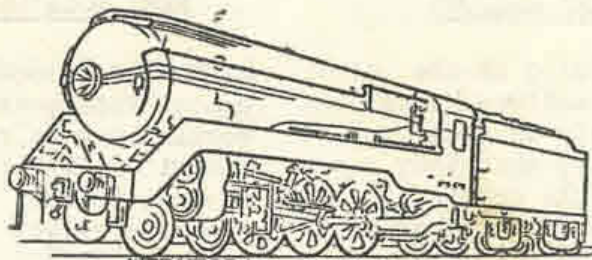


EVELEIGH WORKSHOPS CENTRAL SHOP COMMITTEE

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NEWS

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RANK AND FILE DELEGATES CONFERENCE APRIL 28

The N. S. W. Labour Council is calling a Conference of delegates from Railway and Government Transport workshops and depots for April 28.

Delegates will be elected by rank and file meetings on the various jobs and will be financed through job collections.

Conference will discuss outstanding claims on sick pay, passes and other matters adopted by the similar Conference in 1963, which resulted in an additional week's annual leave and the removal of some long service leave anomalies, such as loss of annual leave because of clearance of long service leave.

It is clear now to rank and file workers in these Shops that each time such conferences are held they are only starting points, and have to be followed up by general participation in forms of action. Without these Conferences, however, there would be no starting points at all and our conditions would continue to be lacking in sorely needed improvements.

The April 28 Conference will need also to express some ideas from job meetings concerning the basic wage and margins case, which will be before the Court when Conference is in session.

Workers in these Shops owe it to themselves to elect and finance a large delegation of Union representatives to voice their opinion.

RENT SLUG AT MACTOWN

Employees residing at the MacDonalstown Railway Hostel got a sharp pain in their tummies recently when they were informed the charge for meals and accomodation had been increased from £10.10.0 to £12.12.0 a fortnight.

This represents a 50 percent increase in room rent and a 12½ percent increase in charges for meals.

Residents say it's not the cost of painting that caused the increases because that has been missing for a long time.

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DAYS IN LIEU

Men acting in higher grades, no matter how long they have been acting in them, and who have worked Public Holidays find they are penalised should they accept payment instead of taking days off in lieu of the holidays worked.

Instead of receiving the rate of payment for the higher grade they are given the rate of their classified grade, even though they worked in the higher grade on the Public Holidays.

BERT MULLINS' OXYGEN

Since the commencement of this appeal last year men in these Workshops have contributed an amount of £229.11.0 towards oxygen, to keep their retired workmate alive.

An amount of £200.13.9 has been paid for this purpose and the balance is banked. There is no doubt Bert would died but for those who support the appeal. Response has come from all sections of the salaried and wages staff.

Collectors for the appeal are:
NEW LOCO, R.Sawyer, R. M. Section.
SPRING SHOP, J. Marlow.
BOILER SHOP, J. Lonsdale.
AXLE BOX, R. Griffiths.
MACHINE SHOP, R. Rhymes, S. Jones,
J. Lee, W. Parmeter, E. Honeyman,
L. Hamilton, C. Arnold,
E. Johnson.
AIRBRAKES, F. Bebbington.
TOOL ROOM, J. Lloyd, S. Josselyn.
RAIL MOTORS 15 Bay, W. Ford.
L. E. S. J. Lanigan, L. Doyle.
R. Marshall, N. Saillard.
SALARIED OFFICERS, L. Gouttman.

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CONDOLENCES. We extend the sympathy of employees to the wife and children of Jim Suter, L.E.S., whose sudden death shocked us all.

THE DECIMAL CLIP

Click go the shears boys
Click! Click! Click!
We are the sheep who've
been shorn quick.
Dollars and cents and
everything new,
Glory be! it's Heaven for
the "Big-Bellied" few.

Mother and father, kids
at the Store,
Find all the prices have
gone up for sure;
The Merchants and Bankers
"Bossing the Board",
Glory be! the fleece from us
will go to their hoard.

Holt follows Menzies, who
swore he'd be bound
To put back the value he'd
filched from the pound;
Now dawns a new Era, the
Pound's down the drain,
Glory be! they'll wipe the slate
and do us all again.

Click go the shears boys,
when will it end,
Workers' life savings they'll
be forced to spend;
Cent bits or dollars
shillings or pounds,
Glory be! they'll get the lot
the blood-sucking hounds.

