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AWARD OF MERIT 1980

CLIFFORD WADE HOOPER R.D.A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT .. 6 SEPT, 1980

Soon after the Annual General Meeting last year, storm clouds gathered over R.A.C., and broke on 17th October with the news that the College finances were in trouble.

The ROCA Committee met and a delegation, consisting of Peter Lewis, Alan Hoey and I spoke with the Minister of Education emphasising the need to maintain R.A.C. as a place of agricultural education. He assured us that the farm and winery would not be sold, but there would be urgent measures adopted to turn the financial tide.

This resulted in the secondment of Peter Trumble from the Department of Agriculture to the position of "Executive Officer - Finance". Peter started work in this position before Christmas. His official title now is Finance Consultant.

A review of the farm and winery, chaired by Professor Dillon, with Peter Geytenbeek and Rev Cant conducted extensive enquiries into the needs and use of these two parts of the College. Their report is now complete and will be discussed at the next Council Meeting on 8th September.

Apart from these traumatic experiences we've had an interesting year.

Graduation Day 1980 was, as usual, a great day at Roseworthy, with 106 Diplomas and Degrees conferred. The Old Student's Cup was won by Geoffrey Douglas Chapman and the Old Scholar's Trophy for sport by Mark Young. The new scholarship, to be awarded at the 1981 Graduation Day was also announced.

The Student Magazine was again produced by the students, a page of information about ROCA was included inviting all graduating students to join the Association. (So far, we've not been flooded with 106 new members).

During March, I was invited to take a position on the College Council. This is proving most interesting.

In May, June and July, I had a couple of months overseas, returning the night this evening was arranged. Thank you Alan and Bruce for your efforts.

Tonight it will be my pleasure to present the Award of Merit Medal to Cliff Hooper who gave 23 years of service to the College as a staff member, and many more years as an active member of the Association.

Thank you for having me as your President for these 2 years. I wish your new Committee all the best, with my assurance of help whenever called on.

.. Andrew Michelmore

THE DIGEST

It is probably painfully obvious to all that this is the first digest printed for some time, however you can expect to receive another before the end of next month.

For a variety of good reasons the manner in which the digest will be produced in future is substantially different to that which we had to rely on in the past.

The procedure of collating and despatching each copy is now much simpler as we have access to a word processor (my own).

Articles and correspondence should be addressed to me at Parliament House, Adelaide, 5000 or to my home, Box 64, Tailem Bend, 5260.

.. Peter Lewis
EDITOR

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS' AWARD OF MERIT

Rules and Conditions of Award

1. The Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association shall periodically award a medal to the financial member of the Association, who in the opinion of the R.O.C.A. Executive, has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity, including Association affairs.
2. The award shall be considered annually, and if in the opinion of the Executive, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.
3. Nominations must be made on the Statutory Form and must include the information required thereon.
4. The Statutory Form to be used for the nomination of any prospective candidate, who must be a financial member, shall be prepared and signed by two financial members of the Association.
5. Nominations with the supporting data must reach the Honorary General Secretary of the Association by the 30th June in each year. The Executive shall have the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
6. The Selection Committee
 - (1) The Executive shall appoint the Selection Committee.
 - (2) The Selection Committee shall consist of four members, one each from the fields of agricultural research, public service, practical farming and industry, who in the opinion of the Executive, are of sufficient standing and experience in the fields of agriculture to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity and also the President of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association Incorporated.
 - (3) The Executive will arrange for one member of the Selection Committee to retire each second year, but he shall be eligible for re-appointment, by Executive.
 - (4) The Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to Executive, which must reach the Executive not less than six weeks before the date of presentation of the award.
 - (5) In its assessment of candidates, the Selection Committee may at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates nominated in the previous year.
 - (6) In the event of a member of the Selection Committee being proposed as a nominee, he will stand down from all discussion and deliberations for that year. Three members constitute a quorum.
 - (7) Members of the Executive and/of the Selection Committee are requested to hold the names of the candidates in strict confidence.

The Award of Merit committee will receive nominations for this honour award. These should be in the hands of the Secretary by 30th June, so DO IT NOW using the form below.

'AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION'

FORM

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Age:
4. Period at Roseworthy Agricultural College:
5. Supporting data on employment, career, occupation since leaving Roseworthy Agricultural College, other organisations and committees on which nominee has served, papers published, honours other than academic bestowed on nominee. Please attach a separate page(s).
6. Academic qualifications.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

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Secretary, ROCA,
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Date:

CLIFF HOOPER - SERVICE TO ROCA

Cliff Hooper was an active member of ROCA before the war, and took a keen interest in Roseworthy student tours while with the Department of Agriculture in the South East.

