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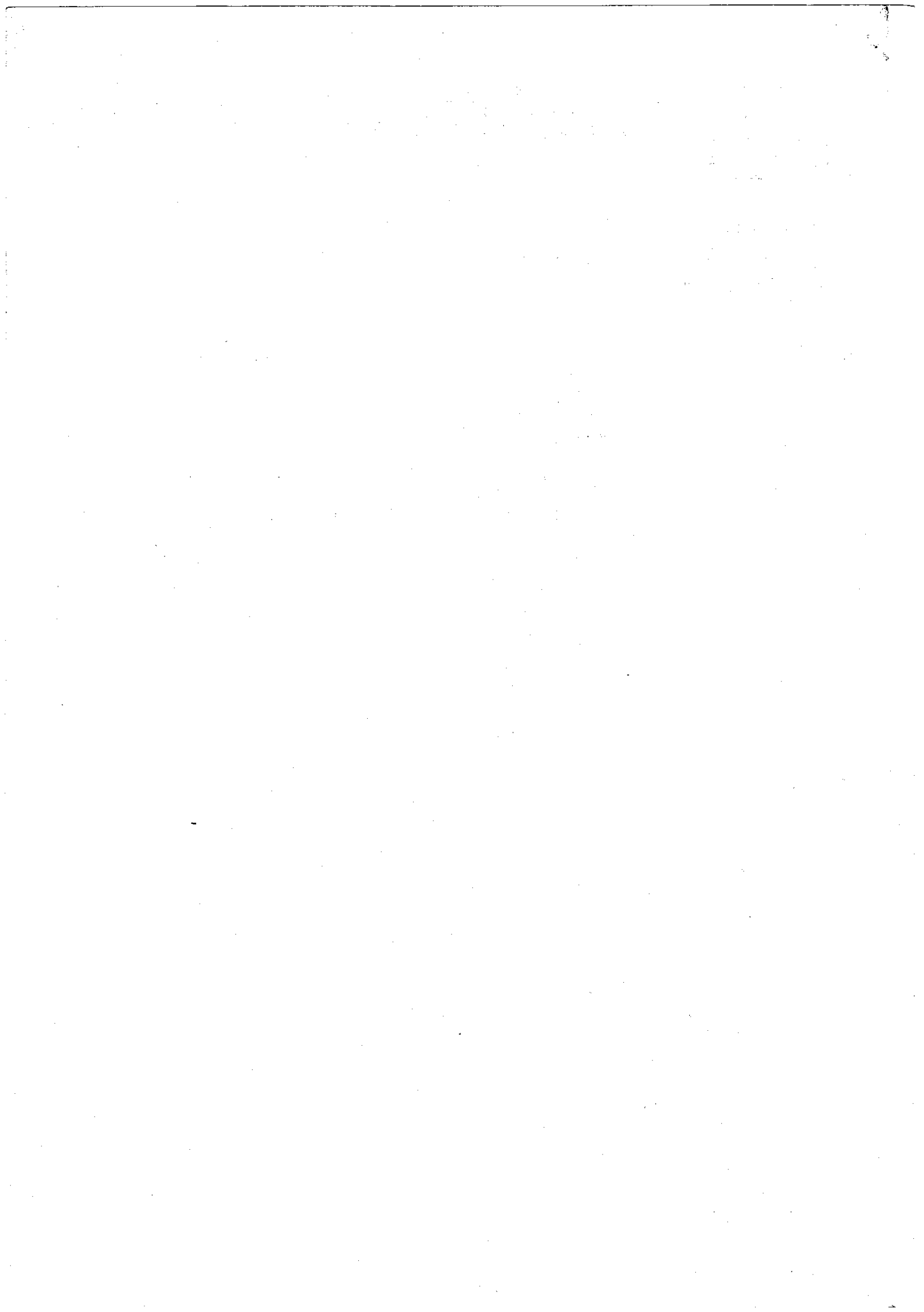
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRES.

Everytime I attend an Apex 40 function it gives me a real thrill to think that, but for Apex 40, this beaut bunch of people would probably never meet up with each other.

The terrific evening down at Beaconsfield the other night when Melbourne/Gippsland met for dinner was just one example and I guess the same feeling of warmth and good fellowship is present at all your Branch Meetings.

It would be good if Branches could all let us know meeting dates and venues in case other members happen to be in their area and could join in the fun.

I spent a very delightful three-quarters of an hour locked in a small room (NO - not that room) with the National President of Apex a few weeks back when we were both mystery guests at a "This is Your Life" segment at David Cotton's farewell night.

It was an enjoyable forty-five minutes and I believe Apex has a very capable and dynamic leader. Although he still doesn't like our name, I feel he is in favour of our objectives and possibly has a better picture of what we are about since our informal chat.

You will be pleased to know that Immediate Past President of Apex, Tom Chapman, who was our guest at the Apex 40 Annual Meeting last year, has been elected World Council Vice-President.

Our next Rort should be a ripper judging by what Owen and his merry men have cooked up so far and I'm looking forward to an invasion of members from the Branches. Another small organisation is holding a Convention of some sort in Melbourne the same weekend so perhaps some group travel could be arranged for Inter-Staters.

"We get 'em all eventually" is our boast but unfortunately the "Reaper" got in first with Roger D'Or from Dandenong who died suddenly during Zone 12 Convention weekend. Roger was our Guest Speaker at an early Melbourne/Gippsland meeting promoting MS Service Scheme and we extend our sympathy to his family.

