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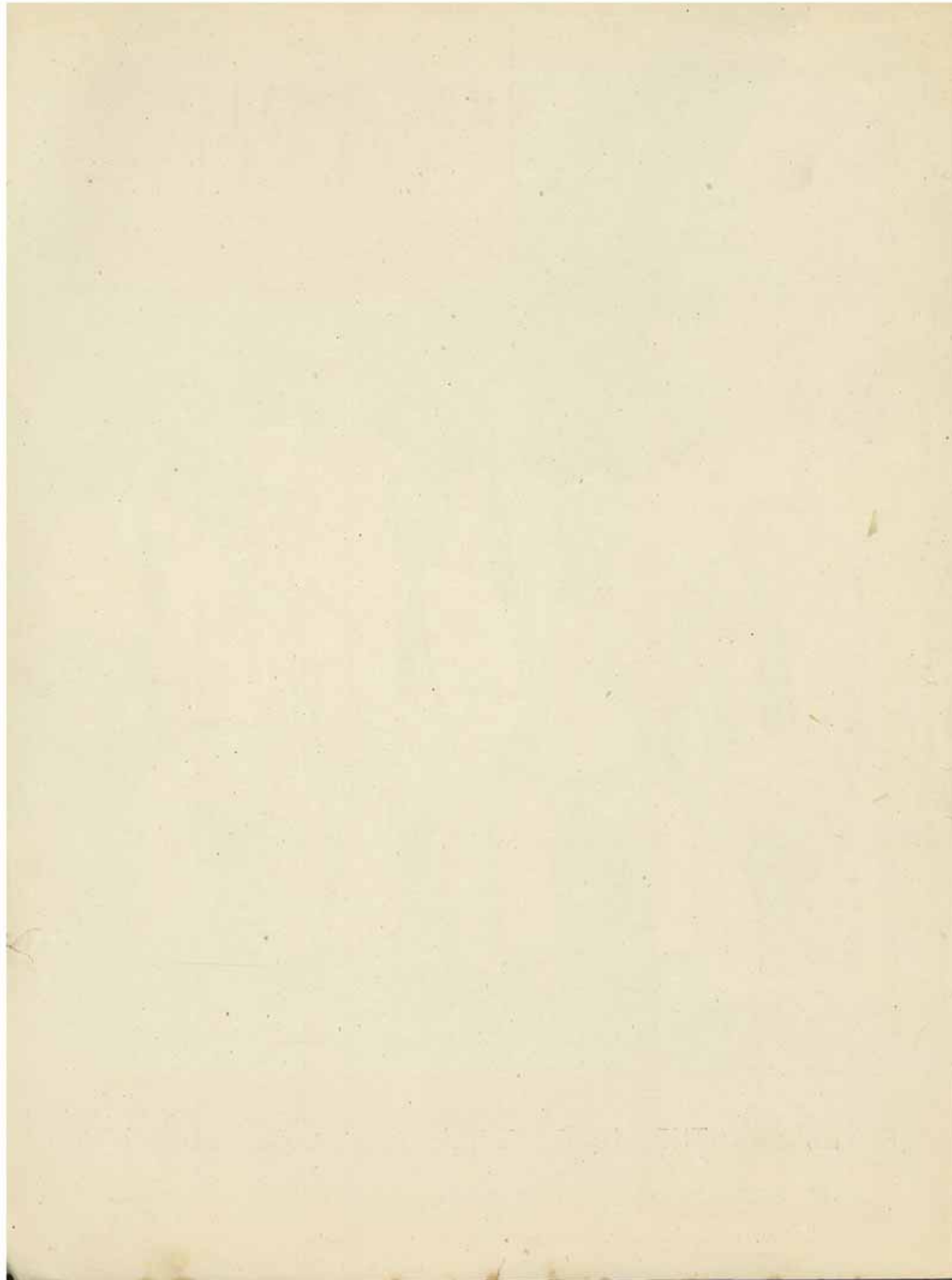
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A Message  
from the  
"Apexian"

## LOOKING FORWARD

Next year marks a big event in the history of Apex, as World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs is to meet in our country. This event will help cement the bonds of international friendship of which the first bonds were tied at Sacramento, Montreal, and now at Hastings.

It is essential that Apex should think and act in terms international, for the day has passed when oceans and vast distances served as our barrier against the tide of events in other lands. Whether we like it or not, this is "One World."

Though Geelong has been selected as the meeting place for World Council, actually, the meeting belongs to Apex as a whole, and that is the way we think you should regard it. All Apexians should join in extending a warm welcome to our visitors from overseas.

ROY  
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STOP PRESS—Langdon Parsons appointed President World Council. An honour for Apex.

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Conventioners first outing was to Karrinyup County Club.

## From President Tom Maguire

Of all the National Conventions that have been held I feel that the one just concluded at Perth can, with confidence, be classed the most memorable. Many things add up to make it such. You all remember how a handful of Westralians at Launceston persuaded the Convention that Perth was the logical place for its next meeting. You recall how the travelling fund came into being and the hostile reception it received from many clubs. It is to the great credit of Apex that the spirit of our organisation prevailed and the convention commenced with practically all the money in hand. Then we find that approximately seventy members travelled at least four thousand miles each to be in Perth for this annual get together—truly a phenomenal performance. Perhaps these achievements may be sufficient in themselves to attach such a label but they were insignificant, really, compared with the convention these boys in the West organised.

Only those who were fortunate enough to make the trip can really appreciate what work and organisation was put into the job and what hospitality was handed out. It has never been excelled and is not likely to be for a long time. We sincerely say to Perth "Thanks for a grand job."

Did the Convention achieve anything for Apex? I think it did.

You will see in the minutes which are published with this issue of "The Apexian" full details of the discussions and the decisions made on the agenda items. Many of them are very important and I trust all clubs will deal promptly with all of those matters which call for action. There is one matter however, which I feel calls for some comment and discussion by me and that is the unanimous decision to proceed on an immediate and all-out policy of expansion. The fact that a national committee has been set up to supervise this project indicates the importance the Convention attaches to it.

Our membership is not yet 2000 strong. What has been achieved by that relatively small portion of our population is certainly something of which to be proud. However, it is patent that if we want to progress to such an extent that we will become a force to be reckoned with, we must greatly increase our strength. Vital as this is, however, we must not let our enthusiasm overshadow our judgment. A policy of expansion "at all costs" will not only fail to achieve the desired objective but will, I believe, put us back behind scratch. The springing into being of mushroom clubs throughout the land, I am convinced, can only result in the worst setback Apex has experienced. If the existing clubs were a little more Apex minded and a little less parochial in

their outlook they would be on the look out for new Apex centres without any urging from National Convention or anyone else.

Experience in the past has taught us that the policy of "hastening slowly" in respect to the formation of new clubs has paid handsome dividends. That policy was designed to impress upon the Club sponsoring another that it was essential for that sponsoring club to be certain that the proposed town had not only the desirable cross section of the community available for membership but that it could maintain and retain an Apex Club. The capacity of the community in the town to maintain a flow of young men into the Club is to my mind the most important factor to be considered.

Whilst I am in complete agreement with the drive for expansion I feel I cannot too strenuously point out that unless it is properly and carefully handled it can only lead to disaster. I have no doubt that Bill Yates, who is in charge of the committee, realises to the full what is involved and the need for care but he has to be guided to a great extent by the nearby clubs and it is to those that I address these words of warning. A club badly formed eventually becomes a burden on Apex. It is for that reason it is necessary to proceed with care.

Yours truly,

TOM MAGUIRE.



## CONVENTION DISCUSSIONS COVER WIDE FIELD

### ANTI-T.B. CAMPAIGN AND LOCAL APEX EXPANSION HIGHLIGHTS OF 1948 PROGRAMME

Apex stocktaking for 1947 was completed and plans for 1948 activities formulated at the Perth National Convention. The range of matters discussed, the large attendance of delegates and visitors from other States indicates that our Association has emerged from the war years as a vital force in the community and is ready to launch out, slowly and surely into more vigorous activities in the future. Highlights of Convention discussions are summarised in this article.

After the presentation of the various reports, Convention considered the choice of the National Convention city for 1949. As World Council Meeting would probably be held there at the same time, it was appropriate that Geelong, home of Apex was selected.

#### NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEMES.

The Anti-T.B. campaign was undertaken for a period of three years. That time has not yet elapsed, and the Apex job not yet completed. True it is that the goal is in sight but our efforts must not cease until the necessary measures become an accomplished fact, when Govern-

mental talk and proposals become ACTION. Adelaide has done a grand job as the club responsible for organising our efforts during the past year.

Among the many good ideas to be passed on to the incoming National Anti-T.B. Committee were suggestions for an annual nation-wide Health week and the establishment of sanatoria for children. Convention also decided that Apex should press for eventual compulsory X-ray tests.

#### APEX ACTION.

Gordon Murray (Geelong) was again entrusted with Apex Action and ideas put forward for future consideration include some with "Citizenship" as the essential bases.

A resolution of particular merit was the appointment by each club of a member to maintain contact with Apex Action Committee and direct that action within his own club.

To head the International Liaison Committee, Langdon Parsons was again appointed.

#### APEX EXPANSION.

Gordon Denney and his team have done a good job investigating possible

expansion of Apex to New Zealand. Here it appears that activities of the N.Z. Junior Chamber of Commerce closely parallel Apex.

A special committee with Bill Yates as Chairman is being set up to superintend our expansion within Australia and this Committee has important work to do in the future. The success of Apex expansion within Australia depends mainly on the support given this Committee by every Apexian.

#### FINANCE.

What is a bone of contention among some Apexians is the subject of contributions called on by National Convention in addition to per capita fees. It was moved that none should be imposed unless they have been submitted to all Clubs and agreed upon by a majority of Clubs. The motion was lost and it is up to all Apexians to accept this decision by their elected representatives at National Council.

#### GENERAL.

A local service scheme for consideration by clubs is to work for the ultimate Government control of the pre-school Kindergarten organisation.

Another idea for consideration is the appointment of more delegates to Zone Conventions. Clubs are to place their thoughts before Zone Conventions and later, Zone opinions will go before National Council.

A job for National Council to sort out is the possible re-zoning of the whole of the Association.

Apex Action was instructed to circularise clubs on the availability of 16 m.m. films with the view to establishing a joint film library.

At the conclusion of the Convention, bouquets (verbal) were handed Perth for the outstanding job done as hosts. It was a well merited tribute.



The Colac Lifesaving Club (class of 1872) put on a demonstration (?!!) at a Perth Convention outing. While a patient (?) was madly clutching at a bottle, going down for the third time, and otherwise giving signs of being in distress, the team formed fours, tripped over their feet, got in each other's road, nearly lost their pants and then headed for a mermaid. The patient became impatient and saved himself so he could join in the rush. The heroic band of lifesavers, patient, and "target for tonight" are pictured at left.



# Pilgrim's Progress

## The Chronicles of a Conventioneer

What a trip . . . What hospitality . . . What a State . . . In fact we go so far as to state that never before have we left a State in such a state.

The trip over by A.N.A. Skymaster only went to prove that old law of nature—what goes down must come up. The touch-down at Adelaide was a merciful relief . . . better still to find the S.A. Apexians waiting to cheer us on our way—extending fellowship with both hands full of food refreshments, etc., etc.

Then the long drone across the wild and woolly western deserts, where our aerial passage failed to even raise an eyebrow from the local Abbos.

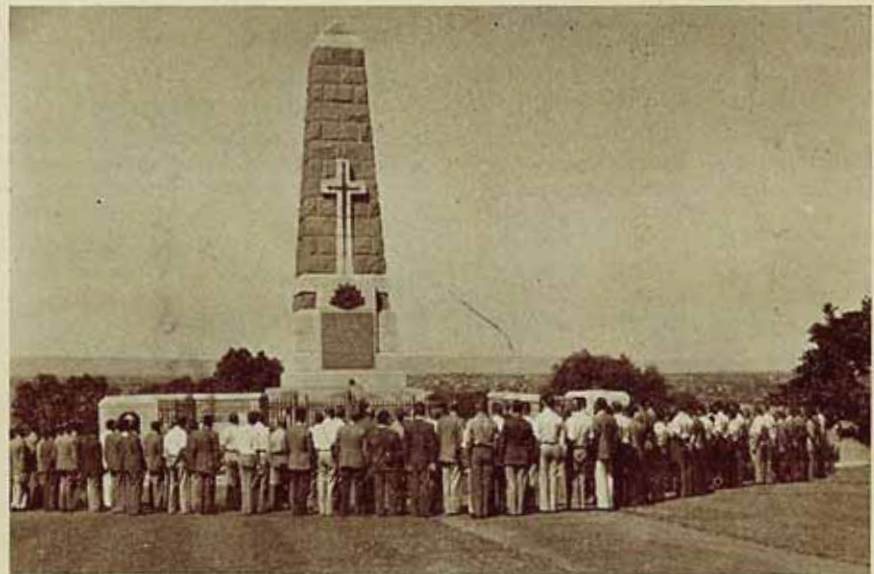
Perth at about 8 p.m. to be welcomed and taken to our place of residence. A wash and brush-up and out to Jack Bennett's for a yarn.

Thursday night, a reception at Tintern Lodge. Greeted at the door by the Ladies' Committee, then introduced to the barrel and the blokes. Friday morning devoted to pre-Convention meetings, held at the Perth University. Karrinyup County Club in the afternoon with a tour of the beaches en-route. Geelong began its lobbying for the 1949 Convention by its members turning up with yellow scarves bearing appropriate slogans. The Colac boys demonstrated how not to play golf, the sticks were crooked, the ball was crooked and the game was crooked. Friday night off to Cottesloe for pictures and parties.

Down to earth on Saturday with the Convention kick off at 10 a.m. The delegates earned their dough, the visitors heckled from the back benches. National Council sat out in front, others were laid out in tears (sorry tiers). Lunch break at King's Park—more earbash in the afternoon and at night THE BALL. (Don't remember much about this)—it was a hot night.



The trip to Mosman's, where the famed inter-zone boat race was held.



President Tom laid a wreath on the W.A. War Memorial.

Sunday a tour of the University. Monday, more Convention, the trip to Mosman's Bay and Colac's life saving stunt. At night the Trots—and we did our dough. Later Jim Tunney's barbecue and Bismag.

Wednesday off to Bunbury, a 600 mile trip through the W.A. forests. What a trip—the Bunbury Club dinner was a wow! The President's

abrupt closure of official business brought cheers. Later, a crabbing party and a life on the ocean wave, with all mod. cons., even a "refreshment" boat.

Now back home, we are slowly recovering—and expect soon to take a turn for the nurse. Just lead me to the next Convention—I've already gone into training for Geelong.



AN AFTER-CONVENTION MESSAGE FROM  
**JOHN NORTHEY**

Apex will forever remember the 1948 National Convention. It will go down on record as one of the most successful Conventions ever held, and will long be remembered as a very pleasant weekend.

The Association is indeed grateful to the Perth and West Australian Clubs. The organisation of the functions covering the Easter period was very sound, and no details were neglected; visitors were made feel right at home, and for those who visited W.A. for a short period only, details of the programme enabled them to see much of the Perth district.

Approximately 68 Apexians travelled from the Eastern States, and the total "man mileage" travelled was 121,605. The two Toowoomba fellows travelled the greatest distance, 5666 miles. The Association "Whopper Gavel" was awarded Wellington Club—of which there were 7 members present.

We had heard much of the hospitality of W.A. Our anticipations were completely exceeded. I personally feel that we have nothing to worry about in the future, if we have chaps of the type of those in Perth, Bunbury, and Narrogin Clubs, within the Association.

The business of the Convention was prolonged, but to my mind not particularly outstanding. I may be wrong. National President Tom Maguire handled the meetings in an efficient manner to the satisfaction of all concerned. National Council Meetings covered much ground, and many plans for the future were formulated.

Reports and Convention Minutes are being published by "The Apexian" and I do not propose to expand on them now, save to mention that Zone and Association Reports indicate a year of progress.

During the balance of the Association Year, Clubs will be hearing from me frequently. I have many plans for the future, which with your co-operation, as

individual Apexians, will lead I hope to further development of our organisation.

I urge you all to give your best for Apex, no matter what your position within your Club, District or Zone. Some of you have been elected to positions of responsibility. I urge you to attend to your duties diligently, and to discharge your obligations worthily.

In conclusion, I would stress the need for expansion. Apex must grow, in numbers and in strength. We have a membership of 1600, not a great number, you will admit. With our present strength we have exercised an influence within the community as a whole. Two thousand members could exercise a greater influence; and remember that our Ideals are well worth developing.

"This is Apex" has been distributed to all Clubs and Officials. The folder can be used to great advantage. Please use it; you will find I think that it is something we have needed for a long time. Best wishes to all.



Tom Maguire is all smiles.

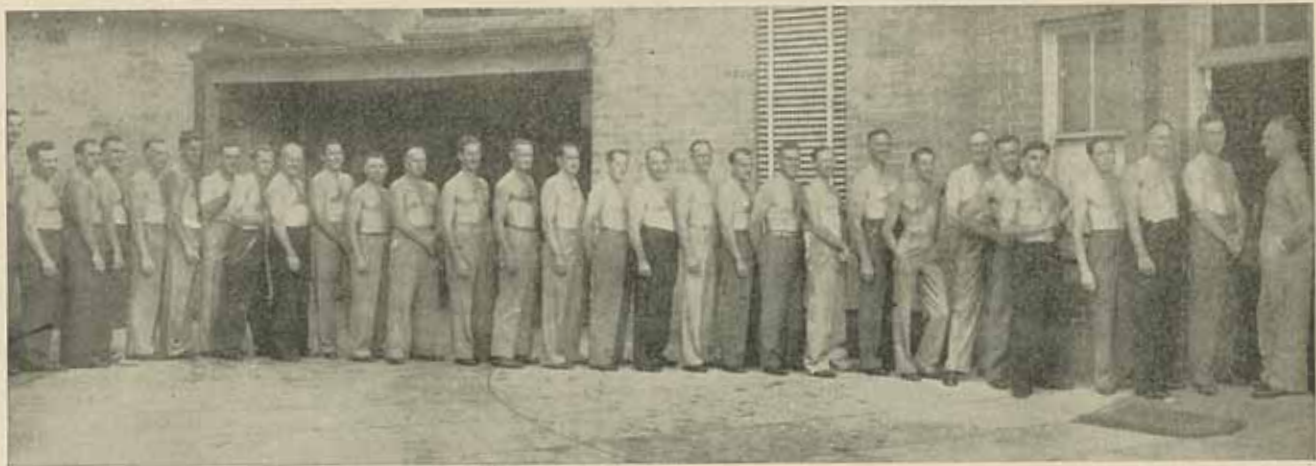


Bill Trezise and John Northey.



Group at Karrinyup. Top L. to R.—Langdon, Bob Fredman, Ted Lumbewe, Cliff Ikin, Jack Squires. Bottom—Jim Cronshaw, John N., Royce Neville, Tom M., Norm Hall.





Wollongong Apexians set an example by lining up for an X-Ray.

#### WOLLONGONG CLUB'S ANTI-T.B. CAMPAIGN.

## Radio Address by President John Thompson

As part of its contribution to the Association of Apex Clubs' Anti-T.B. Campaign the Wollongong Club has organised a local scheme for the mass X-ray of school children. Through the generous co-operation of the Wollongong District Hospital, the local medical practitioners and the Departments of Public Health and Education this mass X-ray of school children will be carried out free of cost. The scheme covers all school children of the age of fourteen years or over attending both public and denominational in Wollongong.

Dr. John Hughes the Deputy Director of the Tuberculosis Division of the Department of Public Health has delivered lectures to students and their parents. Local newspapers are right behind the Club and have given all possible publicity. Posters, window displays and theatre slides have also been issued. In order to publicise the scheme and give a lead to citizens of the District, the Club has been X-rayed. In officially opening the campaign over radio 2WL on the 4th February, Club President John Thompson gave the following address:—

"Good evening listeners.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR CHILDREN?**

Obviously that's a foolish question as every parent is keenly interested in the health of their children and for that reason what I have to say to you to-night is of very real importance to you.

It is my pleasure to officially open the Wollongong Apex Club Anti T.B. Campaign.

**First of all a few facts about the Campaign.**

Through the generous co-operation of the Wollongong District Hospital, the local medical practitioners and the Departments of Health and Education the Apex Club is proud to

announce that it has been able to organise a FREE X-ray of school children. All school children attending schools either public or denominational in the Wollongong District who are of the age of fourteen years or over are eligible to participate in the scheme. The only condition imposed is that you as a parent should consent to the X-ray being made. On behalf of the Apex Club I earnestly seek your co-operation in this regard.

**And now a few facts about Tuberculosis.**

The menace of the dread disease of tuberculosis needs no introduction to you but I would like to bring the following points to your attention.

**Tuberculosis can be cured.**

The Nation could be rid of this disease in a period of twenty-five years although it is the greatest killer of modern times.

**However early treatment is imperative.**

The earlier the treatment commences the greater the possibility of complete recovery.

**This is a disease of young people.**

Most diseases are the heritage of age but tuberculosis finds very fertile fields amongst the youth of the Nation. Authorities say that the special danger period is between the ages of fourteen and twenty years.

**Tuberculosis, particularly in its early stages is practically without symptoms.**

And the victim rarely suspects that he has contracted the disease. Are you sure that you or your child are not infected?

**Lastly, Tuberculosis can be seen but not heard and the only way of being sure is by being X-rayed.**

These are the points I wish to impress upon you:—

1. Tuberculosis can be cured.
2. Early treatment is essential.

3. Youth is very susceptible.
4. Early diagnosis means early cure.

5. Tuberculosis can be seen and not heard and X-ray is essential.

The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia, of which the Wollongong Apex Club is a member, has pledged itself to combat tuberculosis. The Club decided to X-ray all the school children within the susceptible age group. **And bear this in mind, this being done completely free of cost.**

At school your child will be told all about tuberculosis and will be handed a form of consent to give to you. All that I ask is that you agree to allow your child to be X-rayed and sign and return the form of consent which will be forwarded to you. Your child will be X-rayed at the Wollongong District Hospital in school hours and will be under the supervision of a school teacher whilst the X-ray is being done. In this way the Apex Club hopes to educate the young people in the dangers of the disease and to impress upon them the need for regular X-ray examination particularly during the danger period. Should the X-ray examination suggest the existence of the disease you will be advised to consult your family doctor for further diagnosis. For this purpose you will be asked to nominate your own doctor at the time of submitting your child for X-ray. Results of all X-ray will be advised and all communications will be strictly confidential between parents and the Hospital authorities.

This campaign has been launched with the knowledge and approval of the N.S.W. Dept. of Public Health.

The Club is determined to establish a chest clinic in Wollongong and steps have been taken to enlist the support of all charitable and philanthropic organisations in the City of Greater Wollongong.



**THANKS TO THE W.A. HENPEXIAN**

March 29th, 1948.  
PERTH

The Members.  
Henpexians' Convention Committee,  
PERTH.

Dear Jess, Eileen, Mabs, and Bee,  
I felt pleased and privileged this afternoon, towards the end of the National Convention, to move, on behalf of all the boys, our deep appreciation, admiration, and congratulations for the magnificent job which you girls and your fellow Henpexians have done, in entertaining us, not only at official functions, but also extending to us all hospitality in your respective homes. How you managed to organise entertainment for us in your homes in addition to your many other jobs, we just don't know. But we do know that you have extended warm fellowship in such unstinted manner that our wives too, vote this the "best Convention ever."

You have not only given us a tremendously happy time, but have done much to enhance the work of our Association by providing a true Apexian spirit on all occasions. Our humble and sincere thanks, once again.

Very sincerely, yours in Apex,  
(Signed) TOM MAGUIRE, National President.



**THINGS YOU DON'T READ IN THE OFFICIAL CONVENTION REPORT**

One Apexian has learned that when someone knocks on the door and you call, "come-in," it's best to make sure it's the bloke you are expecting and not the maid, particularly if you've just come out of the shower.

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Col Atkins (Bunbury) and Jim Swinden (Melbourne) put on a mesmerist's act at Jack Best's party. Jim was the patient and under the hypnotic spell was doing physical jerks. The order was given, "Raise your right leg." Jim did, but some twerp then poured a jug of water down his trousers.

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A.N.A. are considering an offer to Gordon Murray and Ron Williams (Geelong) as baby-minders. Ron, however, is sure to decline, as this can be a very wet pastime.

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Colac Club put on a lifesaving act during a visit to Mosman's. Dressed in mid-Victorian costumes, the boys went out to rescue Bill Riley (who was waving a half empty bottle). They nearly drowned Bill, but rescued a blonde instead.

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Said one Apexian to a Perth beach girl dressed in abbreviated sun suit and with no "undergarments," "You certainly could do with some scaffolding." Then to a fellow Apexian who's eyes were popping out, he added, "There's no need for you to make a survey."

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That Horrie Hambling had only two meals on the trip over — one down, the other up.

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John Darling (Perth) will think twice before coxing the inter-zone "cockle-shell" race. An opposing

crew started to splash John, so he stood up and replied with interest, but included his own crew in the shower. Then some one rocked the boat and—exit John in the water.

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Lindsay Cust (Melb.) made an impressive debut at Jim Tunney's barbeque: Lindsay made an entrance like the Russian ballet, however, a stray electric light cord was in the way and the idol of Melbourne finished up flat on his back.

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Casualty at the crabbing party was Swannie Swanson. Bunbury had supplied a "refreshment boat" which moved around the various craft containing the fishermen. Harry Ling was passing Swannie a glass, but probably due to rough weather; Swannie received the glass on the skull.

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At the Convention opening, hosts of telegrams were received and read out by John Northey. When John had sat down after reading the 300th, Bentley Hillman (Bunbury) arose with another "telegram" which was supposed to read:—"Association of Apex Clubs Nat. Convention, Perth."—"Thanks" (signed) P.M.G.

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Colac boys provided much humour. At the Convention Dinner they performed the "I wanta da peach-pie" act and finished by pelting each other with custard pies.

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Adelaide turned on a grand show for the travellers on the Skymaster "Arkana." They met the plane and turned on light refreshments for fellow Apexians. They even included cigarettes on the Menu.



Photos top to bottom:—(1) Henpexians Nell Boyes, Ellie Hammond and Shirley Miller. (2) Dorothy Jager, Ida Bowen, Ida Lance taken at Bridgetown. (3) Chop lunch at Ravenswood. (4) Typical scenery from the trans-Australian rail route.



## Opening Addresses At Perth by . . .

Herb Elliott & Tom Maguire

WELCOME BY HERB.

National President, Tom, The Hon. Ross McDonald, our visitors, Apexians and listeners—

"It is a great thrill to welcome you officially here today on behalf of the Perth, Bunbury and Narrogin Apex Clubs. Since our National Convention at Launceston last year, we have applied ourselves to making your long trip an enjoyable and productive one.

Enjoyable because some of you have shown the spirit of the early pioneers by venturing to travel on our trains—and that deserves all that the fellowship of Apex can bestow on you. The fact too, that our visitors will have travelled a collective total of something like 300,000 miles by the time they return home, calls for all the hospitality at our command.

Productive—because the world conditions today are a challenge to Young Men's Organisations such as ours. We must take up that challenge by planning our future activities with foresight and courage.

In our international liaison work, whereby we fulfil one of our ideals—"To foster International Fellowship by establishing contacts with youth in other lands," lies one of our greatest opportunities, and strongest answers to this challenge.

Our Convention today can plan to develop further that great work. Our present National Service work, that of attacking Tuberculosis, and our local service work too, can all be inspired and developed by our deliberations today.

For these reasons, the Apex Club of Perth feels deeply honoured at being hosts to you today. I sincerely repeat our warmest greeting to you all.



National Council hard at work. (Don't they look it.)

### TOM MAGUIRE RESPONDS.

President Herb., My Lord Mayor, Ladies, Visitors and fellow Apexians—

First of all let me thank you President Herb, for your kind words of welcome. For most of us, this is our first visit to Western Australia and your fair city of Perth and I feel safe in saying that we have not been disappointed.

