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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 29 Woodbury St., Bendigo, 3550.

THE SPEAKER TODAY will be MAX KITCHELL of the Department of Conservation and Lands. With conservation and the utilisation of Lands an aggravated issue right now his talk should prove most enlightening.

WHAT ARE YOU TO THINK when a politician tells you at the start of his address that he will refrain from political statements. Let us give RON BEST credit he kept off political issues for some time but inevitably the Member for the North Western Province in the Legislative Council let some of his feelings be known.

Ron's talk on his first six months in parliament began with a statement of his wish to repay Bendigo and Bendigonians for their support of him both as a sportsman and businessman. His dedication was obvious.

With respect to his first six months he expressed surprise at the parliamentary workload which was augmented by the necessity to attend a variety of committee meetings and to travel through the largest Province in Victoria.

Reference was made to the recent disharmony and leadership upheaval between and within the conservative parties and Ron's perception that it seemed unlikely that these parties would be serious contenders for government until current moves to stabilise relationships were effective.

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As a member of the National Party Ron stated that he held that party's portfolio for Small Business and for Housing and Construction. He is happy to hold both positions as he believes that both are of major significance to rural Victoria. Other areas of involvement include Sport and Recreation, Youth Work, and membership of the Council of Latrobe University.

Ron's commitment to the first two of his interests can be gauged by his initiative in establishing a Small Business Committee to advise on business problems and his active membership of the local BRADS group which aims to help our youth cope with problems arising from drug abuse.

Issues of more political significance that were addressed included the maintenance of Bush Nursing Homes and One-man Police Stations - both vexed issues in communities with decreasing populations. The relationship between issues such as these and the National Party view of decentralisation was noted.

Principal questions following the address revolved around decentralisation - or the apparent current perception that positive policy was lacking - and the perception that today's youth left much to be desired. Perhaps they are our youth!

Ron was introduced by Bill Bell and thanked by Tom Rothacker.

TRIPS & ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY JUNE 22ND: TRIP TO GEELONG. Visit the National Wool Museum and local attractions. Cafeteria, Snacks and Bar Service on hand, should be a relaxed and interesting day. Departure Time: 8.00 a.m. from Strath Community centre, Crook Street. Cost: \$12.00 includes Coach and admission to Wool Centre. Buy your own lunch. Coach capacity 45: Current bookings 45 plus 6 emergencies. Payments: Please finalise today. (More emergencies required).

TUESDAY JULY 11TH: FILM MORNING: at R.L. Campbell Theatre. Fil A Comedy: "Three Men and a Baby". Lunch: At National Hotel, High Street, (accommodate 60). Cost: Film only \$3.00, Lunch Only \$10.50. Film plus lunch \$13.50. List tabled again today. Many additional bookings required, to make this a success. Payments today please. Note: Film commences at 9.45 a.m. Lunch: at approx 12.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23RD: TRIP TO GTV9 MELBOURNE to participate as audience for the production of Sale of the Century with Tony Barber. List will be available at this meeting. Payment - approximately \$8.00 will be due at the July Meeting.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH: TRIP TO MELBOURNE. (a) Port of Melbourne Authority - "Port Cruise". (b) Inspection of Government House. Lunch: (At your own cost) - we will be in vicinity of World Trade Centre, where snacks and meals are available. Cost: \$11.00 per person which includes Coach and admissions. Current Bookings: 45 and 21 emergencies. Coach capacity: 45.

TRIPS & ENTERTAINMENT Cont.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH & THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH. TRIP TO PHILLIP ISLAND:

Sightseeing on way, To Cowes - "View the Penguin Parade". Sightseeing Mornington Peninsula, hope to arrange visit to Flinder's Naval Depot. Coach capacity: 44. Cost: per person \$99.00, which includes Coach fare, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and Sightseeing. Current Bookings: 44 and 22 emergencies. Payments: A deposit to Club Treasurer August Meeting (\$10.00). Balance: To be paid direct to Houlden's Tours, Charing Cross, one month prior to departure.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD: A tentative booking has been made for a day in the Dandenongs to include a ride on Puffing Billy and other sight-seeing. Propositions of interest will be canvassed at this meeting and a list will be tabled in July if the booking can be confirmed.

(Trip queries before 21st June to ALBERT COOPER - 43 0125).

APOLOGY - My apologies to MAURICE PEASE who is no relation to the MAURICE PLEASE who was profiled last month. Pease forgive me Maurice - pease!

GOLF - Members interested in forming a golf group are invited to give their names to Joe O'Sullivan at this meeting.

BILLIARDS - members wishing to have a game of billiards or snooker are invited to the Eaglehawk Billiard Club at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 28th June. (Room located between Eaglehawk Cannon and Court House).

CARD PLAYERS: Allan Dingle invites card players - particularly those with a passion for 'patience' to join him at morning tea at the meeting. Slip a pack into your pocket before you come!

SOUTHERN SKIES TRAVEL: Ray Downey has asked me to remind members that we have to respond to the request that our club members may wish to assist the above organisation ensure that small groups of visitors have a point of personal contact when they visit Bendigo.

It is envisaged that persons wishing to be involved with such groups would be responsible for meeting these people when they arrive in Bendigo - taking them to their accommodation - and talking to them about the attractions of the city and the surrounding area. Introductions to people with specific knowledge could also be provided. Return of visitors to their means of transport is also required, and some remuneration will be provided to participants.

In brief - Southern Skies Travel hopes to direct overseas visitors to Bendigo for a fee and wants to provide such tourists with contacts who can act as a 'point of contact'/host for them. We are assured that groups will be small (2 - 4) and that the period of stay will be brief (3 - 4 days). This matter will be canvassed at our June meeting.

EXTRACT from the PHILOSOPHERS NOTE BOOK - Compiled by the late
Monty Blanford. WHAT IS A BOY?

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started.
He is going to sit where you are sitting, and, when you are gone,
attend to those things you think so important.
You can adopt the policies you please, but how they will be carried
on depends on him.
All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him.
Your reputation and your future are in his hands. All your work is
for him, and the fate of the nation and of humanity is in his hands.
ANON.

TRIPPING AROUND WITH PROBIANS - (Alec Crothers)

Thanks to very good organisation yet another Arthur Eaton Probus
Tour has come to a successful conclusion. Those who took the trip
featuring Sale, Merimbula, Canberra and Wagga enjoyed a wide variety
of scenery including the sea, mountain ranges, forests and treeless
plains. All this was made more enjoyable by a helpful and very
informative coach captain.

While travelling through Gippsland we visited the S.E.C. complex
at Morwell. Tour-guide Gail (They always remember the girls - Ed)
took us to view the open-cut sites and the generating stations so we
would all know where the power for our electric blankets comes from!

From Merimbula we took a cruise on the Pambula R. aboard the Sinbad -
a vessel commanded by the former captain of the Echuca paddle-steamer
Mary Lou. While on this cruise we visited the site of an Aboriginal
midden where people had eaten oysters and discarded the shells for at
least the last 2000 years.

In Canberra we were able to view things both in miniature and on
the grand scale. The miniature was seen in the visit to the true-to-
scale replica of the English village of Cockington. The replica
simulates village life in the United Kingdom.

On the grand scale - super-scale may be more accurate - is our new
Parliament House. From the outside it appears dull and uninteresting,
but the interior finishes are absolutely wonderful.

While at Parliament House we attended the House of Representatives
during question time and later took afternoon tea with John Brumby.

Regretfully our editor has limited the length of this article so
you will have to learn of the remaining delights through conversation
with any of the happy travellers.