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"Fighting Against Hunger and Despair"

This is the slogan under which W.S.R. has been working in its campaign to help students in internment camps, in prison and refugee camps, who have not only been unable to procure text-books and writing materials, but whose very lives have been endangered through lack of food and medical aid. This slogan is particularly apt now, in this period of chaos, disorder, and deep misery in Europe. Released from the armies, in many cases from enforced labor, students are returning to countries whose resources have been exhausted by the war. They will need food, clothes and financial assistance to enable them to settle down and start their University life anew.

Student war relief is already sharing in reconstruction by salvaging the human material which will furnish a significant share of leadership in the post-war world.

What is the Specific Task of W.S.R.?

You are all giving to such organisations as Red Cross and Comforts Fund. Why then a special student relief fund? Because the work of student relief is of a highly specialised character and must always require the service of trained workers and the support of fellow students who can best see its significance.

The high goal of W.S.R. is to provide aid where it is needed most; to

give that aid on an international, non-sectarian, and non-political basis, without discrimination as to race or sex, the only criterion being proven need.

University life has been extinguished in many places, enslaved in others. Many Universities (such as Caen in France) have been destroyed. Students round the world in the war-ravaged lands have fought and died, or have existed in P.O.W. camps and labor camps, or as refugees in strange lands, living illegally and furtively in resistance movements, or carrying on heroically in education (as in China). Beyond the emergency of keeping these students alive during the war have always lain the tasks of rehabilitation, reconciliation and reconstruction; and that is why we seek your help so urgently now.

What Has W.S.R. Done?

Relief is administered through headquarters in Geneva. The staff consists of representatives from the organisations which have founded W.S.R.—International Student Service, World Student Christian Federation, Pax Romana, and a representative of the War Prisoners' Aid of the Y.M.C.A.

Through the Geneva Convention of 1929 prisoners of war and internees in German camps received assistance on the basis of reciprocal services towards German prisoners in Allied camps. German students in Canada have received text books through W.S.R., and some of the Canadian Universities have extended to them the benefit of their correspondence courses. The students who, on arrival, had little but distrust for an international organisation centred in Geneva, have now been brought to understand the spirit of real solidarity in which the W.S.R. aimed at helping them. It has helped to dig them out from their national isolation, so that international co-operation has become a reality for them. W.S.R. does not help them only because this is an essential condition without which we could not reach our own prisoners; it believes that here lie the beginnings of international understanding.

In France

In France, as in Belgium, Greece and Czechoslovakia, students are in desperate plights. Tuberculosis is widespread. The Universities are feeling the effects of underfeeding and overwork, in addition to the tensions of intellectual, spiritual and physical resistance in face of the enemy. Always in the vanguard of

the resistance movement, the students today—free again—are fighting desperately and unitedly to rehabilitate their University life.

Many students who have taken refuge in France—Spanish, Czech, German and others, have lost all their resources, and W.S.R. is helping them to join with French students to reorganise University life there.

Polish Students

The lot of Polish students is a particularly hard one. There are (or were a few months ago) 900 Polish internees in Switzerland; together with a small group in Great Britain, they are the only Poles in free countries who have been able to receive University training for rebuilding Poland after the war. They have been studying earnestly, knowing, as one of them said (about a year ago now), "that the day will come when their country will need them, a day for which they must be ready so that they can reorganise and rebuild what has been destroyed."

Since 1942 W.S.R. has been helping the students and professors of Greek Universities. Here it was not a question of giving intellectual assistance, as in prison camps, but of providing food and medicine.

China

A large proportion of the money we raise will go to the assistance of Chinese students. Bombed out of their Universities, in some cases 3 times or more, they have packed up their belongings, a few books, some lab. apparatus, and marched inland, sometimes over 1,000 miles, and there they have reorganised classes in huts and caves, often with seats and desks improvised by scooping up and packing down the mud from the classroom floor. Of course, W.S.R. has stood by them, and must go on standing by them. We help them buy quilts, or rent them. We help them get medicines. We run soy-milk bars where their insufficient diet can be supplemented. And through their own local relief committees we help subsidise work projects, for all these students do some sort of supplementary work, such as teaching in a free school for poor children, or gardening, copying, knitting, hair-cutting, stone printing, or goat raising. At present of those who require relief work only one-twentieth can be helped.

At the Kunming Student Centre, made possible by relief funds, students live in crowded, shabby mud huts which were built 7 years ago as temporary structures. In a tumble down shack hot water is served for nothing, or tea for a dollar (Chinese) if any one has the dollar. Another shack houses the "reading room," where old magazines are read until they disintegrate.

