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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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PLANNING is essential in any sphere of activity and no Town should be without a Planner. Our Speaker today is NORM CAMERON, Town Planner for the City of Bendigo. His address will be most informative.

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SIGHT IS RIGHT - hearing is less important! That was the message delivered by our Speaker last month, and he should know! BOB MILK has, for 12 years occupied the position of Senior Road Traffic Officer for the RACV.

He referred, of course, to road safety as it applied to the car-driving Senior Citizens (that's you and me).

Bob pointed out that as we grow older our reflexes become slower and this, wedded to declining eye-sight can spell a one-way ticket to Eternity.

BUT - there is a comforting thought; only 1.4% of the total number of elderly drivers are represented in the casualty lists.

The message is; make sure that your sight is reasonably good - wear spectacles if necessary and avoid tinted windscreens for they impair vision.

The RACV in conjuction with the Road Traffic Authority have produced a brochure especially directed towards the older driver and is well worth reading.

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On another subject the speaker described the joys of acting as an Escort for overseas tours. He made it sound so attractive that the wonder is he gets paid to do it!

With 1½ million members in Victoria the RACV has become a very complex organisation - a far cry from the days when a lone cyclist patrolled the streets of Melbourne dispensing succor to the brave souls foolish - and wealthy - enough to own a horseless carriage!

Hugh Ward introduced the speaker and Jock Crook made the presentation and delivered the thanks for an interesting address.

PROBUS PERAMBULATIONS OR EATIN' WITH EATON.

1. THURSDAY, October 20th: "DAY TRIP" MANDURANG & DISTRICT. Visit to Orchid Nursery, Gallery, small Vineyard and a "Country Garden". A barbecue Lunch is provided. Departure from Strathdale Community Centre at 9.15 a.m., estimated time of return 3.15 p.m.

Suggest, bring along some Card Tables, Picnic Chairs, cups and drinking glasses. (Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Wine provided).
Two Coaches have been booked and vacancies exist, please phone Arthur (43 9162) Cost: all inclusive $7.50/person.

2. TUESDAY, November 22nd: TRIP TO BALLARAT; Sovereign Hill, Gold Museum, Fuschia Gardens and other items of interest.
Departure from Strathdale Community Centre at 7.45 a.m. COST: $14.00 per person, includes Coach and Admissions.
Morning Tea & Lunch "own arrangements". Adequate facilities available at Sovereign Hill for "Take Aways", Tea Coffee, Drinks, etc. Sit down lunches available if required. Currently 66 bookings held, require 20 more bookings to make a second coach viable, please phone in bookings to Arthur (43 9162).

PAYMENTS REQUIRED AT TODAY'S MEETING (Oct. 19th).

3. WEDNESDAY, December 21st: "ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER" at the Bendigo Club. Pre Dinner Drinks 7.00 p.m., Dinner at 7.30 p.m. List on table today, payments at November Meeting. COST: $16.00 per person.

PAYMENTS AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

4. TUESDAY, January 24th, 1989: TRIP TO SHEPPARTON. Visits to Police Driving School, S.P.C. Cannery and other items of interest. A Barbecue Lunch will be provided. Estimated Cost: $9.00 per person, which includes: Coach and Lunch. (List will be tabled today. Payments at November Meeting). NOTE: Due to no Probus meeting in December, no December Edition of Probe, seek your co-operation with early positive bookings in order to arrange Coaches.

5. TUESDAY, February 21st 1989: Film Morning & Lunch. "The Last Emperor".

A MAN WHO SPENT THE PRODUCTIVE YEARS of his life wrestling with the problems of the Man on the Land both as a practical farmer and more particularly as a Research Scientist (he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Melbourne University) yet found time to indulge in an impressive list of communal and recreational pursuits and now, in retirement conducts a hobby farm at Mandurang South. he is

JOCK McPHERSON CROOK

and his present farm is mainly concerned with the nurture of horses, cattle and kangaroos. angaroos? Jock has a fondness for these overgrown native grasshoppers and encourages them to partake of bed and breakfast on his property whenever they are inclined to do so.

