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TODAY! ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1986/87

THE SPEAKER TODAY is Chief Inspector JOHN DUPEROUZEL Officer-in-Charge No. 3 CIB region covering Bendigo, Swan Hill, Kerang and Mildura Areas. John's association with the police force stretches over many years and he has held his present appointment for three years; which makes him well qualified to speak on the general philosophy of the Police Department, with special reference to the drug problem. He hopes to have some exhibits to illustrate his talk.

SPORT IN AMERICA IS 'ELITIST'. This is the view of GARRY CROUCH, BCAA Phys. Ed. instructor, and our last Guest Speaker. Garry would know - for he spent 15 months at Oregon State University in Portland, USA, during which time he took part in three marathons.

Whilst Garry admits that sport for children is well developed with good facilities for Little League teams and many eccentric 'incentives' the system is built on ability rather than age. The pressure from coaches striving for the 'last ounce' has a strong tendency to burn the kids out and when that happens (which is frequent) the sporting fraternity quickly loses interest in them.

REMINDER! MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH AT 10.00 a.m.

SPORT IN AMERICA IS 'ELITIST' (Cont.) In adulthood only the top performers are wanted - the rest, presumably, become spectators!

In an interesting talk Garry covered a number of subjects including the abysmal ignorance of things Australian amongst the Yankee populace. Many remarked, "You speak very good English" and someone seriously enquired at what time of the year we 'Austrians' celebrate Christmas!

Our guest was introduced by Harold Griffiths and thanked by Graham Cheatley.

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING OUT OF PROBUS? It is very obvious that unless you can attend meetings with reasonable regularity you can derive very little benefit from your membership.

Your Executive notes that some members have a poor record of attendance (in some cases not at all) so it may be concluded that these members are not getting their moneys' worth. In view of the fact that membership is restricted to 90 and we have a waiting list on the books, if you find that circumstances prevent you from attending meetings and other functions, you may care to review the matter.

The Annual General Meeting is a good time to do it!

IN VIEW OF THE FACT that finances are buoyant and our house-keeping so admirable, your Executive at the General Meeting today will recommend that the Annual Fee be dropped to \$10 - a reduction of one-third.

No doubt many members will resent this and strong opposition is expected but PLEASE! NO VIOLENCE!

THE PROBUS CLUB OF STAWELL is visiting Bendigo on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th. This is not an Official visit involving our club, but an invitation has been extended to any of our members (and wives) to join our fellow-Probians at lunch at the Foundry Arms Hotel. If you are able to attend, please notify ARTHUR EATON today. This seems a good opportunity for friendly contacts with a strong basis of fellowship.

DETAILS OF THE NEXT MELBOURNE TRIP: MONDAY, APRIL 21st.

All seats are booked. Full complement - 45.

TRIP DETAILS: Bus leaves Bendigo Club at 7.30 a.m. Arrive at Melbourne Arts Centre at 10 a.m. (approx.). 'Monsanto Lounge' has been booked for 'freshen-up' and tea or coffee, if required at 40¢. Tour of Arts Centre and Concert Hall commences at 10.45 a.m. to 11.40 a.m. Arrive World Trade Centre for Lunch at 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. M.V. Commissioner departs at 1.30 p.m. for Port of Melbourne Tour, returns to wharf at 3.30 p.m. Tour of World Trade Centre commences at 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. to give time for cool drink before departure at approx. 4.45 p.m. Arrive Bendigo approx. 7.00 p.m.

A MEMBER of a well-known Bendigo family served as an active member of the YMCA and Y's Mens' Club for forty years, filled most positions at the local club level including president, secretary and treasurer to move into the wider field of the International body and receive the movement's highest honour, 'The Harry M. Ballantyne Award of Merit.'

He is

ARTHUR DAVID COWLING

this is his story.

Born in 1919, Arthur is the son of the late Algar Cowling, partner in the firm of W. Cowling which for many years sold Ford motor vehicles as well as operating a successful farm machinery and grain store business in Bendigo. Many will recall the latter sited at Market Square, now the Municipal Offices.