The library is inadequate, and 40 or more students wait for one book. The laboratories are using equipment and chemicals brought with them when they came on the 1,000 mile trek across country to set up this refugee University. The requirements

for student entrance are very high and only the best can come. Among the professors are many who have Ph.Ds. from American or British Universities. They work under heart-breaking conditions—they are the poorest paid group in China, yet they are clear about the needs of the world and of China.

The Challenge

Through W.S.R. we students can translate into action, some of our ideals concerning a better world and sounder international relationships. W.S.R. is the opposite of cynicism, the antidote of hate, the effort Christian in motive and inevitably fruitful in outcome. A challenge is being placed before us who have been spared the horrors of war—a challenge to bridge the gap between our abundance and their need. Are you going to pass it by?

● Watch for These:
Wednesday, 13.—Sir William Mitchell will launch appeal in a lunch-hour address in the George Murray Hall
Saturday, 23.—Dance in Refectory.
Monday, 25.—Badge Day.

Have You Heard?

● That Pat Hamilton has been asked (unofficially) to be the editress of the gossip column? I wonder why?

● That Menz gets the biscuit:—How to mangle montilado, motor-cycling and minuets in three easy lessons. (Just anking for extra petrol.)

● That some more sly work has been going on in the Arts Faculty, with the result that Dorothea Veale now sports a ring third finger left hand. The lucky man is an Army Lieutenant from Brisbane.

● That men are what women marry—the saps!

● That a sweet young lass recently complimented our editor on his fine work as comper, of some of their exams last year?

● That if you can add one and one, there's a story for you? Here are the facts. Ren Potts makes one—his unity was rather over-emphasised during the vac. when he started a bachelors' club—obviously trying to impress the Professor's daughter. The club achieved its result. Watch for Potts and the Professor's daughter at Refectory I (practical) and Refectory II (tutorials). Anyway, he gave up engineering (?) long ago.

● And here's a little pome:
Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
Hangs to lone wherever she goes,
Damned efficiently, Bruce declares,
For her telephone number nobody knows.

● That an interesting little note was found in the Barr:—

"The glamor man on my left has simply shot out four times in the last quarter of an hour. At what stage does diarrhoea become dysentery?"

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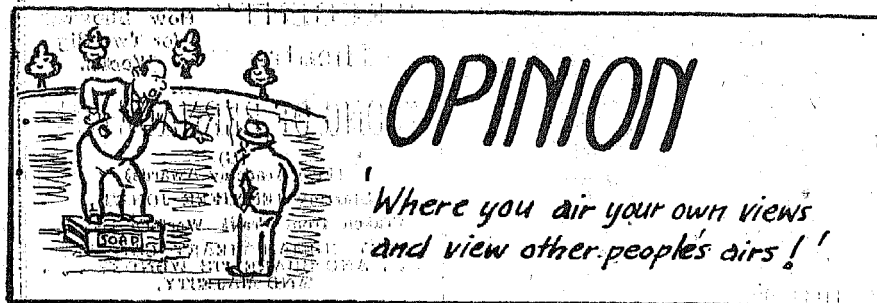
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ROUNSEVELL REPLIES

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—The editor in his statement has confused things. The first thing that must be pointed out is that the social part and the mental part of University activities are quite separate and cannot be considered together. I definitely place discussions and talks here as mental and not social activities. He has then in effect stated that the social part of University life should be neglected in favor of outside mental activities. I disagree entirely with this idea. The phase of University life which has received by far the greatest setback during the war is the social part. This has been the greatest cause of the University splitting into individuals who are naturally not interested in matters pertaining to the student body as a whole. In social functions alone do all members of all faculties meet one another on common ground.

As a direct result of this social decline, students now have a far smaller circle of friends than in pre-war days—this spells death to a tight esprit de corps.

Friendship, intermingling and exchange of ideas between faculties is all too rare. We must learn to appreciate one another's ideas and look outside our set course. All this is fostered most by a social life. It is necessary then that as soon as possible we put social and such things as discussions and talks on an equal footing.

As regards the Engineers' attendance at discussions of social problems, etc., I can safely say that we regard them as a playground of Arts and Law. You, sir, must admit that the subjects are definitely in the province of those faculties alone. They are vitally important subjects, certainly, but so are the subjects of electricity, sewerage, and water supply. This is what is discussed at Engineering meetings. It is not that Engineers are totally disinterested in the subjects, but they cannot, in general, hope to approach the degree of eloquence reached by Arts and Law on topics which these faculties study. We go along now and again to supply the audience. This we find is not always thrilling.

In this I have tried to explain why Engineers will not be found in overwhelming numbers at these meetings. I must say that I agree with you, sir, that all should be interested in these topics, but our training and outlook makes it really hard to maintain any sort of enthusiasm for the elaborate theories we hear. You, sir, would have the same feelings about our topics, about Science topics or about Medical topics. I will not attempt a solution of this problem here.