Assembled here today are delegates from all states of the Commonwealth. They have travelled very long distances, not only to assist in our deliberations, but also to honour the three Apex Clubs in Western Australia. For many years the members from here, at great personal expense, have regularly attended the conventions in other part of Australia and it is a fine tribute to them that such a large number of members have gathered here today.

This, Sir, is our fourteenth Annual National Convention. Our aim as you no doubt know is to develop intelligent and aggressive citizens. We believe that this goal can be obtained by the practice of service and fellowship and by inculcating into the young citizens of today these ideals. With this end in view, we have divided our service work into two groups, namely National and Local. Each club has continually on hand, service works of a civic, charitable or patriotic nature which are peculiar to their own locality and in addition are expected to take an active part in all progressive movements in their town or city. In addition the Apex Association as a whole undertakes service work of a national character in which all clubs are duty bound to take part. It may be of interest to remind you that our first National Service Scheme was one that was very near to home for Western Australians. The scheme consisted of the financing and equipping the Flying Doctor Services in the Northern Territory and North West Australia with Pedal wireless sets. This

scheme involved very considerable expenditure and was carried out over a period of three years. It resulted in the much needed wireless sets being handed over to that great service. We have further assisted the outback in rendering aid to the Bush Nursing Association and other similar organisations in each state.

Our current scheme is one which is the baby of the Perth Club. Two years ago the Perth boys convinced our National Convention that the eradication of T.B. was one of the big problems of Australia and that it was our duty as aggressive citizens to do something about it. Convention there and then decided to conduct a three years campaign with this end in view. Perth Club undertook to handle the initial stages of the campaign and they did much valuable research and spade work in the first year. Apex and the Apex Clubs and particularly Adelaide Club have done tremendous work in this drive and whilst we do not for one minute say we have been responsible for the bringing into being of the Federal Government's plan to eradicate this curse, we believe the part we played in it was very material. It looks, therefore, that at long last something is being done which might bring results. Apart from this national outlook, many clubs have succeeded in having free mass X-rays conducted in their towns and have so pestered their state authorities that results are forthcoming from those quarters also.

We are honoured, Sir, to have you present with us. It not only indicates your lively interest in Apex but also your interest in the Perth Club of which I am sure they are justly proud.

I thank you on behalf of Apex for your attendance here today and if you would be kind enough to officially open our convention we would indeed regard it as a great honour.



The Zone 4 crew in the "Head of the Swamp" boatrace.



# THE BADGE



# YOU WEAR

by PAUL JONES, Launceston President.

It's simplicity itself, this badge you wear. Though simple, it is sufficient to engineer a feeling of pride in its wearer and a feeling of respect and admiration in those that see it.

It has become symbolic of a willingness to shoulder a place of responsibility in a community. It represents honesty of relationship and sincerity of purpose at a time when moral disintegration is accepted as a necessary corollary to wartime living.

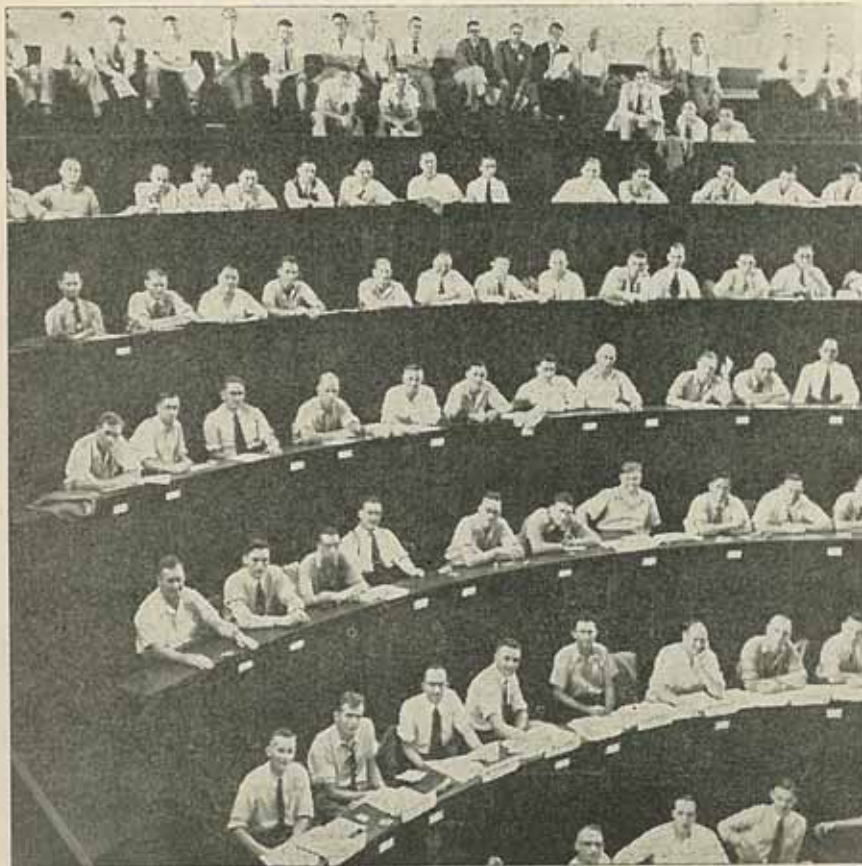
Though triangular in shape it stands four-square behind high resolve and practicable, demonstrable service to one's fellows.

It's outline is not unlike that of a pine tree and, upon consideration, many aspects of similarity between a pine tree and an Apex Club can be seen. It is evergreen. That means that it never falls from its continued state of awareness of tasks to be done. Its boughs grow closely together and are strong against winds of disregard and wrong intent. Its growth is careful, each bough maintaining symmetry, those members which have not proved their usefulness being superseded by the new growth.

Most noteworthy of all qualities is the landmark it provides. By the position it holds, undaunted by flimsy partisanship, it serves as a reminder that ideals, capable of proof by example, are still worthwhile.

As the badge you wear walks down the street it carries a proud banner which says just as strongly as if a thousand badges walked together,

**"I am the Apex Club."**



## A NEW YEAR GREETING FROM THE NETHERLANDS.

A New Year greeting card of particular interest was recently received by Roy Fidge from the Nat. Secretary, Association of Round Tables, The Netherlands.

The card's reproduction above depicts the official insignia of our kindred organisation.

## APEX EXPANSION IN QUEENSLAND

Bill Yates, Chairman Queensland Expansion Committee reports that the proposed Apex Club of Bundaberg has held a preliminary dinner and is commencing to function with approx. 20 members. Provisional president is Reid McCracken, Provisional Sec., Fred Grose. P.O. Box 116 Bundaberg.

A request comes from Bill for the addresses of any ex-Apexians now living in Townsville, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Gympie or Nambour. If you know of any of our ex-members who have had the good sense (?) to go to Queensland, pass on the news to Bill, care P.O. Box 190, Toowoomba.

Convention Meetings were held at the Wool Exchange, and this view is of a section of the delegates and interjectors.



## Orange Apexians Take Lead In National And Civic Affairs

Orange Apex Club is proud of the record it has just achieved. The claim which it makes is this:—Two Apexians are Members of Parliament, one is an alderman of the Orange City Council, and two former Apexians are also aldermen of the O.C.C.

In a recent issue of "The Apexian" a brief biography of Charles Cutler, M.L.A., for Orange, was given, complete with picture of the smiling Chas. Charlie Cutler is a veteran Apexian, and he owes much of his success to the lessons he learned in Apex; such as oratory and fellowship.

The other Apexian who is a member of Parliament is John Howse, M.H.R., for Calare. John is a son of the late Sir Neville Howse, V.C., who also was a member of Parliament.

Ern White is the Apexian alderman of the Orange City Council. He got in at the elections on December 6, 1947, and he's taking the job seriously. He appears to have the drive, initiative and ability to cover himself and the club with honour as a civic father. Ernie is a pharmacist (I guess that's what you call chemists in these modern days), a splendid club member who did so much to have Orange selected as the venue for the 1948 Zone Convention next October.

The ex-Apexians who are aldermen of the Orange City Council are Hew Paton and Clifford Colvin. Hew is a former president of the club, and a solicitor. Cliff Colvin is an ophthalmic surgeon. Both have made good in the City of Orange which has acquired another two young men of high qualifications. Orange Club is proud of each of the five men mentioned in this item, because it considers their success and service has added lustre to the ideals of Apex.

### A BIG THANK YOU

In the gallery of our angels, enshrined among the immortals is the name of one, Norm Hall (Narrogin).

Norm has supplied the Convention photos for this issue and deserves every thanks. The Apexian has negatives of photos in this issue and will supply prints at a nominal fee. Send requests to Business Manager Col.



This picture marks an historic event, for in it can be seen: one, Vautin Andrews (Geelong) actually performing some solid yakker. Highlight of a visit to Mosman's Bay was an inter-zone boat race which resulted in several duckings, blisters and dry throats. According to our official observer (Bus. Manager Col) the race was won by Zone 1.

## Perth Carols By Candlelight Help Anti T.B. Fund

Perth's 1947 Carols by Candlelight was an outstanding success and seems assured of public support as a regular Christmas Eve function conducted by Apex. Over £100 was cleared and paid to the Anti T.B. Association of Western Australia.

Favoured with a perfect, warm and windless night, Carols were presented in the magnificent setting of the Supreme Court Gardens. The backdrop for the stage was a unique setting of natural palms, some 40-50 feet high, and on stage, Red Cross and St. John Ambulance personnel stood with colourful uniforms and blazing torches flickering on the black and white dresses and uniforms of the choristers, some 100 in number. A brilliantly lit star cast radiance over the whole stage, and created an unforgettable spectacle, as did the thousands of candles highlighting the faces of the 4,000 to 5,000 who took part in the festival.

The first section of the programme started at 8.30 p.m. and was presented with the grounds fully floodlit. Light entertainment and music from the Perth Highland Band kept the big crowd pleasantly occupied until 9.45 when the lights were blacked out, and a torchlight procession of 60 Red Cross bearers started to thread its way through the crowd. As they mounted the dais a

colourful pianoforte presentation of "Silent Night" was rendered in candlelight to herald in the third Carols festival in Perth.

Perth's Lord Mayor was introduced by President and Organiser Elliott, and spoke fittingly of the spiritual enjoyment provided by Carols, and of Apex work in fighting Tuberculosis.

Climax of the Festival was the Nativity Scene, presented by the Perth Repertory Club.

Every Club member carried out a big job in Carols, and when the show ended at midnight with Auld Lang Syne, the chaps were able to go home knowing they'd put on a good show, which the public wants every Christmas—and too—had given further active support to our National Service Scheme.

Perth Club is preparing a Book of "Do's and Don'ts" on Carols, which will gladly be made available to any other Club. Enquiries should be addressed to Herb. Elliott, 533-5 Wellington Street, Perth, W.A.



# Open



# Forum

## Populate or Perish

Further Thoughts by  
Apexian Ken (Wagga)

How can we have more goodwill towards each other unless we have harmony in the home, and unless we have the homes, where does the harmony start?

A decent home is a primary social need and must claim first attention. A good home with all the necessary amenities for the full and healthy life of every citizen should be Apex's objective first and Australia's also. Provision of the above would automatically solve the populate or perish problem.

Wagga suggests each community, led by Apex should form a "Homes for all" Committee with full and representative membership. Build up local support and then tackle political representatives.

### FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION Decentralisation.

Back to Land policy. Encourage local production of building materials, improve country facilities, reduce fares and freight. Creation of small block settlements mostly self supporting.

### Local Co-operation.

Of all sectors of community.

### The Home.

Improved facilities for Mothers, Maternity Ambulances and Convalescent homes. Improved consulting clinics for disabilities of young children. Better and more home deliveries. Improved travelling facilities for Mothers and children.

Provision of creches at places of entertainment. More playing areas, preferably small areas close to residential sections.

### Taxation.

Revision and reduction of present excessive taxation which kills initiative and private enterprise, also honest ambition. Increase allowance for wife and children to a figure closer to real cost.

### Individual.

Personal example to be set by Apexians and State and National leaders. Fighting of selfishness, dishonesty, black marketing, immorality and laziness. A return to Christian principles.

Apex has the chance. What do you think?

## JUNIOR APEX

Former Perth Apexian makes an important suggestion.

It has been the belief of a few that Apex could readily take over the care of Youth by the introduction of Junior Apex, a body which would be open to the youth from the age of 14. The conduct of this junior body would be under supervision tending to accentuate the ideals of decency, aiding the lads to organise their own outings, functions, activities in the world of sport. Attention could be given to the direction of their thoughts along the paths of co-operation with every organisation dedicated to aiding the welfare of the Commonwealth of Australia or the welfare of our fellow man. Neither sectarian religion nor party politics should find a place in the teachings of Junior Apex, but strenuous efforts should be made to cause a lad to think for himself instead of accepting the party-political beliefs of his parents. If one learns to drive a car from a person ill-suited to teach, he usually inherits that tutor's bad habits on the road. Similarly, a lad usually learns his politics from a parent's dissertations, and very often the blind acceptance of political beliefs follows without the lad having had the common-sense to think for himself. It is not suggested that Apex become a combatant in the political arena, but it is suggested that the clubs should do their duty in training the youth of the nation to think before they utilise the vote given to them. More important still, the boy of today could be kept off the streets during the whole time when the majority of them come to trouble of some kind because of association with other lads without proper direction and supervision. It could be the duty and ideal of Apexians to foster hobbies and sports of all kinds, organise visits to places or industries of interest, to generally act as big brothers to these boys and sow the seeds of confidence and respect.

It is suggested that the boy should be compulsorily retired at the age of 21 years, in much the same manner at present Apexians are retired from active membership of the present organisation. It is thought that upon being dismissed from Junior Apex,

he would materially miss the fellowship of boys and men with whom he has associated for the most of his most impressionable life. The loss of those associations would inevitably direct him towards membership of Apex in the form we know it today. There, with his early training in the junior branch, it is felt that he would be a much more virile Apexian than the general member of today. He would already have the principles ingrained in his heart and it seems unlikely that he would need the urging necessary to incite the average Apexian to activity of any type.

It is felt that Apex does not enjoy the position it rightly deserves and it is possible that the training thus given to the lad, let us call it an apprenticeship, would ultimately fit him for a much more virile and useful life than he would otherwise be capable of living.

Concerning the retiring age of 40, it is felt that the usual type of Apexian realise that he has joined an order which is going to dispense with his services at an age when he has made his place in the world and has the time and incentive to devote his efforts to something useful in life. It seems to me that in realising this fact, the Apexian then decided to give his time and effort to other pursuits which will remain as an interest to him for the remainder of his life, or until he tires of his interest. It is felt that the thoughtful man rather resents being dispensed with at the time of his life when he is acutely conscious of the passing years and consequently dispenses with Apex before it finally dispenses with him. Hence the reason for the turnover in membership.

Under the scheme which I have suggested, at the age of 40 the members could be retired from Apex, to be readily absorbed in Senior Apex, there to function in the capacity of an assistant to any club efforts, to act as guide and friend to the members of Junior Apex, to assist the boys with their schemes and to guide their thoughts along the paths they should follow.



# WANTED - MORE RADICALS

From a talk by John D. Kendall, Fine Arts Dept., Muskingum College, Concord, Ohio.

(Reprinted from The Activian)

An article in which we may read  
"Australia" for "America".

## We need more radicals . . .

Radicals. I can see the awful mental images chasing in and out of your minds. But before these get too active — let me explain what I **don't** mean by radicals. I don't mean:

Those who plot with fire and dynamite—the wild and woolly who would change our sweet and lovely civilization into a shamble. The unmoral wretch who would outrage defenceless womanhood. The party line Communist, or the nihilistic Fascist. Not even the guy who wears a flashy red Windsor tie and goes barefoot.

At the worst when I mentioned radicals, I imagined you were thinking of an undisciplined, dangerous political crackpot—a shifty, wild-eyed, cantankerous delinquent heading straight for a criminal record. At best, I am afraid you envisioned a hazy harmless, head-in-the-clouds, idealistic dreamer—a do-gooder and a starry-eyed parlor pink.

What do I mean by radical, then? I mean just what that good solid American, Noah Webster, meant: **someone or something original, fundamental, reaching to the centre or ultimate source; affecting the vital principles.** He adds: in politics, one who advocates radical changes in laws and methods of government with the least delay. When I say we need more radicals, I mean people who combine these characteristics. In other words: people who ask fundamental and severe questions about major issues. People who find causes and work hard for them. People who get excited about injustices wherever they occur, and who want to find out what's really behind them. We need that kind of people, people who THINK!

Why should I be asking for more radicals? Why even that stern-jawed-arch conservative, Winston Churchill, once said something to this effect: If a person isn't a radical at the age of 18, he's stagnating. He added, (probably in self defence), but if he isn't a conservative by the time he's sixty, he's crazy. All right, so conservatism is something we grow into. But what could be more horrible than conservatism 40 years too soon?

## YOUTH AND NEW IDEAS

If you're conservative already, what kind of politically hardened arteries will you have 10, 20 or 50 years from now? Youth is the time for radicalism at its best . . . for questioning for new ideas — for causes. For skepticism on the one hand, and idealism on the other.

But, you say, youth is disillusioned, uncertain. What we need most is conviction, faith, unshakable certainty. Sure! but to be solid and lasting, these must come through questioning, mental turmoil and disciplined thinking. What good is faith or conviction if it is a hand-me-down? It takes time to build up a solid and sure conviction. And it implies at some stage of the game a radical outlook!

So far, then, I have made a plea for more radicals. I have started a belief that the natural time for radicalism is in youth. And I have expressed a fear that the lack of radical thinking in youth may result in premature and unsound conservatism.

## REASONS

Why am I worried about these things right now in particular? For several reasons:

First of all, if I wanted to be sarcastic—and I do—I could say that we may live, politically speaking in rather an antiseptic community, where simple pure Republicanism or Democracy, as the case may be, cleanses our thoughts of any dangerous germs. This means that the radical, the questioner, has to work harder to get a word in edgewise, and that he's got a minority complex when he does.

Second—there seems to be a feeling all too often that even the discussion of issues, especially political issues, is in itself too disturbing, too tied up with radicalism for true

Christians or true citizens to have anything to do with. Personally, I can't agree that Christ's way of dealing with social and political problems was not to give explicit answers, but to look for fundamentals, throw light on the issues, and then turn the problem back to human minds for solution. This is essentially a radical method. I believe that the true radical can be a Christian, and that the true Christian should certainly be a radical.

The way it is now, if Thomas Jefferson were to return to life, and read the Declaration of Independence, in some communities he would be taken in for subversive activities. You see, the Declaration of Independence has that little clause in it about having the right to change their government if they don't like it. That's definitely subversive!

## WHAT IS THE WORLD'S REAL MENACE?

Is this craze over un-American activities merely a passing fad, or is it something permanent? In either case, it has become a very real danger to radicals, to intelligent people and to conservatives alike, and along with this, a disrupting influence in our national thinking.

Let me explain: The dominant factor in world politics today is not, I believe, the fear of the U.S.A. by Russia, but the reverse. It is the fear of Russia which grips the United States—the U.S.A., with its control of half the land and all the oceans in the world, plus the atom bomb. This fear of Russia is being intensified by so-called diplomats on both sides, to such an extent that it sometimes becomes almost an obsession. How can we negotiate successfully in this kind of atmosphere?

Then, there are many, I believe, who, would like to use the Communist scare to obscure the really important thing, which is this: the **real disaster** for the world would be a major depression in the United States. That is the biggest danger of all. If that comes to pass, such issues as the aid to Greece bill would become utterly insignificant and minor factors. A major depression would be a world calamity. What are the issues involved now in our country? We all know what they are, really; the lack of housing, the high cost of living, the moves to cut down



## Wanted—More Radicals

(continued)

income tax, the anti-labor legislation which may come if strikes become widespread, the problems of public ownership, peacetime conscription—a military economy based on armament . . . these are the things which must be faced, discussed and solved. They are vastly more important than the Communist bugaboo.

The tragedy of our own day is that America, the potential leader of the world has abandoned, in fear, its objective of building democracy, and has substituted for a negative slogan: stop Communism! Why can't we realize that we haven't the time nor the security to promote witch hunts and other petty irritations? We must not delay in attacking the real problems. There is a terrible urgency.

To summarise: we need radical thinkers. Youth is the time for this. There must be a discussion of controversial issues, and what is behind them.

It hurts to watch the fumbling and uncertainty of those confused men making the world's decision, and we can't help remembering what T. E. Lawrence said after the first world war:—

“When we achieved and the new world dawned, the old men came out again and took from us our victory and remade it in the likeness of the former world they knew. Youth could win, but had not learned to keep, and was pitifully weak against age. We stammered that we had worked for a new heaven and a new earth, and they thanked us kindly and made their own peace.”

### A PERSONAL MESSAGE

#### FROM “THE APEXIAN”

This is somewhat belated, but nevertheless sincere: To all who forwarded us greetings and good wishes at Christmas, we extend our sincere thanks. The encouragement we are receiving in this, our Apex Service job has been greatly appreciated. Like any Apex Association office, producing and running the official publication of our movement takes time and hard work. However, the way in which you are receiving our efforts is making worthwhile this effort.

“THE APEXIAN” GANG  
ROY,  
COL,  
VAUTIN,  
BRUCE.



Scene at Perth University where pre-Convention meetings were held.

## An Idea From Adelaide

### MAKE ROAD SAFETY A SERVICE SCHEME FOR YOUR CLUB

One of the duties of your Club's Service Director is:—“Making roads, etc., safe for traffic—including rounding off of dangerous corners, signals at railway level crossings and danger signs approaching dangerous points on roads and streets.”

Recently, the Secretary of the National Safety Council in Adelaide was invited to address Apex on the work of this Council. As a result of this very interesting evening our Club was invited to become associated with them by nominating Apexians to their various Committees.

After discussion with them we nominated Bev. Rutt for the Road Safety Sub-Committee, Bev. Lewis for the Child Safety Sub-Committee and John Motteram for the Industrial Safety Sub-Committee.

These three Apexians are notified direct of the meetings of their Sub-Committee, and of course, report back to our Board.

In the case of the Child Safety Sub-Committee, they are importing and also having made, 16 m.m. films, which we can show with our projector at the various institutions we visit.

Adelaide feels that Apex should be actively associated with more of these bodies in order to carry out our objectives. We suggest that all Capital City Clubs do likewise.

## Congratulations

### AT ECHUCA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In opening the District Conference at Echuca (Vic.) the Mayor (Cr. F. C. McCartney) complimented the local and district clubs, for work in the Anti T.B. Campaign, saying that Apex had moved faster than the Government in this matter.

The Mayor said that he was happy to open the convention, on behalf of the citizens, and he hoped the stay of the visitors in Echuca would be pleasant. He was pleased to see young men banded together for the help of their fellow men. The Apex Club had done fine work which, he felt sure would be continued. Many causes had been assisted both in Echuca and in other towns. He had been to Shepparton and had heard what Apex had done in purchasing an X-ray plant for the Mooroopna Hospital, which was being used for an examination of the people for T.B. The club had become T.B. minded and had rendered one of the greatest helps to the community. They had moved faster than the Government and hundreds of tests had been carried out during the preceding week. The local Apex Club had a fine body of members. Membership helped to make friendships that would be of great value in years to come. He wished the Convention all success and hoped the business done would be of much benefit.



Introducing The Clubs . . .

## BUNBURY - WEST AUST.

### MINUTES OF MEETING

"Held at Prince of Wales, Wednesday, the 2nd October, '35 at 7.15 p.m.

**Business: Reading of correspondence for formation of Apex in Bunbury. Sanction for formation granted by telephone to Colin."**

Thus it all began. A movement destined in a few years so to grow and to leave its mark in civic life.

Much has happened since that first meeting at the "Prince" just twelve years ago—attended by a mere handful of fellows. No time was lost in seeking service jobs and in adding to the membership, which, by the time the Charter dinner was held on 22nd February, 1936, had grown to 25.

Within little more than a year Apex Bunbury had been responsible for the establishment of an Infant Health Centre, for taking as a ward the young lad who had lost his legs in an accident. This lad remained a ward of Apex for ten years, being seen through his education, his early employment and apprenticeship in the footwear trade.

In other ways the Club began to make its presence felt. Apex Hill took shape — a garden on a high vantage point in the town— various new equipment appeared in the town Hospital wards—the National Convention of Apex adopted Bunbury's suggestion that the Flying Doctor Scheme become the Apex National job for several years—young faces appeared at the Municipal Council table—Apexian faces—and a host of smaller jobs proceeded as Apex Bunbury grew in stature.

In all this work, one name stood out, Colin Campbell, founder of

Apex in Perth, Bunbury and Narrogin who for his service was conferred with a Life Governorship by the 1946 National Convention.

Much more could be said and written of jobs tackled—of the Soap Box Derby to which the whole town turned out, of the ten weeks Appeal which raised two and a half thousand pounds for Patriotic Causes. Then, when enthusiasm was at its highest came war and Bunbury membership fell from fifty to nine almost overnight. Those remaining nine were so busy with associated war activities, that even one night a month for a dinner was difficult for all to manage. Club Service jobs as such, fell to nil, but all were resolved that the Club must be kept alive, and to this end, Ian Anderson gave inspiration. His outstanding job was recognised by the Bunbury Club and the No. 4 Zone, when later he was elected a Life Member of Bunbury Club.

And today—what of today?

Most of the boys came back. A few have paid the Supreme Sacrifice. To them our thanks are due. It is not without remembrance of them that Apex Bunbury today, with many a new face, is again building itself into the life of the community.

Today, Apex again flourishes at Bunbury. A Free Kindergarten will eventuate as soon as a building permit is granted. Many children will be the happier this year for toy making efforts through the winter. Membership waxes. It was a Bunbury member who, in 1945, urged Apex to hold future National Conventions in the remote corners of Australia as well as in the centre of the Apex swim. Bunbury we are glad to meet you

## LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM W. W. Pendleton, Treasurer, Sounthorpe Round Table, 194 Burringham Road, Sounthorpe, Lincolnshire, Dated 22/12/47.

"May I extend to you and to all Australians assurances of our goodwill which is of course a natural bond of affection springing from our close connection through a common ancestry. We remember the Australians who have fought shoulder to shoulder with us in two wars and fallen on the same fields of battle and as we now witness the support and encouragement we are receiving from Australia during these extremely difficult times, realise more than ever how we rely upon our kinsmen in the British Commonwealth. Believe me, there is a strong feeling of gratitude in this country.

With all best wishes for 1948.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM:—  
Herbert Iacobi, National President, The Round Table of Sweden, dated 22nd January, 1948.

"I beg to express my heartiest thanks for your kindness in sending me copies of "The Apexian," which I have studied with great interest.

Although our countries are far apart, I hope that in the future, occasion will arise for our members to come in touch with each other to mutual understanding.

I have the pleasure in advising you that the Secretary of Round Table No. 1, Helsingborg, British Vice-Consul and ship broker, intends to go to your country for some months this year, I think in March, to visit several of the principal shipping towns. I have given him the addresses of your clubs, and no doubt he will contact your members on arrival.

On the other hand, please convey to your members the greetings of Round Table of Sweden, and tell them that they are welcome to this country, and our members will endeavour to facilitate their stay here.

The Round Table movement started here in 1944, and we have now six clubs, and hope that in the near future several more clubs will be founded.

Through R.T.B.I. Table "News and Views," I have been informed of the Montreal meeting at which your member, Gordon Murray, took part.

Wishing you all the best, and kind regards,"

I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
HERBERT IACOBI,  
National President.



Scene at War Memorial after laying of wreath. Apexians are being addressed by representative of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.



# Sense and Nonsense From Club Notices

### IT COULDN'T BE VERSE

**A Lismore Dinner Notice in Rhyme**  
 Mort and Eric, Ray, George, Leslie,  
 Bankers Jack and John,  
 Thurston, Sam and Morgan (Charlie)  
 Once again it's on.  
 Richard, Douglas, Harold, David,  
 Williams one, two, three,  
 Join with Keith and Lloyd and  
 Maurie,  
 At the hostelry.

