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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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**"COMMUNICATIONS"** is the "IN-word" in modern business. Without it no business can survive.

Telecom Australia is in the forefront of these vital systems and today guest speaker ROBERT DUNNE will acquaint us with some of the intricacies encountered in providing this essential service.

**LAST MONTH WE MET UP WITH** some of the intriguing facets of life in the world of the visual arts when local Artist/ Cartoonist IAN GLANVILLE demonstrated his knowledge and skills in this medium.

— He traced the history of the cartoon from the renowned 16th. Century artist Hans Holbein (he could reasonably be regarded as the First of his Tribe) to the present generation of pen picture portraitists who so often dip their quills in acid to lampoon and satirise the pompous and the pedantic in our modern society.

The dreaded Laws of Libel are forever dangling over the heads of the cartoonists whose sense of humour, so essential to their make-up can easily carry them away. So it is the Editor and his corps of legal eagles who make the final decision whether to publish or not to publish. Unfortunately, because of this, many of the best cartoons are probably confined to the bottom drawer - never to see the light of day.

Despite this restriction cartoonists do seem to live a charmed life since a lawsuit would so often emphasise the very shortcomings which the 'victim' wished to suppress.

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## LAST MONTH WE MET UP WITH Cont.

Politicians are fair game as they have come to expect the worst and are resigned to live with it. When Ian met Lady Flo B/P in Bendigo it was with some temerity that he posed the obvious question, "What do you think of the cartoons of you and Sir Joh?" Her reply was instant, "We love them!"

The modern cartoonists are very talented and Ian displayed a copy of the world-famous cartoon by Stan Cross, 'For God's sake stop laughing - this is serious!'

Our speaker topped off his talk with a demonstration of his art by doing a lightning sketch of CYRIL MICHELSEN to the delight of the audience.

## TOURS & ENTERTAINMENT

1. EXPO BRISBANE: 45 Probians & their wives depart for Brisbane and Expo on SUNDAY AUGUST 21st., 1988. Departure Time: 8.00 am - (Please arrive at 7.45 a.m. to permit loading of luggage).  
Luggage: Usual size "Large Case" + Hand Luggage per person.  
Departure From: Strathdale Community Complex, (Cnr. Crook St/McIvor Rd) Car Park.  
Any Further Enquiries: to Houlden's Bus Lines. Bendigo (43 5099).
2. THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH. INSPECTION OF S.E.C. TERMINAL STATION, Allingham Street, Golden Square, (adjacent Strammit).  
Inspection Times: 9.30 am (first group), 11.00 am (second group).  
Transportation: Own Cars.  
JOHN FLOOD, Regional Manager, Northern and Midland Electricity Supply (the position Ray Downey and John Griffen previously held) will, together with Ray, make the presentation of the segment.  
Please be prepared to indicate the inspection time which you prefer, desirable to restrict groups to approx. 25 persons. List will be on table at meeting. No costs involved.
3. THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH. "DAY OUTING" - MANDURANG and nearby areas.  
Visit to an Orchid Nursery, Gallery and small vineyard and a "Country Garden". A B.B.Q. Lunch provided. Departure from Strathdale Community Complex 9.15 am and estimated time of return 3.15 pm. Promises to be an enjoyable and relaxing day. Estimated Cost:- \$7.50/person approx. which includes BBQ Lunch, admissions & coach fare. Coach capacity: 49 persons. (LIST: on table today - payment at September meeting).

## TRIPS & ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PIPELINE:

4. NOVEMBER: 1988. Trip to Ballarat: Sovereign Hill, Mining Museum, Fuschia Gardens and other items of interest to choose from.
5. DECEMBER: 1988. Annual Xmas Dinner. Wednesday, 20th December.
6. JANUARY: 1989. Trip to Shepparton. Visit the International Village. Inspection of a "Fruit Cannery & items of interest".

A. M. EATON.

## PROBIAN PERAMBULATIONS

by GEORGE JENNINGS.

47 Probians, wives and friends set off for Broadmeadows and Craigieburn to view the assembly of Falcon cars and the making of the wherewithall to purchase them. At the note-printing Branch, 25 led by Ray Downey left the bus whilst the remainder, captained by Arthur Eaton went on to the Ford Assembly Plant. At Ford we were supplied with goggles and fitted headphones enabling the tour guide to describe the assembly procedures.