Jock was born in 1923 as Sandringham and received his education via the Auburn South State School, Camberwell Central and Melbourne Boys High to Melbourne University where he graduated in 1946, after which he was appointed to the State Research Farm at Werribee as an Agricultural Research Officer.

He later became involved in Share Farming at Rainbow as well as managing properties at Dartmoor and Kingston (SA). His association with the Department of Agriculture took him to Warrnambool and finally to Bendigo where he became the Extension Director for the Department.

His involvement with matters Agricultural and Technical is too extensive to be adequately covered in this small space. The list includes Executive positions with Boards of TAFE, BCAE and Agricultural Colleges throughout the State.

Community Service has received a fair share of his life. Yacht Clubs, Progress Associations, Fire Brigades, Boy Scouts, Hospitals and Colleges ve all felt the benefit of Jock's helping hand.

On the sporting side he holds the Melbourne University Blue and the Australian Blue for Lacrosse - perhaps a sport little known to us in the era of rampaging 'Footy'. Tennis and Sailing are his present day interests.

Jock is married to Sheila, a consulting Psychologist and they have 4 daughters, two sons and 12 grandchildren to brighten their busy lives.

If you have a yen for information about the thriving community of Mandurang - ask Jock. As well as occupying the office of President of the important Mandurang Arts and Orchid Festival he is President of the Mandurang Fire Brigade and a committee member of the Mandurang South Tennis Club.

Jock's pet hate? Uncontrolled cats and dogs - both domestic and ferrel that is responsible for the slaughter of much of our native wildlife.

MOST IMPORTANTLY: Jock is an executive member of the Probus Club of Bendigo.

GRATEFUL THANKS go to CYRIL MICHELSEN for paddling through last month's Bulletin and producing such an excellent production - despite his involvement with the "Annals of Bendigo" - a complex and time-consuming publication.

DUE TO THE DECISION at the last meeting increasing our maximum membership to 100 today will mark the mass baptism of ten new members. The names to be entered on the Cradle Roll are:

Walter ASHBURN (Peggy), Bob CHENERY (Carol), Edgar (Bill) FOSTER (Gwen), Syd JOHNSON (Patricia), Val MOYLE (Miriam), Les NANKERVIS (Myrtle), Ken HESSE, Maurice PEASE (Doreen), Ron STANISTREET (Zelle), Athol THOMAS (Joan).

A warm welcome goes to all these new Fellowship-ees and you will find full details in the next issue of the Club membership roster.

CYRIL'S CORNER From the facile pen of CYRIL MICHELSEN comes these items of interest:

HONOUR FOR WORKMANSHIP. Bendigo Probians are proud of their magnificent President's Board now adorning the walls of the Bendigo Club lounge - our regular meeting place. Artistically designed and personally fashioned by Probian JAKE VINGERHOETS who has superb workmanship skills. Jake was given the honour by President Jack Watts to perform the unveiling at our August assembly. Congratulations, Jake, you deservedly earned that honour.

DANCING SPECTACULAR. Those Probians who were privileged to see the Austrian dancers in action on our recent Daylesford visit were quick to applaud the excellence of their dancing skills; it was top entertainment. However, when Bendigo Probians and partners took to the dance floor we had to applaud our own club stars and the dancing Oscar certainly went to Heather and George Jennings. It was shades of Fonteyn and Nureyev - what smoothness, grand rhythm, deep concentration and real fun. We all enjoyed it. Take a bow, George!

MOVIE MAGIC. Rated as one of the great films of 1987 "The Last Emperor" has been booked for February 21st, 1989 for screening at the Bob Campbell Theatrette. This film has been so much in demand that we had to book it six months ahead. Based on early Chinese history it was filmed on location in China. It won numerous Academy Awards and is a film not to be missed. There is no language problem - the sound track is pure English!

PROBUS PROGRESS. The latest copy of Probus News states there are now 812 Probus Clubs in the Australia-New Zealand -South Pacific area, with an estimated total membership of 49,000.

Between February 17 and May 18 Probus News states that 58 new clubs were registered and of these 33 were Ladies Clubs. Your club is well on the way to launching a Ladies club in Bendigo and it is expected that by the time this Bulletin goes to press it will, have been formed.