To sum up I would say that the importance of getting our social life onto its feet again cannot be overstressed at this time when we are wondering why Varsity life is so dull. I use social life in its widest sense. Furthermore, discussion of the political problems, etc., in the "technical" faculties must, unfortunately, be left to a few enthusiasts who have time and energy to follow up avenues of thought that are not traversed at all in their courses.

JAMES C. ROUNSEVELL.

If, as Mr. Rounsevell says, we must learn to appreciate one another's ideas and look outside our courses, and if all this is fostered most by a social life and it is necessary that the two should be put on an equal footing, how can he explain the complete divorce between the two which he postulates in his first paragraph?

The problem which Mr. Rounsevell does not attempt to solve, is really that of convincing our scientists, doctors and engineers that the important thing is not so much how we live but how we live together. We know that Mr. Rounsevell and his brothers (or should we say uncles?) invent and develop aeroplanes, malarial controls, sewerage and electricity works. But of what use is this if the aeroplanes are used to destroy the sewerage and electricity works (and the cities that go with them) and malarial controls are used to enable Australian soldiers to get through mosquito infested swamps to fight Japs?

Finally, why should there be only a few enthusiasts with 'time and energy'? If there are reasons, which these few have overcome, why don't Mr. Rounsevell and his friends endeavor to have them corrected by approaching the Council and the Senate through their representative body, the Union?—Editor.

SECOND FRONT

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—France's latest attempt to undermine the cause of democracy has received a fitting reply in the Levant. Not content with having betrayed Britain in 1940, with having allowed her own moral poverty and inner conflicts to sabotage the Allied cause—the little Frenchman has sought to vaunt his wounded ego and redeem his lost reputation by attacking a small nation which has for far too long suffered under France's unpredictable indispositions. Never really friendly towards Britain, the temper of this priest-ridden proletariat was adequately expressed by the general who threatened 'war with the English.' It was a pity we did not clear the air over a century ago, but let us not exclude this traitor nation from the trial of war criminals and the interrogation of other Baillie-Stewarts and Lord Haw-Haws.

ANGLOPHILE.

P.S.—Next week: a short appreciation of Mr. De Valera.

SOMETHING LACKING?

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—When, amongst the other freshers, I was welcomed by the Union President, I was told that students would find scope for their histrionic propensities in the Theatre Guild. I now find that this organisation has most interest in students' financial contributions and relatively little in their dramatic ability (or otherwise). I think it is high time that the Union made perfectly clear to all students what is the actual status of students in the Guild, and if it continues its present attitude let us start a Students' dramatic club.—Yours,
DISILLUSIONED FRESHER.

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(JIM WALSH, Prop.)

QUOTES FROM FAMOUS MEN (6)
(With apologies to no one)

"Oh, mother, what an awful mess!
Who in Heaven's name could guess
That when I threw the axe at pussy
She would be so soft and juicy?"

Mother's countenance was bland;
But, grasping tomahawk in hand—
(Heeding not the awful slaughter)
Chopped in two her careless daughter.

Send this copy to your friends, if you have any, in the Services—it is printed by E. J. McAlister & Co., 24 Blyth Street, Adelaide.

S.C.M. CONFERENCE

All of those undergrads, who did not attend the conference at Holiday House, Mt. Lofty, in the first week of vacation should make a point of going to the next, since it is hard to imagine three and a bit days more profitably spent.

An S.C.M. conference is not an occasion for prolonged squatting around a long table for hours on end, as the name may indicate, but rather it is a concentrated period of "good fun, good food and good fellowship," where "good food" refers perhaps more to the thoughts stimulated by the addresses and discussions, although the stomach is admirably catered for.

The conference gave students an opportunity to benefit from the outlooks of students from other faculties, through the medium of hikes and the general atmosphere of close fellowship.

The evening addresses by Ken Newman, Dr. Mitchell, Ewen McLean, and Rev. E. Vogt were excellent, being both educational and provocative of thought. They were concerned with the problem of "Purpose," its revelation in science and through the prophets, and its social application and the discussion groups gave students an opportunity to have their ideas on the subject aired, and perhaps scrapped in favor of better ones.

Ted Broomhead's Bible expositions were also very helpful.

Not All Thought was Deep.

On the lighter side, conference provided ample opportunities for vocal exercise. The community singing period was an occasion for lusty singing interspersed with spots of embarrassment for some and amusement for the rest. Some of the more musical yellers were called the choir, and actually did render two anthems very well at the Federation service, under the active baton of "Chris" Forsyth.

For those who like their humor funny, the conference was very satisfying, several wits being constantly on the air with bright remarks, in addition to the compulsory jokes at meals.

The "District Attorney" game yielded two delectable puns from "Dev" Dunn and John Prescott. For details tackle any S.C.-Emmer.