There, with Russell, Reg and Roger,  
 Fellowship to seek:  
 Dinner's on the **First of April:**  
 That is, **Thursday Week.**  
 Athol, Thomas, Phil and Bruce will  
 You be at the pub.,  
 Fostering the Apex spirit  
 In the Lismore Club?  
 Jack who owns the name of Woolley,  
 Jack whose name is Payne,  
 Young who's Jack and Mac who's  
 Johnny,  
 Come along again!

Dentist Digs and Dentist Jimmy,  
 Grant and Johnnie Q.,  
 Spiro, brothers Frank and Johnny,  
 You are in it, too!  
 Date has up above been mentioned:  
 Place: chez Maurie Green.  
 Dinner's Open: Guests invited:  
 Time is six fifteen.  
 Deegan (John) is down for Chairman  
 Mason (Bill) will talk:  
 Morgan (Charles) will surely make  
 you  
 Out your money fork.

Fellow, such the information  
 That I must convey—  
 Don't forget to ring Phone 40  
 If you stay away!

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A Glen Innes Service Scheme is  
 establishment of an Apex Park.

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Colac note:—The world moves  
 along not only by the mighty shouts  
 of heroes, but alas by the aggregate  
 of tiny pushes from every honest  
 worker.

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Goulburn says—"All Hula-Hula  
 dancers do is stand around and  
 twiddle their tums" also, "A shilling  
 is a pound with taxes."

Fruit picking seems to be a popular  
 choice for a snap service scheme,  
 judging by the number of clubs on  
 the job.

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Choice topic for a debate chosen  
 by Lismore:—"That the average man  
 goes out too much at night."

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During a recent strike at the  
 Claremont Mental Hospital, Perth  
 Club offered to help staff the place.  
 Strike finished quickly, so offer was  
 not taken up. Just as well, for it  
 may have been difficult to separate  
 the "Keepers" from the patients  
 afterwards.

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Sydney Club says—"Beer makes  
 a married man feel single and see  
 double."

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Recently Ipswich Club has much  
 discussion about schemes to raise  
 £.s.d. It appeared that the usual  
 card parties, dances, etc., brought in  
 little cash and did little to promote  
 fellowship. Opinion was that a work-  
 ing bee adequately covered both  
 aims. Scheme was then adopted  
 whereby Club was to undertake garage  
 building, laying down paths, etc.  
 for Club members who desired same.  
 Said member was then to give "Don-  
 ation to Club" for services rendered.

Another classic from Ipswich:—  
 During a debate on "Is the 'New  
 Look' justified?" Jim Nabb said he  
 preferred the "old look"—the one  
 Adam had at Eve.

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Publisher of the Goulburn Apex  
 News Sheet, has a fan mail. An  
 "admirer" wrote—"You're a greater  
 writer than Shakespeare—Please ex-  
 cuse crayon, they won't let me use  
 anything sharper in this place."

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Bairnsdale (Vic.) Club is on the  
 job to establish Apex at Traralgon.  
 23 possible Apexians have been lined  
 up.

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Armidale note:—The meetings of  
 the Alcoholics Unanimous will re-  
 sume as from our first dinner meet-  
 ing. Please bring the right change.  
 President Jack has completed a small  
 brochure on 'Why we do it, How we



At Mosman's Bay, three men in a  
 boat, Royce Neville, Paul Jones  
 and Cliff Ikin.



Jack Squires, Zone President and  
 Convention Committee Member.

love it" and notes on how to enter  
 a house without disturbing your wife  
 and neighbours. Quite a good book,  
 a little thread bare in parts, but well  
 worth a place on the kitchen shelf  
 next to the Bismac.

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Classic reply from Wellington to  
 a circular sent out by Apex Action  
 Committee:—To the question "Have  
 you a 16 m.m. sound projector?" the  
 answer was "No sir, but we can  
 obtain the use of one." Next ques-  
 tion was, "Have you any 16 m.m.  
 sound films? For this and all sub-  
 sequent questions give details of  
 titles and running time" Answer  
 was "No" and as an addendum came  
 "Running time only ordinary. Sug-  
 gest you approach Treloar, Bartram,  
 Curotta." Finally, "Have you any  
 16 m.m. silent films?" Answer was,  
 "We have no films—sound or un-  
 sound."



# Club Notes

## 1.—GEELONG.

### TRAINING GALLOPS FOR 1949 CONVENTION.

With the Festive Season behind, Geelong have "pinned their ears back" and have been busy little men. Much work has been done in Service and a few "spots" of fun have been had under the heading of "Social."

The carry-over scheme from last year—Old Folks' Home Orchard—is getting its full share of attention. Each weekend Roster parties attend to the watering, weeding, etc., and but for the attention of a couple of wandering horses who decided to do a bit of "early pruning," the Apex Orchard is doing well.

### AND THEY HUNG NED KELLY!

Denbigh has had its fair share of attention and publicity. A call from the local War Nurses Memorial Committee to produce a Garden Party met with unanimous support from the Club. A very fine effort was put under the direction of Denbigh Huon at the Nurses' Home. The result of this effort was a cheque for £145 handed over to the Committee. Highlight of the afternoon's fun was a mannequin parade; and two Club members masquerading as "gentlemen's gentlemen"; Roy Hidge and Ron Williams, who attempted to fleece the public at "unders and overs." Roy's outside cigar lasted the full length of three hours continual smoking.

A Food for Britain house to house drive throughout Geelong takes place in a few weeks time.

### INTER-CLUB FELLOWSHIP

Inter-Club visits have been a success to date with trips to Ballarat, Melbourne and Colac, also a Golf team to play at Ballarat. Even though Club No. 1 could not bring back the Golf Cup, it did manage on the visit to Colac to bring home the gavel. Colac have had two "trys" which were abortive, so we think that very soon we will go down and present them with it.

New members inducted into the Club are:—Tim Mitchell (Photography), Jim and Harry Carew (Dry Cleaning), John Newland (Wool), Niel Davidson (Law Clerk) and Henry Lynch (Bakery). Allan Cumming of Wagga has been transferred to Geelong.

Keith Cowley and Steve Hughes have unfortunately had to resign from the Club—that gives a total membership of 54.



Generally speaking, President Vautin Andrews (Geelong) is generally speaking. Here he bashes the mike at the Garden Party. Organiser Denbigh Huon is at right, also Matron A. M. Sage. Left of Vautin is the Mayoress of Geelong.

### GEELONG WON'T PERISH

The entrants for the Stork Stakes have been fairly good of late, first home since last issue was Harry and Belle Whineray, (a daughter), followed by Al Lim and his good lady, also a daughter and just beating the "dead-line" for this issue. Harry Carew adds to the list of Pexaninies, a daughter. Something wrong with Geelong air I think — no future Apexians amongst the place getters.

### FOOD FOR INSOMNIA.

The Christmas Dinner followed by an extra good "do" proved to be one of the year's social highlights. Geelong received a visit from National President Tom a few weeks back, and we managed to turn on an evening of really good fellowship. Anyone desiring a mild dose of insomnia, such as Tom suffered, need only pay a visit to us, and we will show them how at the local Chinese Cafe.

### STOP PRESS

WE ARE NOW ON THE JOB ORGANISING FOR THE 1949

CONVENTION and  
WORLD COUNCIL  
MEETING

Make a date to be at  
GEELONG NEXT EASTER

## 6.—BENDIGO

### MORE HOPS THAN RABBITS IN BUNNY DRIVE.

Many toys and over £100 in cash was donated to the Toy Appeal, and with this account, Christmas cheer in the shape of worth-while toys was distributed to about 300 under privileged children of Bendigo district and inmates of the Base Hospital.

On passing through this City, the National President, Tom Maguire, gave the Club much food for thought.

The Annual Cricket match with Castlemaine, resulted in Castlemaine winning by 9 runs. Look out Castlemaine, Bendigo is getting better, and expect to reverse the scores next time.

Rabbit drives held to date, in aid of Club funds, have been successful socially, and may be summed up as follows:—

the rabbits still hop,  
the boys gain experience;  
the boys gain the hops,  
the rabbits gain experience.

After the Christmas dinner, a very enjoyable evening was held in the Club rooms when visiting Apexians from Melbourne, Castlemaine and Colac were entertained.

The job of the moment is the preparation for the forth-coming Ball. All arrangements are well in hand, and if "talk" means anything this is going to be the Ball of the Century.



**7.—WAGGA WAGGA**  
**TEMORA CHARTER**  
**DINNER**

Club No. 52—Temora was presented with its Charter by President Zone 2, Barney Greenway at a Dinner held at the Temora Golf House on Saturday, 13th March at 6 p.m. It was an occasion of pride for Wagga Club who have sponsored Temora, and the Club feels that you will hear plenty from these boys in the future. They are away to a flying start, and have already a record for service of which any Club could be proud. Present at the Dinner were 21 members from Wagga, 11 from Albury Club, 5 from Goulburn, and 2 from Orange, these latter three Clubs each travelling roughly 150 miles to be present at this great occasion. After the dinner the visitors were entertained at a super Social at the Golf House which was, to say the least, a real "hair-leter-down-er."

Before the warmer weather went on its way, a Bivouac was staged by Wagga Club on the banks of the 'Bidgee, where much steak, sausages, eggs, soft and not so soft drinks were consumed. In fact everything was there aplenty, except of course that comparatively unimportant item, sleep.

**THINGS TO COME.**

The old tyre collection is still going strong, with yet another truck load ready to be despatched. The Annual Jam Drive for the Hospitals is timed for Sunday, 2nd May, to be closely followed by the Annual Cabaret Ball, this year "A Night in Texas" (no six shooters, gavels or other lethal weapons allowed) Friday, June 11th where Wagga Club hopes to see the smiling faces of you fellows from North, South, East or West, yes and Albury you chaps from down below (we don't mean South) too. Albury is specially requested to bring along that little mallet-like article which was filched recently, that is providing it is not regained during Wagga's return inter-club visit to you.

An address of great interest to Apexians was given by Rotary District Governor, Jack Edgar of Essendon Club at a combined Rotary dinner held recently. His stirring examples of Rotary Service selected from last year's Rotary International Convention at Sun Valley, Idaho, left food for thought in the minds of all.

Club membership now stands at 31. A new member inducted since the last report is Jack Andrews, (Civil Engineer).

**10.—ORANGE**  
**HERE'S A CORRESPONDENT**  
**WHO WILL GET ON.**

One picture, they say, is as good as a thousand-word story.

Well, here are two pictures from the Orange Apex Club, and if each of them rates a thousand words, nothing should be said, for where is the editor so benevolent, so full of gentle feeling towards verbose scribes, who would tolerate 2000 words.

However, as Orange Apexians feel that the Editor of the Apexian is not only benevolent but forgiving (Orange had no notes in the last issue of The Apexian—and this may be a dastardly effort to crib extra space for this time); that he is not one given to tearing his hair and cussing his ball-pointed pen, they're taking the risk of letting their Assistant Publicity Officer have his head to say a little more than the 2,000 words the accompanying pictures purport to express.

Now, don't go racing over the last paragraph.

There's drammar in the grammar, and a pitfall or two for those who sometimes skip the gems of literary effort in The Apexian, if a little thought is not given to the reading of the aforementioned paragraph.

**I'M DREAMING OF A BUSH**  
**CHRISTMAS.**

Begging your pardon, Editor, but all that has been written to this point is pure preamble to a short discourse on the Christmas Party given children of Orange and district.

The picture showing old Santa Claus in sylvan surroundings gives a Bush Christmas flavour to this

story, and you'll notice the little boy in the right hand corner of the picture, biting his nails and muttering: "There ain't no such person!"

Well, if you could see beneath those whiskers you may be agreeing with the little boy (biting his fingernails and muttering).

The whiskers are false. True? False?

They don't really belong to Andy Anderson, as you can see in the other picture which depicts a group of Orange Apexians who disported themselves to the delight of small fry at the Christmas Party.

The party was a wow. Everybody had a perfectly wonderful time, including the children, and the fellows are still talking about the day out they had the week before Christmas, when they gorged everything from ice creams to lolly water (they came into town for something more substantial before closing time).

Well, the sun was lengthening the shadows of the tall gums by the time the buses returned to Bloomfield Park to pick up the children who had been guests of the Orange Apexians.

**WHAT A WAY TO TEACH**  
**A CHILD TO SWIM.**

President Mal Middleton (always the perfect host) was rushing hither and thither to see that every child got a seat in the bus, and he almost ended up in a mud pool on the roadway (yes, it had rained the day before, or before that).

However, it seemed that a Middleton was fated to land in that pool, because just as Mal was casting a last look round to see if there was some child who had not got on to the bus, his (Mal's) curly haired daughter, Janette, fell into the pool.

Orange gets its 2000 words, the two pictures (the other one is on the next page), and the forbearance of the Editor.







The second thousand words by Orange Club.

**16.—MELBOURNE.**  
**HELP FOR**  
**BOYS' HOME.**

A great loss to Melbourne Club recently was the resignation of President Max Bennett, who moved at short notice to Tasmania. However, what is Melbourne Club's loss is someone else's gain and Max has announced his intention of carrying on with Apex in his new State. Max has been a very sincere worker for Apex and we shall miss his services.

Gordon Hare is an unofficial delegate to the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs, to be held in England, and we have sent him off with best wishes for a pleasant trip. Melbourne Club's official delegate to the Perth Convention, Lindsay Cust, was ably supported by unofficial delegate Bob Fredman.

The "Silver Door" is still doing a fine job sending parcels to Britain and Apex members in Melbourne have given their services in force on a couple of occasions. We hope to do much more of this excellent work. The big service job of the moment is to fulfil our pledge to assist the Burwood Boys' Home and a picnic has been arranged for the lads, which we hope will be only the forerunner of similar schemes.

President Keith Lawson has taken over from Max Bennett and with new young members coming into Melbourne Club, there are signs of much bigger activities ahead, particularly as some of the older and tried members are doing all that is possible to guide the new members along the correct lines and stimulate more interest in Apex. We are optimistic about greater membership and many improvements in Melbourne Club.

**46.—BEGA**  
**NEW CITY**  
**COUNCILLORS.**

Main item of news since the last issue is our success in the Local Government Elections. Two of our three candidates, Roy Howard and Dick Hooke, are now civic fathers, and have already proved their worth on the Bega Municipal Council.

On Anniversary week-end, some characters from Wollongong and Goulburn Clubs visited us and helped us to pass the time at a dinner, a dance, a picnic, and a barbecue. Even the epidemic of headaches which broke out in the town on the Tuesday morning did not prevent the boys from expressing the wish that these two clubs will visit us again in the near future.

We are, at present, staggering through a period of re-adjustment, and attempting to recover from some very serious blows which have been dealt us lately.

Firstly Bernie McGrane, who was our president last year and who was always the essence of Apex in this town, was transferred to the Big Smoke. Then Les Blunden, our secretary, and Bruce Norman (Social Director) left us in quick succession.

The subsequent re-shuffle saw Fred Royal elected as secretary and Kevin Cunningham appointed to the Board.

We are still planning and rehearsing for our scintillating revue which should be on stage within a month or so. We intend to entertain the locals for three nights and then go on tour with a series of one night stands. We'll make a fortune, we think.

Bryce Youll (Banking) is the latest addition to our happy band.

**11.—ECHUCA**  
**MIXED BAG OF**  
**SERVICE WORK.**

One of the chief items for inclusion in these notes was the honour bestowed upon the Club in the appointment of genial president Rod McLennan, as official delegate for Zone 1 to the Perth Convention.

Service jobs are progressing well. Further playground equipment has been constructed and erected in the form of a double swing for the larger children. (Previous equipment installed was detailed in the last "Apexian").

To assist hospital staff, members have responded to calls by the Matron at Echuca District Hospital to sit with patients at night. At the Back to Echuca celebrations the club ran the soft drinks booth and assisted with the decorating of the town for this important event. The club helped prepare for the local "Carols by Candlelight" on Christmas Eve by providing man-power. The latest service effort, which is under way at present, is an appeal for a library at the hospital, a long felt need.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

During the weekend of February 21, members of Swan Hill, Kerang and Shepparton branches visited Echuca for a District Convention, details of which are given in this issue. On the Saturday night a moonlight river trip and a dance up the Murray River on the paddle steamer "Murrumbidgee" was held complete with dipper (bent), liquid for the pouring of. On Sunday morning a picnic was held, and in the afternoon prior to their departure the visitors were conducted over the Echuca Ordnance Factory, the only ball bearing factory of its kind in Australasia. Members of the visiting clubs seemed to enjoy themselves and the members of the Echuca club certainly enjoyed having them.

**VISIT BY PRESIDENT TOM**

National President, Tom Maguire visited Echuca during the Australia Day weekend. Unfortunately a number of members were away from the town for the weekend, but those who were able to make it were very pleased to meet Tom at a dinner.

Club membership has been increased by the acquisition of Jack Brady (Clerk), Geoff Golding (Clerk), Alf Miller (Secretary), Bob Nelson (Clerk), Jack Prentice (Joiner) and John Salmon (Chemist). At the next meeting nine new members were to be balloted for.



**17—HOBART  
BIG BUDGET OF  
SERVICE WORK**

An Anti-T.B. display which attracted a great deal of attention was erected at the Florence Nightingale Exhibition held in the City Hall, it comprised a decorated stand, posters, X-ray film, X-ray photos and a variety of interesting and instructive material.

A House-to-House canvas of the city and suburbs from Kingston to Granton, Ferntree to Bellerive and Lindisfarne was carried out to aid the Save the Children Fund and Food For Britain Appeal. This drive was responsible for the collection of 80 bales of clothing and a large number of cases of food and was greatly appreciated by the organisations assisted.

A Children's party to raise funds for Kindergarten Union was held in the City Hall and the Club provided manpower as well as constructing a number of collapsible houses for a play.

At the conclusion of the Miss Tasmania Quest for the Kindergarten Union, a Ball was held in the City Hall at which the successful candidate was named and presented to the Governor. The Club assisted in organising this Ball and also provided manpower when every member was on duty during the evening. At this function well over £100 was raised for the Union.

The annual Party for the crippled children was held at Wingfield and, with Frank Masters as Father Christmas went off very well. This as usual, was made an official meeting and was well attended by members, the morning being spent in preparing for the party and decorating rooms. In the afternoon films were shown, afternoon tea served and presents distributed by Father Christmas.

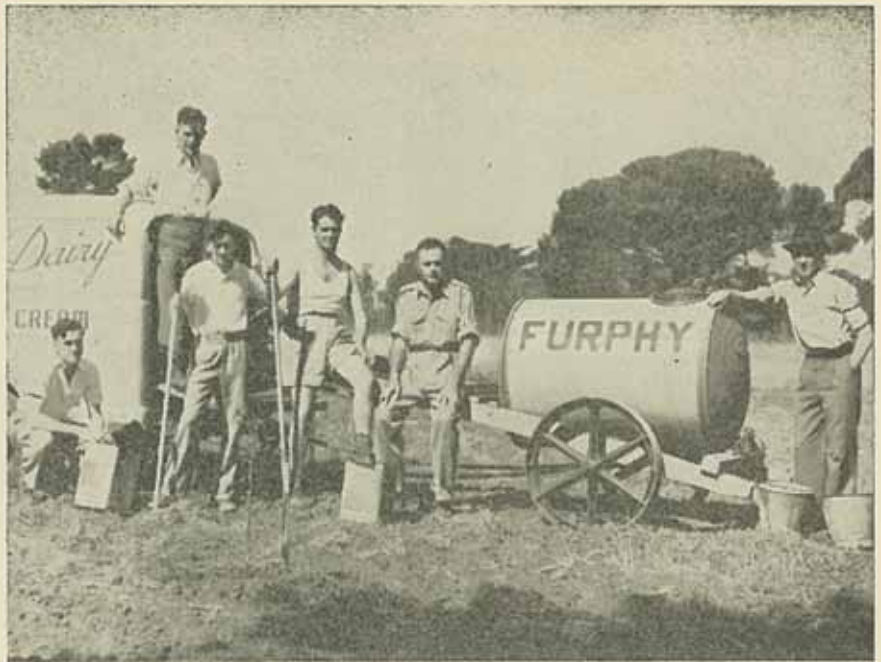
**SERVICE SCHEMES AHEAD**

The Board has several schemes in mind for the coming year. Firstly it is intended to hold a Garden Fete as soon as possible, to raise funds for films shown at Wingfield.

The Kindergarten Union has asked that we assist them by making educational toys for use in their schools.

Save the Children Fund have also intimated they will also be calling on us in the near future.

A suggestion by Motor Cycle and Light Car Club that an apple case derby be run at Springfield in conjunction with their own activities was investigated but the course was wholly unsuitable and the matter was dropped.



“Furphy” is the word for it, for it would appear that Geelong Apexians were really working at the Old Folks’ Home orchard.

Following a request from Kennerly Boys’ Home it was decided to assist in running a Play at the Theatre Royal to raise funds, but after three attempts by the Home to get started, they decided to postpone the scheme indefinitely.

**APEXIANS CARRY ANTI-T.B. MEETINGS.**

On September 4th a public meeting was held in the Town Hall for the purpose of forming a Tasmanian Anti-T.B. committee. A great deal of opposition was raised to the scheme and it is considered that, had there not been a number of Apexians present to carry the vote, the committee would not have been formed. Apex is represented officially on the committee by Dave Bell and unofficially by Vern Green as secretary.

In an attempt to provide a reserve of operators for the Projector at Wingfield a number of members have been instructed in the manner of operating the machine and are now competent to use it.

Membership has increased, now standing at 30. New Apexians comprise Rex Williams, Ivan Williams, Jack Henty, Ted Dunn. A transfer from Wagga Club is Cliff Flawes. Lloyd Harris and Stan Morris have transferred to other clubs, and Doug Bridges tendered his resignation.

Other Hobart activities include operating stalls at Hobart’s national holiday, Regatta Day, dispensing soft drinks, sweets, ice cream and cigarettes (no matches). A sweepstake on Hobart Cup Day races was appropriately won by Apexians but President Merv., who conducted the draw failed to get a horse. However, charity got £30. A garden fete is next on the bill, as a means of public financial extortion.

Below—Picture of Geelong Mannequin parade, included to show Glenelg that they have no monopoly of “talent.”





### 18—WOLLONGONG AN IDEA FOR PAINLESS EXTRACTION (FINANCIAL)

The Club's local scheme for the mass X-ray of school children in the Wollongong District is well under way and details are published elsewhere in this issue. It's no close secret however that campaigns like this cost money and the Club has organised a beach treasure hunt to obtain funds. The local traders were canvassed and a considerable number of prizes were obtained. In co-operation with the local Surf Life Saving Club the beach treasure hunt has been conducted on several weekends but the scheme was hampered by inclement weather. Tokens representing each prize are buried in the sand in an area roped off and the public is charged admission and a limited time is allowed within which to find the tokens.

The Club service scheme for this year covers the installation of road safety arms to protect school children crossing the main road. In collaboration with the local Council, the Traffic Superintendent and the Department of Road Transport, efforts are being made to instal safety arms at all streets in the Illawarra District which are situated in the Main South Coast Road.

The Club is still actively supporting the Food for Britain appeal by the collection of food parcels at regular meetings of the Club and they are also wholeheartedly behind a big drive being organised by the Wollongong Rotary Club.

#### NEW CLUB AT NOWRA.

The Club has been actively interested in the formation of a new Club at Nowra and most of the spade work has already been done. A likely bunch of fellows are interested and a new club should be added to the Association very shortly.

### 21.—BENALLA CONTACT WITH ROUND TABLE.

Since the last issue of the "Apexian" major service scheme has been the "Food for Britain" appeal and all members have been busy conducting a door-to-door canvas of the town. To date £100 and 550 tins of food have been collected.

To help the "Food for Britain" appeal a palais was conducted in the Gardens during Christmas week but was not quite the financial success anticipated, mainly due to visits of the arch enemy Jupiter Pluvius. Timber merchant, Frank



Opening ceremony at Colac Playground (Children's) was performed by the Mayor.

The Board has given a lot of attention to attendances recently and it has been decided that credit for attendances at dinners will only be given when a member attends the full duration of the meeting.

The Social Director has been a very busy bloke lately. The New Year's Eve dance held at Dapto was literally a howling success and considerably reduced Treasurer Jim's worries about finding dough for the Perth convention. A treasure hunt was also organised concluding with a dance at the Kiama Golf Club. Clues were hard to find! Ask Norm Vormister, who was half the night aloft in the span of the Minnamurra Bridge.

Apex-Rotary relations in Wollongong are very good and the joint dinner is an annual affair. President John Thompson is a member of the Port Kembla Club and John Brown and Ben Westwood are members of Wollongong Club. The following

retired Apexians have become members of the Rotary Club:—Norm. Askew, Jim Bell, Hugh Britten, Dudley Compton, Jack David, Claude Miller and Clarrie Stone.

The feature of the annual cricket match held at Jamberoo was the keenness of the fielding. Of course having sixteen a side may have helped a little. Tom McInerney the winning skipper says that the bat he was presented with isn't wide enough.

#### PERSONALITIES

**Hatched**—Roy Giles, Warwick Jones, Fred Morath—each a son and John Brown a daughter.

**Matched**—Cliffe Opie and Frank O'Donnell.

**Dispatched**—The following have retired—Keith Halley, Hammie McCammon, Reg Waters and Beric Wood.

**New Members**—Geoff Barton, John Marshall, on transfer from Ispwich and John Troy on transfer from Goulburn.

Terrett, at last realised the truth of the term "bush carpenter" when he saw the efforts of the boys in laying and dismantling the floor!

Another service has been rendered to the townspeople with the establishment of a blood transfusion group. Apexians have been tested and grouped and are ready any time their services are required.

Contacts have been established with Round Table Clubs—Letchworth No. 81 and Birkenhead—and Benalla is looking forward to a long and happy association with each. Incidentally Letchworth will be distributing food parcels thus further cementing the bond between Apex and Round Table.

Membership is now 28, newest addition being Peter Grubb (Salesman). Offsetting this gain however

resignations have come from Fred Howe and Syd Wallis both of whom are studying hard for University degrees. Another loss to the Club is Bert Stoltz who has transferred to Wangaratta and has been elected to the Board there.

A "Populate or Perish" debate has shown tangible results with the birth of a daughter to Bill and Doreen Fogarty and also a daughter to Frank and Mrs. Terrett.

Club members were the guests of the Bowling Club recently and judging by the form displayed by some it will not be long before a bowls champion or two appears.

Results of the X-ray conducted during Health Week have been posted and it was found that of the 2318 people X-rayed 70 have been advised to have further examinations,



CLUB NOTES

**19.—COLAC  
PLAYGROUND COMPLETED  
AND HOW !  
LOST STOLEN OR SWIPED  
ONE GAVEL.**

Since the last report to the Apexian the main feature of the playground work was the opening day on December 6th. For several Saturdays prior to the opening day all members were busy preparing for the big day. Five pieces of equipment were completed, mainly constructed of water pipe, by workers in the engineering team. A sand pit for the tiny tots and a swing donated by one of the local residents make up the rest of the equipment.

A Merry-Go-Round and Flying Boat proprietor was in town at the time so his services were enlisted to make the opening day a really big event for the children. After the opening ceremony which was performed by the Mayor of Colac, Councillor Borwick, races were held for the young folk. Club members conducting the events. The ice cream stall was very popular and was soon sold out. Apexians wandered among the crowd and collected many donations and by the end of the day £37 had been amassed toward the cost of material for equipment. The total takings for the day less expenses was £33.

Resting on its laurels the boys went into recess until February 7th when new rosters came into operation for the next 12 months work.

"The Colac Players" the local dramatic Society must be congratulated on their fine effort from which the Club benefited by £63 for the playground. Presentation was "Painted Sparrows," a 3 act play, which ran for three nights with great success.

