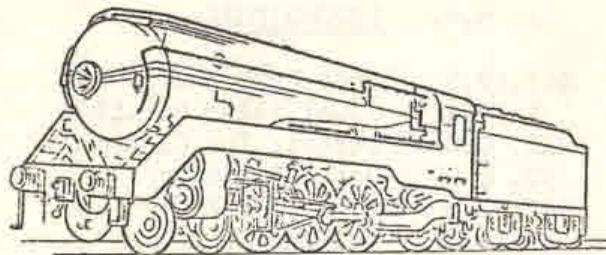


EVELEIGH WORKSHOPS CENTRAL SHOP COMMITTEE

EVELEIGH

NEWS

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WEDNESDAY, April 20, 1966

WE'VE ELECTED OUR DELEGATES -- WE'VE SAID WHAT WE WANT-- POLICY NEEDED

THESE ARE OUR DELEGATES
TO APRIL 27 CONFERENCE.

B'MAKERS & B'SMITHS

L.Doyle, D. Carr, J. Taylor,
Apprentice L. Nicholls.

AMALGAMATED ENG'NERS

S. Josselyn, K. McKay,
E. Honeyman, Appr. G. Wise.

AUST. SOCIETY ENG'RS.

A. Andrews, H. Hanson,
G. Levot, Appr. M. Williams.

AUST. RAILWAY UNION

W. Flint, S. Mailles,
F. Wingrave, T. Marshall,
Junior N. Smith.

MOULDERS

A. Adsett, J. Farry.

FEDERATED IRONWKRS.

W. Church, C. Way.

PLUMBERS

J. Bennett.

BUILDING WORKERS

E. Roxby.

APPRENTICES' TRAINING SECTION

D. Halsey

It is evidence of the serious attitude of unionists in these Workshops that they have again furnished the finance to send a large representative delegation to the Labor Council's Government Transport Rank and File Conference on April 27.

The final collection today will, on results already achieved, make certain that all delegates elected by their Union job meetings, will be in attendance to put our views.

Opportunity must be taken to raise the demand for the return of Railway work to Railway Workshops; on that our economic future depends.

Other main issues will reveal themselves on questions of wages and conditions. Around all these questions real organisation and action must be developed.

The "tame-cat" days of Railway unionism have ended. This Conference will need to register this in no uncertain way.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1965 PICNIC.

<u>INCOME:</u>	£. s.d.	<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>	£. s.d.
Bank balance b/f:	447.19.9	Luna Park Ltd:	416. 0.0
Cash in hand b/f:	1.17.4	J.Gallagher Pty.Ltd:	335.16.6
Ticket sales:	720. 0.0	Streets Ice Cream:	114.16.6
Cash donations:	98. 8.0	Dairy Farmers:	55.19.9
Competitions:	247. 2.6	Schweppes Ltd:	39. 5.1
Bank Interest:	17.15.6	Kellogg Pty. Ltd:	38. 8.0
		Julius Hansen Pty.Ltd:	4. 4.0
Total:	<u>£1,533. 3.1</u>	Clark & Walker Pty.Ltd:	2.17.6

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE:

We, the undersigned, have audited the books of the N.S.W. Govt. Railways Mechanical Branch Employees' Picnic Fund and from these books, receipts, papers and information given, find the Income and Expenditure correct in every detail.

Secretary Petty Cash:	14.15.3
Competitions:	19.14.0
Stamps & Stationery:	11. 9.9
Printing:	3. 0.0
Floral Tributes:	2.10.0
Incidental Expenses:	11. 7.0
Eveleigh Loco Band:	4.14.0
Mrs.Dunnett(by resolution)	5. 0.0
Refunds on tickets:	1.10.0
Cash in hand	1.10.0
Balance Bank (£900-58):	<u>450. 5.9</u>

Total: £1,533. 3.1

Sgd. L. Gouttman, R. Avis.

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Nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committeemen for 1966 Picnic Committee must be handed to Secretary, C. G. Dunnett, New Loco Shop, by 9am, Wed. April 27.

A General Meeting of employees in these Workshops is called for 12 noon On Wednesday, April 27, 1966, in Ambulance Square.

Business of the meeting will be presentation of the balance sheet and election of Officers and Committee to carry out arrangements for the 1966 Picnic.

C. Arnold, President. M. Hazelton, Treas. C.G. Dunnett, Secretary.

Editor: S. Jones.

EXCELLENT WORK BY A.R.U. OFFICERS

A case of great necessity was brought under notice of the A.R.U. Eveleigh Sub-Branch last meeting, when a report was given about the financial plight of a junior employee who is a Welfare Dept. ward.

The lad concerned will be 16 years next October, had been placed in the Railways for employment and had also been placed in a boarding house by the Welfare Dept.

He receives a gross weekly wage of £5.6.0 from which he pays £5.15.0 a week board, 10/- bus fare and 6/- medical and hospital fund.