The Federation service on Thursday morning in the Congregational Church was quite impressive. In his address, Peter Hetzel brought home to us our place in the world-wide federation of Christian students.

The sports meeting in the afternoon disclosed some skill among the students, in fact Doug. Stalley completely qualified as a commando in Red Rover.

On the Tuesday evening we had all enjoyed dancing in ye Olde English and French styles, and some of the students, fired with their previous success, attempted to give a public demonstration as we were leaving Mt. Lofty on Thursday evening. This was not enjoyed by one John Citizen at least, and the episode nearly resulted in notoriety for the S.C.M. However, we were rescued by a punctual train, and completed a very successful con-

"REX" Commencing
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"ESCAPE TO DANGER"

(A)
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"LAW OF THE TIMBER"

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"SUNDAY DINNER FOR A SOLDIER"
Starring John Hodiak.



Monday, 11.—1.15, Lady Symon, E.U. Bible Study, "Daniel, Prophet and Politician."

Tuesday, 12.—1.20, South Hall, Conserv., Glee Club; 1.20, Lady Symon, P. & I.R.C. Discussion Group, 'Balance of Power'; 1.25, Lady Symon, E.U., 'Christ and the Modern Business Man,' Mr. E. J. Colliver.

Wednesday, 13.—1.20, W.S.R. Address—Chancellor Sir W. Mitchell—George Murray; 8 p.m., Physics Lecture Theatre, Science Association, Students' Papers.

Friday, 22.—8 p.m., Arts Association, Dr. Benko, Architecture.

Saturday, 23.—W.S.R. Dance.

LABOR CLUB REPORTS

Twenty-eight people went to Nairne over the mid week-end of the vacation for the Labor Club conference. Title: "From Capitalism to Socialism." Speakers were Bruce Williams, Bill Mansfield, and in the absence of Rae Ballantyne in Sydney, Dr. Finger, president of the State committee of the Communist Party. The three sessions dovetailed well, Bruce Williams dealing with the economic aspect, pointing out the stresses which arise in Capitalism, and Dr. Finger resolving these stresses into the practical political aspects of the change from the one system to the other.

Everyone seemed to enjoy midnight, moonlight hides and the play-reading of Major Barbara, produced by Mr. Barnes, went off especially well, as did the Labor Club songs.

Those who went are looking forward to the next vacation and the next Labor Club conference. Watch for the announcement, it won't be long.

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Remember, if you missed this conference, you can come to the September one. In the meantime, don't scoff at or ignore the Christian ideal. Come to our study circle to clear up your ideas.

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An Engineer goes to Nairne

"On Dit" published in last issue some caustic comments on the Engineers—e.g., "complacent disinterest" and "absence from discussions of political and social affairs." Whether or not these remarks were true is still open to argument; meanwhile, to launch the counter-attack, here are one Engineer's impressions of his first good earful of the Labor Club case as presented at their Nairne conference.

To many students the conference title, "From Capitalism to Socialism," was enough to ensure their absence—it sounded ominously like "out of the frying-pan into the fire!" That's what I thought, too, but the speakers' skilful analyses of economic, social and political aspects of such a change gave me a few ideas to chew over. Like most students here, I don't swallow as readily as the Labor Club might wish the statements of Marx, Engels & Co. that our present system is heading inevitably for a sticky end, but Mr. Bruce Williams bridged the gap admirably with

An Economic Analysis.

In normal capitalistic society, with inter-acting factors of supply and demand balanced by price mechanism, our freedom of spending and producing is due mainly to wide spreading of production, resulting in competitive allocation of resources and markets, with volume and type of output controlled invisibly through price variation. There are, unfortunately, a few flies embedded in the ointment.

First, monopolies block the ideal spreading of production; also the pricing mechanism contains this inherent flaw that can lead to chronic depression. If people's incomes fall off markedly (e.g., because of a prolonged drought in producing countries) and their demand for investment and its products slumps, big users of investments (banks, etc.) are hit in two ways—deposits drop, and also the necessary expanding market for use of advances is curtailed by said slump, instead of regaining equilibrium by increased output and consumption of products of investment. Hence incomes tend to fall further as industry and employment are thus affected, and a secondary drop in investments therefore follows, giving rise to a vicious circle which financial juggling can't straighten out.

It doesn't take a calamity like that cited to start off this descending spiral—for, to add spice to life, economists have found that business flourishes and declines in multiple cycles; one long-range 50-60 year wave, a shorter 8-10 year trade cycle, and a third less important one. If the troughs of the first two should coincide (1890, 1929 . . .) a big slump occurs, and in the absence of expanding markets essential to recovery, once such a downward trend sets in, it too starts off this vicious circle leading to depression and unemployment.

After the War.