After appointment at Roseworthy College, he was elected to the Committee of ROCA. He was Secretary and Treasurer for several years. During this time he also took a position on the ROCA Digest Committee, assisting with the editing and writing the "College Chatter" pages which kept Old Students informed of activities at Roseworthy. This, in turn, was responsible for many students joining the Association in their last year at Roseworthy. His articles also appeared in the annual publication 'The Student'.

He remained on the Committee until after his retirement in 1973.

For the services to the Association he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Old Collegians Association.

Cliff still maintains his interest in the College and the Association, helping with Digest work whenever called upon.

While at Roseworthy, his extra work for the students included that of Sportsmaster for most of his 23 years on the staff. He organised interstate trips and inspired the students to give their best for their College.

He was a keen organiser of educational tours and vocational work for the students.

Cliff Hooper graduated from Roseworthy in 1928, with a first class Diploma. He returned to the family farm for two years, and after his father's death in 1930 he took a position as Woolclasser with Michells, then as a Herd Tester with the Mount Barker Herd Testing Association until joining the Army in 1940. On Discharge from the Army in 1944, he joined the Department of Agriculture as a Field Officer, working with the late Mr. L.J. Cook, Chief Experimentalist.

Early in 1947, he transferred to Kybybolite Research Centre, in the South East as Assistant Manager until 1950. Work at Kybybolite included grazing trials and crossbred lamb production and feeding trials. Results of this work were published in annual reports and Field Day booklets.

From 1950 to 1973 Cliff Hooper was Sheep and Beef Husbandry Lecturer at Roseworthy College. During this time he developed the Beef Cattle herd at the College. This Stud excelled at the Royal Adelaide Show, and brought distinction to the College on many occasions, at Adelaide, Gawler and other country shows.

Sheep Husbandry also flourished under his guidance, with the introduction of modern stud techniques of closed stud breeding, to maintain different lines of sheep for breeding and demonstration purposes. The Poll Dorset Stud was established by Cliff.

During these 23 years he developed firm associations with the College through his work and as Sportsmaster for many years.

He retired in October 1973.

Twenty three groups of graduating students know and respect Cliff Hooper for his care and instruction in Animal Husbandry.

Cliff maintains his interest in agriculture by active participation on the Council of the Gawler Show and is a member of the Sheep Committee.

E.P. BRANCH FAMILY DAY

It had to happen sooner or later - the rains came!!

After many years of perfect reunion weekend weather rain set in on the Saturday indicating that the picnic next day would be an undercover job.

The extensive, roofed area of the members bar and barbeque at the local race course made an ideal venue for the distribution of food and drink.

Not one complaint on the day - cleaning up afterwards was no trouble - no sand in the sandwiches - no emu parades etc., etc.

Forty four adults and twenty plus youngsters turned up. Catered for many more, but nevertheless numbers were pleasing as the weather pointed to a complete wash-out. Our appreciation to those who did make it.

Alf Humble and John Pocock flew over the previous day intending to return to Adelaide after the family day. Fierce winds and poor visibility kept them at Lincoln for an extra night.

Jeff Eime, branch President, Ken Holden, secretary and Mo Barry, keeper of the purse were again in charge of operations. Local wives were to the forefront with desserts and salads - don't like selecting just one item for praise, but Rosemary Holden's mulberry tart was superb.

Andy, Elizabeth and Philip Michelmore along with the Ian Rice couple stayed almost to the end before heading for home. Their present both at the dinner and the picnic helped with the success of the weekend.

Discussion "for or against" the mixed dinner went on all day - the "fors" were in the majority probably because Bert Kelly as guest speaker entertained equally both male and female listeners with words of interest and humour - ideal after dinner address to a mixed audience. Bert attended the picnic and I believe enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having him.

Peter and Heather Dunn of Rudall stayed overnight so they could attend the gatherings, while the Stirlings did a return trip to Tumbay Bay to be at both functions.

The rain let up long enough for a game of cricket - grandchildren through to wild swinging grandpas participated on the hectare of turf wicket. It all brought back sporting memories to Wally Goulter, who starred in many sports while resident at Port Lincoln in his younger days

Philpy and Peter Minhard reminisced about the early thirties until it was time to enter the present and start collecting the empties.

Cleve was represented by Tom Yeatman and Wanilla by the ever reliable Barry Lawes - their wives added a touch of elegance to the occasion.

Although numbers were halved the function was undoubtedly successful - those who attended thought it a well worthwhile get-together held in comfortable surrounds with plenty to eat, drink and talk about.

The committee especially appreciated the effort of those who travelled long distances and in doing so helped to ensure the future of "Family Day".

.. DES HABEL

Do you care who owns Australian farm land - Australian farmers or non-resident aliens?.....

What have some old Collegians been doing recently - e.g. Bruce Eastick, speaking; Ken Holden in Iraque, scrambling; and you????

Anything to say in the next issue?