harcourt Shelter. As a member of Rotary Club of Bendigo, he enjoys the opportunity to serve - he was President in 1966-67. For relaxation he has a special interest in music, especially singing and playing the organ, both Pipe and Electronic. He and Gwen were members of the famed Benola Singers when they won the Australian Championships in Adelaide.

Clark Jeffrey has a definite philosophy which is best expressed in his own words, "With a strong faith in God I don't worry and am completely free from stress, eat wisely, and exercise regularly with three visits weekly, under supervision, at the gymnasium." Obviously, friend Clark has enjoyed a full life, has now achieved a full measure of tranquility in his later years and - most importantly - he is a member of the Probus Club of Bendigo!

ONE FOR THE LADIES!

Grandmothers - as seen by an eight-year-old:

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, but loves girls and boys of other people. Grandmothers have nothing to do, they only have to be there. If they take you for a walk they go past lovely leaves and caterpillars and things. They never say "come quickly" or "hurry for goodness sake". They are usually fat but not too fat to tie your shoelaces. They wear glasses and sometimes can take their teeth out. They answer questions like "why do cats and dogs fight" and "why isn't God married?" and they never mind reading the same story over a over. Grandmothers are the only people who have time. Everyone should have a grandmother. They are really young, only they have grown old outside.

CONGRATULATIONS to Probian JACK TAYLOR on his elevation, once again, to the Chair of the Mayor of Eaglehawk.

No doubt each time Councillor Jack relinquishes this office he pats the Chair and says, "Keep warm - I'll be back!"



"Probus has status, dignity and respect."

— Sir Davis Hughes

Wear this badge with Pride