**PEA PROJECT HELPS  
CONVENTION FUND.**

The Pea Growing Project commenced to help raise funds for the second half of the Convention fund. resulted in £23. There were many examples of "Every picture tells a story" when the picking started and quite a number decided it would have been easier to have paid the ten bob.

There have been some very interesting letters received from members of the Cardiff Round Table 26 with which 10 members are corresponding. Twenty-six food parcels are being forwarded.

An address by Mr. E. F. Guye, M.L.A., gave some idea of Govern-



Contented Colac Clubmen con template complete construction.

ment policy regarding T.B. The Anti-T.B. Director, Keith Davis, has received 24th Annual Report of the Commission of Public Health and has written to Dr. Wunderley (Have You?) Director of T.B. for Australia regarding the use of B.C.G. (bacillus calmette guerin) for the prevention of T.B. An application has been sent to the Colac Borough Council to Sponsor a Health Week in Colac.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP 35**

The usual Christmas treat for children was held at the hospital on Christmas Eve when ice cream and presents were distributed. The nursing staff wasn't overlooked either.

A working bee has been on the job cutting lawns and cleaning up generally for a blind resident who naturally is unable to do these jobs himself.

New members recently welcomed into the club are John Heathcote, (banking) and Jack Menzies (salesman), while we have to say farewell to Bill Borgeest and Alf Thwaites. The present Club Membership is 35.

At the Ladies' night films of the Bairnsdale Convention were shown with some local clowns well to the fore. A dance followed and the whole evening proved to be a great success.

**WOT! NO GAVEL?**

There was a visit from Gordon Murray who told of his trip to America for the World Council Meeting. Some other Geelong chaps came too and the Gavel disappeared with them. (Foul play suspected).

[Its all right Colac, Ballarat now has it. 25 Apexians visited Geelong and swiped the object. Unknown to Ballarat, Geelong swiped it back while the dinner was still in progress, then imagine their surprise when it was OFFICIALLY PRESENTED to the visitors.]

The Club held its own Borough Council Meeting complete with nine councillors and the Town Clerk and Health Officer. An agenda was set out on Council lines and some interesting debates developed. Mr. A. N. Walls the Borough Town Clerk attended and gave valuable assistance.



Club Secretary, Geoff Castles and Playground Director Claude Lee try out new equipment at Colac Club's playground.



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**CLUB NOTES**


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**23.—PERTH**

**MANY SERVICE JOBS  
PROVE GOOD TRAINING  
GALLOP FOR CONVENTION**

The big event of the year for the last three years—"Carols by Candlelight," on Christmas Eve—has come and gone since the last issue of the "Apexian" and as a result the Anti-T.B. Association of W.A. is £100 better off. Many say that Perth's Christmas was much the brighter for "Carols" because quite apart from the 5,000 odd who spread themselves around candles on the lawns of the beautiful Supreme Court Gardens, many thousands heard the session broadcast. However, enough of "Carols." President Herb Elliott has gone into raptures about them in another corner of the "Apexian."

Beautiful and happy were the ladies who accompanied about 50 Apexians to the Ladies' Night at the end of December. Members contributed humorous items, mostly thought out by themselves or the organisers, and in between times there was a lot of eating, dancing and !!!

A bunch of Apexians ably led by Director John Darling visited Castle-dare Orphanage to conduct a sports meeting for a lot of youthful migrants who had just arrived from the United Kingdom. Greatest race of the day was the competition between the boys and Apexians to see who could eat the most ice cream. Apexians were also well to the fore in the audience when the Punch and Judy show came on.

They fly through the air with the greatest of ease. Jack Bennett and Jack Squires on their visit to Narrogin.



Perth President, Herb. Elliott handing over the "Carols" cheque to an official of the Anti-T.B. Association.

**EVEN "CHIF." CAN'T DAMP  
THEIR SPIRITS.**

Advantage of the long week-end, which included Australia Day holiday, was taken to investigate some of the mysteries of Ron Palmer's hideout at Naval Base. Even Mr. Chifley's presence in Perth couldn't prevent a good turn-up. It was a little reminiscent of the old Army days to watch the piles of bed rolls, sleeping bags and mess tins interspersed with perspiring Apexians stagger into camp. However, everyone was soon reminded that he was in the post-war era when the organisers sent urgent pleas around the camp for meat and butter coupons.

On January 14 Jack Bennett and Jack Squires made Zone 5 history by flying 100 miles to a special dinner meeting at the Narrogin Club. Both say that they were well rewarded by the swell "do" put on by the Narrogin boys.

Something good in the way of dinners was also turned on by Perth on the occasion of its 300th dinner on February 19. After the usual

eats members listened to the university lecturer in economics talk about the need for more babies in Australia and then the bottles were wheeled in.

**CONTACT WITH ROUND TABLE.**

Correspondence chief, Jack Squires tells us that nine Perth members have written to members of Ealing Round Table. Letters have been written to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, inviting further correspondence and asking in the case of Holland and Denmark if food parcels would be acceptable in small quantities. Keith Winterbottom has received letters from Huddersfield and Hants.

Perth members have no excuse for overlooking notices these days. A large and very fine example of the timber worker's art in the form of a notice board has been presented to the Club by Directors Frank Cross and John Darling. As a result the notices pinned thereon have become so popular that they compete with the local newspapers in reader interest.

**NOTICE TO CLUB SECRETARIES.**

The laws of the Medes, Persians and the Constitution of our Association in various paragraphs and subsections state that Clubs must take a copy of "The Apexian" for every member. National Council has directed your Editors to carry this out.



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**CLUB NOTES**


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**24.—SYDNEY**  
**£300 RAISED FOR**  
**MISS AUSTRALIA**  
**CANDIDATE**

As these notes cover the activities of Sydney Club for a period of six months it might be opportune to review the position generally. Membership stands at forty whereas at the commencement of the year there were thirty-six. New members are Bruce Pattison, Lyle Ingram, Alan Charity and Ed Brown have transferred to Sydney from other Clubs.

On the service side we were proud to be able to give our candidate in the Miss Australia Quest 1947 the opportunity of appearing before the judges which entailed the raising of £300 for the Kindergarten Union, the Sydney Legacy Club and our own particular charity, the Margaret Reid Orthopaedic Hospital. The £100 handed to the latter organisation has been earmarked as the foundation of a fund for the purchase of a new hot water service which is urgently needed at the hospital and we hope to be able to raise the balance required during the present year.

**FINE GESTURE BY ROTHERHAM**

In October the Club managed the Hoop-la Stall at the Margaret Reid Hospital Fete once again and raised over £20 by this means. It has also continued to show films regularly to the children and have even managed some of topical interest including one of the Royal Wedding. Accounting at the Charlton Home for delinquents has proceeded and several dozen more hampers have been packed and despatched to Rotherham Round Table Club No. 24. As some concrete evidence of their appreciation of Australian food stuffs Rotherham members have forwarded some parcels of very handsome toys for distribution to the crippled children at the Margaret Reid. The first parcel was handed to the children at the Christmas party given as usual and the toys were an instant success. Thanks go to the members of Rotherham Round Table.

**INTERESTING SPEAKERS**

As guest speakers Sydney Club has had Mr. Rowland Cooper on Plastics, Hon. A. Darby, M.L.A., Dr. de Monchaux on Atom Bombs and Internationalism, and Sir James Bisset, Captain of the Queen Mary during the war years, a very entertaining speaker. In addition Gordon Murray told of his visit to the World Council Meeting and Barney Greenway and Harry Ling paid official visits as Zone President and Vice-President respectively. Dr. Wilson and Mr. Wren spoke in connection with the Anti-T.B. campaign and the committee has kept the national service scheme well before members' notice.

Most have written to their local Members on the subject and as a Club, Sydney has approached kindred bodies for their support. It has also done some voluntary work for the Anti-T.B. Association.

Socially too, Sydney Club has been active. A very successful Golf Day was held at Camden with a large attendance of members, wives and families. It is hoped to arrange golf meetings with other Clubs in the District and have an appointment already with Wollongong. A party was held at Reg Buchtmann's to raise funds and over £60 was realised. Another was held at Mac Gillies but final figures are not yet to hand. Theatre nights have been held regularly and prior to one a successful Dinner dance was held at Roses. A number of members attended a meeting of Ye Idlers' Club as guests of the Committee and we hope shortly to return the compliment.

**NEW VENUE FOR DINNERS.**

The meeting place has recently been changed and we wish to bring this before the notice of all country members. As from 24th February we have been meeting in the Restaurant of C.E.N.E.F. Memorial Centre 201 Castreagh Street, between Park and Bathurst Street. Meetings will continue fortnightly on Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. as from that date until further notice. For the time being the Wednesday luncheon table will continue at the Blue Tea Rooms, 39 Rowe Street, at 1 p.m.

**31.—GOULBURN**

**FIRST ANTI-T.B. MASS  
 SURVEY IN N.S.W.  
 COUNTRY CENTRE.**

The past quarter has been "brimful" from all aspects—service, social and developmental.

Firstly in the service sphere the Anti-T.B. mass survey was the principal scheme. The first to be conducted in a country centre of New South Wales, it was an outstanding success and proved that Apex is the organisation to ensure smooth running. The Anti-T.B. Association's mobile clinic paid two visits ranging over a period of a month and more than 500 people were examined. They included prisoners at the Reformatory, and attendants and patients from Kenmore Mental Hospital. The scheme entailed a vast amount of preparation and tireless work for which full credit must be given to Frank Prichard and his committee. Frank's plans could well become standard and could be used in other centres.

Another scheme was provided when an old local orchard was placed at the Club's disposal. Picking was spread over three week-ends and approximately 60 packing cases were distributed amongst the four orphan-



Goulburn President, Frank Gulson (left) and Alan Brache at the corner for the Anti T.B. canvas.

ages of the city. A mathematical member assures us that 120,000 apricots were picked for distribution.

**SNAP SERVICE SCHEMES  
 POPULAR.**

As mentioned in the last notes, snap service schemes have been started. The idea is to hand over the arrangement of work to members not holding office so that they are given an opportunity of displaying their organising prowess. Clive O'Neill and his committee did a particularly good job with the first scheme. They chose the Church of England Children's home, and on the 14th February a band of members, suitably equipped, attacked the woodheap, hedges, lawns and garden.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A first class Christmas party was held at the Fireside Inn on the 11th December. Wives, sweethearts and girl friends made this a great evening and it was one of the "best ever." The Apexettes Christmas party was held at Frank Gulson's home and all Apexian offspring were suitably filled with ice cream, cakes and sweets, without serious results.

To hear the wedding bells clanging in the Goulburn Club you'd really think it was "June in January."

Successful candidates in the Marriage Stakes in January were John Knowlman (this is authentic), Kevin Newton and Clem Poidevin. In the higher grading Lloyd Godfrey (a daughter) and Gordon Denney (a son) have been in the limelight.

By transfer from Grafton Club, Goulburn welcomes George Munns and also report, with regret, the loss by transfer to Sydney of Alan Bracher and Kevin Newton.

**GULSON SPORTS CUP**

The second round of the Gulson Sports Cup was held in February. Suitably enough for a wet summer it was the swimming event and John Newton splashed his way to victory ahead of George Spence and Jimmy "The Fish" Tustian. The race was started at the deep end to give contestants a chance to recover in the shallows.



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**29.—ADELAIDE**  
**THE SCOURGE IS STILL**  
**BEING PURGED.**

Members 48 — Country 1

No new members since the last Apexian (Bad Show). New Board Members are Max Lemon (State Anti-T.B.) and Doug Grey (Treasurer). Members left — Hedley Chapman (age), and Kerv Beeton to Sydney.

**SERVICE.**

**National Safety Council.** Apex is represented on three committees—Road, Child and Industrial.

**5 K.A.** A good muster of Apexians assisted by answering the telephones in their Christmas Day Appeal for the Children's Hospital.

**Wanslea.** A home for children whose mothers are ill. Apex is spending £70 and a lot of labour in helping to renovate this home.

**Cinematograph.** Delicate negotiations are in progress by our Cine. Director to have access to M.G.M. Library. We are not showing films at present as the ones used have been shown to the children on numerous occasions.

A very successful Christmas Party was held for the children of these homes, approximately 400 being present. A very bright programme was presented thanks to that Comedian of Comedians—Apexian Max Lemon.

The Boys' Clubs were in recess because of the Infantile Paralysis epidemic. These will resume on Wednesday, March 3rd and Friday March 5th. Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel their Christmas Party, but this will be held in the near future.

**22.—TAMWORTH.**  
**ACTIVE INTEREST IN**  
**POLICE AND CITIZENS'**  
**BOYS' CLUB.**

Perth Club have not all their own way for helping the Police and Citizens' Boys' Club, as Tamworth Apex Club over a number of years have also expended their efforts to help this grand organisation.

Apex has a yearly commitment for the library and also assists the Police in the management of the Boys' Club. Latest effort was helping to organise and manage a garden party held at Apexian Tom Davies' home in aid of the Police and Citizens' Boys' Club Beach Girl Competition, the proceeds to help the building of



An assortment of Goulburn members prior to the start of Anti-T.B. house-to-house canvass.

The State Anti-T.B. Committee is doing a good job—this comprises members of Adelaide and Glenelg Clubs. They have done the following:—

1. Urged the early appointment of the State Director of T.B.
2. Requested details of Government action regarding what happens when case located by Mobile X-ray unit. Will compulsory treatment take place?
3. Urged the Director and Minister for Education to test all High School children and Colleges.
4. In view of Dr. Wunderley's report to Government, are now concentrating on the economic aspect of allowances to dependants.

**NATIONAL ANTI-T.B.**

Unfortunately, State Committees have not been formed in Brisbane, Sydney and Hobart.

The report of Dr. Wunderley has stayed our hands as this should cover 3 of our 4 points.

The Committee is endeavouring to obtain copies of these recommendations for perusal.

Ladies' Night at Christmas was a great success, being held in a marquee at the home of District Governor, Harry Williams.

A visit took place by Apexians to the G.P.O. and Central Exchange.

Attendances of members at Dinner Meetings have not been good.

A committee has been formed for the 1948 Zone - Convention to be held at Adelaide.

a new, bigger and better clubhouse for the boys.

Next immediate service job is to paint the tables and chairs at the Infants' School. As usual, Assistant Director to Everything, Clayton Elliott is in charge. A remarkable fellow, Clayton, takes charge of all the jobs.

The Christmas Tree at the Hospital was very successful and also the Christmas Tree and Party held at President Ron Goodall's home for the Apexian's children. The club donated a bumper Christmas cake iced and suitably inscribed to the Benevolent Homes.

"Bodies for the use of," were lent to the 2TM Women's Radio Club as cashiers and doormen at their Children's Christmas Fancy Dress Ball. Fortunately, none got mixed up with the kids.

A dance for general funds went over very well and the club was fortunate in having it at the time when many visitors were in Tamworth attending the N.S.W. Country Swimming Championships.

The club met Armidale at Bendemeer for a Cricket Test, but the rain and other things dampened the outlook, however the meeting whetted our appetite for a return bout. Arrangements are in hand for a repeat performance, after consulting the weatherman.

There have been no matched and dispatched, too old and new members, but a few hatched, namely, daughters to Apexians Reg Jewell, Gordon Kimberley and Lloyd Mahony and a son to Old Faithful, Tom Davies.



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**34.—WELLINGTON**
**NEW CIVIC FATHERS—FOOD PARCELS FOR BRITAIN  
AND A COMPLIMENT TO NEWCASTLE.**

In furtherance of the National Service Scheme, talks were given by John Howse, Federal M.P., on "Governments and T.B.," and Dr. John Hughes of the N.S.W. Health Department on "T.B.—Its Prevention and Cure." Dr. Hughes was welcomed at the Club's Dinner, where he spoke informally on T.B., and then addressed an appreciative audience, of Club members, local medicos and townspeople, to whom he stressed points regarding T.B. which could be observed in everyday life. Dr. Hughes paid a tribute to Apex Clubs in general, and to Newcastle Club in particular for the fine work done in making people T.B. minded. A suggestion by Dr. Hughes that we publicise T.B. whenever and wherever possible has been adopted and latest move has been to arrange for an Anti-T.B. Exhibit from the N.S.W. Health Department, at the Annual Show in April.

**BUDDING REMBRANDTS**

Local Service schemes which have kept members busy lately included the cleaning up of Railway Park, where eighty odd trees were planted some time ago by members, during a series of working bees. These had become somewhat overgrown with weeds, etc. Don't be surprised if the name is changed to Apex Park. Another service has necessitated regular visits to the local District Hospital by Club members. No, nothing to do with T.B. this time, but for the purpose of painting the furniture, etc. in the various wards of the hospital. So far the boys have completed the following articles:—30 beds, 3 cots, 25 tables, 60 chairs, 7 stands, screens, etc. All these articles received an undercoat, plus a coat of enamel. In addition, furniture, etc., in the operating theatre received two coats of enamel, so that the lads really got stuck into the job, and we are quite proud of the fresh appearance of the hospital furniture.

Six Wellington Apexians visited Newcastle for the Zone Convention last October, headed by President Peter McGahan, plus wife; District Governor Harry Ling, Club Vice-President John Stephens, Club Secretary Gordon Solomon, Sgt-at-Arms John Frogley and ex-Club President Paul Trounce. Harry Ling was appointed Zone Vice-President, a tribute to his energy and enthusiasm for Apex. There must be something more in these Conventions than meets the eye, and maybe that's the explanation behind the good roll up of starters for the National Convention in Perth. Led by "Conven-

tion Harry" Ling—he wasn't asked whether or not he would be going; it was just assumed that he WAS, with Jack Stephens, Paul Trounce, John Frogley, Len Matthews, Bernie Veech and Brian Jordan, for support.

**SYMPATHIES TO LOCAL  
COUNCIL.**

Two members successfully contested the local Municipal Council elections last December. Gordon Solomon and Programmes Director George Hardick were the two "suckers"—er Apexians concerned! Both polled well with George gaining second highest number of votes and Gordon sixth in a field of 19 seeking 9 seats on the Council. Apex in District 2 is well represented in Local Government for Orange has two members, and Bathurst one, as aldermen of their respective towns. In addition, Orange has Charles Cutler (member of the N.S.W. State Parliament) and John Howse (member of the Federal Parliament).

Christmas for Wellington Apexians was celebrated with a Christmas Party and Ladies Night Dinner on 18th December. After the Dinner, members and their wives or lady partners (or both, if any.) proceeded to the Caves House, some 5 miles out of town and situated in most romantic surroundings, and enjoyed the remainder of the evening dancing and frolicking until the early hours. During the evening, members of the Orange Club arrived and were given a very warm and slightly wet welcome.

A batch of food parcels sent to Britain last November has brought in return letters of thanks from members of Round Table who were the recipients. Since then, information has come that Weston-super-Mare's Secretary would be writing with a view to establishing contact but to date have heard nothing from him. Harry Ling, who is the Club's I.L.C. Director, has received, through Langdon Parsons, a letter from Leeds Round Table with advice from the I.L.C. that Wellington is been allocated Leeds as a Contact Club, so correspondence is now being started with Leeds Round Table.

**PERSONALS**

On the personal side, "Doc" John Mullen has taken over a practice at Stockton, which is within the Newcastle Club's territory. It is pleasing to report the induction of six new members during the past six months: Brian Jordan (Agriculture), Ron

Boyden (Banking), Peter Hodgkinson (Agent), David Ling (Radio), David Lyons (Grazing), and John Moore (Saleman), thus increasing our total membership to 35, even though three members were lost, D'Arcy Kelly, Nigel Lowe and John Muller.

Congratulations, etc., have been showered upon three members and their wives for the arrival of, to Beres and June Pearson, a daughter; to Paul and Margaret Trounce, a son; and to Gordon and Betty Solomon, a son. All three "poppas" survived the head-wetting ceremonies and haven't been complaining too bitterly about loss of sleep or floor-walking (Beres only one with any previous experience, as this is his second daughter).

At last annual meeting it was decided to hold meetings fortnightly instead of every three weeks. This scheme was tried out but evidently didn't suit everyone, so a suggestion to revert to three-weekly meetings was made. However, at a well-attended special meeting called on 6th February, it was finally decided to carry on with fortnightly meetings and as the decision was more or less unanimous it seems that this controversial question has at last been settled.

**33.—MOREE**
**APEX ON LOCAL COUNCIL**

Moree began 1948 with a drive to clean up service schemes still outstanding. Club is still on the job with Food for Britain, the local Council has handed Apex the job of rejuvenating a small park. In hand also is a survey of facilities for youth employment. In co-operation with Rotary, assistance is being given to the War Memorial Education Centre.

The Henpexians came to the party when a sweet stall was organised which raised £23 for the district Education Committee.

Fellowship still flourishes with cricket matches, house parties, fishing trips. It is reported that President Ash Garrad is still wetting baby's head — look out you don't drown it Ash.

Congratulations are extended to Frazer McKinnon, newly elected Governor at Grafton Convention.

Two Moree Apexians have been elected to the local Council and a third just missed by a few votes.

Clubs visiting Moree in June are promised a pig-hunt—which is a good excuse as any to raise a thirst.



## CLUB NOTES

## 35.—INVERELL

TINNED FOOD DRIVE  
BRINGS GOOD RESULTS

Things have been happening up this way since the last issue of "The Apexian." First of all the service work. A highly successful Tinned Food drive was conducted for two weekends in November. This resulted in the collection of 850 tins of food, as well as 110 pounds of fat which was rendered down and sealed up in tins. It is hoped in the near future to despatch these goods to the Round Table Club of Bristol.

One of the lads at one of the Directors' Meetings thought up an excellent idea for the raising of money for the Perth Convention Fund. A huge Christmas Stocking was made and raffled at 1/- a ticket. The stocking was placed in Apexian Ted Lumbewe's shop window and the tickets sold like hot cakes. Henpexians also assisted in the selling of the tickets.

A BIT OF SQUARING-OFF  
WITH THE HENPEXIANs.

A Ladies' Night dinner was held on 13th December, and it was a grand night. Bright ties and electric bows were certainly the order of the night. After the dinner a dance was held and light refreshments were also available. Ladies' Night is something that Henpexians can look forward to as they can meet the wives of other Apexians. A combined dinner with the Rotary Club was held on 17th December when Apex was the guest of Rotary. A quiz session was conducted which was narrowly won by Apex.

On 20th December a Children's Christmas Party was held at McIlveen Park and Santa Claus distributed presents to the children who attended.

A New Year's Eve Dance was held to raise funds to send the Food Parcels to England and this proved to be a great success the net proceeds being £60.

## SEVEN NEW MEMBERS.

The Club has started off the new year with seven new members and judging by their keenness they should be an asset to Apex. Unfortunately it has lost two members in Jack McCarthy and Ron Duff.

A cricket match between members of the Club was held on 15th February to loosen up before challenging Glen Innes and Armidale. A match has been arranged with one of the local teams for 6th March, so look out Glen Innes and Armidale you're next.

## 37.—NEWCASTLE

## DR. WUNDERLEY WILL LIKE THIS!

Under the guidance of T.B. Director, Con Martin, this work has flourished with a total of 2,239 children being X-rayed during the last year. Final results have been received from the Newcastle Hospital, and we are pleased to announce that not one of the children showed signs of infection. However, leading medical authorities advise that it should not be assumed by those who have been examined that they would be immune for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately, there is another dangerous period—at 25 years of age—and it is desirable that those who have been X-rayed should submit themselves for re-examination every few years.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

The Club appreciates the work carried out by the Newcastle Hospital, the Teachers' Federation, and Mr. Fogg who supplies the bus each week for the transport of the children to the hospital. This year, Newcastle Club is looking into other angles of the T.B. work to be carried out in the district. Over the Christmas period, the club took a major part in the presentation of "Carols by Candlelight." This was to be held in King Edward Park, but owing to the inclement weather a quick change-over in plans had to be effected, and the presentation was made from the Baptist Tabernacle. Ron Francis and his happy band of Service Workers got busy early in the piece and distributed programs to most newsagents throughout the Newcastle district. These combined with sales made on the night of the presentation (Christmas Eve) went to swell the funds of the Lake Macquarie War Memorial Convalescent Home Appeal. The Apex Club was given a nice pat on the back during the re-broadcast of the show on Christmas morning from Radio 2HD. The boys are now working on their own Easter show entitled "The Majesty of Massed Voices" to be held on Good Friday night in the Central Methodist Mission, and again broadcast by Radio 2HD.

As Social Director, Bede Feron has been making his presence felt with the usual monthly dances in the ladies Bowling Club Hall. These are well patronised and money derived from them has been devoted to various charities including the installation of lockers at the Mayfield Kindergarten.

## "GET A BAG"

Much has been happening on the social side of the Newcastle Club, mainly with cricket matches played against Watt Street Mental Home and the Newcastle Chemical Company.

The boys were severely trounced by the Mental Home lads, Con Martin being the star catch dropper. The match against the chemical company was more colorful as it was played at West Maitland. Members travelled to the ground by car and when the teams were picked it was decided that we should make it thirteen players each, Glen Burrows playing with the opposing side. Bede Feron, immaculately dressed walked to the crease and back again for a duck, while Con Martin (our captain) lived up to his usual form as Captain of the team and surpassed his performance at Watt Street by dropping four catches. At the following dinner he was presented with a silver "trey" from his team-mates. Newcastle Club welcomes back Reg Allanson who has returned from the Armed Forces.

During the past year, a special dinner was held for Sam Scorer, foundation president of the club, during which he was made a life member of the Apex Newcastle.

On the 18th December, 1947, a Mistletoe cabaret was held in Legion House with proceeds being equally divided between Apex T.B. and C.W.A. Seaside Home.

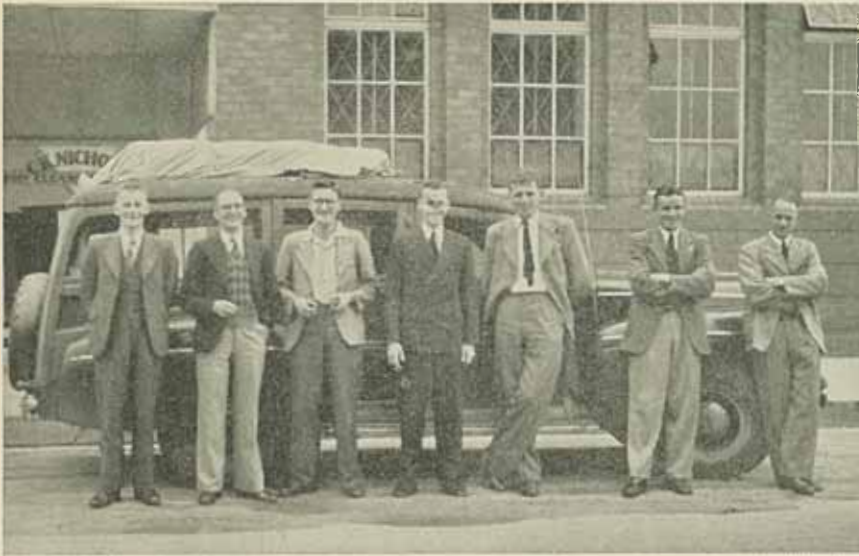
We are all pleased to see Bob Worthington back from his short vacation.

TUSTIAN FIDDLES WITH  
A FIDDLE — HOW BASE

Goulburn Apexians please note! At a party given in honour of Jim Tustian, he deliberately kicked, trampled on and broke a bass fiddle valued at £160. Glen Burrows' (in whose home the party was held), hair is considerably thinner on top and several degrees greyer around the edges since the memorable night. Another highlight of the party was the Wilful, Wicked, Wasting of George Stanley's Home Brew. It was blatantly poured down the sink before the horrified eyes of prominent Apexians present. Con Martin excelled himself as usual . . . he did his Tarzan act this time . . . bouncing across the Burrows' bedroom hanging tenaciously on to the chandelier. The party was capped by a "cheerio" call from Radio 2HD (organised by 'orrible Bob Baeck—The Apexian's Friend) to "Little Bedie Feron and Connie Martin playing with their dolls."

