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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

The meeting today is Ladies Day. Partners or wives (but not both), of members are invited to attend. After the meeting we move on to Sizzler's for lunch, at 12.30 or thereabouts. There will be a list on the table before the meeting to book lunch, make payment, \$8 each, at the same time so that Ray Downey can make the one payment at the restaurant. Keep your name badge on to be admitted at Sizzlers.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Today we have a Double Act, Jess and Gordon Glover. Their subject will be "Wanderings in Tibet".

The speaker at our last meeting was Reg MacDonald, the retired Managing Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser. He was introduced to us by Cyril Michelson and spoke on **Experiences as a journalist.**

To record all of Reg's C.V. would require more than all of the space in this issue; among other activities he has been Speech writer (Minder) to two Prime Ministers, John Gorton and William McMahon, managing editor of the Herald for Papua New Guinea, he has worked in Canberra, London, Sydney, Washington, Bendigo and goodness knows where else. He was a foreign correspondent for 18 years, and in this phase of his career was assigned to the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India, Ulster, Biafra, where ever news was happening.

Before coming to Bendigo, Reg had always been associated with metropolitan newspapers, then came Bendigo and a change in approach. In the big cities members of the press are virtually incognito but in Bendigo things are different, when the editor goes down the street for lunch he sometimes is waylaid and challenged over some statement he has made in print.

Some of the anecdotes Reg told us are perhaps better kept out of print, but some of Billy McMahon's slips of the tongue are worth repeating. In a pre-election statement he said "We will honour our promises on the problems we have made". "I ask you to study our record, and vote Labour". Responding to Ros Kelly, he said "I must thank the Honourable Gentleman for the effort she has made".

Newspapers are made by journalists who are only human, and they make the same kind of errors that McMahon did. In the late 1950's the Sydney Herald covered the Anzac Day, March. "Led by a colonel on a white horse, a battle-scared veteran The correction appeared next day "That should have read 'a bottle-scarred veteran'". At the third attempt they got it right.

The Advertiser now is printed using State of the art technology. The new press, which originated in Iceland and cost \$2,000,000, is capable of full-colour offset printing, but the grammar, spelling and so on are still only as good as the human beings can make them.

The presentation and speech of thanks were made by Cliff Neivandt.

The Editor of Probe wishes to express his thanks to those who assisted in the production of Issue No. 100 and particularly to Bob Chenery and Norm Dack. Norm advised on the lay out of matter on the pages, and was the man behind the camera which photographed the editors.

The Editor is responsible for two errors (at least) which appeared in No. 100. One was the dates assigned to Reg Brock's editorship which should have read 1985 to 1989. Far more serious was recording the Past President 1992/3, who was Cyril McDonald as we all know. My sincere apology is tendered to Del in particular, and to all Cyril's friends.

TRIP REPORT

(This report was ready for the 100 Probe, but space was not available. However, it is too good to miss. Editor).

TOOLANGI CENTRAL HIGHLANDS FOREST

The poet said "Er Name's Doreen". But it was Jan Williams who told us the story of "Arden" the Singing Garden of C.J. Dennis. A place of beauty, history, an empty pond and a sundial hidden from the sun by the shade of a tree planted by Poet Laureate, John Masefield. Jan's commentary and recitations were most welcome and her scones, too, were poetry!

Brian Garth and his wife Karen then guided us to the cool beauty of Wirra Willa rainforest where we discovered there is much more to forest management than trees and the importance of understanding which is the back of a tree.

A picnic area by the Murrindindi Cascades was the venue for our BBQ lunch provided by our guides, ably assisted by our driver Jack Green and a number of volunteer stewards.

Back in the coach our instruction on the forest continued as we travelled over the "Black Spur" through Narbethong, Fernshaw and Healesville and back to Toolangi. A Circumnavigation of Black Range. Along the way Brian kept us informed of the age and type of trees and the working of the logging coups. The final all too short visit of the day was the Demby Timber Mill where we saw the milling of logs grown since the 1939 fires.

Then back to Bendigo, tired, happy and grateful as ever to Arthur.

Reported by Norm Dack.

There will be no committee meeting today, but committee members are asked to arrive at the Masonic Centre at 9.30 to assist with the setting up.