BOB RHYMES ELECTED

In the recent election to the Appeals Board, to fill the vacancy created by Jack Big-nell's retirement, Bob Rhymes, Shop Committed Treasurer, was the successful candidate.

Primary votes went to candidates as follows:

CRAWFORD.	1,223
FLINT.	1,104
KEANE.	961
RHYMES.	1,461
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After elimination and distribution of preferences, Rhymes was declared elected with a final vote of 3,369 over the runner-up, Crawford, 2,065.

There were 154 informal votes, making the total vote 5,588.

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VALE ARTHUR MCGUIRK

Workshops and Stores employees were shocked by the sudden death on January 8 of Arthur McGuirk, a well-respected Stores Officer. He was in 15 Store for many years and made many friends for his interest in his fellow-worker. He was known as "Storeman". Our deep sympathy to his wife and

E.R.R.S.S.A. AND
EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

The Christmas Party at Yaralla Hospital for the patients who have to stay there over Christmas, was held on Dec. 22 and was a huge success.

Many more ex-servicemen are being placed in this position due to the years passing by and they were grateful for the Party. Our thanks are due to those who helped with donations of flowers for decorating the Ward.

The next item of interest will be Anzac Day celebrations. Arrangements for Anzac Day and the Smoko will be discussed at the February and March meetings. Any suggestions for these events will be accepted by the Executive.

Annual Conference of the Railway and Tramways Ex-Servicemen's Association was attended by President, C. MacLean, Secretary, E. Kemp, J. Way and H. Walker. Items of interest to Ex-Servicemen in the Railways were discussed and will be reported on next meeting. Information from Repat. concerning men who suffered injuries to arms or legs is available through members of the Executive.

RETIREMENTS

J. P. McNamara, Foundry, Dec. 10.
G. A. Mapstone, Millwrights, Dec. 21.
W. A. Taylor, Moulder, Jan. 14.
W. A. Foote, Yard Staff, Nov. 25.
W. H. Denning, L. E. S. Feb. 18.
A. C. Rook, Tool Room, Jan. 14.
F. Boyd, Boiler Shop, 16 Feb.
J. Moylan, Plumber, Feb. 18.

Mrs. E. V. Haig, Office cleaner, Jan. 7.

M. W. Ryan, Foreman, Dec. 12.
H. K. Colyer, Sub Foreman, Jan. 14.

We extend best wishes for a long and happy retirement to all.

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S Y M P A T H Y

We join with Rail Motor staff in expressing sympathy to the wife and family of Frank Henson, who died suddenly last week.

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DELAY ON NEW LOCO SHOWER

An inspection last week of the New Loco Shower revealed it has been left in a half built condition. There has been no work on it for months and the reason given for this is that a tank cannot be obtained. If something isn't done soon those who want it will be making one in New Loco.

GOOD JOB BY TIMEKEEPING STAFF

Liff Bates and his timekeepers did a remarkable job during the past month, triple holiday pay, incremental back pay and decimal conversion all following each other, even running into each other, was a test of their ability from which they emerged with great success.

His workshop was the first to be paid incremental back pay and doubts were expressed about whether it was possible at short notice.

However, they got through it and earned the appreciation of the rest of us that benefited from the effort they made.

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DUST PILE ON CATWALKS

Rare catwalks in the Machine Shop collect quantities of dust which circulates thru spaces between the boards, and falls on lockers, into men's eyes or is breathed into lungs.

Cleaning operations are nil. They cannot be cleaned during working hours or lunch. The Shop Committee has proposed doing the job on overtime and then nailing masonite over the boards. This would then permit regular cleaning without causing a rain of harmful dust.

COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

Compassionate leave for Railway employees in South Australia was operative from Nov. 8 of last year.

There is provision for up to two days leave with pay for the death, in Australia, of a wife, husband, father, mother, child or step child.

The applicant has to provide proof of such death to the satisfaction of the Dept. and the leave will not be granted during any period of other leave clearance.

This means it would not be approved for a death occurring during a period when the employee was on annual or long service leave clearance.

It is not paid where wife and husband are separated but will be paid for death of de facto spouse.

Similar leave is granted also in Victoria and Tasmania but an application by the A.R.U. was recently rejected by the N.S.W. Minister for Transport, Mr. Morris.

This should be raised at the forthcoming delegates meeting.

"WORKS PROGRAM FOR 1966"

Someone in authority must have read the item under the above heading in our Xmas issue for we have, since then, received information about plans to bring about an improvement in the position.