The Newcastle Club is pleased to announce a number of new members, including:—John Drummond, Alan Strachan, Ian Winn, George Turner, Theo Gunderson.





Seven Toowoomba Apexians at Tenterfield, nearly halfway on the 300 mile journey to Grafton for Zone 5 Convention. Left to right are:—Col Billiard, Bill Yates, Denis Dobbyn, Gordon Honey, Ross Peel, Edsel Falconer and Murray Law.

#### 40.—BRISBANE "MISS APEX" EFFORT RAISES £551.

The Brisbane Club held its final dinner meeting for 1947, at the Mount Cootha Kiosk, on Tuesday, 17th December. Mount Cootha is 770 feet high, and is a very popular panoramic point about four miles from the City. Despite a heavy tropical deluge, there were sixty-five Apexians and Henpexians present. Musical items by Apexian George Brown and his wife, were very much appreciated. Publicity Director, Fred Manning arranged a very entertaining cinematograph show. There was also some dancing and 1947 was suitably liquidated. The heavy rain blotted out the usual excellent view of the city lights, which are a feature from this forest covered mountain reserve.

President, "Non Stop" Jim Nabbs (now also a Rotarian) has seen to it that members of the Club were not idle during 1947. It was mainly due to his efforts in keeping Club members busy, that £551 was raised for Miss Apex, in the Miss Australia Competition. Jim intends to have the Club active in 1948. He is now arranging for Apexians to work for the Centaur Nurses' Memorial Fund.

Since the Club resumed its activities in 1948, the Programme Director, Alex Campbell has arranged some interesting talks, which include the Indonesian Problem and Ship Building. Mr. Colin Clark, the State Director of Labour who has recently returned from America, England and India is to address the Club at the next meeting.

For Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th March, the Service Director, Merv Cameron in his former army style, detailed working parties for the Spring Hill Kindergarten. Some members are to cut grass which grows like wildfire this time of the year. Others will be set to repairing toys, replacing glass and painting work.

Social Service Director, Bob Leftwich is arranging a scheme for a further distribution of food parcels to Britain.

#### VISIT TO TOOWOOMBA.

On 28th and 29th February, a party of eleven Apexians and six Henpexians (including one called Chickie), travelled eighty-five miles to Toowoomba, the garden City of Queensland. The Toowoomba Club was the perfect host to visitors from Inverell, Glen Innes, N.S.W., and Ipswich and Brisbane, Qld., Clubs. Notwithstanding a thick fog on the Saturday night, the Picnic Point Kiosk was located without a hitch, for a pleasant dinner and dance evening. Sam Miller from Brisbane, top scored with forty-three at the Sunday cricket match.

The Ipswich Club have issued an arrogant challenge to the Brisbane Club to a debate at Ipswich. The Brisbane Club have accepted the challenge, and will travel the twenty-four miles to Ipswich on March 17th.

President, Jim Nabbs extends a hearty welcome to Apexians visiting the River Capital, to meet Club members at a special table, 1 p.m. Finney's Cafe, every Thursday. The Club meets every second Tuesday, from 2nd March, 1948, 6 p.m. Anzac Club, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane.

#### TEMORA NEW CLUB OFF TO A GOOD START.

Hooray! We're having our Charter Dinner, March 13.

Been many months since we applied for a Charter following fostering by the Wagga Club. Most of the original lads are still with us and we've been kicking off on a few jobs for Apex. Have rather a good name in Temora in the small time we have been functioning and with several other efforts lined up, hope to do even better. We have the support of many local bodies, a big thing.

First effort as Apexians was for the nurses at the local District Hospital. We held a Combined Dance and Vaudeville Revue. We had dances interspersed with items by the boys and the beaut. "Ballet." One of the boys was lit up, but good . . . with a tail-light. Seemed to go off fairly well too, people wanted it as a regular feature but the weather was getting too warm. That was early November. With the proceeds we bought a marker for the nurses' newly constructed tennis courts. Much appreciated by the local Board and a nice letter of thanks was received back.

#### IDEA FOR OTHER CLUBS.

Next effort was a Christmas Stocking. Rather a novel idea too, we think. An overgrown stocking on a wire frame measuring about five feet high. With this, gaily decorated with placards, we patrolled Temora's shopping centre, the Saturday morning before Christmas. Net result about £20 worth of toys and £10 in cash. The toys and £7 were sent to the Far West Health Scheme Home, Manly. The remaining £3 was spent on toys, ice cream and soft drinks for the youngsters at the local District Hospital on Christmas morning when a few of the boys decorated the ward and handed out the surprises. Everyone seemed very happy with the result!

We strike our biggest blow March 5 with the start of "The Temora Amateur Night, conducted by the Temora Apex Club." Proceeds to the Red Cross, Far West, District Ambulance and District Hospital (Cardiograph Fund).

Now a brief introduction. Have 18 members, financial too! President, Ron Freer (County Clerk); Secretary, Ron Norris (School Teacher); Treasurer, Bob Woods (Bank Clerk); and the boys—Norm Cartwright (Composer); John Nader (Retail Trader); Len Freeman (Store Manager); John Ford (Clerk); Jack and Bill Workman (Dry Cleaners); Ted Macauley (Carrier); Claude Penfold (Newsagent); Clarrie Wilson (Grocer); Allan Mulcahy (Salesman); Ken Pettet (Dry Cleaner); Bruce Cormack (Clerk); Eric Woolnough (Journalist).





### 43.—TOOWOOMBA

#### BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CLUB.

Toowoomba is glad to report an increase in membership which gives indications of being steadily maintained. Recent new inductions have been—Harry Jefferies (Journalist), David Bernays (Law), Duncan Stewart (Wholesale Fruit), Alwyn Elvery (Motor Retail).

Foundation and Board member Denis Dobbyn has been lost to us on transfer by promotion to Brisbane and will no doubt join up in Brisbane ranks.

Moving the Club's dinner meeting venue to the Court House Hotel has proved a most successful venture and we can now welcome guests and visiting Apexians in much more congenial surroundings.

We consider Toowoomba turned on a stout effort in sending two delegates—Ross Feil and Col Billard—what easily must be a record in distance travelled to a National Convention.

We successfully raised the National Convention travelling fund by a continuation of the small Social and card parties reported in our last budget, and this was of immense benefit also from the fellowship point of view.

Service jobs suffered over the holiday season but our Christmas picnic for the children of the Salvation Army Girls' Home was again a big success and appreciated by the children and staff.

Edsel Falconer, assisted by Jack Robinson and a live wire service committee is busy finalising details for a monster service scheme to take place over two week-ends in April. The city has been zoned and house-holders, per medium of newspaper, radio and "dodgers" propaganda, urged to have at least one tin of "Food for Britain" waiting when a truck manned by two Apexians calls. A pleasing response was received to the appeal for trucks and Boy Scouts will assist Apexians in collecting the tins or packets of food. Paper will be collected simultaneously with the "Food for Britain" drive and proceeds of its sale will be divided between our Service funds and the Scouts. The Y.W.C.A. has guaranteed the bulk of the assistance required to pack the parcels. The whole scheme promises great success at little financial cost but with a bit of elbow grease to Toowoomba.

A half dollar dance in February in aid of Service funds proved a money-spinner and our annual Ball is timed to coincide with the opening of Toowoomba's annual Show and Carnival week in April.

Ipswich, Brisbane, Glen Innes and Inverell members turned up in force at our get-together week-end in February. In spite of some uncompromising weather, a bumper time was apparently had by all; highlights being a dinner and dance at Picnic Point Kiosk, scenic drives and a cricket match.

With an influx of younger blood into the Club, Toowoomba Apex faces its brightest future since the war finished. Our recent activities have caused favourable attention in this city and our financial assistance to Rotary in purchasing a movie projector for municipal use has attracted worthwhile publicity.

Apexians, wives and friends from Brisbane, Inverell, Ipswich, and Glen Innes at Toowoomba "Fellowship week-end."

### 47.—NARROGIN

#### SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS TREAT.

The Club's Christmas Treat proved most successful, taking the form of a free distribution of sweets, ice creams, drinks and balloons to the children of the town and district. Father Christmas made a novel entrance when the Fire Brigade arrived and ran a ladder up to the balcony of a neighboring building down which he descended to the park, which was gaily decorated with coloured lights and Christmas tree, to the accompaniment of a fanfare of trumpets. Funds for the Treat were provided by public subscription.

In place of the November meeting, a Ladies' Night was conducted in the form of a Dinner Evening, followed by dancing, games and "refreshments." There were a number of visitors from the Perth Club, accompanied by wives, and including Jack Squires (President Zone 4).

New members inducted at the December meeting were Ian McGay and Bill Hudson.

Visitors from Perth Club were also present at the January meeting, some of them flying down for the occasion. They addressed the Club on Association matters and "Ideals of Apex." At the conclusion of the meeting a barbecue was held.

The Club hopes to be well represented at the National Convention at Easter.

### 42.—COROWA

#### SERVICE—WITH SWEAT

President Ken Wilmot's team under Director Keith Pearce have made "Service" an outstanding feature of the first weeks of 1948. On January 25th, the orchard and gardens of a nearby State School were given the once over in readiness for the school opening. Don Wallis plus rotary hoe and nine stalwart labourers did a real spot of yakker.

The blokes contracted to saw 50 cords of wood and did the job over two week-ends with equipment supplied by local firms. A nice profit will go to Club Service Funds.

Local Red Cross Blood Bank has received Apex support, all members having enrolled for this service. Another job is helping the R.S.S.I.L.A. in a Gymkhana.



CLUB NOTES

**50.—GLENELG**  
**HONOR FOR**  
**LANGDON PARSONS**

This Club's previous activities pale into insignificance beside the latest achievement, the "Hawaiian Cabaret."

From conception to "God Save the King" it was a masterpiece of superlative organisation (Bruce Hardie take a bow).

Approx. two thousand man hours went into its preparation and approx. £150 resulted in hard cash, not to mention an inestimable boost in the public eye.

The Glenelg Town Hall, "bleak without and bare within," was transformed into a little corner of Hawaii complete with tropic moon and stars, soft flower-bud lights at each of the tables, imitation coconut palms, with coconuts especially flown from Darwin, abundant greenery and bamboos, painted backgrounds of Hawaiin life, coloured umbrellas and, last but not least, the "Hawaiin Ballet."

To quote the local paper, "a phenomenal success."

Speaking of personalities, we note with satisfaction that a Glenelg



Our World Council delegate in a training gallop prior to his trip abroad.

Apexian has been chosen to represent Apex at the meeting of the "World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs." Who but Langdon Parsons P.Z.1, C.I.L.C., I.P.P.G., A.D.W.C. Y.M.S.C., M.N.C.

The first Zone 1, District 4 Convention was held at the Rendezvous Cafe, Glenelg, on Monday, March 1st. District Governor, Harry Williams was chairman.

After the dinner, Mr. Baden Patintson, M.P., gave a short address

entitled "Citizenship," in which he stated that Apex had built up a tremendously high regard for itself in all sections of the community.

Subjects on the agenda were:— Attendance Percentages, New Clubs, Anti-T.B., Food for Britain, Rising Costs.

Visitors please note, meeting nights have now been changed to the first and third Monday in every month, so there will be an Apex dinner meeting either at Adelaide or Glenelg each week.

**51.—BURNIE**  
**SWIMMING POOL**  
**SERVICE SCHEME**  
**PROGRESSES**

This Club decided not to go into recess during the Christmas and New Year holiday period, although usual dining and meeting place was unavailable for one month. Supper meetings were held at the Burnie Community Youth Centre and despite the change from usual congenial atmosphere it served its dual purpose of continuity of meetings and keeping most of us together during normal holiday period — attendance percentages dropped which had been anticipated.

**Fellowship.** Ladies' Night was held prior to Christmas in the form of a buffet dinner and social evening. Fellowship Director Ric Hardman assisted by John Gandy and ably backed up by "Henpexians" turned on a very enjoyable dance, which augurs well for future functions of similar nature.

Zone 3 Clubs, are endeavouring to have a get together at Port Sorell on March 13, 14.

**GOVERNMENT AID.**

**Swimming Pool.** The first public effort of members to aid this scheme took place at Burnie New Year's Day Sports. All available members attended from 9 a.m. until nearly midnight, conducting cordial, ice cream and sweet stalls and although the weather did not favor sales, £104 was cleared.

Government aid to assist on £ for £ basis has been assured and duly appreciated — still leaving at least £1250 to be raised.

A public appeal fund through the local press has been initiated and already substantial cash donations have been given, including one of £50 and another of £20. The local radio station, it is believed will also assist by conducting an appeal for this scheme.

**Civic.** A matter of interest to members at present is an attempt to "persuade" the local governing body to do something to alleviate inconveniences caused by inadequate suburban sewage services. (If ye have faith, etc.)

**Spencer Hospital.** Another scheme in hand is the manufacture, by members of screens for hospital beds.

**Board Changes.** President Royce Neville feeling he did not have enough to do, relieved Hec Fletcher of Aims and Objects, while Hec has

been saddled with Anti-T.B. and Apex Action; Lloyd Harris elected to Board and fills position of Assistant Service Director; Secretary Jim Anderson moaned — now has an assistant in Bill Wilkinson; Jim Alford (Sgt-at-Arms) replaces Spence Brown, who has enlisted in R.A.N. Fleet Air Arm, transferring to country membership. Congrats. to Hugh Loane our Programme Director on his elevation to Junior Vice-President.

**Club Membership.** Three new members have been admitted to the Club, namely Martin Harbour, Lachlan Stebbins and Mick Walsh.

**"Populate or Perish Activities."** We are not sure whether it is the influence of Burnie's delightful environments or Vern Green's article in an earlier issue of "The Apexian" —any how, congratulations to Max Crawford, Mick Walsh, Vern Carter and Max Williams — and it is rumoured ? ? ? ? ?

**Talks.** ..Many interesting talks have been given, most worthy of note being delivered by Dr. W. A. Fleming ("Modern Methods Aid Treatment of T.B."); Mr. G. Hudson, a recent arrival from Great Britain ("Food Rationing in Britain"); Mr. J. D. Loane, Master Warden, Marine Board of Burnie ("Burnie Port Plan Outlined").



# The Association of Apex Clubs Directory

## NATIONAL COUNCIL.

<b>NATIONAL PRESIDENT</b> TOM MAGUIRE, 185 Crown Street, Wollongong. N.S.W.	<b>ZONE PRESIDENTS</b>
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ERIC HOOPER, Geelong, 1936  
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JOHN BUCHAN, Geelong, 1945  
EWAN LAIRD, Geelong, 1945

LANGHAM PROUD, Geelong, 1945  
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STAN JOHNSON, Sydney, 1945  
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# CLUB DIRECTORY

## ZONE 1 — DISTRICT 1

**GEELONG.**—President, Vautin Andrews. Tel., Business 5425; Secretary, Bruce Wemyss, Tel. 3765. Club U2425 (night). address, P.O. Box 222, Geelong. Club Telephone 3375 (day), Dinners, A.B.C. Cafe, Moorabool St., 5.45 p.m. every 2nd Wednesday, March 24.

**BALLARAT (NO. 2).**—President, Tony Douglas, Sturt Street. Secretary, Rhys Hobson, 24 Lydiard St., Nth. Ballarat. Dinners, 6.30, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

**HORSHAM (NO. 15).**—President, Lou Millar, "Wimmera Downs," Tel. 132L. Secretary, Chas. Kruger, c/o F. T. Bullocks, Tel. 336; Club P.O. Box 72. Dinners, Central Cafe, Firebrace St., 6 p.m.,

**MELBOURNE (No. 16).**—President, Keith Lawson, 581 Lygon St., North Carlton, Tel. FW331. Secretary, Bob Fredman, 5 Sydenham St., Moonee Ponds, Tel. FU2138. Dinners Royal Arcade Hotel, Little Collins Street, 6 p.m. Wednesdays, fortnightly, March 24.

**COLAC (No. 19).**—President, Leo Callanan, 50 Fyans St., Phone 491 and 416; Secretary, Geoff. Castles, Pollock Street, Tele. 214 or 243. Dinners, Trocadero Cafe, Murray Street, 6.30, Mondays, fortnightly, March 18.

**ADELAIDE (NO. 29).**—President, Don Williams, c/o Chas. Moore & Co., Victoria Square, P.O. Box 682E. Tel. Bus. C6650, P.vte. L8209. Secretary, Gordon Duffield, c/o C. B. Jennings and Bowering, 44 Grenfell St. Tel. Bus. C521, P.vte. U4489. Dinners, "Open House," Grenfell St., 6 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays.

**BAIRNSDALE (No. 39).**—President, George Beecher, c/o. John Cook and Co.; Secretary, Geoff Birrell, c/o A. Macarthur and Co. Dinners, Clubrooms, 6.45 p.m. every third Tuesday, April 13.

**GLENELG (NO. 50).**—President, Harold Brown, c/o Brown & Pearce, North Terrace, Tel. Bus. C1441, P.vte. X1066. Secretary, Ross Paterson, c/o Paterson Bros., Glen Osmond Rd., Parkside, Tel. U1164. Dinners, Rendezvous Cafe, Mosely Square, 6.15, alternate Mondays from May 3.

## ZONE 1 — DISTRICT 2

**BENDIGO (NO. 6).**—President, Win. Patten, Victoria Lane, Pail Mall, Tel. 1989 (Business), 1394 (Private). Secretary, V. J. James, c/o C. H. Jeffrey, 172 Wattle Street, Tel. 1665 (Business), 73 (Private). Dinners, European Hotel, 6.30, 2nd Thursday of month.

**KERANG (NO. 8).**—President Jack Worsley. 'Phone Kerang East 1. Postal, "Carbarleigh," 'Tragowee. Secretary, Keith Whitwood, 72 Wellington St., 'Phone 6. Dinners second Wednesday each month, Commercial Hotel.

**ECHUCA (NO. 11).**—President, Rod. McLennon, Bank of Australasia, 'Phone 201. Private, Hansom Street, Echuca West. Secretary, George Ramsden, Ordnance Factory, Tel. 134; Private, 23 Dickson St., Tel. 335. Dinners, 2nd Wednesday in month, 6.30, American Hotel.

**SHEPPARTON (NO. 12).**—President, Dick Cox, 142 Sabroan St., Tel. 865. Secretary, Jack Brown, c/o McLennan's Store, Wyndham St., Tel. 5, P.vte. 864. Dinners, Gribble's Cafe, Maud Street, 4th Thursday.

**MILDURA (No. 20).**—President, Dave Elliot, 11 Walnut Avenue; Secretary, Neil Richardson, Grand Hotel, Tele. 4 and 343, P.O. Box 245. Dinners, Grand Hotel, 6.15, fourth Monday.

**SWAN HILL (No. 27).**—President, Frank French, c/o Miller and Co.; Secretary, Leigh Gliddon. c/o 3SH, P.O. Box 151. Dinners, Howard's Cafe, 6.45 last Wednesday monthly.

**CASTLEMAINE (No. 32).**—President, Gordon Zenner, Tele. 75 (day); Secretary, Alan Savage, phone 238 (day), 252 (evening). Dinners Cumberland Hotel, 6.30 monthly, first Tuesday.

**MARYBOROUGH (No. 44).**—President, Sam Wills, 85 Clarendon Street;

## ZONE 2 — DISTRICT 1

**ALBURY (NO. 4).**—President, Roy Crouch. Secretary, Bob Smith. Club address, P.O. Box 69. Dinner, 2nd and 4th Friday of month, Liberty Inn, Dean Street.

**WAGGA WAGGA (NO. 7).**—President, Loyal Matheson, Farmers & Graziers' Co-op. Co. Ltd., Fitzmaurice St. Tel. 2108. Secretary, Noel Barnes, Motor Spares Pty. Ltd., Bayless St. Tel. 2108. Club, P.O. Box 156. Dinners, Australian Hotel, 6.30 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of month.

**COROWA (No. 42).**—President, Ken Wilmot, Guy Street; Secretary, Bill Howard, Alfred St. Dinners, Hotel Australia, 6.15. Second Wednesday, monthly.

**BENALLA (NO. 21).**—President, Stan Sullivan, 2 Benalla St., Tel. 180. Secretary, Jack Little, P.O. Box 6. Tel. 122. Dinners. Cosy Cafe, Bridge St., 6.30 every 3rd. Tuesday, May 18.

**WANGARATTA (No. 45).**—President, Ray Perry, Library Buildings, Tele. 70. Secretary, Bert Stolz, C/o Permewan Wright. Club dinners, Rendezvous Cafe, Murphy Street, 6.30. First Thursday.

## ZONE 2 — DISTRICT 2

**ORANGE (NO. 10).**—President, Mal. Middleton, P.O. Box 102, Phone 1148. Secretary, Hugh McCarron, P.O. Box 102. 'Phone 56. Dinners, "Bestyette" Cafe, Summer St., 6.30 p.m., very second Thursday, March 11.

**BATHURST (No. 13).**—President, Tom Willman, 165 Keppel Street; Secretary, Winston Sutton, 280 William St. Dinners, Raffles, 6.25 Mondays fortnightly, April 5.

**WELLINGTON (NO. 34).**—President, Peter McGahen, 24 Swift St., Tel. 233. Secretary, Gordon Solomon, 81 Percy St., Tel. 8. Dinner, Bill's Cafe, 6.15, 2nd Thursday.

## ZONE 2 — DISTRICT 3

**WOLLONGONG (NO. 18).**—President, John Thompson, 34 Robinson St., Pt. Kembla. Tel. Pt. K.327. Secretary, Keith Wiseman, P.O. Box 37, Tel. 39. Dinners, Wollongong Golf Club, 6.30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday from Feb. 25.

**SYDNEY (NO. 24).**—President, Ed. Foster, c/o National Bank, 342 George St. Secretary, John Austin, 198 Raglan St., Mosman. Tel. XM5714, XB4057. Dinners, C.E.N.E.F., Castleareagh St., Luncheon same address 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

**GOULBURN (NO. 31).**—President, Frank Gulson, Common St. Tel. 523. Secretary, John Newton, Box 128, Tel. 1044, or 1126. Meetings alternate Thursdays from March 18. 6.30, Fireside Inn.

**NEWCASTLE (No 37).**—President, Keith Elkington, P.O. Box 377. Secretary, Norm Howard, Tel. Ham. 218.

**BOWRAL (No. 48).**—President, Ted Springett, Bong Bong St., Secretary, Nev. Speer, 22 Bundaroo St. Dinners 6.30. C.W.A. Rooms. Thurs., fortnightly, April 22.

**BEGA (No. 46).**—President, Jim Beavan, P.O. Box 2a. Secretary, F. Royal, 102 Gipp St., Dinners, Central Hotel, 6.15, First and third Wednesdays.



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- LAUNCESTON (No. 9).**—President, Paul Jones. C/o G. J. Coles. Secretary, Bruce Griffiths, P.O. Box 19.
- HOBART (No. 17).**—President, Merv. Conway. "Werndee," Mortimer Ave. Secretary, Brian Simmonds. C/o Harris and Marsh Pty. Ltd., Liverpool St. Club's P.O. Box 524E. Dinners monthly, 3rd. Monday.
- BURNIE (No. 51).**—President, Royce Neville, Agricultural Bank, phone 656; secretary, Jim Anderson, Nor'West Cleaners. Phone 52 and 617. Park Guest House, Fridays, fortnightly, May 4.

### ZONE 4

- PERTH (NO. 23).**—President, Herb. Elliot, 533 Wellington St. Secretary, Ralph Hoare, 11 Chamberlain St., North Cottesloe. Dinners, Karrakatta Club, 6.15, 3rd Thursdays. Luncheons at same place 1 p.m., 1st. Thursdays.
- BUNBURY (NO. 26).**—President, Rod Johnston, P.O. Box 42, Bunbury. Secretary, Norm. Freeman, P.O. Box 42, Bunbury. Dinners, Guild Hall, 2nd. Friday.
- NARROGIN (No. 47).**—President, Paurie Lane, Box 35. Secretary, Ray Hall, Box 35. Dinners, Ambulance Hall, 2nd. Wednesday in month.

### ZONE 5 — DISTRICT 1

- TAMWORTH (NO. 22).**—President, Ron. Goodall, C.B.A. Chambers, Peel St., P.O. Box 225. Tel. B054, B063, P.vie, B063. Secretary, Ken. Adams, Bank of N.S.W., Peel St., Tel. B931. Dinners, Blue Room, 6.15 p.m. alternate Thursdays.
- ARMIDALE (NO. 30).**—President, Jack Savage, c/o J. Savage and Sons, Beardy St., Phone 213. Secretary, John Strathern, Box 183, Phone 666. Dinners alternate Wednesdays, 6.30, Pompadour Cafe.

**MOREE (NO. 33).**—President, Ash Garrard, c/o Boolooroo Shire Council, Frome Street, Tel. 353. Secretary, John Parker, c/o Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Frome St. Tel. 44. Dinners, Blue Tea Rooms, Balo Street, every 2nd Thursday, May 6.

**INVERELL (No. 35).**—President, Merv. Campbell, Byron St. Tel. Bus. 137; P.vie 678. Secretary, Jack Chapman, Rural Bank, Tel. Bus. 290, Club P.O. Box 246. Dinners, Baxter's Cafe, Otho St., 6 p.m. alternate Thursdays from March 4.

**GLEN INNES (NO. 49).**—President, Allan Rowland, 12 Glasson Street. Secretary, Bruce Hutton, P.O. Box 10. Dinners, Hunt's Cafe, 6 p.m. alternate Wednesdays.

### ZONE 5 — DISTRICT 2

**LISMORE (No. 36).**—President, Mort Maiden, High School; secretary, Roger Wilkinson, High School, P.O. Box 172. Dinners, Lismore Hotel, 6.15 Thursday fortnightly, May 13.

**GRAFTON (NO. 41).**—President, John Moorhead, c/o "Daily Examiner," Prince St. Tel. 328. Secretary, Don Simmons, 19 Prince St., Tel. 439. Dinners, Roche's Hotel, fortnightly, Wed. May 5.

### ZONE 5 — DISTRICT 3

**IPSWICH (No. 38).**—President, Mick Callaghan, Thorn St. Secretary, Harry Palmer, Glebe Rd. Capital Cafe, 5.15, Weds. fortnightly, Mar. 31.

**BRISBANE (NO. 40).**—President, Jim Nabbs, c/o Bruce Small Pty. Ltd., 440 Queen St. Secretary, Bruce Henderson, c/o Queensland Cane Growers' Council, A.M.P. Buildings, Queen St. Dinners, Anzac House, 6 p.m. alternate Tuesdays from Mar. 2. Also Finney's Restaurant 1 p.m. each Thursday.

**TOOWOOMBA (No. 43).**—President, Col. Billard, 8 Dunmore St., Tel. 1974. Secretary, Maurie Redwood, Curzon St. Club, P.O. Box 190. Dinners, Courthouse Hotel, 6 p.m. alternate Mondays, March 8.



# The Association of Apex Clubs

## ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO THE FOURTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION,  
HELD AT PERTH (W.A.), EASTER, 1948.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER, JOHN NORTHEY.

It is with no small amount of pride and pleasure that I present this, my first report as your National Secretary-Treasurer. Pride, because this year has been one of noteworthy progress, with much achieved, and pleasure because your National Council, at Easter, 1947, saw fit to appoint me to this honoured position.

**THE 1947 NATIONAL CONVENTION** was held at Launceston (Tasmania), which Club acted as host Club of Zone 3. The members of the Launceston Club deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they organised the Convention. Fellowship and Social arrangements were of a high standard, and business was efficiently dealt with by Past National President Bill Tresise and National President Tom Maguire.

**TOM MAGUIRE**, of the Wollongong (N.S.W.) Club, as indicated above, was elected National President for the term 1947-1949. During his first year in office, Tom has acquitted himself well, and has given much time to the affairs of the Association.