FROM THE "FOR SALE" NOTICES OF A SMALL COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

MONDAY EDITION

The Rev. A Jones has one TV set for sale.
Tel. 626 1313 after 7p.m.
Ask for Mrs Donnelly who lives with him.....cheap

TUESDAY EDITION (An item appeared within the news pages of the Paper)

We regret any embarrassment caused to Rev. Jones by a typographical error in an advertisement yesterday, it should have read as follows:

The Rev. A. Jones has one TV set for sale....cheap.
Tel. 626 1313 and ask for Mrs. Donnelly, who lives with him after 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY EDITION

Rev. Jones informs us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of an incorrect advertisement in yesterday's paper. We apologise to the Rev. Jones and set the record straight by saying that the wording should have been as follows: The Rev. A. Jones has one TV Set for sale....cheap.
Tel. 626 1313 and ask for Mrs Donnelly, who lives with him.

THURSDAY EDITION (An item in the "Public Notices")

Please take notice that I, the Rev. A. Jones, have no TV set for sale. I have smashed it.
Please do not call 626 1313 anymore.
I have not been carrying on with Mrs Donnelly who was until yesterday, my housekeeper.

FRIDAY EDITION (An item in the "Wanted" section)

Wanted....A Housekeeper....Usual Housekeeping Duties....Good Pay....Rev. A. Jones....626 1313....Love In.

TRIPS INFORMATION

TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994 : SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH - 7 Day/6 Night. Based on Wagga 5 nights and Canberra 1 night. ****Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival****

The cost of \$420 per person includes coach fare, accommodation D.B.B., morning and afternoon teas and entry fees. The maximum to travel is 46, current 52. Emergencies required and open to friends of Probians.

Sunday: To Wagga, Monday: Tours Wagga area, Tuesday: To Canberra (Overnight Canberra), Wednesday: Tours Canberra and return to Wagga, Thursday: Tour to Junee, Temora areas, Friday: Tour to Narrandera/Leeton area, Saturday: Depart Wagga for Home. A Beauty - Don't Miss Out Final Payment due August 17th at Southern Cross Travel, Pall Mall.

TRIP TO MT. AITKEN VINEYARD/RECEPTIONS : THURSDAY JUNE 23RD 1994 "XMAS DINNER IN JUNE" Maximum to travel 49, current 52. The cost of \$28 per person includes coach, Xmas dinner, wine tasting and Art Gallery. Depart at 9.30 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street and arrive home at approximately 5.00 p.m.

Mt. Aitken Vineyard/Receptions is situated in the Gisborne area. At Mt. Aitken we will be treated to wine tasting and partake of a traditional 3 course Xmas dinner. Later, an opportunity to browse in the Art Gallery. Payments at June 15th meeting.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH TO THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH - SWAN HILL - TOOLEYBUC 3 Day/2 Night staying at Lazy River Motel - Swan Hill. The cost is \$125 per person which includes 5 star coach, 2 nights accommodation, breakfasts, all meals, entry fees. "Value for money trip" Depart at 7.45 a.m. and arrive home at approximately 5.00 p.m. Maximum 45, Current 59.

Day 1: After lunch at Swan Hill we visit Murray Downs Homestead. Evening: 6 Course Chinese Meal (Australian available) then to Pioneer Settlement "Sound and Light Show", Day 2: Pioneer Settlement heritage park, 1 hour Murray River cruise on Pyapp. Visit old Kyalite pub, then a Pistachio Nut Farm for a tour, Day 3: Guided tour of Swan Hill including Speewa Punt and Winery. BBQ lunch at motel before departure for home.

Deposit of \$10 per person June Meeting, balance September.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

on making a will

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Mr Ken Haymes from State Trustees will be Guest Speaker talking on the issues of:

- Will-making
- Estate administration
- Trust administration
- Powers of Attorney
- Services for the disabled
- Executor information

(Information Kits will be made available)

Time: 11.00 am

Date: Wednesday 21st September, 1994

Venue: Probus Club Meeting
Masonic Centre, McIvor Road,
Bendigo

ALL WELCOME

N.B. Staff from State Trustees are able to make or update your Will on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday if required.