We cannot reveal the source of the information but it has been reliably stated there is no real reason for concern regarding the future of Eveleigh Workshops. It is claimed that whilst there will be restriction of activities in respect of repair of steam locomotives, other sections are already expanded, or expected to do so.

The Spring Shop was quoted as a case in point, modern equipment is now operating and further modernisation has been approved.

Rail Motor and Diesel activities now being carried out will remain at Eveleigh, and this section will be expanded and modernised.

These two examples, it was claimed, indicate that Eveleigh, with the addition of modern plant in other sections of the workshops, will remain an important production centre.

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

After two successful bowling outings on Picnic Day it has been decided to form an Eveleigh Loco Bowling Club, to play against other branches or depots and other clubs.

A game has already been arranged against Chullora Area bowlers at Belfields on March 27, at 1.30 p.m. and last Sunday our club members played against Frazer Park at their Industrial Assoc. day, and successfully associated themselves with the Industrial bowling movement. It is intended to enter teams in their competition.

A meeting will be held at Amb. Square, in the se workshops, on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 12 noon, for election of officers and any other business.

All bowlers are invited to attend. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, J. O'Connell, Tool Room.

CONGRATULATIONS to two workmates in Machine Shop, Karl Volk and A. Janiszewski, who took the opportunity during annual holidays to enter upon the Sea of Malabar. Best wishes to both for their future happiness and prosperity.

A. R. U. SECURES REDRESS FOR ACTING TRADESMEN

Arising from the settlement of the increments allowance campaign men acting as tradesmen were excluded from the increment payment payable to tradesmen, and did not receive the payment applicable to their own grade, whilst they were acting as tradesmen.

Eveleigh Sub-Branch of the Union was one of those to call for immediate action to rectify this anomaly and the Union then discussed the matter with the Dept. A letter from the Secretary for Railways, dated Feb. 10, conveys a favourable reply to the Union, as follows:

"During a conference with the Chief Industrial Officer of this Dept. on 1st Feb., 1966, representatives of the A.R.U., Messrs. Bailey, Maddox and Keane, requested that employees who had acted as tradesmen for more than one year, be paid the increments prescribed for tradesmen under the recent industrial agreement.

"The matter has received consideration and I desire to inform you that approval has been given for an adult wages staff employee, when acting as tradesman, to receive the classified tradesman's incremental payments under the recent industrial agreement on the basis of 10/- per week in the second year of acting service as tradesman or 17/6 per week in the third and subsequent years of such acting service, in addition to the overaward payment of 15/- per week at present applied."

We were informed that men at the Chullora Erecting Shop had refused to do such acting work until the matter was adjusted.

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FRED WINGRAVE ON RECOVERY LIST

Workmates of Fred Wingrave will be pleased to hear he is on the way to full recovery after parting with a long-cherished peptic ulcer. He is still on sick leave, then annual hols.

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FOR SALE

Hillman Workshop Manual 1962. Ferris Car Radio, 12 volt, also speaker extension. Can be operated with battery out of car. Almost new.

GARDEN CLUB

Now is the time for bulb enthusiasts to make selections for Autumn planting and to prepare soil, either in beds or containers.

Most bulbs come into bloom in late Winter or Spring and the following are popular varieties:

Anemone, Ranunculus, Crocus, Daffodil, Hyacinth, Freesia, Lachenalia, Ixia, Sparaxis and Tulip.

Drainage must be good whether grown in the ground or in containers, and Bonedust, B & B, together with potash, in correct quantities are appreciated by most. Tulips require lime as well.

In the ground bulbs are planted slightly deeper in light soil than in heavy soil. In containers the planting is fairly shallow.

There are commercially obtainable fibre mixtures for use in containers. These need the addition of fertilisers.

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OBITUARY

Workmates and friends of Ted Crossingham, Oliver Shop, heard with deep regret of his death after a terrible operation. He was 54 years of age and is survived by a widow and family.

His death occurred on Dec. 31 but this is the first opportunity we've had for expressing our sympathy to Ted's relatives.

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AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW
MARCH 14

The Garden Club will conduct its Fourth Autumn Show on August 14, in these workshops, and entries are open for all Railwaymen, included those retired.

There are no entry fees. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the best entries.

There are various classes, from "Novice" to "Open" so there is opportunity for all to win.

Entries must be in hands of Jack Royal, Club Secretary, 12 Bay, by Friday March 11.
