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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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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER will be RON BEST who is the Member for North Western Province in the Legislative Council. His address will be on his experiences during his first 6 months as a Member of Parliament.

AT THE MEETING OF 19th MAY members noted with regret the death of HARRY CLIFTON. In addition to the quiet fellowship which he extended to fellow members his work as auditor of our accounts will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to Edna and family.

On a happier note it was reported that Bendigo Probus defeated Sandhurst Probus at bowls to take the Glen Schier Trophy (B'go 115 def S'Hurst 99 - I make no comment on the effect of 6 or 7 B'go bowlers being included in the S'Hurst team). Our thanks to Glen for making the trophy available.

NEW MEMBERS NORM DACK and MAX SHIPP were introduced by GEORGE JENNINGS and JOE O'SULLIVAN respectively and were welcomed and "pinned" by Chairman Reg.

Speaking of pins - note that Reg B., George J., Ray D., Bob H., and Jack W., all have new ones. How do they do it?

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Why did Gordon Glover want to organise a luncheon at the Fifeshire Hotel? Just who is Tracy?

ARE YOU AN ANTIQUE OR SIMPLY A COLLECTABLE? You may feel old enough to be considered antique but according to our April speaker KEVIN CARNEY you are only a collectable unless you have reached the ripe old age of 100 - or more! Hopefully our wives agree.

Kevin, yet another ex-teacher, was introduced by JACK TAYLOR and spoke of his early days as a prolific collector of pottery, particularly from Bendigo, and the subsequent need to sell items to make room for other later collections.

From such beginnings Kevin and wife Willi developed their antique business to the point where Kevin was able to resign from the Education Department and concentrate on business. Achievements include the establishment of the Borough Galleries, joint authorship of specialist books on Lamps and Chairs, and recognition as a reputable valuer of antiques.

During his talk Kevin commented on the differing roles of English dealers who had to specialise while Australian dealers had to be generalists.

He also spoke of high prices obtained at an auction of some of his pieces. These realisations were attributed to a growing awareness of the historical significance of rarer pieces of Australiana.

In response to questions members learnt that the United Kingdom may soon import antiques rather than export, and that Kevin was considering buying in Indonesia with a view to providing items for the English market.

Mention was also made of fakes and reproductions. The latter were acknowledged as potentially more expensive than genuine pieces because of current labor costs. The ultimate advice to anyone who decides to invest in antiques is know your pieces before you start!

However, members were advised not to purchase 1950's and 60's laminex and mix-masters. These may be scarce in England but Kevin only exports them to an agent who supplies props for films - not for resale.

A vote of thanks was proposed by JOE O'SULLIVAN.

TRIPS & ENTERTAINMENT

TUESDAY MAY 23RD to WEDNESDAY MAY 31ST, 1989. 9 Days/8 Nights.

TRIP TO SALE, MERTIMBULA - CANBERRA - WAGGA. Coach departs from: Strath Community Centre, Crook Street at 7.30 a.m. Please be there at approx. 7.15 a.m. (Stand-by Emergencies invited).

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 Museum. Buy your own lunch. Coach capacity 45. Current bookings 45 plus 8 emergencies. PAYMENTS: At today's meeting please.

TUESDAY JULY 11TH: FILM MORNING: at R.L. Campbell Theatrette. Film: "Three Men and a Baby" - Comedy. LUNCH: To follow at "National Hotel, High Street. (Accommodates 60). COST: Film and Lunch \$13.50 / person. Film Only \$3.00, Lunch Only \$10.50. LIST: Will be tabled today. Payments: at June Meeting.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH: TRIP TO MELBOURNE: (a) Port of Melbourne Authority "Port Cruise". (b) An inspection of Government House. Lunch arrangements: (At your own cost) - We will be in vicinity of World Trade Centre, where Snacks, Meals available. COST: \$11.00 / person: LIST: Will be tabled today. Cost Includes Coach and Admissions.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH & THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH: TRIP TO PHILLIP ISLAND: Views - View the "Penguin Parade". Sightseeing Mornington Peninsula, hope to arrange visit to Flinder's Naval Base. Coach Capacity: 44. Estimated Cost / person \$99.00, which includes Coach Fare, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and sightseeing. Current Bookings: 44 plus 12 emergencies. PAYMENTS: \$10.00 Deposit August - Balance one month prior.

MAURICE PEASE

One of the fascinations of life can be speculation on the effect of each significant experience on later life.

The pattern of MAURICE PEASE'S early life was not all that different to that experienced by many others. Maurie was born at Drouin and his family shifted to Geelong when he was 6. While living in Geelong he attended Geelong Grammar School and later took a step that is far more common in the 1980's than it was 50 years earlier - he continued on to tertiary education to complete his pharmacy qualification early in 1940.

On completion of his course Maurie enlisted in the Army as a qualified pharmacist and was appointed to the large training camp at Arley - near Bacchus Marsh. His next, and only other posting was to the Australian Hospital Ship "Wanganella" on which vessel he served for 4½ years until his discharge early in 1946. We are left to speculate on his experiences during this period but it is significant that Maurie has been an active member of Legacy for 40 years.

Maurie has also been active in church affairs and undertaken numerous roles over a long period. Of particular note has been his commitment to the development of St. Laurence Court. He has been Chairman of the Board of Management for 20 years and suggests that he should relinquish that position before he needs to live there.

Maurie's first attempt to marry his wife Doreen was thwarted by the sudden necessity to sail and the wedding was thus delayed until May 1942.

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Doreen lived in Geelong during the war and they lived there until Maurie bought the business formerly owned by W.L. Williams. Pease's Pharmacy was a landmark in Hargreaves Street until 1974. Maurie and Doreen are the proud parents of 3 married children and have 7 grandchildren.

Maurie has played cricket with BUCCs, enjoys a round of golf, and along with one daughter is an avid supporter of the Geelong football team.

RESULTS of my offer of last month have been encouraging if not overwhelming. I have a few more names that I have added to the list of possible billiard players. Could all interested in playing billiards meet for a 2 minute meeting immediately after this meeting

I believe a number of members would also like to arrange GOLF days. Potential golfers should talk to JOE O'SULLIVAN or JACK VINGERHOERTS - again the end of the meeting may be a suitable time.

Two other suggestions have been aired - one general, the other specific - namely CARDS and BRIDGE. I would be glad to hear from anyone who is prepared to organise these.

EXTRACT FROM "AMITY" (Sandhurst Newsletter) of May 1989. Bendigo Ladies' Probus Club President Mary Clemson reports that membership is full with 100 ladies listed plus a waiting list.

Sympathy is extended to HAROLD GRIFFITHS on the sudden death of his wife Ruth.

FEMALES OF THE SPECIES anxious to form a Probus Ladies Club will interested in the opinion of a well-known male chauvenist. When asked, "Are you in favour of clubs for women?" he replied, "Yes, but only when all other methods of persuasion have failed!"

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THE BUTLER answered a knock at the door. "Whom shall I say is asking for my master, and what is your business?, he asked the visitor. "I've come because of a bill..."

"He went away yesterday," interrupted the Butler. "...that I want to settle with him," finished the visitor.

"But he's back now," said the Butler.

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