**LIFE GOVERNORS** were unanimously elected as follows:—Stan Jackling (Albury, N.S.W.); John Sykes (Wollongong, N.S.W.); Bill Tresise (Lismore, N.S.W.). The congratulations of all Apexians are extended to these fellows.

Pre-Convention Committees met under the chairmanship of Ralph Hoare, Bill Yates, Lindsay Cust, and Bill Simpson. The Committees spent considerable time discussing affairs of major importance, and their findings considerably reduced the difficulties which faced the business meetings of the Convention.

The Convention marked a definite stage in the development of the Association, in that many matters which had been under discussion for some considerable time were finished.

**ROY FIDGE**. The year under review has seen the retirement from office of Roy Fidge, Geelong Club. Roy, a Life Governor of the Association, had for many years occupied the position of National Secretary-Treasurer. During those years, Roy has applied himself diligently to the organisation and development of the Apex movement. His work will forever remain as a permanent record of the sacrifice which a keen Apexian is prepared to make to further the Ideals which we aim to achieve. We know that at times this sacrifice has been great.

The Association is pleased to place on record a small expression of appreciation, though words cannot adequately express the debt which we owe this staunch member

**NATIONAL COUNCIL.** In addition to the National President, Past National President, and Secretary-Treasurer, the following have comprised the National Council:—

Chairman Apex Action—Gordon Murray (Geelong).  
Chairman I.L.C.—Langdon Parsons (Glenelg).  
Presidents Zone 1—Bill Paterson and Langdon Parsons  
Presidents Zone 2—Geoff Dolphin and Barney Greenway  
Presidents Zone 3—Geoff Finney and Cliff Ikin.  
Presidents Zone 4—Jack Bennett and Jack Squires  
Presidents Zone 5—Ted Lumbewe and Eric Byfield

All National Council business has been transacted by mail. Correspondence has been of great volume, covering a variety of matters.

### INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

Langdon Parsons has been Chairman of this Committee in succession to Geoff Drury. The Committee comprised the following:—Keith Cambrell, Bob Hastwell, Ross Paterson, and Gus Dodd.

The Committee has been active throughout the year, and correspondence has been maintained with the overseas organisations with which Apex is affiliated, as a Charter member of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs. Many Clubs are in direct contact with Clubs overseas. The Association would place on record an expression of appreciation to Langdon Parsons for the work he has successfully undertaken during the past four or five years, furthering the cause of Fellowship with youth of other lands. This work has not been limited to the period of Chairmanship of the International Liaison Committee.

**APEX ACTION COMMITTEE.** The Apex Action Committee has functioned under the direction of the following:—Gordon Murray (Chairman), Horrie Hambling, Gordon Orchard, Bill Holt. All are members of the Geelong Club.

The work of the Committee was interrupted somewhat by the absence overseas of Chairman Gordon Murray, who represented Apex at the 1947 meeting of the World Council.

**NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME.** The year has seen the continuation of the National Service Scheme adopted by the 1946 Convention at Goulburn, namely, "Anti-T.B." The 1947-48 Committee, which continued the work put under way by the Perth Committee, comprised the following:—Don Williams (Chairman), Jim Cotchett, Harry Williams, Gordon Duffield, all of the Adelaide Club.

This Committee will be recording in detail at Convention, and future activity and action will be determined.

Unfortunately the Committee's activities have been somewhat hampered by a lack of co-operation on the part of some Clubs.

**"THE APEXIAN."** After a period of trouble, following upon the tragic death of Editor John Larkey, the 1947 Convention appointed the following Committee of Management to handle the affairs of the Association's Official Publication:—Roy Griffiths (Editor), Vautin Andrews (Asst. Editor), Col Bowen (Business Manager), Bruce Wemyss (Asst. Business Manager).

A comprehensive report appears elsewhere, therefore I will limit my comments to an expression of appreciation. The copies which are now being published are of a high standard, and worthy of our organisation.

### NEW ZEALAND EXPANSION COMMITTEE.

The following members of the Goulburn Club were appointed at Launceston to form this Committee:—Gordon Denney (Chairman), Reg Slater, Frank Pritchard,

Investigations were undertaken regarding the proposed expansion to New Zealand, and the findings of the Committee are fully reported elsewhere in this report. Future activity will be determined by Convention.



**WAR DEPENDANTS' FUND.**—This fund is being administered by the following:—Alan David (Chairman), Jack French (Secretary), Geo. Harvey, Jack Hine, members of Geelong Club. The monies held have been invested as instructed by the 1947 Convention and are available upon request and consideration by the Committee. It is important that all Clubs keep in contact with dependants of their members who paid the supreme sacrifice during the recent war.

**DELEGATE, WORLD COUNCIL MEETING.** Gordon Murray (Geelong) was selected to represent Apex at the 1947 meeting of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs, held at Montreal, Canada. Whilst overseas Gordon proved to be a worthy ambassador for Apex, in addition to proving himself an active and persuasive Delegate, at the actual Council Meeting. He visited many Clubs of 20/30, Active International, and Kinsmen. Following upon his return to Australia, Gordon, at his own expense, visited numerous Clubs, telling the story of the World Council Meeting. Reports have appeared in "The Apexian," and visitors to Perth for this Convention will have a further opportunity of hearing Gordon speak.

Langdon Parsons has already been selected to represent Apex at the 1949 meeting of the World Council, which will take place at Hastings, England, during the month of May.

**NEW CLUBS.** The growth of the Association has not been spectacular throughout the year. Two Clubs have been chartered, namely, Burnie (Tasmania) Club No. 51, and Temora (N.S.W.) Club No. 52. My records indicate that at the present time approximately fifteen centres are under investigation. National Council feels that quite often Clubs take this matter of investigation too lightly—that too many centres are not thoroughly investigated, and opportunities of forming thus lost.

Zone 5 has formed a "Queensland Expansion Committee," under the chairmanship of Bill Yates of Toowoomba Club, and a similar procedure is recommended to other Zones. The Committee referred to has already investigated several centres, and one Club at least, at Bundaberg, is meeting regularly.

**FINANCE.** Financial statements appear elsewhere in this Report. I will leave detailed comment to our financial experts. Expenditure for the year has been heavy, with many commitments, principally the reprint of the revised Constitution, and the printing of the Dinner Record Books. The expenditure has been justified however, and with particular regard to the latter item, the comments received from many sources indicate the value of the Record Book.

Auditors have been Geo. Harvey of Geelong, and following the transfer of the Association Records to Inverell, Bill Yates of Toowoomba. Thanks are extended to these Apexians. George Harvey has been the Association Auditor for many years, and appreciation is expressed for the services he has rendered.

I am personally not satisfied with the manner in which some Clubs attend to their financial obligations, and I propose to bring this matter before National Council for consideration. Old accounts are many, and have been in existence for over twelve months in some cases.

The Balance Sheet shows a deficit of £401/8/9. This consists of Per Capita payments which have not yet been made, but were due for payment on 30th November last.

**GENERAL.** Successful Zone Conventions, and District Conventions have been held throughout the Association, and the volume of business handled has been large.

The Association extends appreciation to the Zone, District, and Club officials who have attended diligently to the duties relative to their positions. To others, National Council would suggest that they give of their best, realising that they have been elected to fulfil a position of honour.

Association business has been conducted by mail, and contact has been maintained with Clubs by the same method. I would suggest that greater attention to Association matters would result in an improvement in general efficiency. From time to time Association business is outlined in General Circulars, which often, I fear, do not come before meetings of Club Boards of Directors.

A circulation of bundles of Dinner Notices has continued throughout the Association, and has resulted in improvement in the general standard of notices.

I personally have had a difficult time adjusting myself to the position which I now occupy, familiarising myself with all the aspects of the office, and duties related thereto. The transfer of the Association Records from Geelong to Inverell was accomplished smoothly, largely due to the careful planning of Roy Fidge. Early records of the Association remain in Geelong, in the custody of Roy Fidge, their transfer would have caused considerable difficulty. They are available for reference whenever required.

In conclusion, I would urge all Clubs to justify their existence by an active furtherance of the Ideals of the Association; I would urge them to value the Association itself, for without it, they cannot function successfully. Only as a united organisation can we exert an influence in our respective communities, and our country as a whole.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT, TOM MAGUIRE.

Fellow Apexians,

You have before you such detailed and comprehensive reports from your National Secretary-Treasurer, John Northey, and your Zone Presidents that I will content myself by making a few general observations of the year's activities as I see them.

We commenced the year with a complete new set of Association Officials. We had the difficult task of transferring headquarters from Geelong to Inverell, and on top of all, the "over-forties" left us in July. Whether Apex came through that difficult period satisfactorily is not a question to be decided, but if it didn't, it is not the fault of Roy Fidge or John Northey, both of whom worked untiringly to complete the change over without loss of efficiency.

The achievements of the year were undoubtedly the work of the Adelaide Club in its Anti-T.B. Campaign, the gains made by Gordon Murray in the international field at Montreal, and the efforts made by all Zones to form new Clubs.

The eradication of Tuberculosis in Australia was adopted at the Goulburn Convention in 1946, as a three year National Service Scheme. During the first year much progress was made by the Perth Club in getting the campaign lined up, but it received little co-operation from Clubs. During the current year, the task of bringing the campaign to completion was entrusted to the Adelaide Club. How those boys handled the position you all know. It is a long time since such drive and enthusiasm has been shown in Apex, and we are all happy to know that largely through their efforts, the campaign has been advanced considerably. We all hope to see them bring it to a successful conclusion this coming year.

As you all know, Gordon Murray of Geelong Club, represented you at the World Council Meeting in Montreal. Some Clubs have already had the good fortune to hear Gordon speak since his return. Gordon did a grand job over the other side, and our sincere thanks go out to him.

Although only two Clubs, Burnie and Temora, received their Charter during the year, I am very happy to learn that several other centres are under investigation. From information received to date, it would appear that at least three of these should be granted Charter in the next few months. This move to expand



is indeed a very healthy sign, but I would like to remind those Clubs sponsoring a new Club that their duties in this respect are not to be taken lightly. Whilst expansion is desired it is not to be accomplished at all costs. Great care must be taken to see that the area can maintain and retain a Club.

On the debit side, we still have the same lack of co-operation amongst some Clubs, and individuals, that has been apparent over a period of years. If the defaulters could only realise what extra work it places on your officials, and how it retards the work of the Association, less would be seen of it. Let us try to make this year different for once.

I have had the extreme pleasure of visiting several Clubs during the year. I was particularly struck by the preponderance of youth that exists in many Clubs, and the way these "young 'uns" have grasped the torch thrown to them by the "old 'uns." It was indeed the most encouraging sign I have seen in Apex for some time.

In conclusion, let me repeat once more the thanks of the Association to our past Secretary-Treasurer, Roy Fidge, for the sterling and unselfish work which he put into Apex over a very long period. I can't let the opportunity pass without also recording our thanks to John Northey for a job well done, and to all other Association officials and committees for their untiring work during the year.

#### APEX ACTION REPORT.

Chairman: GORDON MURRAY.

I feel that I have not achieved a great deal during my term in office as Chairman of the Apex Action Committee, but I seek some forgiveness through the fact that two months after assuming office I had the good fortune to be elected as your Delegate to the meeting of the World Council in Montreal.

In July, a circular (on the basis of the fine report prepared by Vern Green of the Hobart Club) was published in "The Apexian" urging all Clubs and members to play an active part in fostering a campaign to aim at drawing the attention of the public to Australia's declining birth-rate. It is pleasing to report that many Clubs have given some thought to this matter, and at a later date, we hope to press the campaign. I say "at a later date," because National Council has decided to let the matter rest for the moment for it was felt to be cutting across the work of the Anti-T.B. Committee. It is doubtful whether attacking politicians on two subjects at the same time is sound policy, and certainly, most Clubs can give more time to the T.B. problem if not faced with another National campaign.

The Apex Action Committee has backed the Anti-T.B. Committee in its work, and we urge you to throw your weight into the task as it enters upon its third year.

Is yours a Club that has a guilty conscience when it looks at the organisation some other Clubs have achieved? And, can you honestly say that you have acted upon and answered all the circulars you have had from the Adelaide Committee?

Our duty, as a Committee, is to develop in Apex the aggressive spirit of citizenship, and with that in mind, we have written a letter of welcome to new members drawing their attention to that article of the Constitution which the Apex Action Committee works upon.

The travelling I did on my return from America brought me into contact with fellows from more than twenty of our Clubs. In most of those Clubs the object of serviceable and aggressive citizenship was strong; but I feel that there are a few of us who could co-operate more readily with those who are working on the overall Apex policy. Do give them your help in the coming Apex year.

This I must say in conclusion. Horrie Hambling, assisted by Gordon Orchard and Bill Holt kept the Apex Action Committee going whilst I was away, and for sometime after I returned. I am very grateful to them.

#### REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Chairman: LANGDON PARSONS

After two years as Chairman of the International Liaison Committee, Geoff Drury found that he could not accept re-nomination, and at the National Convention held at Launceston, 1947, I was elected the new I.L.C. Chairman. The personnel of the Committee to assist was left in my hands, and shortly afterwards, the selection of Ross Paterson, and Gus Dodd of Glenelg Club, and Keith Cambrell and Bob Hastwell of the Adelaide Club was announced.

The new Committee, on receipt of the I.L.C. files, found that I.L.C. work generally has been at a comparative standstill for some months awaiting direction from the World Council, as well as Chairman Geoff having had to concentrate on business matters largely to the exclusion of Apex work.

As information regarding overseas in Apex Clubs was out of date, all Clubs were circularised asking for details about what contacts they had with Round Table, and what further correspondence they would be prepared to start with other member organisations of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs.

Unfortunately, the replies were disappointingly slow from the majority of Clubs, and many valuable weeks were lost as a consequence. It was necessary to send out a further circular, this time addressed to the Club President, but even then some Clubs failed to reply.

However, after a majority had eventually supplied the information desired, a survey showed that Apex Clubs generally were desirous of continuing correspondence with Round Table, as well as wanting to open Club to Club contacts with kindred organisations overseas.

Your I.L.C. felt that the correspondence scheme between Apex and Round Table should be consolidated before attempting enlargements elsewhere, so several letters were sent to the Round Table Association before any acknowledgement was received. It was not until 6th October, 1947, that we received two long awaited and most welcome letters from the new Round Table National President, Leslie Crew, and also the new International Relations Director, Oliver Pincock, both of which assured us most definitely that Round Table were very interested in the correspondence scheme.

Subsequently, Round Tables were circularised by the I.R. Director, Oliver, to find out those keen to correspond, and towards the end of October, the first letter from the Round Table to an Apex Club under this new scheme was received. Since then, letters to Apex Clubs have been received from twenty-six Round Tables, in some cases it being necessary to allot a different Apex Club from that selected because of duplication by Round Tables.

It must be borne in mind, that sixteen Apex Clubs have been in regular touch with Round Tables for well over a year, and most of these have sent food or clothing parcels which have been gratefully received.

Summarised this means that forty-nine Round Tables are in correspondence with Apex at the present time.

When it was seen that the scheme with Round Tables was definitely on the move, we wrote to the three kindred organisations in North America, intimating our desire to begin Club to Club correspondence with them, at the same time, listing those Apex Clubs which were interested. Unfortunately, no progress in this direction can be reported to date. However, it is hoped that the near future will see a start made.

Several letters to the President or I.L.C. Chairman of the Association of Kinsmen Clubs, Active International, Twenty-Thirty International, Round Table Association of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as the Round Table Association of Europe, have been forwarded during the year, together with several copies of each issue of "The Apexian." Copies of the new Apex



Constitution and also handbooks on Australia have recently been sent also. A five hundred word article on Apex was prepared for publication abroad, during the year.

Unfortunately, very few copies of Official Publications from overseas have arrived.

On the occasion of the National Convention of each organisation, cabled greetings from Apex were sent, and these were in each case, enthusiastically received. Emanating from the 1946 Annual Meeting of the World Council, it was recommended that all Clubs of Member Organisations should hold an International Goodwill Meeting during May, 1947, and many Apex Clubs held special functions, at which Certificates of Membership of the World Council were presented. It is intended to hold a similar function during 1948, at the same time, hoping to spread the idea beyond Apex.

The Annual Meeting of the World Council was held in Montreal in August, 1947, and Gordon Murray (Apex Action Chairman), was selected to represent us. Largely due to his efforts, the meeting recommended that each member organisation adopt an "aid for Europe" Scheme, and this has been done in at least two instances.

At the World Council Meeting in Montreal, it was agreed that the 1949 Meeting of the World Council would be held in Australia.

Gordon also attended the National Convention of Kin, as well as delivering twenty-nine addresses to forty-nine Clubs in Canada and U.S.A. He was interviewed by over twenty newspapers, whilst away, and also broadcast for the Australian Information Bureau over 106 radio stations.

On returning to Australia, he travelled considerable distances to address many Apex Clubs on his trip. It is obvious from reports received from overseas, that he was an excellent ambassador for both Apex and Australia.

As will be seen from the foregoing report, much preliminary work has been necessary, and as a consequence, progress has been slow to date. We sincerely believe however, that the next twelve months will see substantial consolidation of our overseas correspondence scheme, provided ALL Apex Clubs give prompt attention to any requests which the I.L.C. may make, together with anticipated co-operation from our friends overseas.

#### "THE APEXIAN."

##### Report of Editor ROY GRIFFITHS.

"The Apexian," in its new format, and at its new price of 1/6 has been operated without drawing upon accumulated funds. The price rise has been due to increased costs of printing, paper, block-making, and to the added news coverage and features provided in the publication itself.

The magazine style adopted is considered most appropriate for the character of our Association and its activities. A reduction of 3d. per copy would mean one of three alternatives:—

- (a) Using up £90 of the accumulated funds during the coming year.
- (b) Eliminating practically all pictorial features.
- (c) Reduction in size of around twelve pages per issue.

The margin on cost is 1.43 pence per copy.

The Board views with concern the non-compliance of some Clubs with Article 12, Section 5 (P.8) of the Constitution, and Article 9, Section 6 of the By-Laws (P. 24).

The uncertainty of paper supplies, plus the fact that it is impossible to forecast the amount of space economically available for advertising in each issue until all news items are to hand, has meant that the Board has refrained from any large scale activity in this matter. However, approaches are now being made to a limited number of National advertisers.

The Board expresses sincere thanks to those who have regularly forwarded Club notes and other material for publication. It is encouraging to note that contributions are growing in number but the 100 per cent. representation of Clubs is still a long way off.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT, WAR DEPENDENTS' FUND.

Chairman: A. R. DAVID.

There have been no payments on account of dependents during the year, and it will be noted that the Fund has increased from £1051/12/6 to £1059/19/10—a nett amount of £8/7/4.

In accordance with the direction of the last National Convention, the funds, (excepting an odd balance) have been invested in Commonwealth Bonds.

Regular meetings of Trustees have been held during the year, and have been well attended.

Circulars asking for confirmation of data relative to dependents and requesting particulars of additional dependents were forwarded to Clubs in June, 1947. The response was not satisfactory, as only 26 out of 45 Clubs replied.

It was then necessary to send out up to three circulars to some Clubs before a reply was received. At the date of this report (31/1/48) the following Clubs have NOT replied.—

#### WAGGA WAGGA BATHURST NEWCASTLE

At this date no direct requests have been made for assistance, but an examination of the answers to questionnaires revealed that approx. eleven Clubs have cases where assistance may be required at a future date. The particulars appear to be approx twelve wives of deceased Apexians, and fourteen children.

The Trustees are in agreement with recommendations submitted by the last National Convention, and have endeavoured to carry out the duties and responsibilities which they were requested to undertake.

However, we feel a sense of disappointment at the non-co-operation of certain Clubs in the matter of returning questionnaires when asked.

The future success of the Fund depends upon Club Presidents personally undertaking to see that the Trustees are advised of cases meriting assistance.

#### NATIONAL ANTI-T.B. SCHEME.

Report of Adelaide Club, 22nd March, 1948.

In taking over this National Service Scheme, we adopted the four points of our petition to our State Government, which was as follows:—

- (a) The appointment of Federal and State Directors of Tuberculosis.
- (b) Adequate means by X-Ray facilities for locating the disease.
- (c) Adequate Hospital accommodation for cases so located.
- (d) More financial assistance for the dependents of T.B. sufferers.

It was realised that this scheme was too big for Apex alone, so that our policy was extended to cover all charitable, civic, and Church organisations in the Commonwealth.

The Policy was to sell the headquarters of any of these organisations, and for them to request their Branches to do the following:—

- (a) Write to their Federal Member of Parliament, to attend one of their meetings, and give them a talk on what the Government was doing to eradicate T.B.
- (b) After the Meeting their Branch to carry a resolution urging the Government to further their efforts.
- (c) Send copies of these resolutions to State and Federal members as well the State and Federal Ministers of Health.



It was also intended that country Apex Clubs sell this policy to any local charitable organisations which did not have headquarters in a Capital city.

We requested each Club to appoint from amongst its Board Members, a fulltime Director of T.B. to carry out our instructions. A number of Clubs did so, but not all Clubs. We also requested each capital city to form a State Committee, with the object of selling the State headquarters of these Civic organisations, etc., on our Policy. Unfortunately State Committees have not been formed in Brisbane, Hobart, nor Sydney. State Committees have been formed in Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth.

We circularised all Clubs with 17 Circulars, and adopted the principal of answering any questions which they had raised in our circulars.

This gave all Clubs in Australia an opportunity to read what each other Club was doing.

A considerable amount of work has been done by different Clubs, where-as in others we have had no support what-so-ever.

One of the first things we asked all Clubs to do was to write to Dr. Wunderley, on his appointment, and congratulate him. All Clubs did not do this. Another thing we asked all Clubs to do was to invite their Federal Member of Parliament to address them. Not all Clubs carried out this request.

Some of the Clubs put in an amazing amount of work, particularly those visited by Mobile X-Ray Units. This applied in country Apex Clubs, but has also applied to the City of Adelaide, where a mobile Unit is at present visiting Port Pirie, and that State Director of Apex Anti-T.B. has given a terrific amount of information to Port Pirie, the reports passed on to us by both Launceston and Goulburn.

We submitted extracts to "The Apexian," for each issue, but we were sorry that space could not be found in the last "Apexian" for the report from this committee on our National Service Scheme. The cost of this National Service Scheme to the Association was only £17/18/-, which account has been forwarded to the National Scheme Treasurer.

We are hopeful of evolving a Scheme whereby all Apexians could be educated for the need to eradicate T.B. from Australia. We are quite confident that the matter in the circulars was not passed on to all members. Until Apexians become T.B. conscious the objects of the National Service Scheme, will be retarded.

We were delighted to read in recent newspaper editions that Dr. Wunderley's recommendation, to the Federal Government, contained the four points of our policy. These are:—

- Each State to have a Director of T.B.
- More X-Ray facilities, etc.
- More Hospital accommodation.
- Increased Financial Assistance to sufferers.

In the near future a Conference is being held by the Federal and State Ministers of Health to consider these recommendations.

With regard to the future position, we can see no reason for abandoning this Scheme, until such time as Apex is satisfied that the job is being satisfactorily tackled by the Federal and State Governments.

The Association should write to Dr. Wunderley immediately, congratulating him on his work, and offer all the assistance that Apex can give. In addition we should write from the Association to each State and Federal Minister of Health on similar lines.

If other organisations have been approached to invite their Federal member of Parliament to address them, this can be continued.

In the course of these mass X-Rays, there is no reason why Apex cannot get right behind the authorities in this work,

In the interests of the National Service Scheme, it should be handled by another club for the next twelve months to enable our club, in conjunction with Glenelg, to further the efforts of this campaign in South Australia.

#### REPORT OF PRESIDENT, ZONE 1, LANGDON PARSONS.

I have pleasure in reporting on the activities of Zone 1 for the past twelve months.

**Membership.**—Membership steadily rose during the year, by about 15 per cent., but there was a falling off in membership in most Clubs at the end of their fiscal year with the retirement of members over 40, many of whom had remained in Apex longer than usual because of the war years. However, Clubs have in most cases made up the lee-way, and are slowly but surely increasing their membership again.

At the start of the year we saw the Chartering of Glenelg, the first suburban Club in the Association. This move has proved most successful, and should be followed up by all capital city Clubs, as the establishment of suburban Clubs is a logical avenue of Apex expansion.

The Melbourne Club is still considering Footscray, whilst Bendigo has been granted leave to investigate St. Arnaud. Efforts are still being made to re-establish the Warrnambool Club. Several Clubs are hopeful of starting new Clubs, but as yet there is nothing concrete to report.

**Finance.**—Some Clubs have been slow to meet their commitments, but it is recalled that it has been a somewhat difficult year in this direction.

**Zone Convention.**—The 1947 Zone 1 Convention was held at Bairnsdale on October 11th and 12th. This Convention was attended by 93 Apexians, 14 of the 16 Clubs in the Zone being represented. A goodly amount of work was done, whilst the trip to Lakes Entrance on the Sunday rounded off an excellent weekend.

At the last National Convention, it was decided to split Zone 1 into four districts, and this took effect as from the Zone Convention at Bairnsdale.

The following Zone Board of Control was elected:—Langdon Parsons (Glenelg), President; Alan Boyes (Colac), Vice-President; Gordon Duffield (Adelaide), Secretary-Treasurer; Bill Paterson (Melbourne), Past President; Ron Williams (Geelong), Governor District 1; Ron Shepherd (Horsham), Governor District 2; Bill Norton (Swan Hill), Governor District 3; Harry Williams (Adelaide), Governor District 4.

It was decided that the 1948 Zone Convention be held in Adelaide.

**National and Civic Service Work.**—Most Clubs are well to the fore in service projects, realising that Apex justifies its existence by "intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship." When service work fails to be of prime importance to Apex, then—and only then—will Apex be no longer required in the community. Unfortunately in some Clubs, as always, the Zone feels that much more service work could be undertaken.

The National Service Scheme will presumably be the subject of a separate report, but in this Zone it is reported that again, with some Clubs, the response has been good, whilst other Clubs have failed to realise their responsibilities in the Association's National Service Scheme. These are not necessarily Clubs which may be referred to as "weak" Clubs, (as some Clubs are bound to be in these post-war times) but are Clubs which in other ways are not Association-conscious or Association minded.

The response of the Clubs to the National Service Scheme, as well as the International Correspondence Scheme, will be carefully watched in the coming year.



**Association Affairs.**—Except for a few individual Apexians and Clubs, the majority of members fully appreciate how essential is the Association to the very existence of Apex. Do away with the Association, and Clubs would soon cease to exist as service clubs. At times we shout the words "over-governed," "top heavy," etc., but if Club members fully realised how much work was put in by Zone officials, who continually have to appeal for co-operation and action from many Clubs, they would sing quite a different song.

On behalf of Zone 1 I wish to express our congratulations to Tom Maguire on his election as National President. Tom, following Bill Tresise, has a big job ahead of him, but I feel sure he can count on Zone 1 Clubs helping on all occasions.

The Launceston National Convention saw a complete change in Association Officials. This is probably the first time in the history of Apex. It was at this Convention that Roy Fidge, National Secretary-Treasurer since 1935, retired. The July, 1947 issue of "The Apexian" paid tribute to Roy for the many years of unselfish service given to the Association. Zone 1 cannot say more more to Roy than "Thanks sincerely Roy, for all you have done; we all hope you will be with us for many years to come."

Zone 1 welcomes John Northey as our new National Secretary-Treasurer. John has already shown that his appointment was a wise one, as the change over was carried out very smoothly and almost unnoticed. "The best of luck to you, John."

All Zone members are proud of the leading part being played in Association affairs by many of their members. "The Apexian" is being run most efficiently by Editor Roy Griffiths and his three other members. The I.L. Committee (Langdon Parsons, Chairman); Apex Action Committee (Gordon Murray, Chairman); National Service (Anti-T.B.) Committee (Headed by Don Williams as Chairman) are all being handled by Zone 1 members. The War Dependents' Fund Trustees are also Zone 1 members.