So far a colossal crack-up has been averted by the creation of new markets by war or imperialistic expansion. No doubt the current war and reconstruction boom can keep capitalism going for some time—but later on . . . ? The demand for peace is dominant. Imperialistic expansion has passed its zenith. Birth rates are falling. Where will capitalism get those vital expanding markets? To supplement the sad picture, workers can no longer be exploited conveniently as of old; anti-capitalistic workers' movements are gaining power, while fear of starvation through unemployment is disappearing—and with it the capitalists' chief weapon.

Mr. Williams also went on to prove that the proposed full employment policy must by its very nature hasten the end by strangling private enterprise, for, even with price and credit

control, the tendency towards higher wages and costs in private industry remains, with the bargaining and disciplinary power of the employer undetermined.

Engineering Progress.

Maybe the Engineers would keep the tottering giant upright a little longer by feverishly accelerated technical advancement—but speaker Bill Mansfield discouraged this hope by showing how, under capitalism, such progress is delayed in peacetime by immobility of factors of production. Class prejudice and lack of education and incentive fetter the inventive worker, who is also handicapped by retrogressive unionism and fear of unemployment, while absence of long-range planning, deliberate suppression of "dangerous" new ideas by monopolies, and binding financial restrictions of business all inhibit improvement of our lot by engineering and scientific progress.

Thus as far as Engineers are concerned, their knowledge and effort, and the technological resources of the nation, would be used to better advantage in a planned co-operative society, where social value of one's work came first.

Practical Aspect.

Such a system would also clear up the economic situation—planned allocation of resources and distribution of necessities, together with co-ordinated technical progress, would remove the dangerous flaws shown to exist under capitalism. I do not agree that this involves dictatorship, atheistic Communism, or indeed anything further than far-sighted, co-operative leadership; but neither can I see it eventuating from our present political regime, whose efforts to obtain the benefits of Socialism for that section of

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Several students in the services cannot get on with courses for which they are enrolled for lack of essential books. Stout, Manual of Psychology; McDougall, Outline of Psychology; Henderson, Supply and Demand, have gone out of print and cannot be obtained new.

Have you a used copy of any or all of these books?

Would you sell it to a WAAF or a L/Sgt.?

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the community who approve of their further plans are ruining the chances of both systems, because they have lost the confidence and co-operation of the people.

Here again, Engineers, as an essential and educated part of the community, could play a vital part in leadership and social improvement—and the proper place for such ideas to incubate is in the University and other Engineering societies. (N.B.—This is a hint, chaps).

A Neglected Factor.

The conference entirely ignored the moral issues involved—yet from the Christian viewpoint, it is obvious that selfish competition is an outmoded conception. Christianity is not at home in an order where the weakest go to the wall and the devil takes the hindmost. Naturally, as Mr. Churchill stressed this week, there are values which we must not discard; but we have become so naturalised to the insanity of hate and competition, unbrotherliness and injustice, that now we fear sanity itself.

THE LAND ON THE MAN

GARDENING NOTES:—"A garden is a loveson thing, Godwot!"

What to Plant This Week.

Now is the time to plant all those things which your wife tells you to. Don't argue. Just go quietly into the shed, get the spade and get to work. They won't grow. Then you can say, "I told you so . . ." to which she will reply: "Well, if you had only put the broadbeans next to the fence like I told you, and put the cabbages in deeper like I said, and if you hadn't argued with me when I said . . . etc. . . . etc. . . ."

Prune Fruit Trees Now.

Fruit trees should now be pruned. Always remember to keep the tree in good shape, and snip off as much on one side as you do on any other. This is alright for the expert, but the amateur, in his enthusiasm, usually doesn't obtain a symmetrical looking tree until there's nothing left but a stump about 2 ft. high. Still, think of the firewood you've got, and you can always buy fruit, anyway.

Lawns.

Lawns should be cut, rolled, manured, watered; cut, rolled, manured, watered; and then cut, rolled, manured and watered, followed by a cut, rolling, water and manure; then cut, roll . . . Then your lawns will always look so nice, even if you're not in a fit state to see 'em.

Weeds.

Keep weeds down. Where the heck they come from, no-one knows. Take an average 6d. packet of seed. You prepare a bed and plant it. You get 90% weeds and the rest of the seeds don't sprout at all. You then weed the bed, plant more, and continue to look vaguely and vainly for

VISIT TO WAITE

Over thirty Science students attended the excursion on Saturday last to the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, covering in two hours only a cross section of the work being carried out there.

After an interesting explanation of the work being done in plant pathology and physiology, the party passed along to the agronomy dept., and thence to the library, where the procedure with regard to periodicals and general use of library was outlined. In soil bacteriology, spectroscopy and entomology members of the staff of the respective departments told of and demonstrated their work.

Soil analysis, a feature for which the Waite is world-renowned, was first mentioned naturally enough deep down, where soil samples from all over the earth were stored. Upstairs, methods of soil physics and chemistry were explained in some detail. The tour concluded with an inspection of the glass houses and the meteorological instruments.

