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EDITORIAL

You will notice that this month we are quoting our price as 1/3 or 12 cents. This figure has been reached taking into consideration what the new postage rates would be if we are registered as a periodical.

I would like to request that members try to bring their advertisements fully written out with full particulars. Quite often this causes difficulties and incorrect information being published. It is also important that you state if you want the advertisement to appear in the journals of other states.

- EDITOR

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MEETING NOTICE

The next monthly meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1965 at 8 p.m. at the Amoco Centre, Willoughby Road, Naremburn.

- JACK DANCE

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SCIENCE CORNER (reprinted from The Shore Weekly Record, October 8, 1965)

"TEST DRIVE OF SCHOOL DOG

The model tested was a standard production Canis Retus from G.B. Dogsbody Ltd., who were also kind enough to provide fuel.

The test was held on the standard school route (Tuckshop-S.M.'s Office, grade of 1 in 28; S.M.'s Office-Tuckshop, grade of 28 in 1; Tuckshop-Labs, 1 in 30; Labs-Tuckshop and finally to the fountain for refilling the radiator, grade of 1 in 2).

The unit under test performed well at all stages, particularly in cornering; suspension smooth with all four torsion legs independently sprung.

Sitting relaxedly on the genuine leather upholstery (just beginning to moult, I noticed) I was unable to observe that the whole unit was completely water-tight and not a trace of dust penetrated to the interior. The instruments were grouped in an odd but highly effective manner, with headlights on either side; a highly flexible crankhandle at the rear completed the mechanical details.

Performance Figures:

0-1½, 62.39 seconds; 0-5, 135.00 seconds (down Quadrangle Straight); top speed, 5.5 m.p.h.; fuel consumption, 6 sandwiches per yard; total tank capacity, 225 sandwiches.

Measurements:

Track, 6.5 inches; wheelbase, 40.6 inches; diameter, 40.7 inches; clearance, no sufficiently thin feeler gauge available; engine capacity, 0.3 horsepower (?); power unit, Wankel rotary engine (no moving parts).

Summary:

Unit performed well in all tests, except that there were ominous rumblings

from the engine space when caused to accelerate. Unit was checked for rust and three fleas were found (optional feature). Steering was smooth and responsive, consisting of a cog and pinion system attached to each ear. On the whole, the unit is more suitable for the man with the large family rather than the fast boy-about-town."

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Larry Leresche would like to thank members who visited him during his recent illness.

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THERE ARE STILL ABOUT 100 NON-FINANCIAL MEMBERS. ARE YOU ONE OF THESE?

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The Events Committee reported that 32 cars attended the Waratah Festival.

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Ken Moss has had news from the A.C.T. that excellent camping and caravaning facilities are going to be available at Easter, however, an early booking is desirable. It is understood that the actual caravans are not provided but the site is. There have been arrangements made for first-class lunches and meals as well as a Saturday night dinner and dance in a new club. There will be further news, no doubt, with much more definite information directly from A.C.T.

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MEETING REPORT

The September monthly meeting was again held at the Amoco Training Centre on Thursday, 23rd. There was again a full house and it would seem that members are coming from the south side quite as enthusiastically as when we were meeting in town. This month the Treasurer reported on quite a few expenses. She made a statement that only about half our members were as yet financial for the current year. It will not be long before warning notices will be going out.

Len Sheen was able to give to the Treasury £15 from the sale of horns.

The Management Committee reported on quite a few matters. In the first place, the meeting with the Newcastle President, Don Barker, has been held and a few problems were settled. SPIT AND POLISH is to publish a one-page Newcastle supplement each month and the first of these was attached to the last issue. It was an excellent supplement and will do a great deal to bring us into contact with the Newcastle members. The Newcastle branch is also to receive £1 per financial member per year for their expenditure.

The "Veteran of the Year" Committee this year will comprise Len Sheen, C. Roberts and A. Foy. Roy Farrell was seeking permission to take his car back to Gilgandra from whence it originally came. The question of insurance on club property is being investigated. An old model projector requiring too much restoration has been located and it was suggested that it be disposed of.

Alan Foy brought the question of correct usage of club plates again before the meeting. He suggested that anyone who had any doubts should obtain from him a sheet of guidance notes concerning this.

The Events Committee report was presented by Len Sheen. He also presented the prizes for the Bundeena outing. They were received by G. Green, J. Dance and D. Pierce in that order. Len also sought comment on his recent four corners rally. This type of outing received unanimous approval. 24 cars attended. There was also a letter of thanks concerning the Mahratta fete from the Bank of New South Wales auxiliary and a letter of thanks from the Endeavour High School.