Gordon Murray was chosen to represent Apex at the annual meeting of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs held at Montreal last year. All reports speak very highly of the excellent impression made abroad by Gordon, whom we congratulate.

This report would be incomplete without paying tribute to Bill Paterson and Lindsay Cust for the excellent jobs they did as Zone President and Zone Secretary-Treasurer respectively during 1946-47. During their term of office they visited all but three Clubs of the Zone, some of the weaker ones being visited on several occasions.

On behalf of the Zone 1 Board of Control,

(Signed) J. LANGDON PARSONS President.

#### REPORT OF PRESIDENT ZONE 2, BARNEY GREENWAY.

**Membership.**—The active membership of the Zone now stands at 494. This shows a slight decrease on the figures in the last Zone Report, and this no doubt is due mainly to a number of members retiring upon reaching the forty mark. The figure does not include Temora Club, as they have not yet received their Charter.

**Expansion.**—Temora Club have a membership of twenty, and we are looking forward to a solid Club in this town, once they become "fully fledged" Apexians. The new Clubs of the Zone, Bega and Bowral are proving themselves and the service work done by both has been particularly good. District 1 are looking for further opportunities for expansion and Wagga Club are next turning to Griffith. In District 2, Wellington are endeavouring to get a Club going at Mudgee—Bathurst are working on Cowra—Orange Club is lending a hand on both these moves. Nowra is the present centre of interest in District 3, and Wollongong are trying to establish a Club in this town. We are looking forward to further moves in the Zone, and hope that we shall have more to report at the next Zone Convention.

**National Service Scheme.**—Clubs in this Zone have almost without exception done a lot of work towards the Association's T.B. effort. Particularly I would mention the Benalla Club, for its organisation of the Health Week at Benalla, and the mass X-Ray, Newcastle for its arranging of mass X-Ray of school children. Goulburn and Albury for the organisation of their towns for the visit of the mobile clinic. Many speakers have been invited to attend Dinners of Clubs in the Zone to give information regarding T.B.

**Service Generally.**—In the Zone President's Report to the Newcastle Convention, October, 1947, a full list of work done by Clubs was given, and this showed that all Clubs had been most active in this sphere, and many notable charities had been assisted, and Apex Clubs are showing their worth to the community. Apexians individually are connected with many local committees and playing their part in civic affairs.

**Fellowship.**—Much has been done towards fellowship in the Zone by Inter-Club visits—among these being the Bega "Get-together" Weekend on January 26th, when a number of Clubs in District 3 were represented, the visits between Albury Club and Wagga in December last, and particularly the visits between the District 2 Clubs—who keep in close touch with each other—also Bowral, Goulburn, Wollongong—who visit each other for any special functions—congratulations to these Clubs for the splendid contribution they are making to fellowship.

**District Conventions.**—District 1 Convention was held at Wangaratta—District 2 at Orange, and District 3 at Wollongong. All were well attended and much discussion took place. Too much importance cannot be attached to the holding of these District Conventions—they give every Apexian an opportunity of voicing his opinions and Clubs of preparing matter for the Zone Conventions.

**Zone 2 Board of Control.**—The Board of Control for the present year is as follows:—President, Barney Greenway (Wagga); Immediate Past President, Geoff Dolphin (Benalla); Vice-President, Harry Ling (Wellington); Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Duff (Wagga) Governor District 1, Ron Wilkins (Albury); Governor District 2, Reg Baillie (Bathurst); Governor District 3, Ted Sykes (Wollongong).

**World Council.**—The Zone extends its congratulations to Gordon Murray, our Delegate to the World Council Meeting. Those of us who were fortunate enough to hear him speak of his experiences were more than convinced that he did a splendid job for the Association. Upon his return to Australia he addressed a number of meetings in this Zone, and everyone present appreciated the opportunity of hearing him.

**Appreciation.**—My thanks to Geoff Dolphin for assistance in compiling this report. Also, his helpful advice to me when handing over the job—also to members of the Zone Board of Control for promptness in attending to business of the Zone—and in particular to Vice-President Harry Ling. May the year ahead be one of expansion, not only in this Zone but in the whole Association.

(Signed) BARNEY GREENWAY, President.

#### REPORT OF PRESIDENT ZONE 3, CLIFF IKIN.

**National Convention.**—The year just completed has been one of outstanding interest for all Apexians of this Zone inasmuch as the National Convention was held at Launceston last April and for the first time in the history of Apex in Tasmania, we were able to see first hand just what makes Apex tick. The Launceston Club is to be congratulated for their organisation and 100 per cent. fellowship.

**Burnie Club.**—1947 also saw the Burnie Club chartered, after many months of work by the sponsors, the Launceston Club. Both the Launceston and Hobart Clubs were represented at the Charter Night Dinner held on August 16th. The "baby Club" is doing a grand job and in many respects showing the way to the older Clubs.



**Zone Convention.**—September, 1947, brought the Zone Convention, and this was held at Launceston, both Hobart and Burnie Clubs being well represented and many matters of interest to Apexians were discussed.

**Inter-Club Visits.**—Unfortunately none of these were held during the year but what with the National and Zone Conventions, and the Burnie Charter Night, members of the three Clubs were afforded good opportunities of getting to know Apexians throughout the Zone. It is hoped that 1948 will see fellowship week-ends reinstated.

**Zone Board Visits.**—These have been maintained right throughout the year, both the Zone President and Vice-President making between them regular visits to all Clubs.

**National Service Scheme.**—Anti-T.B. has been receiving the attention of all Clubs, each Club having a T.B. Director and whilst the work has not been outstanding it must be stated that Tasmania is well ahead of most States. There is a static X-Ray unit in Hobart, and one in the process of eventuating in Launceston. The State Government has a mobile X-Ray unit which visits all parts of the Island with the result that many thousands have been X-Rayed. The Launceston Club are represented on the Sanatorium Committee, organised publicity, etc., when the mobile unit visited the city, adopted the Sanatorium as part of their scheme. The Hobart Club sponsored the erection of an Anti-T.B. stand at the Florence Nightingale Exhibition, were the means of getting a Provisional Tasmanian Anti-T.B. Committee formed but which unfortunately, has not functioned as yet. Burnie Club being new, have little to report on this item yet, but all Clubs have been addressed on T.B., and they are always on the lookout for furthering the campaign against T.B. A number of suggestions have been made to the Government, but owing to the lack of pounds these were more or less discarded.

**Membership.**—Club membership has been maintained and whilst a certain amount of cleaning up has been done with regard to luke-warm Apexians and casual attenders the membership of each Club remains steady. Particular attention is being paid to the gaining of members from the younger age groups, which augurs well for the future of Apex in Zone 3.

**Provisional Membership.**—Both Hobart and Launceston Clubs have now adopted this method of obtaining members, but Burnie are refraining from doing so, mainly because the Club contends that the size of the town is against it, inasmuch that everybody knows each other, which precludes them admitting a member provisionally, and then possibly black-balling him when a vote is taken at some later date. Briefly, the principles of provisional membership are:—

1. The name of a prospective member is submitted to the Board.
2. If considered satisfactory, he is admitted as a provisional member.
3. At the expiration of a period of time, (it varies between two and three months), during which the provisional member enjoys full activities of the Club, his name is submitted to a vote of the Club, in accordance with the Constitution.

There are further aspects, but the above is sufficient explanation for this report.

Both Launceston and Hobart Clubs have found this manner of admission particularly satisfactory.

**Club Attendances.**—Throughout the year Club attendance has kept at a reasonably good level, but it is felt that there is room for improvement. One Club has far too many non-apologies, and this will have to be corrected in accordance with the Constitution. Directors meetings are well attended.

**Service — Launceston.**—Organising and promoting "Apple Case Cup," and actively assisting at combined fair, proceeds from both events for War Memorial Association. Construction of lockers for Boys' Home.

Bottle Salvage Drive. House to house canvass for Boy Scouts' Association. Active participation in Florence Nightingale Ball, and Exhibition. Donation of games, books, and papers and construction of tables for Homes for Invalids. Active manpower for Eskleigh Home.

**Hobart.**—Assistance for Florence Nightingale Exhibition. Food for Britain (two house-to-house campaigns of Hobart and suburbs with excellent results). Save the Children Fund (eighty bales of clothing collected). Children's Party to raise funds for Kindergarten Union. Manpower for Miss Tasmania Quest Ball. Christmas Party for Crippled Children. Weekly showing of films to crippled children.

**Burnie.**—Main service scheme is a children's swim-ming pool, at a cost of £2,500—contributing functions, golf gymkhana, Apple Case Cup, boxing and wrestling tournament, cordial and ice cream stall, Food for Britain parcels).

**General.**—All Clubs have been addressed by a number of outside speakers, on a variety of subjects, and it is particularly pleasing to note the various committees upon which Apex is represented throughout the Zone. Internal Club fellowship has been particularly good, and a number of Apexian and Henpexian functions have been enjoyed.

(Signed) CLIFF IKIN, President.

#### REPORT OF PRESIDENT ZONE 4, JACK SQUIRES.

The Zone Presidency was taken over from Jack Bennett as from the Zone Convention in October, 1947. Ralph Hoare is continuing in the position of Zone Sec.-Treasurer. In the last year, Jack Bennett and Ralph have brought Zone affairs to a very satisfactory basis, and Zone Board of Control has really functioned. Finance, correspondence and records, are now in a most satisfactory condition. This work is deserving of special mention, as it involves some 2,000 miles of Zone travel, done without cost to the Zone, and a lot of really hard work.

**Finance.**—Per Capita and Perth Convention Fund payments have been forwarded from all Zone 4 Clubs. Individual Club finance in each case is satisfactory, all Clubs in recent months conducting functions that have helped in meeting the increased expenses.

To assist Clubs last year, and again this year, the Zone has only taken 2/- from Per Capitas. Zone Officials travelling at their own expense have permitted this. Annual Subscriptions are—Perth 35/-, Bunbury £1, and Narrogin £1.

**Membership.**—Maintained, Perth obtaining a good intake of young new members, to replace the many over-forties going out this year. Narrogin has consolidated with 18 sound Apexians. Perth membership is 55, Bunbury 43, and Narrogin 18.

**Service.**—National Scheme, Anti-T.B. Clubs have fulfilled the requests of the central committee. Bunbury has continued with X-Ray chest screening. Perth raised over £100 from "Carols by Candlelight" for the T.B. Association. It is considered that Anti-T.B. work in W.A. is in advance of other States. It is also considered that the Anti-T.B. effort by Adelaide central committee is superb. At the National Convention, an effort should be made to bring Club efforts into greater uniformity.

**Club Service.**—Narrogin provided a Christmas treat for all children in the district. Pauric Lane, Narrogin's President and Club nominee, was narrowly defeated in the Municipal election. Bunbury supported a "Miss Apex" in the Silver Chain Miss Australia Contest, procuring and raffling a new motor car and refrigerator which raised many hundreds of pounds. Bunbury also constructed a large quantity of toys for Sister Kate's Home for Quarter Castes. Perth also assisted Sister Kate's Home several times during the year. Perth Club's "Carols by Candlelight" was a splendid success, Herb Elliott deserving great credit for a magnificent job in which the Club excelled itself. John Darling,



Perth Service Director, successfully ran a large number of smaller service efforts, assisting orphanages, etc. Perth Club organised a British Flood Relief Drive, with worth-while results. All Clubs have done many small service jobs in their respective communities.

**Fellowship.**—Is of a high order in all Clubs and the Zone itself. Lance Chessell of Perth did a fine job with many successful functions. Bunbury and Narrogin are both noted for their fellowship. Perth Club has visited Narrogin twice, and Bunbury three times. Bunbury has visited Narrogin once, and Narrogin visited Bunbury once. All visits meant travelling over one hundred miles each way. A Zone "Get Together" resulted in twenty Apexians having a grand beach camp over the Australia Day weekend at Ron Palmer's Naval Base Hideout. Very successful Ladies' nights were held by each Club in December.

**International Correspondence.**—Has at last got under way in Zone 4, and it is hoped the effective exchange of letters will become well established this year.

**Clubs—Perth.**—Proceeding splendidly; meetings of high standard. A luncheon and dinner meeting is held each month, and informal luncheon gatherings are held. The monthly Board Meeting is most effective, and two younger members are invited on each occasion. The youthfulness of new members has considerably reduced the average age of the Club.

**Bunbury.**—Monthly Dinner Meeting, with high attendance percentages. Service work is good, and fellowship strong.

**Narrogin.**—Six months ago this Club appeared likely to lose its Charter, but Jack Bennett, before relinquishing Zone Presidency, had the satisfaction of seeing it firmly re-established. Ray Hall deserves particular credit for realising with other members, the true value of Apex, which resulted in the reduction to the present 18 effective members, and a virtual re-birth. As indicated elsewhere, fine service work has been done. The understanding of Apex is now quite good, and enthusiasm really exists. Like so many other Clubs, the difficulties of obtaining a suitable meeting place and the expense of Apex have been a great worry. Narrogin has achieved note for the hospitality extended visitors and Perth Apexians and Henpexians will long remember the Narrogin Ladies' Night.

**New Clubs.**—It is expected that Perth's present investigation of Fremantle, Cottesloe, Nedlands suburbs, will soon result in a new Club for Zone 4. Bunbury are proceeding with investigations at Collie. Kalgoorlie could undoubtedly carry a Club, but its distance of 350 miles is too great a hurdle at present.

**National Convention.**—At Launceston, Perth Club obtained the "Whopper Gavel," but has since had it purloined by Bunbury. Perth Club has Convention arrangements, 1948, well advanced.

**Zone Officials Visits.**—Mention has been made of the great mileage covered by Jack Bennett and Ralph Hoare last year. Since the change of officials in October, Zone President and Past President have twice visited Narrogin. On the last occasion, the use of an aeroplane was necessary to make this possible. Secretary Ralph also attended. Bunbury is being visited this month by President, Past President and Secretary-Treasurer. A Zone Board of Control Meeting was held on January 17th, which fully discussed Zone matters. Talks on the "Ideals," "becoming Association-minded" and "Club minimum requirements" have been given the Clubs.

(Signed) JACK SQUIRES, President,

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT ZONE 5, ERIC BYFIELD.

I have pleasure in submitting the following report covering the activities of this Zone to the year ended January, 1948.

My term of office, though comparatively short to date, has been a most happy one due to a fine team of Zone Board members, plus the co-operation from member Clubs.

Membership has remained at a steady level during the year, and although many new members have been admitted, quite a few have reached the retiring age, with consequent loss to Clubs.

Now that the majority of chaps have returned to civilian life, it is likely that the rapid building up of membership will be possible. It therefore behoves all Apexians to encourage the right type of young man to join our Association and so fill the places of the older chaps who represent quite a large percentage of Apex at the present time.

This Zone has a definite objective in hand, to increase the number of Clubs and already much has been achieved in this direction. Coff's Harbour has held its inaugural Dinner Meeting, and hopes to be chartered shortly. Leave to investigate has been received by Moree Club relative to Narrabri.

Bill Yates, Queensland Expansion Committee Chairman reports good work in Bundaberg, where a Club is now meeting. Progress also at Maryborough and Townsville. Lismore Club is working on Murwillumbah.

We of this Zone are very keen to expand Apex, believing it to be the means of lifting us from the rut into which we appear to have drifted since the years of war.

**Zone Convention.**—The 1947 Zone Convention was held at Grafton on October 4th and 5th, and proved most successful. There was an excellent attendance, and Moree Club were awarded the Zone "Whopper Gavel." Quite an amount of business was dealt with and although one or two items created some spirited debating, the Convention concluded in a round of excellent fellowship and entertainment, capably arranged by the host Club, Grafton.

**Service.**—The National Service Scheme unfortunately has not received the measure of support desired, due mainly to the belief held by the majority that little of a concrete nature can be achieved at the moment. This fact was more or less confirmed by Dr. Wunderley himself, in correspondence with some Clubs of the Zone. It has therefore, been most difficult to arouse enthusiasm in the majority of Clubs, which is most regrettable in view of the splendid work being done by Don Williams and his Committee.

Individually, most Clubs are carrying out local service schemes with marked success, conspicuous amongst which are:—

Grafton: Compilation of District Guide Book.

Lismore: Play "Black Limelight" for the Kindergarten Fund, and the making and repairing of toys for distribution amongst 350 needy children of the district.

Armidale: Organising and financing the sending of children from the inland for coastal holiday.

Brisbane: Sponsored "Miss Apex" in the Miss Queensland Competition and raised £505/6/2. Assisting the Spring Hill Creche and Kindergarten.

Glen Innes: Town Planning and Civic Service. Assisting local charities.

Toowoomba: Assistance to Legacy. Wood drive for needy families. Christmas toy drive.

Inverell: Food for Britain. Over 800 parcels collected



**Appreciation.**—I could not let this opportunity pass without extending the Zone's deepest appreciation to Roy Fidge for the years he has given to Apex. Perhaps the now famous words of Churchill of "So much being owed by so many—to one person" would express in some way what a "tower of strength" Roy has been to our Association. We trust you are enjoying a well earned rest, Roy.

**Congratulations.**—To John Northey on his appointment to the responsible position of National Secretary-Treasurer. We are proud that John is in Zone 5, and feel sure his experience and ability will enable him to become a worthy successor to Roy Fidge.

We extend our congratulations to Gordon Murray on his very able representation of Apex at the World Council Meeting. I would like to place on record the feeling existing in this Zone that more Clubs should have the opportunity of hearing personally from our representative after his return from overseas. It is suggested that the facilities and opportunity should be

provided for the representative to visit Clubs, in order to convey first hand to Apexians what has been achieved from these visits overseas.

By this method, I feel sure members would gain a better appreciation of the value that is obtained from the money they are asked to contribute to finance these trips.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Gordon Allen of the Brisbane Club for his contribution to Apex over the past year. Gordon has found it necessary to resign from active participation in Zone affairs owing to personal reasons. We trust, Gordon, you will yet be able to make available your experience and guidance to the Brisbane Club.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the past Zone Officials for their work in bringing the Zone to its present high level, and trust the present Board will carry on to a similar success.

(Signed) ERIC BYFIELD, President.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS**  
Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1948.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Amounts overpaid by Clubs . . . . .							10
Warrnambool Apex Club—held in trust pending re-establishment . . . . .		23	18	9			
1948 National Convention Travelling Fund Receipts to date . . . . .		728	1	6			
Tasmanian Bush Nursing Association Trust Fund—Cash in General Fund	15	11	0				
War Savings Certificates ..	55	4	0				
		<u>70</u>		15	0		
		<u>£822</u>		16	1		
Commonwealth Savings Bank, Inverell— Account No. S920 . . . . .		443	11	10			
Amounts owing by Clubs . . . . .		34	3	2			
War Savings Certificates at cost— Tasmanian Bush Nursing Association (Maturity value £69) . . . . .		55	4	0			
General Account (Maturity Value £99) . . . . .		79	4	0			
		<u>134</u>		8	0		
Stocks on Hand— Receipt Books, 384 at 2/- . . . . .		38	8	0			
Dinner Record Covers and Leaves . . . . .		28	7	11			
Sleeve Links, 47 at 12/6 . . . . .		29	7	6			
Lapel Badges, 476 at cost . . . . .		11	18	6			
Printing Blocks, 6 at 5/3 . . . . .		1	11	6			
		<u>109</u>		13	5		
Deficiency Account— Accumulated Funds as at 1st February, 1947 . . . . .		300	9	1			
Less Deficiency for Year ..		401	8	9			
		<u>100</u>		19	8		
		<u>£822</u>		16	1		

I certify that I have examined the Books, Vouchers and Accounts of the Association of Apex Clubs and according to such Books, Vouchers, Accounts and information supplied to me, the above Balance Sheet is a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Association of Apex Clubs as at 31st January, 1948.

Dated, 4th March, 1948.

W. O. YATES, A.C.I.S., Auditor.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS**  
War Dependents' Fund.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st January, 1948.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance on Hand 1/2/47 . . . . .		1051	12	6			
Donation Shepparton Club . . . . .		1	15	6			
Bank Interest to 31/5/47 . . . . .		7	16	10			
		<u>£1061</u>		4	10		
Balance Carried Down, represented by Assets as per Contra . . . . .		1059	19	10			
		<u>£1059</u>		19	10		
Payments made— Petty Cash . . . . .		1	0	0			
Closing Fees C.B.C. Geelong ..		5	0				
		<u>1</u>		5	0		
Balance Carried Forward . . . . .		1059	19	10			
		<u>£1061</u>		4	10		
Cash at Commonwealth Savings Bank Geelong . . . . .		51	19	10			
C.T. Bonds, 3½%, Maturing 1959 . . . . .		900	0	0			
War Savings Certificates held by Commonwealth Bank, Geelong . . . . .		108	0	0			
		<u>£1059</u>		19	10		

Audited and found correct—

H. DAY, Auditor.



THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st January, 1948.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To General Expenses—									By Per Capitas—						
Printing and stationery . . . . .		7	5	3					Zone 1 . . . . .	119	8	0			
Postages—									Zone 2 . . . . .	111	19	6			
National President . . . . .	1	15	0						Zone 3 . . . . .	44	2	0			
Sec.-Treasurer . . . . .	19	15	10						Zone 4 . . . . .	68	4	3			
		21	10	10					Zone 5 . . . . .	68	17	2			
Telephone & telegrams—													412	10	11
National President . . . . .	8	0							Charter Fees . . . . .				2	2	0
Sec.-Treasurer . . . . .	1	14	6						Zones' Contribution—						
		2	2	6					To Delegates Travelling, 1947 National Convention . . . . .				280	6	4
Duty Stamps . . . . .			8	3					Surplus from 1947 National Convention . . . . .				37	2	7
Exchange . . . . .			7	3					Surplus from Sundry Sales—						
"The Apexian" (National Council, Zone, and I.L.C. copies) . . . . .		34	16	6					Lapel Badge Surplus . . . . .	13	19	4			
Dinner Badges, "Apexian" officials . . . . .			7	4					Car Badges, Surplus . . . . .	1	11	0			
Printing National Convention Minutes and Reports . . . . .	46	4	6							15	10	4			
I.L.C. Expenses—									Less shortage Sleeve Links . . . . .	4	10	0			
Postages, etc. . . . .	10	0	0										11	0	4
Circulars . . . . .	3	1	0						Bank Interest . . . . .				6	3	10
		13	1	0					Special Transfer from International Liaison Reserve Account . . . . .				85	6	10
Travelling Expenses—									John Larkey Fund . . . . .				17	2	0
Nat. President . . . . .	75	0	0						Deficiency for Year . . . . .	401	8	9			
Nat. Council . . . . .	105	0	1												
Zone Delegates . . . . .	280	6	4												
World Council Delegate . . . . .	400	0	0												
		860	6	5											
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . .		100	0	0											
Apex Action Committee Expenses . . . . .		1	7	6											
					1087	17	4								
Extraordinary Expenses—															
Printing Constitutions (Revised) . . . . .	54	0	0												
World Council Charter Fee . . . . .	53	7	0												
Cost of Block and printing Apex Anthem . . . . .	10	11	0												
Expenses, change of Secretary Treasurer—															
Travelling . . . . .	20	0	0												
Freight on Books and Records . . . . .	6	3	9												
		26	3	9											
Newman O'Dea Memorial—															
Binding "Apexians" . . . . .	4	2	6												
		148	4	3											
John Larkey Fund . . . . .		17	2	0											
		£1253	3	7									£1253	3	7

THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS

National Service Scheme No. 5 (1939)

Receipts and Payments 1/2/47 to 31/1/48

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
To Balance 1/2/47—					By Victorian Baby Health Centres Ass'cn.		203	10	2		
General Funds . . . . .		15	11	0	Balance 31/1/48—						
Special Account No. S1485 . . . . .		198	10	10	Tasmanian Bush Nursing Association General Funds Account . . . . .	15	11	0			
War Savings Certificates at cost . . . . .		55	4	0	War Savings Certificates at cost . . . . .	55	4	0			
Bank Interest . . . . .		3	19	2					70	15	0
S1485 . . . . .		1	0	2					£274	5	2
		4	19	4							
		£274	5	2							

I certify that so far as the above statement relates to The Association of Apex Clubs National Service Fund No. 5, Commonwealth Bank (Geelong) Account No. S1485, payments made from the same and closure thereof, the Statement is true and correct.

Dated, 9th March, 1948.

GEO. HARVEY, Auditor.



THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS

International Liaison Reserve Account

Receipts and Payments 1/2/47 to 30/9/47

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	
To Balance 1/2/47--						By Transfer to General Funds Account World						
Commonwealth Bank Account No. S781	2	7	2			Council Delegate's Travelling Expenses						
War Savings Certificates at cost	79	4	0			1947 .. .. .	85	6	10			
Tamworth, Balance of contribution World Council Delegate's Travelling Expenses 1946 .. .. .				1	6							
Interest, Account No. S781 .. .. .				2	9							
				£85	6	10				£85	6	10

I certify that so far as the above Statement relates to The Association of Apex Clubs International Liaison Reserve Accounts, Commonwealth Bank (Geelong) Account No. S781, payments made from the same and the closure thereof, the Statement is true and correct.

Dated, 7th October, 1947

GEO. HARVEY, Auditor.

THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS

"The Apexian" Reserve Account

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure 1/2/47 to 30/9/47

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	
To Balance 1/2/47 .. .. .	3	14	0			By Transfer to "The Apexian" .. .. .	3	15	5			
Bank Interest .. .. .				1	5							
				£3	15	5				£3	15	5

I certify that the above Statement relating to The Association of Apex Clubs "The Apexian" Reserve Account, Commonwealth Bank (Geelong) Account No. S782 is true and correct. The amount of £3/15/5 shown as having been transferred to "The Apexian" funds has been received by "The Apexian" Business Manager and paid into "The Apexian" Account No. SO 1713.

Dated, 7th October, 1947.

GEO. HARVEY, Auditor.

THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS, "THE APEXIAN"

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st January, 1948

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	
To Printing .. .. .	344	4	10			By Subscriptions .. .. .	497	15	0			
Blocks .. .. .	96	17	1			Advertising .. .. .	8	8	9			
Postages and Bank Charges .. .. .	18	11	10			Interest .. .. .	7	0				
Honorariums .. .. .	5	5	0									
Stationery .. .. .	3	0	8									
Freights .. .. .				19	5							
Excess of Income over Expenditure ..	37	11	11									
				£506	10	9				£506	10	9

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1948

LIABILITIES			ASSETS									
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	
Reserve .. .. .	50	0	0			Cash in Hand .. .. .	3	0	0			
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	120	10	9			Commonwealth Savings Bank .. .. .	99	10	7			
Income and Expenditure Account—						Sundry Debtors—						
Accumulated Funds .. .. .	58	1	3			Clubs .. .. .	158	13	0			
Add Excess for Year .. .. .	37	11	11			Advertisements .. .. .	8	8	9			
Add Transfer from Association .. .. .	3	15	5			Commonwealth Bank .. .. .	7	0				
				99	8	7				167	8	9
				£269	19	4				£269	19	4

I have audited the Books and Accounts of "The Apexian" and according to those Books and Accounts the above is a true and correct Statement of the position of "The Apexian" as at 31st January, 1948.

Dated, 9th March, 1948.

GEO. HARVEY, Auditor.



# MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS

Held At Perth, Easter 1948

## ROLL CALL

### Chairman:

TOM MAGUIRE, National President.

BILL TRESISE, Past National President

JOHN NORTHEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

### Zone Presidents:

LANGDON PARSONS (Zone 1, and Chairman I.L.C.)

BARNEY GREENWAY (Zone 2)

CLIFF IKIN (Zone 3)

JACK SQUIRES (Zone 4)

TED LUMBWE (Zone 5 Past President)

GORDON MURRAY, Chairman Apex Action.

Representing "THE APEXIAN," COL BOWEN

### Official Zone Delegates:

Zone 1.—Alan Boyes, Gordon Duffield, Vautin Andrews, Leo Callanan, Rod McLennan, Lindsay Cust.