Two noteworthy features of the excursion were, firstly, the co-operation between departments, a constant liaison effected by personal contact and more especially by general discussions at regular and periodical meetings, thereby saving much valuable time; and secondly, the ideal working conditions. The ample bench space and excellent equipment were enthused over by members who at the University were handicapped by altogether inadequate facilities.

Thanks are due to Prof. Prescott for arranging the excursion, to Mr. Flentje and Mr. Colin Williams for conducting the tour and to those members of the staff who were good enough to stop their work and explain their particular sphere.

UNION NIGHT :: Friday, June 15

DEBATE

"THAT SOCIALISM IS THE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF CAPITALISM"

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Manure.

Most plants grow better with manure. For this reason I follow the horses. Great fun. Lost £7 last week (see "Sporting Notes").

However, its wonderful what you can do with a brush and shovel after the milkman's been.

A Final Word.

Keep the ground well broken up around young plants. A small fork is best used. Just jab it around. You dig up half the plants, look guiltily around and hastily push 'em back in the ground. This is the time when you invariably dig up the prize perennial phlox your wife's Aunt Hettie gave her . . . "You brute! you did it on purpose, I know!" "I didn't; anyway, I told you not to put it there!"

A woman's place is in the home, except when the watering's to be done. But even then trouble may be expected. They usually try to get the whole thing done in about 10 minutes, and have a jet of water like Niagara, washing everything away and leaving only bare rocks exposed.

Anyway, never give up hope. Continue to dig, grunt, groan, sweat, swear, get blisters, jab the fork in your foot, push that — mower, scrape the paths, pull out weeds,

SIMPSON DESERT

On Thursday, May 17, in the Physics Lecture Theatre, Dr. C. T. Madigan delivered the patron's address, "Crossing the Simpson Desert," to the Science Association. Dr. Madigan explained that this was going to be a very easy address for him, as he intended showing a film of the crossing made by the party led by himself.

One half of the film was in color and the rare grandeur and intense hues of the sand and mountains bare even in the best seasons matched the beauty of the picturesque films of C. P. Mountford.

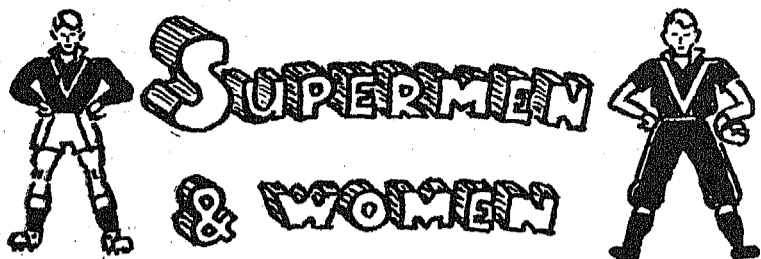
In general the whole of the film was interesting from start to finish, and Dr. Madigan's reminiscences and discourses on incidents which occurred on the way were often extremely amusing. At the conclusion, the many questions asked indicated the interest aroused in members.

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday, when four student papers will be delivered as follows: Dib Kerr, "Tissue Culture"; Claire Symons, "The Dinkum Oil"; A. Raupach, "Legal Separations"; R. S. Beckwith, "Science and Society."

shove in plants, and then your wife will say "He just loves gardening, you know," and she'll pick the flowers (perhaps), and everything in the garden will be lovely—until you track in with muddy boots on the hall carpet . . . "Awright! go home to mother!"

BUNDEY PRIZE FOR ENGLISH VERSE.

No award will be made of this prize for 1945. A poem or poems aggregating not fewer than 100 or more than 200 lines has been prescribed as subject for the Prize in 1946.



RUGBY

In the last issue of *On Dit* you may have read about the improving University Rugby team; this week the results make manifest the truth of such a statement.

The backs are grasping the fundamental rules of the game, and will soon be using intricate manoeuvres to weave the ball through the opposition.

The forwards are not so timid as they have been, and now they know when and how to use their strength.

With such a combination and constant hard practice, the team should do well.

It is unfortunate that we cannot play on our home ground so that a few spectators could enjoy the game. If such were the case, we are certain there would be a great number of new fascinated (and perplexed) faces out at practice.

Results:—

May 26.—Port Adel. No. 1 d. University, 9—6.

June 2.—University d. R.A.A.F., 19—6. Scorers: Hone (2 penalty goals, 2 goals, 1 try), Mellor, Kirkwood (1 try each). Best Players: Mellor, Kneebone, Wilson, Sleeman, Paltidge.

FOOTBALL

"A" Grade.

University v. Army Transport, on Varsity Oval (June 2).