Educated at Quarry Hill and Bendigo High Schools, Arthur commenced his working life with his father as an assistant in the H.V. McKay depot for farm spare parts. 'Off-season' periods gave him the opportunity to meet the many poultry farmers in the district when he worked as a 'jockey' on truck deliveries of farm foods and grains.

He was studying Accountancy when World War 2 intervened and he joined the Infantry in the Army. Promotion followed and he became a Captain in the Australian Intelligence Corps specialising in the analysis of enemy Order of Battle.

The war over, he went back to his former job but eventually transferred to the Ford business selling tractors, farm machinery, trucks and passenger vehicles.

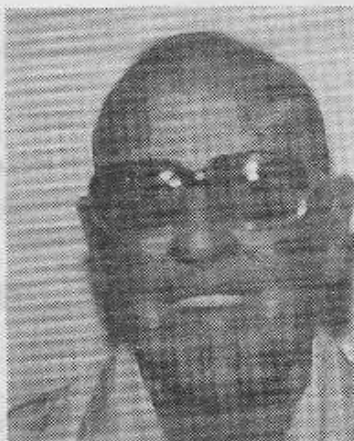
In 1969 the firm sold its properties and Arthur joined Provincial Motors who then held the Ford franchise. A year later he was appointed Manager, Truck and Tractor Division at Epsom.

It was immediately after the war when the YMCA took a strong option on his life - he became a member of the Y's Mens Club of Bendigo.

His interests in the YMCA and Y's Mens Club over the years has made him a driving force in both organisations. A YMCA Board member since 1950, he has served two terms as president and after 36 years he still remains a member of the Board.

At the International level the name Arthur Cowling is a familiar one. Regional Director for Australia and New Zealand, serving on the International Supplies Committee, Regional treasurer, Australia and New Zealand for 22 years and member of the National Board reads like a

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ARTHUR DAVID COWLING (Continued)

full-time job; but, of course, all this work is voluntary.

Activities associated with the YMCA has taken Arthur many times overseas, organizing travel groups to Conventions located in many areas including Christchurch N.Z., Atami Japan, Stockholm, Singapore, Hawaii and Washington DC. At this latter convention in 1974, he was successful in his bid to have the 1978 Convention in Melbourne.

The Convention, at the Melbourne Hilton, with an attendance of 953 was a highlight of Arthur's career. Not only was he Chairman of the Host Convention Committee, but it was here that he was awarded the 'Harry M. Ballantyne Award of Merit' for service over many years.

At present he is a member of the International Council of Y's Men by virtue of his recent election as president, South Pacific Area of Y's Men International. In this capacity he has to attend meetings overseas at least twice in every year. He has just returned from a mid-year meeting in Geneva and on this trip he spent eleven days studying the Clubs in South India, visiting such places as Hyderabad, Madras, Cochin and Kottayam.

When Arthur says he has retired he paradoxically qualifies this by saying that he does not seem to have very much time for his hobbies of music, lapidary, gardening and woodwork. Little wonder - when he attends the YMCA several days in each week as Development Officer, undertaking fund-raising and membership-orientated activities!

Married to wife, Clarice, he has four children by his former wife, Norma, who died several years ago. Between them, Arthur and Clarice have fifteen grandchildren.

The young people of Bendigo owe Arthur Cowling much for his tireless efforts on their behalf; but, most importantly, he is a member of the Probus Club of Bendigo!

THE BIRTH OF A NAME: In an article in Probus News, the founder Probus, Harold Blanchard, tells how the name was derived.

"The members were asked for their suggestions for a name for the club. We got the usual rather fatuous suggestions (Ancient Lights, Has Beens, Old and Bold) but at last one of our more erudite members came up with the idea of PROBUS - PROfessional and BUSIness. He assured us that Probus was a latin word from which "probity" was derived and the name was adopted with enthusiasm. Incidentally, we found there is a village in Cornwall called Probus and also there was a Roman Emperor of the same name who in his day was famous for the cultivation of the vine."

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