As we probably will not get out another "Roaring Forties" before the end of the year, I'd like to extend every good wish to you and yours from Vi and myself, and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at Easter. The Rortings great, Mate, in '78.

Lionel Mussell.

P.S. Rortings Divine in '79 - who wants to host it?
Think about it folks.

LM.

ROARING RORT

Melbourne Gippsland Branch have arrangements well in hand for the 3rd Roaring Rort to be held at Dorset Gardens Hotel-Motel, Croydon, Melbourne. Date - Easter 1978 being Friday March 24th to Monday March 27th.

The programme is flexible so that if you cannot attend all functions, you may attend some functions only. Motel accommodation is available for 1, 2 or 3 nights as required. In any event, the Saturday Evening Rorty Dinner/Dance should be a must. It will be a great night as will the whole week-end. Rorters who have attended previous Rorts have already booked, including a plane load from Tasmania, and we extend a rorty invitation to all members from Orbost, Shepparton, Maryborough, Brisbane etc. to be in it.

PROGRAMME -

Friday March 24th.	1 p.m. Smorgasboard Luncheon 6.30 p.m Dinner 8.00 p.m President Lionel's Welcome Party.
Saturday March 25th.	10.00 a.m Bus Tour - Dandenong Ranges 12.30 p.m Bistro Luncheon 2.30 p.m Annual General Meeting 7.00 p.m Annual Rort Dinner/Dance.
Sunday March 26th.	All day Bus Tour to Walhalla for a picnic lunch and then to Lardner for a Brandie Braes
Monday March 27th.	10.00 a.m Bus Tour of Melbourne City Sights, lunch at an inner Melbourne Historic Pub P.M Embark for home.

The All Up Cost per person for the whole week-end is - \$96.25 plus liquid refreshments and incidentals.

A Registration Form is enclosed -

Any questions - please contact

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RORTING WAS HEAVEN IN '77. SO LET'S MAKE IT GREAT IN '78.

THE HOT DOG SALESMAN

Once upon a time there was a man who sold hot dogs from a stand by the road side. He could not hear very well, so he did not have a radio and his eyes were so bad that he could not read the newspapers. But he sold good hot dogs. He put up a sign by the road side that told how good they were. And he shouted; "Come and buy a good hot dog" to all passers-by. Sales were flourishing. He ordered more hot dogs from his supplier and improved his heating equipment.

Finally his son left school and came to help. But then something happened, the son said: "Father, haven't you listened to the radio or read the newspapers? A business depression is on the way. The whole of Europe is in a very difficult situation and in this country it is even worse. Everthing is going to the dogs".

And the father thought: "Yes, my son has gone to school, he reads the newspapers, watches TV and listens to the radio, so he should know".

So, the father reduced his supplies of hot dogs, took away his sign by the road side and did not call out any longer how good his hot dogs were.

And his sales went down almost to zero. "You are right, my son, he said, "we really are in for a bad depression".

GOT THE MORAL??!!

DEVONPORT BRANCH

Devonport continue to be very busy and active, meeting on a monthly basis. In addition to the regular meetings recent functions include a weekend at Cradle Mountain, and a Film Evening. A recent Dinner Notice indicates 25 starters todate for 1978 Rort.

MEMO

TO: All Staff

From: Personnel Department

re: Early Retirement Plan.

Due to the economic situation, Management has decided to reduce the current workforce and has devised a Reduction of Employees Program.

Under this plan the older employees will be replaced in early retirement, permitting the retention of employees who represent the future of the Company.

A program to phase out the older personnel (over 40) by the end of the current financial year will be put into effect immediately. This program will be known as RAPE (Retirement, Aged Personnel, Early). Employees who are RAPED will be given the opportunity to seek other jobs within the company provided that, while they are RAPED they request a review of their employment before actual retirement takes place.

This phase of the program will be known as SCREW (Survey of Capabilities of Retired Early Workers). All employees who have been RAPED and SCREWED may apply for a final review.

This phase will be known as STUFFED (Study of Termination of Use For Future Education and Development. Program policy dictates that employees may be RAPED once, SCREWED twice, but can get STUFFED as many times as the management sees fit.

MELBOURNE-GIPPSLAND BRANCH

Alan Flaherty and Colin Speirs have just been elected for a second term as President and Secretary respectively - by unanimous vote. Bi-monthly Dinner Meetings continue to be very successful. Recent family days include a B.B.Q. at Silvan Reservoir and a Golf-B.B.Q. at Drouin.

Christmas Dinner will be held at Dorset Gardens Hotel-Motel on November 26th to see Harry Secomb.

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MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO:

1. Ex-Apexians Ex world councilors who retired at the normal retiring age.
2. Apexians elected to Life Office.
3. Other Ex-Apexians Ex world councilors as approved by the Apex 40 committee.
4. Nives (Widows) of eligible members.

SECRETARIAL:

Those Branches who have not yet paid their \$20.00 - 1977 Subscription, receipt of same would be appreciated. Funds are used for postage and printing costs only.

Also, some news items from our various branches would be welcome for inclusion in our next Roaring 40's due for publication early February 1978.

A write up on your Christmas Functions makes good reading.

Apex 40 Leaflets, letterheads, envelopes are available at the moment, ex stock, for them that ask.

Apex 40 Reserves currently stand at \$280.00. Expenditure over the last quarter - NIL.

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