This week's team was strengthened quite a lot by the return of a number of players who could not play the previous Saturday because of the holidays. As Army Transport was top of the premierships table we were all out to beat them.

A good lead was established in the first half owing to the brilliant play by Tregonning at centre and Judell on the wing. In the third quarter, the team played some of its best football for the season, especially in the forward lines, where the system developed was at times outstanding. Good football continued throughout the last quarter, and Varsity won fairly easily. Douglas played his usual brilliant game, and Goode saved many goals by stout play in the back lines. In the rucks, Mayo was conspicuous.

Scores:—

Varsity, 16—17, d. Army Transport, 5—8.

Goalkickers: Cullity (6), Cuthbertson, White, Cowper, Hosking (2), Masters, Stalley (1).

The week before we were beaten for the first time. Our opponents, Mallala Air Force, fielded a pretty strong team. Their rucks were powerful and generally speaking, their marking was better than ours. At times, our side showed good system, but the effort was neither long enough nor vigorously enough sustained.

Scores:—

Mallala, 10—12, d. Varsity, 8—9.

"B" Grade.

No matches were played by the "B" team during the holidays, our last match being on May 19, when we

went to Roseworthy to play the college. Owing to fine play by the back men, we had no difficulty in leading all the way. Our centre line also functioned particularly well, with Max Otto the best man on the ground. Whittle did well on the ball, and Rook brought himself under notice by missing a goal from a mark within the kick-off area. Scores:—

Varsity B, 15—17, d. Roseworthy, 1—1.

Best Players: Otto, Whittle, O'Loughlin, Bates, Muetze, Furler, Judell. Goalkickers: Bates 5, Rook and Stolz each 3, Bills and Judell each 2.

"C" Grade.

May 19, v. Salisbury.

Salisbury 16—6; Varsity 9—9.

Goalkickers: Dawkins 4, Deer, Rodger, Williams, Seedsman, Martin 1 each. Best Players: Morris, Bergin, Dawkins, Johnson, Copley.

Next match: Varsity Oval at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

NOTICE

The anonymous adviser to the hockey selection committee is hereby authorised to collect the sum of twopence from the treasurer of the Women's Hockey Club, this being the cost of her telephone call, not the value of her advice.

BASEBALL

Baseball during the vacation has been a series of ups and downs.

On Saturday, 19th, the A's met Prospect and were unable to hit Puckett, who pitched well for the opponents. Othams and Brokensha were the only Varsity batters to get safe-hits.

The B's played well against Kensington, but lost the match in the last couple of innings, when the strong Kensington batters hit Norm Wicks, who was beginning to tire. Up till then Wicks had been pitching well to get 10 K2's, but spoilt it with 9 free passes. Two "homers" were hit during the match, one by Green, of Kensington, and one by Wicks. It was a wonder University did as well as the results show, as second base for the opponents was played by Mr. Fuller, Physics lecturer. It will be remembered by old players that George was a member of the South Australian baseball team about 12 years ago.

On the following Saturday the A's made amends for its previous week's defeat, by winning against Police, 5—1. Although Vic Rose had 7 safe-hits registered against him, they were only scattered, and after getting on to bases the Police runners were unable to make home. Safe-hitters: Page, Othams, Ball, Rowe, Beard.

The B's played well in the early innings of their match against Goodwood Ramblers, but later their opponents batted strongly and ran out easy

winner. In this match, right field was played by Kev. Rook, who has discovered which is the best winter sport. Safe-hitters: Kohler (2), Wicks, Sharpe, Purdam.

The C team won on a 9—0 forfeit from Salisbury.

Last Saturday the A's lost to Goodwood, only due to an inability to hit Ron Sharpe. When the rest of the team bats as well as Doug. Othams, we might win some matches. Vic Rose did not pitch as well as usually, giving 6 walks and 9 safe-hits.

The B's at last came good, and played fine baseball to win by 9—8 against the strong West Torrens combination. Maddison played well in his second game on first base, and Dudley was the best batter. Safe-hitters: Dudley (3), Simmonds (2), Sharpe, Purdam, Tansell.

The C's played Goodwood Ramblers, and were winning until the last innings, when Goodwood batted in nine runs and won 19—14. Newell hit a fine homer, and Sharpe did well in his first match on the pitching mound.

To-morrow, the matches are:—A's v. Adelaide, University Oval, 1.15. B's v. Railways, Railways Oval, 3.00. C's—see notice-board.

The teams were published on Thursday on the notice-board.

On Saturday, July 7, a field day will be held on the Norwood Oval. Entries must be in this week.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Women hockey players have been forced to the conclusion that holidays and hockey don't mix, after last Saturday's drastic losses. The weather and the ground were perfect for hockey, but we were all out of practice and had to field teams with several emergencies in them.