63 assembled vehicles comes off every hour and it takes  $2\frac{1}{2}$  days to completely assemble a vehicle. Falcons are the only vehicles at present being made at the plant.

The assembly line is heavily computerised with Robots assembling and fusing the sub-frame and body parts. Motor, gearbox, tailshaft, differential, springs, axles and wheels are assembled in another part of the factory and at the appropriate time the completely assembled and painted body is matched thereto, lowered onto the springs and bolted.

A most interesting and instructive tour!

After an 'over 55's dinner at Denny's, Ray's team went to Ford and Arthur's to the Note printing branch. Here, through glass, we watched the various stages of printing, checking, guillotining, numbering and final inspection of new \$10, \$20 and \$5 notes. The operation is controlled by the Reserve Bank for the Commonwealth of Australia.

The building is heavily guarded by electronics and the gardens have been landscaped and planted to prevent helicopters or light aircraft landing within the boundary fence perimeter. The unit is self-contained with Art Design, machine maintenance, printing and examining sections.

Notes are printed in sheet form with 24 to 48 notes per sheet by Simultan or Intaglio machines. The Simultan prints multi-coloured backgrounds on both sides simultaneously. The Intaglio provides raised security printing on one side at a time.

The Simultan prints 8000 sheets per hour with 2 printers and 2 assistants. The Intaglio prints 6000 sheets per hour with 1 printer and 2 assistants. After numbering, the notes become Legal Tender.

All sheets are manually examined for marks or bad printing. Rejects are marked with special ink detectable by Crosfield Computers which count the sheets, reject the faulty, replace the marked ones and record the details. It handles 1200 notes per minute. Rejected notes are drilled and destroyed with the good notes sent via conveyor belt for final check and storage in vault.

The Guide presented each visitor with - NOT a sample - but a brochure advising how to start a note collection. I have attempted that for years with little success for the notes seem to be extremely slippery when I try to hold them!

**FUN AT THE FLICKS!** The film morning consisted of "Beverly Hills Cop 2" - a comedy 'American style' preceded by two excellent shorts, one on the Deep Sea Fishing industry based on Eden and the other a conservation theme with the birds of Triangle Islands off Canada.

The feature film was a surprise to many present with its earthy language, high-speed driving, location scenes and the total disregard of Superior's instructions. The scenery, language and impossible situations brought many gasps of varying intensity - and laughter.

A modern film with a restricted audience - but interesting!

### SCHWEINEFLEISCHBRATEN MIT DER BIER UND LAUT MUSIK MACHEN PROBEN

#### FROHLICH.

Secretary RAY DOWNEY reports:

Age shall not weary them! and for some even Austrian dancing does not slow them up - much!

Saturday, 30th July was a great night of fun, food and frivolity at the Daylesford Inn.

The food was excellent and quite a number were seen to give repeated support to this asset. The Austrian dancers gave an energetic performance whilst the rhythm of the band enticed us to the dance floor to use up some of the calories of which we had partaken liberally.

Towards the end of the night the music seemed to get louder - or maybe our system became more sensitive as the adrenalin pumped through. But nevertheless it was another most successful outing.

**WE WELCOME ABOARD** new member KEN COLES recently retired from our College of Knowledge, the B.C.A.E.

For the record: COLES, Ken. Wife Joyce, 2 Cook Street, Bendigo, Phone: 43 8590.

**THE NEW LADIES' PROBUS CLUB** is in the initial stage of formation. Qualifications for this club is the same as those for the male clubs - retired and semi-retired ladies with a background of executive experience in their working life.

If you know of any lady who may be interested, please tender her name and address to Secretary Ray - he will be pleased to receive it.

**PROBUS SPELLS FELLOWSHIP** and fellowship means, amongst many things 'Caring' - caring for our fellow members. We are fortunate that three of our members have indicated their willingness to visit our friends in need.

If you know of anyone ill or not enjoying the best of health of maybe someone who would enjoy a friendly chat please let GEORGE JENNINGS (43 9906), DICK SOUTHBY (43 6887) or CLARK JEFFREY (41 3537) know. Remember FELLOWSHIP is our business!