Zone 2.—Tom Mitchell, John Roe, Len Mathews, Frank Prichard, Ted Sykes.

Zone 3.—Royce Neville, Paul Jones.

Zone 4.—Herb Elliott, Ralph Hoare.

Zone 5.—Mac Lamb, Ross Feil, Merv. Campbell, Col. Billard.

## OPENING

The Fourteenth National Convention of the Association of Apex Clubs was called to order by National President, Tom Maguire at 2 p.m., on Saturday, 27th March, 1948, and officially declared open by the Hon. R. R. McDonald, K.C., M.L.A., at 2.15 p.m. The opening ceremony was broadcast over the National Stations.

### OBITUARY.

Tom Maguire informed members of the death of two Apexians, namely Arthur Syer and Max Crossman, who were killed in an air crash at Bendigo on Friday, 26 March. Out of respect for these members those present stood for two minutes in silence.

### APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Jack Bennett was nominated and duly elected.

### TIME FOR SPEAKING

It was decided that the mover of a motion be allowed 4 minutes, two minutes be allowed for other speakers, and two minutes for the mover to reply. Moved Gordon Duffield, seconded Alan Boyes.

### MINUTES OF LAST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Minutes of the last National Convention held at Launceston were taken as read. Moved Gordon Duffield, seconded Leo Callanan.

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This was taken as read. Moved Ralph Hoare, seconded Mac Lamb.

### REPORT, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

It was resolved that the Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer be taken as read.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were adopted on the motion of Mac Lamb. John Northey explained that the sum of £401 showing as deficiency, consisted of Per Capita Fees for the year ended 31st January, 1948, not paid. Since the report was compiled, the position had almost been rectified.

Frank Prichard raised the point as to how many clubs had not paid their contributions to the Perth Fund. It was moved by Paul Jones and seconded by Vautin Andrews that the names of these Clubs should be disclosed. Carried.

John Northey stated that the Clubs concerned were as follows:—

No Payment: Maryborough, Orange, Newcastle, Bega, Grafton.

Part Payment only: Bairnsdale, Horsham, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Bathurst, Bowral, Brisbane.

The total amount in hand was £1242/1/-.

Herb Elliott moved, Leo Callanan seconded, that Convention give full support to National Council to discipline the Clubs concerned. Carried.

## LOYALTY MESSAGE.

It was unanimously resolved that the following message be conveyed to His Majesty, King George VI.:—

"The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia (which is affiliated with the Association of Round Table Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland) now holding its Annual Convention in Perth humbly conveys to His Majesty on behalf of its 1600 members throughout Australia, their love and affection for the Royal Family, and unswerving loyalty to the Crown and the Motherland. It is their fervent hope that their Majesties and the Royal Princess may greatly enjoy their projected trip to Australia—a prospect which has inspired all Australians so deeply, and we pray for their continued health and happiness. Our earnest desire is that the noble endeavour of His Majesty's Government and his subjects in Great Britain to overcome the transitory difficulties besetting them in their post-war reconstruction programme, will shortly be supremely successful."

## ZONE PRESIDENTS' REPORT.

Moved by Herb Elliott that all Zone Reports should be read in full. Seconded by Ted Sykes and carried.

President of Zone 1, Langdon Parsons, presented his report. Moved Paul Jones, seconded Gordon Duffield that Report be received. Carried.

President Zone 2, Barney Greenway presented his Report. Moved Lindsay Cust that Report be received. Seconded Alan Boyes and carried.

President of Zone 3, Cliff Ikin presented his report. Moved Herb Elliott that Report be received. Seconded Vautin Andrews and carried.

President Zone 4, Jack Squires, presented his report. Moved Ralph Hoare that Report be received with deletion of second last sentence. Seconded Herb Elliott and carried.

Ted Lumbewe, on behalf of Eric Byfield, President of Zone 5 presented his report. Herb Elliott in moving adoption added congratulations on vision in forming a Queensland Expansion Committee, an excellent achievement. Seconded Ralph Hoare and carried.



**CONVENTION CITY, 1949.**

Paul Jones on behalf of Zone 3, withdrew their nomination of Wagga Club.

**Ross Feil nominated Toowoomba. Seconded Col Billard. Vautin Andrews nominated Geelong as National Convention City, venue of World Council Meeting. Seconded Gordon Duffield.**

Discussion ensued as to the merits of these two cities. In view of the fact that 1948 Convention was being held in Perth it was desirable that 1949 Convention should be held in a more central position, especially as Geelong was the home of the movement, and World Council Meeting would probably be held in that city in 1949.

Ross Feil withdrew nomination of Toowoomba.

**Moved Vautin Andrews that 1949 Convention should be held in Geelong. Seconded Rod McLennan. Carried.**

In view of selection of Geelong, Convention was advised that Geelong would also be the venue of the 1949 World Council Meeting, by virtue of National Council decision.

**CONVENTION GREETINGS.**

At this stage John Northey read congratulatory telegrams received from 20-30 of U.S.A., Apex Clubs and individual Apexians.

**Herb Elliott moved and Ralph Hoare seconded that as soon as possible National Council send cables to organisations overseas advising that Geelong has been selected as next World Council Meeting place and extending greetings to them. Carried.**

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION LIFE GOVERNORS.**

No applications received.

**APEX ACTION REPORT**

This matter was deferred until Sunday for further consideration of Pre-Convention Committee recommendations. (On motion of Mac Lamb and Herb Elliott).

**INTERNATIONAL LIAISON.**

This matter was also deferred until Sunday. **Motion of Lindsay Cust and Gordon Duffield. Carried.**

**"THE APEXIAN"**

(a) The Report and Financial Statements were presented by Col Bowen. **Moved by Vautin Andrews and seconded Merv. Campbell that these be adopted. Carried.**

(b) General Recommendations. Discussion ensued Ross Feil suggested that space should be devoted to more important matters and ignore minor social matters. Mac Lamb maintained if full account of business matters appeared in "Apexian" members would have better appreciation of agenda items. Ralph Hoare was in accord with Mac Lamb's remarks. Tom Maguire stated that thanks were due to all members responsible for production of "The Apexian."

It was moved by Royce Neville and seconded by Paul Jones that zones investigate possibility of sponsoring contract advertising in "The Apexian" by national advertisers located within zones and report results to Business Manager of "The Apexian." **Motion withdrawn.**

Col Bowen explained that necessary economies did not allow such advertising.

**Moved Herb Elliott and seconded Ralph Hoare that all clubs be called upon to order at least one copy for each member of club, as required by the Constitution. Carried.**

**SERVICES LIAISON.**

(a) Report of Committee and Statements regarding present position of the Fund were read.

**Moved by Mac Lamb and seconded by Merv. Campbell that these be adopted. Carried.**

(b) Future policy with respect to this fund.

Herb Elliott moved that consideration be given by the services liaison committee to the allocation of this Fund to help in the after treatment of tubercular ex-servicemen. Discussion ensued, and in view of previous

decisions it was decided that nothing could be done at the present time. Motion withdrawn.

**NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEMES.**

(a) Report of the Association Anti-T.B. Committee, appointed by the 1947 National Convention at Launceston was read.

**Ralph Hoare moved and Frank Prichard seconded the adoption of the Report and wished to record thanks to the Adelaide Club for the excellent work they had done. Carried.**

Bill Tresiase added his praise of the outstanding effort by the Adelaide Club.

(b) Future activity with regard to this scheme. Gordon Duffield moved National Service Scheme be carried on for another twelve months with consideration to new avenues in the scheme.

Motion withdrawn in view of the fact that the scheme was originally undertaken for three years, and such motion was therefore unnecessary.

The Pre-Convention Committee recommended that the following be passed on to incoming National T.B. Committee for consideration and action if thought necessary:—

1. That an Annual nation-wide Health Week be held.
2. That the publicity campaign be continued.
3. Sanatoria for children be an objective.
4. Support be given Christmas seal appeals.
5. That an effort be made to select in future a National Service scheme which will enlist the full support of all clubs.

The Pre-Convention Committee recommended that the Association support the principle of eventual compulsory diagnosis and treatment for T.B.

**Moved Gordon Duffield and seconded Leo Callanan that these recommendations be passed on to the incoming Anti-T.B. Committee. Carried.**

Mac Lamb moved an amendment—in effect let clubs carry on with Anti-T.B. campaign if they so desired but if enthusiasm lagging to sponsor an alternative scheme. Col Billard seconded amendment. Being unconstitutional, the amendment lapsed.

**Gordon Duffield moved that the Association of Apex Clubs be in favour of the principle of eventual compulsory X-Ray or other tests for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis. Seconded Vautin Andrews. Carried.**

The word "compulsory" caused a great deal of discussion but it was finally decided that the inclusion of the word "eventual" modified compulsion.

(c) Following upon Pre-Convention Committee consideration of future National Service Scheme.

**Gordon Duffield moved that the following Service Schemes be forwarded to Apex Action for consideration as Service Schemes for Clubs:—**

1. Care of Spastic Children.
2. Extension of the Far West Scheme in N.S.W.
3. Food for Britain.
4. Citizenship. Apex should sponsor a prize to be given to the winner of Essay Competition written by Schoolboys on Citizenship.

**Seconded Lindsay Cust. Carried.**

Further, Gordon Duffield recommended that Apex assist with the absorption of immigrants into the Australian way of life. **Seconded Vautin Andrews.**

Tom Miller spoke in favour of this proposal and suggested writing letters and mixing with them. **Carried.**

Gordon Duffield suggested that another club may conduct the National Service Scheme during the next twelve months, Adelaide Club desires to concentrate fully on further efforts in South Australia.

**Vautin Andrews moved appointment of a Club to conduct the Anti-T.B. Scheme be left to National Council. Col Billard seconded. Carried.**

It was resolved that:—



Clubs be asked to nominate suggestions for future National Service Schemes to Zone Conventions, and that the Constitution be strictly adhered to with regard to future schemes.

#### APEX ACTION.

(a) Gordon Murray's Report was adopted on the motion of Mac Lamb and Merv. Campbell.

(b) Vautin Andrews nominated Gordon Murray as Chairman Apex Action Committee for 1948-49 with power to select own committee. This nomination was seconded by Lindsay Cust.

Ralph Hoare nominated Herb Elliott. Herb Elliott withdrew. Gordon was appointed and received congratulations.

(c) Discussion of future Apex Action policy and activity.

A Committee consisting of the following Apexians was appointed to discuss matter and submit report later to Convention:—

Andrews, Sides, Morrison, Driscoll, Elliott.

Lindsay Cust asked "Are we associated with Communism?" Tom Maguire answered, "Definitely No."

It was moved by Mac Lamb and seconded by Len Mathews that Apex Action Committee advocate to Clubs that they strive to increase membership by obtaining it from a greater cross section of the community and by encouraging entry of a greater number of members close to the minimum age of 18 years. Carried.

It was also moved by Mac Lamb and seconded by Merv. Campbell that each Club appoint one member to maintain contact with Apex Action Committee and direct action within the Club. Carried.

#### INTERNATIONAL LIAISON.

(a) Report of Chairman, Langdon Parsons was read. It was moved by Tom Miller and seconded by Alan Boyes that this be adopted.

John Northey suggested that a word of praise was due to Langdon Parsons for the good work carried out.

(b) Appointment of Chairman and Committee for the year 1948-49.

Ralph Hoare nominated Herb Elliott which nomination was seconded by Chas. Drynan (delegate substitution for Herb Elliott).

Vautin Andrews nominated Langdon Parsons for re-appointment. Seconded Gordon Duffield.

Ralph Hoare said he thought it advisable that Elliott's nomination be withdrawn.

Langdon Parsons was elected.

(c) It was moved by Frank Prichard and seconded by Mac Lamb that Gordon Murray's Report of World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs Conference at Montreal, Canada, be adopted. Carried.

(d) Direction for Delegate to the 1948 meeting of the World Council, at Hastings, England, May, 1948.

Jack Squires mentioned that out of the last meeting there was the institution of the Food for Britain Scheme from Canada and America. Our delegate should investigate whether something more can come out of International relationship.

(e) Appointment of Delegates for Geelong Meeting of the World Council.

It was moved by Vautin Andrews and seconded by Mac Lamb that the National President be one of the delegates and that the other delegate be elected by National Council. Carried

The National President informed Convention that Gordon Hare had been appointed a Delegate to the 1948 World Council, Hastings, England, without expenses. Gordon was at present en route England.

#### EXPANSION OF APEX.

Frank Prichard, on behalf of Gordon Denney, Chairman, presented report of Committee investigating expansion to New Zealand.

It would appear from this report that very little can be done in regard to expansion of Apex in New Zealand, as the activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce would appear to run along parallel lines. It was decided to maintain the committee pending further developments.

Alan Boyes moved and Frank Prichard seconded that a National Committee be set up to superintend expansion within Australia and that Committees be formed for such purpose in each Zone. Carried.

Nominations were called and Col Billard nominated Bill Yates. Seconded Mac Lamb.

Ralph Hoare nominated Herb Elliott. Seconded Ted Sykes. Vote taken—Bill Yates appointed Chairman.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Zone 3.—"That, in view of the prior payment of each year's subscription to "The Apexian" as directed by the Constitution (P. 24, Section 6) "The Apexian" might well be distributed direct from the "The Apexian" office, instead of being despatched in bulk to Clubs for distribution.

Gordon Murray spoke on the matter, pointing out the difficulties which would face "The Apexian" management were such a scheme adopted. There was no further discussion, and it was therefore decided that the present method of distribution remain unaltered

Zone 3.—Model By-laws, Art. 5, Sec. 2, P. 44 "That the Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of eight members, and a maximum of twelve members, to be elected in the manner prescribed by the By-laws" (Note: It is assumed that the portion of this Section referring to executive shall remain unchanged).

Paul Jones recommended that this be adopted. Seconded Royce Neville. After long discussion and voting, the National President declared Motion lost.

Zone 5.—"That apart from the normal Per Capita Fees, no additional levies or contributions be called for by National Convention or by National Council, unless the proposed levies or contributions have been submitted to all Clubs previously, and agreed upon by a majority of Clubs."

Merv. Campbell recommended that this be adopted. Seconded Vautin Andrews.

After discussion and voting, the National President declared Motion lost.

Zone 1.—"That any future levies or increase in Per Capita fees decided upon by a National Convention be referred to all chartered Clubs for voting by a three-quarters majority of those Clubs to be a three-quarters majority of the Directors of each Club."

Alan Boyes recommended that this be adopted. Seconded Mac Lamb. After voting, National President declared the motion lost.

Zone 3.—Model By-Laws, Art. 3, Sec. 2, P. 43. "That the word 'trade' be added to this section, which would then read—'engaged in any worthy recognised profession, trade, or business, shall be eligible for active membership'." After discussion, this was withdrawn.

Zone 4.—Ralph Hoare moved and Herb Elliott seconded, "That the National President and Zone Presidents should henceforth be selected one year prior to assuming office. Lindsay Cust supported the motion.

Vautin Andrews opposed, mentioning that it would in effect mean that a man had to be prepared to carry on for five years if selected for National Presidency, which was not necessarily possible.

Mac Lamb supported the motion.

The following amendment was moved by Gordon Duffield and seconded by Alan Boyes:—

"That the words 'National President' should be deleted from the motion, in other words, that the motion should apply to Zone Presidents only."

The Amendment was lost, and the Motion carried, it being understood that the Motion should be discussed by all Zone Conventions, and decisions brought before the 1949 National Convention.



## RECOMMENDATIONS AND GENERAL.

Moved Ralph Hoare, seconded Vautin Andrews, "That this National Convention formally adopt the 1947 revised Constitution as the Constitution of the Association of Apex Clubs." Carried.

**Geelong Club.**—The Geelong Club makes formal application for the allocation of the 1949 World Council Meeting (Easter) to Geelong, feeling that as the foundation Club of the Association, the allocation referred to is merited.

It was pointed out that the matter had been dealt with previously, when Nat. Council decided that in the event of Geelong being selected for the 1949 Nat. Convention, the World Council Meeting be held there also.

**Zone 5.**—"That Conventions, whether National, Zone, or District, be primarily devoted to the full and detailed discussion of Apex business, so as to prevent the unseemly haste which has so far characterised past Conventions, and that so far as delegates are concerned, social activities take a minor place." Carried.

Moved Ross Feil, seconded Herb Elliott. Carried.

**Zone 3.**—"That consideration be given to the presentation of a lapel badge in a silver or gold colour to Life Members of a Club." Carried.

Moved Paul Jones, seconded Royce Neville, "That Zone Conventions express an opinion on this matter, and forward their views and decisions to the 1949 National Convention." Carried.

Moved Vautin Andrews, seconded Ralph Hoare. "That consideration be given to a change in colour of the present lapel badge for active and life members." Carried.

"That the attention of the Expansion Committee be drawn to the advisability of establishing Clubs in the suburbs of all Capital Cities, and to other cities where the population would warrant the establishment of additional Clubs." Carried.

Moved Col Billard, seconded Mac Lamb. Carried.

**Zone 3.**—Moved Paul Jones, seconded Royce Neville, "That the Pre-School Kindergarten Movement, which is supported by many Clubs in the Association, be officially put before all Clubs as suitable for local Service Schemes, with a view to securing ultimate Government control of the Pre-School Kindergarten Organisation." Carried.

Moved Alan Boyes, seconded Rod McLennan, "That at Zone Conventions there should be two Official Delegates from each Club, and that the Club should receive travelling expenses for one Official Delegate only." Carried.

Amendment, moved Herb Elliott, seconded Jack Squires, "That Clubs be recommended to give consideration to the appointments of more Delegates to Zone Conventions, having in mind the nominal number of Delegates at present operative in small Zones, such considerations to be brought to Zone Conventions, and then to National Convention." Amendment carried, and adopted as the motion.

Moved Alan Boyes, seconded Ross Feil, "That in view of the lack of efficiency of some Club Officials, revealed by the National Secretary-Treasurer in recent circulars, it is recommended that the National Secretary-Treasurer or Zone Secretary-Treasurer inform the District Governor with details, and ask for immediate action. In the event of the District Governor being unable to rectify the position, he should notify the Zone President, so as to report to the National Council for appropriate action." Carried.

Moved Alan Boyes, seconded Ross Feil, "That Zones should be divided into more Districts where necessary." Carried.

Alan Boyes moved, Leo Callanan seconded, "That each Club be provided with a copy of John Northey's chart illustrating the set-up of the Association, and Zone and District areas." Carried.

"The Apexian."—Col Bowen asked that any one at Convention who has subject matter for print, should forward it to the Editor, and Vautin Andrews asked

that in the event of any errors being found in the publication, the Editor be advised.

Frank Prichard mentioned that he thought it wise for Clubs to mention dates of meeting, rather than merely day of meeting in the Club Directory, e.g., alternate Thursdays as from 22/4/48.

It was resolved that Zones should forward to "The Apexian a full report of business transacted at Zone Conventions, together with details of matters tabled, whether carried or lost, together with a digest of important discussions." Carried.

Moved Lindsay Cuts, seconded Frank Prichard, "That at future National Conventions the responsibility of the Pre-Convention Committee Chairmen be to convey to Convention the merits and demerits of subject matter, and to prepare a concisely worded motion conveying the majority decision of the Committee members." Carried.

Moved Lindsay Cust, seconded Herb Elliott, "That this Annual Convention reaffirms its deep loyalty to the King and Empire, that it also deplores un-Australian and un-British activities, and that it pledges wholehearted support to the preservation of democracy throughout the world." Carried.

Moved Frank Prichard, seconded Col Billard, "That National Council consider the re-zoning of the whole of the Association." Carried.

Alan Boyes raised the matter of the awarding and holding of the Association's whopper Gavel. He asked that National Council formulate a set of rules covering the gavel.

Gordon Duffield mentioned the difficulties being experienced in obtaining suitable films for showing by Clubs in children's homes and similar institutions.

Moved Lindsay Cust, seconded Gordon Duffield, "That Apex Action circularise Clubs in an endeavour to find out who has films available for 16m.m. Talkie Projectors, with the object of forming a library of films." Carried.

The matter of individual Club representation at National Conventions was discussed, it being suggested that consideration be given to a scheme whereby each Club be represented by a delegate; Clubs are asked to consider this matter, and to bring their views forward to Zone Conventions.

Harry Ling spoke on behalf of Wellington Apexians, expressing appreciation to Perth Club for the hospitality extended, and announcing the intention of the Wellington Club to present Perth Club with a new gavel for use on future occasions. Jack Squires expressed thanks on behalf of Perth Clubs. Herb Elliott thanked all who helped to make Convention such a success.

Mac Lamb moved a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to the Perth Club for the able manner in which they had organised and carried out the Convention arrangements, the motion being duly seconded and carried.

Herb Elliot moved, Vautin Andrews seconded, sincere thanks and congratulations to National President Tom Maguire for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the whole of the Convention proceedings. Acclamation.

Paul Jones moved, Mac Lamb seconded, a vote of thanks to John Northey for the great work he is doing. Acclamation. John Northey replied.

Vautin Andrews invited all present to Geelong for the 1949 National Convention.

Bill Tresise thanked the Perth Ladies' Committee for the excellent work they had done. Acclamation.

Leo Callanan expressed thanks to the stenographer. Convention closed at 11 a.m.



# Planning The 14th National Convention

## A Digest of the Report to National Council by Bill Powell.

1. Planning the Fourteenth National Convention began that day in Launceston, ideas as they evolved being thrown to club members for criticism and suggestions.

2. Perth Club appointed a committee of six in May, 1947. The members of this committee were chosen on the following grounds:—(a) had previously attended a National Convention; (b) reliability; (c) organising ability.

3. Committee met monthly and considered all possibilities so a broad plan had been decided upon six months beforehand.

4. The new Club President appointed a chairman, not already on the committee. Later, a treasurer was appointed.

5. Estimating there would be about 70 visitors from the Eastern States plus 50 or so from our own Zone, hotel accommodation was secured for 150 about six months beforehand. (We overbooked, as it is easier to cancel than to secure additional accommodation).

6. The Government Tourist Bureau provided all stationery and envelopes free. Every one of the 1,500 members received an individual invitation to National Convention. Bundles of invitations together with sufficient leaflets and brochures on W.A. were sent to each club Secretary, with a covering letter asking for his co-operation in distributing them to members.

7. In December a circular was sent to members of National Council, Club Secretaries, Starters and Possible Starters giving further information. It was felt that it was essential to maintain personal contact with the Starters and possible Starters.

8. A panic letter was sent in January in order to force the chaps to make up their minds. Enclosed was a form to fill in and return, and this form had one deficiency, it should also have asked if the sender was an official delegate.

9. Our last letter was sent three weeks before the Convention, giving further details and indicating to the recipient when and how we were expecting him. It also asked for the Convention Subscription of £3, as it was hoped to prevent the fiasco of about 70 chaps trying to pay their dues at the one time. All members of this Zone who were attending the Convention had paid their dues a fortnight or so before the show began.

10. **Sub-Committees:** A small sub-committee was appointed to handle each separate function, and in order to have direct liaison one member of the general committee was appointed as chairman of each sub-committee.

11. The sub-committees met separately and reported back through their chairman to the General Committee.

12. **Budget.** The Chairman, two joint-secretaries and the treasurer constituted an Executive and Finance Committee to prepare a budget.

13. A full statement of the job of each sub-committee and the exact amounts allotted for the several items of their budgets was given to each chairman with instructions that the money allotted could not be altered without reference to the Finance Committee, although modifications within the budget were permissible.

14. The Executive Committee also correlated all the times and indicated to the sub-committees that they must adhere to those set down.

15. **Reception Committee** was appointed from those who had attended one or more National Conventions so that they would know personally most of the visitors.

16. Telegrams were sent to individuals, or to the senior Apexian of a group arriving together extending welcome greetings and advising them of our intention to meet them.

17. Those who were met at the Airport were allowed to proceed to the city by Airways transport, and from the City terminal they were taken in members'

(cars to their hotels. A vase of flowers with a personal note of welcome awaited each Henpexian in her room.

18. Those arriving by train were difficult to find, and it is suggested that a large Apex sign held above the heads of the crowd together with a note on the last circular letter to visitors telling them of the arrangement would have solved this problem.

19. **Farewells.** It was considered essential to farewell each visitor as well as welcome him.

20. **Convention Dinner** was for Apexians only as the keynote was fellowship—there were no visitors from kindred organisations.

21. **A Ladies' Sub-Committee** was formed to help, and took complete charge of the Henpexians' Dinner and gave help and advice when asked.

22. The Ladies' Committee circularised all Henpexians of the Host Club asking for their support, and also wrote individual letters to visiting Henpexians.

23. Reasonable local publicity was obtained in the local newspapers and over the radio. Broadcasts included:—(a) build-up news and talks prior to the Convention; (b) interviews with National President, etc.; (c) Official opening of Convention.

24. The Chairman of the General Committee was left free of working programme details during the Convention. (It would also be advisable for the secretary to be so relieved).

25. Besides sub-committees to handle each of the social functions, the following were the other sub-committees:—Reception, Souvenir Programme, Billeting (joint secretaries), Transport, Convention Meetings, South West Tour, Bunbury week-end.

26. We tactfully suggested that visitors make their own travel arrangements to and from the Convention, at the same time offering help when needed. It is recommended that future committees do the same.

27. We aimed to make the keynote of the Convention a personal one, and our methods of reception, etc., were all planned to produce this effect. An endeavour was made to see that each visitor was invited to a meal in the home of one of our members on at least one occasion.

28. Our own club members were kept well informed of all the latest developments in Club Dinner notices and reports at each club meeting.

29. **Convention Dance.** The partners provided for the visitors were chosen in such a way that they knew one another rather than that they knew Henpexians. There were about 130 Apexians and about 90 ladies in attendance, and the ratio seemed quite satisfactory.

30. At all functions it is essential at least one member of a sub-committee go on ahead to see arrangements are in order.

31. **Convention Business.** To allow of possible extension of the business time the entertainment was kept flexible to allow of expansion or otherwise, of the business programme.

32. It is necessary that the shorthand typiste is available for any extension of business sessions, that arrangements are made for her lunch and an invitation sent for the Henpexians Dinner and Dance.

33. We also suggest that it be a standard practice to appoint one of the floor members who knows of those attending the Convention, to sit beside the shorthand-typiste to help with names, etc.

34. Acting on the suggestion of the National President, the Zone Presidents were seated on either side of him during the business sessions.

35. The Wool Exchange proved an admirable type of room for the actual Convention.

36. Fellowship was helped by seeing that everyone wore a badge. Our Club Sergeant-at-Arms was supplied with bundles of badges, pins and a fountain pen, thus everyone without a badge was immediately presented with one.



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## THE 1949 CONVENTION

Although the Perth Convention is just over, as president of Geelong Club I want to issue an early invitation to the 1949 National Convention, which will be preceded by the meeting in our city of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs.

From the point of view of numbers, this should be the biggest Apex show ever. Many of those who make it their business to attend conventions regularly but found the distance to Perth too great will start planning now for Easter 1949. And that's just what we want you to do: decide now to come to Geelong, and in the next 12 months work out how it can be done. I can assure you all that a great welcome awaits you.

One high-ranking national official confessed to me at Perth that you don't get the real spirit of Apex until you have visited the home of the movement. A lot of chaps feel this, and it will spur them on to make a special effort to come.

In a city of 55,000 inhabitants, accommodation will be the big problem, especially as fellows from all over the Commonwealth have already indicated that they'll be definite "starters." It may be necessary for us to have the final acceptances by Christmas, because we may be unable to arrange accommodation for those who leave it too late.

A word to club secretaries: Don't be surprised if within the next few months you receive our first convention circular. We in Geelong have a huge task ahead of us, but you can help materially if you give prompt attention to the circulars which will issue from here between now and next Easter.

I repeat: start planning now to visit "Mecca" in 1949. We guarantee it will be "the best convention since Perth."

VAUTIN ANDREWS,  
President, Geelong Club.

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