Results:—

Wirrawarra, 7, d. University A, 4. Goal-hitters: S. Neale (2), Y. Seppelt, M. Mattner.

Y.W.C.A., 12, d. University B, 1. Goal-hitter: D. Wauchope.

Y.W.C.A., the only unbeaten team in B Grade, had no consideration for our defence at all, and seeing we were a full-back short, that was most ignoble of them.

The A Grade match was one of the most shocking exhibitions of weak stickwork and bad teamwork that we have taken part in for some time. The forwards' combined play was negligible, and our whole team needed greater speed and determination to get on to the ball before the opponents.

These matches brought the tally up to two losses and a win for the A's, and two wins and two losses for the B's. The position in A Grade is uncertain as yet, but there is still the likelihood that we will improve considerably and finish with a fairly good place. The B team definitely has a good chance of doing well this season, although those twelve goals against will take some living down. A lot will depend on the result of the postponed match against Adelaide High, which we think should be won by University, but we don't like to say too much because so many of our calculations seem to go awry.

RIFLE CLUB

A considerable slackening in attendance of spoon shoots reached a drastic stage last Sunday, June 3, which was an official shoot. Apparently most members are not fully acquainted with the year's programme—if this applies to you, please be sure to look at the sports section of Refectory notice-board.

Excellent progress has been made up to date by new members, some of whose performances seriously threaten the prestige of certain veteran members.

Shoots counting for the B grade championship started last Sunday. Silver spoon handicap winners to date are G. D. Dunstone, V. G. Hood and J. D. Copley. The captain, G. D. Dunstone, and P. S. Roper represented University in the B.S.A. Shield test shoot on May 17.

The club sincerely thanks the president, Mr. C. J. Starling, vice-president, Dr. H. E. Dunstone, and Mrs. Opie for their magnanimous presentations for trophies for the year's shooting.

MEN'S HOCKEY

A's UNDEFEATED

With only one match to complete the first round, the A's are undefeated and leading in the premierships fight.

The first two Saturdays of the holidays saw victories over the B's and Motors-Grange. Although 3—4 down at half-time against the B's, the A's rallied, overcoming the B's defences, which had been severely weakened by an injury to Hawke, who had played a very fine first half, and ran out easy winners 9—4. The following Saturday saw our 1944 premierships defeat avenged when Motors Grange were beaten 2—1. In both games Smith was a tower of strength at centre half-back, while Lewis and Tregonning were outstanding for the forwards.

Last Saturday saw our hardest and fastest game of the season, against Wanderers. Scoring early, the A's, mainly due to ruthless tactics by Crisp and Brown and inspired goalkeeping by McCarthy (we hope he has a gallery again!), held off the spirited Wanderers' attack. However, by fast, rugged hockey, the opposing forwards galed with minutes to spare and the match was drawn.

The B's were severely weakened by the vacation and lost all three matches. They play against the A's, however, indicated that when at full strength they will be a force to be reckoned with by all teams.

Most other matches were postponed, although the D's had two comfortable wins against Forestville and Argosy.

BASKETBALL

Matches were fairly satisfactory throughout the vacation. The A's lost on the first Saturday to Postal Institute, their only loss so far this season. This puts Postal Institute and Laddyp in first position, neither having been defeated. We meet Laddyp this Saturday, and hope to push them off their pedestal.

In the B Grade one match was lost to Holdmotors, but our team made up for this by a brilliant victory over Holden's of 50 goals to 16.

As many people were away for the holidays, the C's had the left-overs from the A's and B's. Partly owing to this, they lost two of the three matches. The C's should improve their position in the grade with a more stable team and more practice this term.

LACROSSE

On Saturday, May 19, we drew with Deaf Adult after a fairly even match. Both sides had strong backs but were rather weak in the forward lines. The final scores were 7 goals each.

Goalthrowers—Nancarrow 3, Wallman 2, Hallett and Ward. Best Players—Kenihan, Abbott, Wallman, Hallett, Hunter.

The next Saturday West Torrens beat us by one goal after another even, hard-fought game. Torrens were first away, but soon afterwards equalised the score by knocking the ball into our goal. Our forwards' play then improved, and by the end of the third quarter we had a 2-goal lead. We did not keep this up, however, and in the final quarter Torrens scored 3 goals to nil, giving them the match.

Throughout this game, as on the previous Saturday, our lack of success was mainly due to the lack of system and initiative of the forwards when the opposing backs crowded the goal. This weakness will have to be overcome before we can hope for better results.

Goalthrowers—Wallman 2, Abbott, Harbison, and one knocked in. Best Players—Beard, Abbott, Harbison, Wallman, Hetzel.

Owing to increased pressure of work Elliot Forsyth has been forced to give up the responsibilities of editorship. This is not surprising as he is enmeshed in Honors work. He will remain on the staff as an associate.

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