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MEMBERS WHO ARE ADDICTED to slurping lashings of Champagne with the breakfast egg are advised to leave the car at home today. The Speaker will be Inspector ROBIN PEARSE, Officer in Charge of the Traffic Operations Branch Headquarters at Kangaroo Flat and he will talk at length on the work of the Police Traffic Branch, touching on such delicate matters as Breathalisers, Amphotometers, etc.

Inspector Pearse is well qualified to speak on such matters since has been a member of the Force for 28 years, stationed variously in the Metropolitan area, Kyneton and Benalla before coming to Bendigo. He spent five years with the CIB, so he is well acquainted with malefactors in the higher degrees of the Art as practised by the incumbents, past and present, of Bluestone College.

AT THE LAST MEETING of the Club, Guest Speaker SANDY IRELAND took us through the intricacies of the world of Horticulture with some well-aimed advice for the employment of our leisure hours. His counsel? Specialise! Learn all there is to know about the propagation of one species, whether it be roses, rhododendrons or radishes. Study the soil conditions, practise plant hygiene (fungus and disease thrive on dirty conditions), breed the best quality stock - and you could end up with the Biggest Aspidistra

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\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER! MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER AT 10.00 AM

AT THE LAST MEETING ... Cont. ...In The World! Seriously, Sandy made the point that this way one can derive most satisfaction from the effort.

With years of gardening experience behind him (at the Springvale Necropolis he was responsible for the nurture of 40,000 roses), he convinced us that public gardening is not for the faint-hearted but requires great skills in keeping up with the latest in technology.

He had two warnings to issue; Bendigonians are great water-wasters and the Day of Reckoning will come! Added to that, TREES are important to the whole ecology and must be preserved at all costs, for no less than the survival of us all is at stake. China recognises this and is now engaged in an immense tree-planting operation. Basically, trees develop oxygen - need we say more?

The City of Bendigo has 35,000 trees with more being planted every day. Praise to the Premier Town!

Hugh Ward introduced the speaker and Bill Cowling tendered our thanks.

THE QUESTION OF INCORPORATION. In 1981 the Victorian Government introduced the Victorian Incorporation Act and your Club, in common with most other clubs proposes Incorporation under the Act. At the meeting today, you will be invited to:-

- (1) Authorise Mr. KEITH F. INGLIS to incorporate the Club under the title, 'Probus Club of Bendigo, Incorporated'.
- (2) Approve a proposed Statement of Purposes and proposed Rules.

To clarify the matter, we borrow from the Newsletter of the Aspendale Mordialloc Club,

"incorporation was designed to cover the 'grey areas' not covered by a public liability insurance policy. For instance, if a person was injured during a Probus outing ... and a club was not incorporated, legal action could be instituted against any one or all members of a Probus club as individuals..."

The article describes a situation, "in which a young man, secretary of a football club, was sued and was in danger of losing his home plus other financial losses, all of which could ruin him. Why? Because he had agreed, in good faith, to act as honorary secretary of his local football club and because the club was not incorporated, he was the person selected to be sued".

"...by being incorporated, no member can be sued as an individual, but the organisation (say the Probus Club) could be sued as an entity and all it could lose would be its possessions which, in most instances, would not total a great deal!"

Unless one of our millionaire members is prepared to accept responsibility, it may be prudent to vote in favour of the Executives recommendation.



"POLITICS AND THE LAW breedeth congenial bedfellows" - so wrote an ancient Scribe. This would seem to be true, since an examination of the political arena in Australia does reveal a large strata of Lawyers-cum-Politicians.

Perhaps it is because politics is largely a question of legal interpretations and innuendos.

A Bendigo citizen who has combined the two in his daily round is

HAROLD E. EVERY

well-known lawman who, for many years supported the Bendigo Branch of the Liberal Party, serving several terms as president of the branch. During one of these terms, in 1956, he

was 'hoist with his own petard'. At the time Premier Holloway appealed to all branches of the party-faithful to field candidates in every electorate, no matter how hopeless the prospect may seem. There was to be no 'armchair rides' for members of the Opposition. President Harold made great efforts to find a suitable sacrificial lamb as a candidate for one of the strongest Labour posts in the State, but failed to lead him to the post; he slipped out of the shepherd's crook a few days before nominations closed.

There was only one course open to Harold - he had to offer himself for the whipping post. He faced the redoubtable Bill Galvin whose ample proportions graced the very safe Bendigo seat on the opposition benches. Harold was soundly defeated, but he found some consolation in the fact that he had secured a record vote for the Liberals in the electorate!

Born and brought up in White Hills, Harold is the second son of well-known Bookseller, the late Frank Every, and is a third-generation Bendigonian. His grandparents immigrated from England during Bendigo's gold-digging era.

Educated at White Hills State School, Bendigo High School and (for a short term of three months) at Carey Baptist Grammar, Harold considers himself 'one of the lucky ones'. In 1928, with the Great Depression looming, he walked out of school on a Friday and into a job on the following Monday - with the State Public Service at the Law Courts in Bendigo. In 1935 he was appointed Clerk of Courts at Wonthaggi, and afterwards at Kerang. During those years he studied for his LLB by correspondence with the University of Melbourne, a goal which he achieved after six years hard sloggng.

In 1939 he found himself enmeshed in the office of the State Crown Solicitor, an appointment which successfully frustrated his many efforts

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HAROLD E. EVERY ... Cont. ... to join one of the fighting services; he was in a declared 'reserved occupation'. During the war years he was engaged in work principally concerned with prosecutions for the Crown, most of them of a minor criminal nature.

In 1945 he was granted twelve months leave without pay and returned to Bendigo. Here he acquired the practice of Miss G. Alice Jones and, in turn, became the successor to her father, Fred Douglas Jones, a man widely respected for his knowledge of Mining Law.

Until the graduation of son Robert, Harold remained a lone practitioner in a legal world infested with a multitude of names, degrees and duplications. Partnership with Robert led to the birth of Every and Every, to become eventually amalgamated with the widely-respected firm of Watson, James and Rogers. Harold retired three years ago and the firm name is now Rogers and Every.

As well as his efforts for the Liberal Party, he has been a committee member (and Honorary Solicitor) for the Bendigo Home and Hospital for the Aged, a member of the Council of the BIT and legal advisor to many public organisations. He has recently retired from the council of Strath-Haven Home.

Most importantly, Harold is a member of the Probus Club of Bendigo.

FOR THE INFORMATION of members who have booked for either, or both of the forthcoming trips:

TO BOONOOKE: Friday, September 26th. Departure time: 7.30 a.m. from Bendigo Club car park. Estimated time of return: 7.00 p.m. Morning tea and lunch will be supplied at no charge at Boonooke. Arrangements have been made to visit the Rice Mill at Deniliquin. Samples (free?) will be available. Visit will be made mid-afternoon at the RSL Deniliquin Club where tea and coffee, etc. facilities will be available. If you are over 18 years of age, you may play the Pokies!

TO STAWELL: Wednesday, October 8th. Departure time: 7.15 a.m. from Bendigo Club car park. Estimated time of return: 7.45 p.m. Bus will be met at the outskirts of Stawell by members of the Probus Club of Stawell who will arrange the itinerary. Lunch has been booked at the cost of \$5 per head for a 2-course meal at a local hotel. This amount will be collected on the bus.

Participants are asked to tender the amount covering costs at the meeting today; Boonooke - \$6 per head, Stawell - \$12 per head.

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THINK OF THIS; If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying, "I guess you're right!"

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