This left him with £1.15.0 to buy clothing and other essentials. When he joined the Railways he had been paid an away-from-home allowance but this had been cut out.

Although not a member of the Union, the A.R.U. took the matter up immediately. Executive officers of the Union were contacted and the matter handed to Jack Maddox. Fortunately the lad's plight met with sympathetic treatment by Departmental officers and action was taken in accordance with the A.R.U. request to restore the living-away allowance.

An ironic feature was that he had been informed by the Welfare Dept. he was expected to bank something.

EVELEIGH LOCO BOWLING CLUB

Our first outing was held at Belfield's Bowling Club, when five Fours competed against two Fours from Sigs & Telegraph Branch, two from Carriage Shops and one from Belfield's N.C.

In the absence of President Bill Stitt and Secretary Jack O'Connell, through Club commitments, the team was managed by Bob Jackson, Asst. Sec.,

The afternoon was perfect for Bowls and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. They all said they would like another game as soon as possible.

After a very delightful High Tea the speechmaking was left to Vice President, Jack Ruston, who thanked Belfield's Bowling Club for hospitality and our opponents for a good sociable afternoon. He hoped for another game.

The winning rink was drawn from the hat by Belfield President, winners being: Tom Lumley, Lead; Harry Copson, second; Bob Weir, third; Bob Jackson, Skip.

The Club's next meeting will be in Amb. Sq., Thurs. April 28, at 12.05 p.m. to discuss next outing. Bob Jackson, Asst. Sec.

GARDEN NOTES

This is the month for Strawberry planting so anyone who likes the luscious freshness of home grown strawberries or the richness of Strawberry Conserve, should get busy immediately.

"Kendall" is an excellent variety highly recommended at present. If possible well-developed plants should be obtained.

Strawberries thrive best in a sandy loam but will do well in soil broken down with the addition of coarse river sand and humus.

Beds should be prepared by deep cultivation and application of Blood and Bone at the rate of 2lb a square yard.

When planting remove outside leaves and shorten roots to three inches. Spread roots when planting and keep the base of the crown level with soil surface. The plants should not be allowed to dry out during planting. Leave 10 ins. between plants and 24 ins between rows. When the first blossoms have set the bed should be topdressed with a mix of one part by weight of sulphate of ammonia and two parts of superphosphate, spread evenly between rows, using $2\frac{1}{2}$ ozs to each square yard.

OLD EVELEIGH

Eveleigh Workshops were opened about 1876, on a site known as "Slade's Paddock", previously used as a dairy. The ground was low lying with rainwater pools from which the croaking of frogs gave rise to the name "Frog Hollow", still used as a destination on trucks entering the foundry.

The Workshops were shifted to this location from the Sydney Yard area, possibly that section known as "Cleveland Paddock".

The Works Manager lived on the job, in a residence, "Calder House", built on a hillock, with access to Wilson Street down a flight of steps. The site has now been levelled to provide for the Parcels Dock. "Calder House" was used as a Manager's residence until 1922.

The original area occupied by the Workshops was 23 acres and they were built in 15 Bays, still existing in the main building. The present area is 26 acres.

The Machine Shop occupied Bays 9, 10, 12 and 13. Power was supplied by steam driven wall engines and 300 hp was all that was needed. The existing middle road electric motors being installed in 1915. Overhead cranes in Bays 9 and 12 were rope driven by power from the wall engines. These were converted to electricity in 1914.

IS THIS THE SHAPE OF THINGS

TO COME?? ???

Watching, last week, the last bits of steel archway being trucked to Sims' Siding as scrap metal made us realise Eveleigh Running Sheds had almost ceased to exist as an artery for steam transport. It underlined the fact that steam locomotion has had its day in New South Wales.

The character of the industry in which we earn a living has changed in all sections depending on steam. In these workshops we now face up to a different kind of industry.

Already the effects of this are being experienced and only last week the 20 cwt. Forge was closed down in the Blacksmiths Shop, because there was not work for it. In itself this might pass without remark but it cannot be considered a special case.

A gang of four men have lost work which earned them more money than they will now get. They will displace others, pushing them down. But even this is not the real significance of it; that lies in the fact that the closure takes place in conditions of a dramatic change in our industry. What happened to the 20 cwt Forge and the displaced workers could well become a policy for dealing with all changeover problems. It could be the shadow of coming events, of policies that will place on the backs of workers the burdens of redundancy.

This is something that is concerning Trades Unions throughout the world in different industries, some affected by automation, others by similar changes to ours. The A.C.T.U. presented a resolution to an International Congress on Human Relations last year, call for Governments, Employers and Unions to apply policies to prevent impoverishment of workers and their families as a result of such changes.

Unions should act on this immediately. An investigation should be made as to whether work that could be done in the Railways is being done by Tullochs, Goodwins, Clyde Eng., National Springs, etc., and if this is so then we should demand its return or introduction to our workshops. Human beings are not scrap. We plan on that.

