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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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THE MEETING THIS WEEK is an important first. Whilst the members are travelling through the wilds of Nepal their wives will be wandering through the deserts of Saudi Arabia and no doubt meeting some Shieks on the way! By the modern miracle of communications this will all take place under the one roof - the Bendigo Club.

Probian ALFRED WALDREN and wife DOROTHY will be the travel guides. They are from the Probos Club of Doncaster. As Guests of our club the Ladies will enjoy morning tea and sandwiches to sustain them through the desert safari.

We can all look forward to this meeting - and don't forget to bring the Little Lady with you. But PLEASE if you have not already registered your wife let Arthur know (for catering purposes).

A DYNAMIC SPEAKER was our Guest at the meeting last month. COUNCILLOR WILLI CARNEY is the first Lady Mayor for 'the Model Borough' of Eaglehawk'. Her qualifications for this exacting job were apparent to all.

Willi spoke of the place of women in Local Government and her training for this role was the best of all - the school of Hard Knocks.

Born during World War 2 in Holland with a mother and sister constantly

***** NOTE! MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 15th. JULY at 10 am *****

ill and a father who was arrogant and literally hated children, eight years of her childhood was spent with her grandmother whom she deeply loved. Leaving her in Holland when the family migrated to Australia was a real wrench.

Her first years in the new land were incredibly hard. As a child she continued her education not understanding a word of English and living in a house virtually made of packing cases without water or other amenities and located in a middle of a bog. No wonder she learned the tenacity which has made her capable of meeting hostile bureaucrats head on! Her fight with the authorities over pollution of Lake Burrumbeet even led to her being dubbed a 'Communist' - a ploy so often used by ignorant potentates when the fight is going against them! Willi won.

This stimulating victory spurred her on to attempt many more 'tiltings at windmills' and she learned how to deal firmly -but fairly- with Government departments.

It is obviously impossible in this limited space to record even a fraction of the interests and achievements of this very active Lady but a good measure of this is the respect that is held for her by her fellow-Councillors, whom she considers have treated her most fairly.

Jack Taylor introduced the speaker and Jack Russell thanked her for a warm and enlightening address.

IT IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST to members to know that CLARK JEFFREY (41 3537) and GEORGE JENNINGS (43 9906) have undertaken to visit ailing members and offer the hand of fellowship in their time of need.

BUT they can only do this if they are informed of the need. It therefore becomes the duty of every member to inform Clark or George when their kindly services are recommended.

A LAST MINUTE REMINDER of the Film morning and luncheon which occurred yesterday (Tuesday, 14th. July) - if you believe the date on this issue. Actually, as you read this you still have time to phone Arthur (43 9162) and confirm your attendance, if you have not already done so. Time: 10 am at Bob Campbell Theatre and afterwards at the National Hotel for a first-class 'nosh'. Don't miss it!

TASSIE TRIP: There are still vacancies for this exciting adventure. Trippers who have registered will you please make the final payment of \$697 per person TODAY. If you are unable to make the payment to Arthur would you pay your cheque into the National Australia Bank Travel section. Reminder: Departure date is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th.

CALLING ALL CAT LOVERS: Those admirers who have booked for this festival of feline frolics it would be appreciated if you would confirm the booking with your cheque for \$46 per person SAP. Date: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th. and there are still vacancies.

Most of us at some time of life have been graced by a nick-name. This usually occurred in childhood when our peers decided that the name bestowed upon us by our dotting parents was inappropriate. Usually it faded out after a time, but if the gratuitous title was particularly apt it tended to persist.

One such nick-name is "FIZZ" and since it was applied to a second-generation manufacturer of Aerated Waters - or 'fizzy' drinks - it was bound to remain on the records.

Of course, it refers to that energetic, true blue Bendigonian, your friend and mine,

GORDON RAYMOND GLOVER.

Born, in 1917, within the sound of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, he has spent a lifetime as an adherent and active member of that noble church. Still active after 25 years as a Vestryman he is also a member of the Choir and enjoys the singing which is so much a part of the service. He is currently the president of the Anglican Mens' Dinner Club.

His interest in music led him to the Bendigo Competitions Society and he is a member of the Committee of that valuable branch of the Performing Arts in Bendigo.

His other great interest is the Bendigo YMCA and his association with the youth of the district covers 40 years of active participation with the Y's Mens Club and he has served in many offices, including President.

Gordon received his Primary education at the Gravel Hill school from which he gravitated to the Bendigo High School, the Bendigo Business College and finally the School of Mines where he undertook a course in Fitting and Turning. This led to his first job at the Maribyrnong Ordnance Factory afterwards transferring to Bendigo.

In 1863 one Abraham Phillips started the manufacture of Aerated Waters, Cordials and Sauces catering for the dustladen throats of thirsty miners. In 1899 it was taken over by Glover, Snr. and for the next 68 years became widely known as "Glovers Drinks". Gordon went into partnership, first with his father and then with his wife, Jessie until, at the age of 50 he sold the business as a going concern and retired.

Gordon is a keen Historian and has much Bendigo memorabilia in his possession. The site on which the drink factory stood was at one time the location of a church. Adjacent, on what is now the rear of the Dunlop factory was a noble Synagogue complete with traditional cupola. Sadly, it was demolished in 1927. Gordon has the large metal Cross of David which graced the building. As a matter of interest, in the last



century mid-way between the two Houses of Worship was a lane containing the local Houses of Joy; obviously, the local residents had a wide choice in those days!

On the private side Gordon found a humble game of tennis to be the start of a great venture lasting 45 years; he met wife Jessie and they proceeded to produce a son and two daughters, who in turn, have provided 7 grandchildren.

His philosophy is simple: A busy life means good health in mind and body. In his 20 years of retirement he and Jessie have travelled extensively not only in Australia but through many countries overseas.

Sporting interests read like an Academy of Sport. Over the years he has embraced Football, Athletics, Church Matting Cricket, Baseball, professional Running, Badminton, Squash, Swimming and Social Bowls (East Bendigo). But of all these, Tennis is the great passion. Maybe in commemoration of that event of 45 years ago Gordon and Jessie play tennis regularly twice a week.

By now you probably wonder how Gordon manages to fill in his time between trips abroad and sporting forays. To keep busy he has a well-equipped workshop at home where he does welding, wood-turning, upholstery and the restoration of antique furniture. To break with convention he built a home from mud bricks and created a garden where he likes to 'potter around'.

If there is one outstanding characteristic of our friend it would be his apparent inability to refuse a request when he is able to accept it - which makes him an invaluable asset to any organisation. Happily, and most importantly, he is a member of the committee of the Probus Club of Bendigo!

WE ARE INDEBTED to Ken Proud for this little gem: It seems a farmer ordered a new car from his local dealer fitted with a wide range of optional extras and nearly passed out when he discovered the extra cost involved.

The following week the dealer who sold him the car came out to the farmer's property to buy a cow. The farmer constructed his bill as follows:

Basic Cow	\$200
Extras: Two-tone exterior	45
Genuine Leather Upholstery.	125
Dual Horns.....	20
Product storage compartment	60
Dispensing devices @ \$10...	40
Automatic Fly Swatter	35
TOTAL (plus delivery)	\$525