E. R. R. S. S. A. AND
EX-SERVICE MEN'S CLUB

A reminder is given for the Annual Dinner and Smoko on Friday, April 22. Tickets are available from the Club delegates throughout the Workshops.

Gifts of flowers to decorate the Honour Rolls on Friday, 22nd, may be left at the foot of the Roll nearest your section. Members are **requested** to assist in this.

Don't forget the March to the Cenotaph on Anzac Day. Assembly point is outside Wynyard House in York St. The March commences at 7.45 a.m., so please be early.

Sympathy of the Club is extended to retired member Bob Kent on the death of his wife.

Bob Pride, retired Blacksmith, is progressing favourably in "Yaralla" and George Williams of the Blacksmiths Shop has also had a spell there. He is not back at work but is making good progress. The monthly visit to Yaralla was made by Joe Tall and Jack Golding. We wish Chris Chamberlain a happy retirement.

DISCONTENT AMONGST SALARIED
OFFICERS

Mechanical Branch Salaried Officers in supervising grades are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the policy being pursued by their Association Executive.

Considerable disappointment was expressed at a recent lunch time meeting, when it was found there was no new award being claimed at the present time.

Feeling is strong on this matter at B athurst, Goulburn and other country depots.

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WELL-KNOWN EX RETIRE

Amongst retirements since the Annual leave resumption are two very well known mates in the persons of "Chicker" Hill, Welders, and Jack Conway, Millwrights.

Both have been in the Workshops for many years and had taken part in all forms of workshops activity.

They were keen supporters of the Shop Committee movement in past years and could be relied on to carry out Union policy.

We wish both a long happy retirement and hope to see them visit the Shops in the future.

ASSIST NEEDY ABORIGINES

The Editor,

During my recent holiday I made friends with some families at Wreck Bay Aborigines' Settlement, and became acutely aware of some of their needs and problems.

When I spoke about this to friends and neighbours they gave me unwanted toys and clothing, including boots and shoes, which I am taking to the Settlement on Anzac Day week-end.

I will be pleased to accept similar gifts from workmates, feeling sure they will be appreciated; especially clothing for the coming winter.

Anyone who could help these unfortunate and almost forgotten people is requested to contact me before the week-end.

F. Wingrave, A.R.U. Delegate,
Boiler Shop, EVELEIGH.

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OLD IDENTITY George Lane was in the Shops before Easter. He has been 13 years retired. Got himself expelled from A.L.P. last year after 41 years membership. He refused to surrender endorsement in the Municipal Elections on the say-so of an Executive individual. Looks fit as the proverbial fiddle, or should we say ukelele.

Nice to see you George. Call again.

F I L M

Three coloured films, on loan from the Canadian Government, will be screened on Thursday, May 12. They are:-

"The Canadian" description of journey across Canada on the Canadian Pacific Railway train of that name.

"The World At Your Feet" showing the soil in a new light, a veritable thriving community in miniature, populated by living things in animal, plant and insect worlds; some draining the soil of its usefulness and others contributing to its productivity.

"Jet Pilot" about life and work in this occupation.

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FOR SALE

S H O P

Kerosene heater, "Crusader", English product. Like new. Size 5 Football Boots.

Alsation Pup, bitch, 4 months. Engine Rev Counter (static type) not for car.

Aluminium Louvre Windows complete (2) 32"x 36½", (4) 27½" x 36½". \$14 the lot.

T.V. Set, 21" Crossley, good condition. \$55.

For full details see Wally Ford, Rail Motor Section, 15 Bay. He will also accept items for next issue.

EARLY BIRD STOPPED THE METAL

After repeated warnings had failed to prevent an over zealous worker from starting before the morning whistle, men in the foundry held a protest stoppage against his actions.

The stoppage lasted 30 minutes and on reference to the Manager the matter was quickly settled by an instruction which put an end to such a practice.

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Foundry worker, Vince Palumbo, returned to work recently after a visit to his home in Italy.

The trip lasted 4 months altogether and he thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a reward he earned by 13 years work in the foundry.

Welcome back! Vince.

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Boilermaker Bert Cox recently had a very un-enjoyable rush trip to hospital for the removal of some stones from his innards.

Stonecrushing is pretty tough work, isn't it Bert?

Good luck and speedy recovery to you Bert.

1916 TO 1966

"I didn't raise my boy to be
 a soldier,
"I reared him up to be my
 pride and joy,
"Who dares to put a gun
 upon his shoulder,
"To shoot some other
 mother's darling boy."

Fifty years ago Anti Conscription meetings were stirred by this and other verses into a mighty mass movement that defeated plans for militarisation of Australia.

Maybe the sentiments of such verses will again be echoed in mighty mass support that will sweep the Conscriptionists into defeat at the Federal elections at the end of this year.

Arthur Calwell's simple declaration on the conscription issue may assist bring this about.

The demonstrations supported by thousands of people indicate a growing movement in this direction.

Those who try to libel these movements as traitors should reflect that the A.I.F. vote on Conscription in 1916 & 17 recorded a majority of soldiers against it.