The Social Secretary reported that the Christmas dinner was to be held on 18th December at the Windsor Gardens, Chatswood.

Financial members received their copies of a roster at the meeting and the librarian had made available quite an interesting array of magazine publications.

The President had further information concerning the registration of SPIT AND POLISH with the G.P.O. It was necessary for the following motion to be passed and this motion has to be shown to the authorities before the registration can be effected. The following were the salient points:

That the name was to be SPIT AND POLISH, that it was to be

distributed each calendar month of the year and that the price had to be stated.

(The actual price has yet to be determined by a thorough investigation of actual costs. It will be between one and two shillings per year and this is already covered in our membership dues.) In addition, a separate account must be kept and shown in the annual balance sheet. The President has this matter in hand.

There was further discussion concerning the position of the veteran cars in relationship to the CVVTMC. This organisation feels that it should have three outings per year, firstly the combination outing that was recently held at Warwick Farm and secondly Spring and Autumn rallies. The Spring rally to the Hunter Valley and the Autumn rally to Port Macquarie. It was quite clear that these two longer outings are quite unsuitable for veteran cars and the matter was brought up considering that it is unwise practice to place veteran and vintage in any event together. The matter was further brought up that certain of the thoroughbred motor cars recently appearing at Warwick Farm competing against veterans were of near 1965 vintage. The general idea was that there should be limits placed on the concept of a thoroughbred motor car as appearing at CVVTMC functions.

Peter Cable has offered to join the Investigation and Dating Committee as a junior member. George Roberts indicated that pressure of business had prevented him from being active in his investigations.

A list of new and associate members is recorded separately. This was the biggest increase in numbers we have had for a very long time.

After the meeting Ken Moss continued to show slides and movies of his recent U.S.A. trip.

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NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

J.E. Heath,	175 Canley Vale Road, Canley Vale. (Working on a Ford T.)
C. Broadbent,	14 Lelia Street, Glendale, 2N.
A. Lee,	435 Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge.
C. Lytle,	South Sydney. 'Phone 26/2359
R.G. Tomb,	42 Baker St., Carlingford.
R.C. Wakeley,	20 Deepwater Rd., Castlecove.
P.F. Dawbnes,	5 Henson St., Brighton le Sands.
H.J. Hughes,	86 Verulan Rd., Lambton, Newcastle.

NEW FULL MEMBERS

L.J. Ford,	27 Farrell Rd., Woy Woy. (Alldays Tourer 1910)
G.N. Lynch,	31 Hillcrest Parade, Highfields. 41535 (Delahaye Tourer 1918)

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GEORGE GILLTRAP'S AUTO MUSEUM

On my recent trip to the Gold Coast I was able to spend a few hours at the Auto Museum at Coolangatta. It is probably well-known to many members, however I would feel remiss if I did not make mention of it in SPIT AND POLISH. I would also like to thank George and members of his family for help in other matters.

The Auto Museum now has over 70 exhibits and there is a nice well-illustrated and produced catalogue to take away. I believe it should be realised that the Museum is for the public and not just for the already-confirmed enthusiast. It is a place where the interested can be introduced to the early forbearers of automotive transport.

You meet the exhibits in a well set out display. In demonstration you can hear the old engines, see the old vehicles move and there is a pandemonium of tooting horns. I am sure a visit to the Auto Museum has delighted many

thousands and there must be quite a few members and would-be members who have first had their desires kindled from this experience.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description	Exhibit No.	Description
1	1901 Panhard et Levassor	2	1902 Albion
3	1902 Oldsmobile	4	1904 Darracq "Genevieve"
5	1906 Ford Model "N"	6	1907 Cadillac Model "K"
7	1908 Clement Bayard	8	1908 Maxwell
9	1909 Ford Model T	10	1910 Hupmobile "20"
11	1911 A.C. Sociable	12	1911 Daimler Knight
13	1948 Holden	14	1913 Humberette
15	1905 De Dion Bouton	16	1914 Detroit Electric
17	1914 Morris Oxford	18	1914 Twombley
19	1918 Australian Six	20	1920 Rover
21	1922 Benz	22	1922 Franklin
23	1922 Lanchester	24	1955 Ferrari
25	1923 Overland	26	1923 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost
27	1923 Wolseley	28	1925 Austin Taxi
29	1925 Chevrolet Superior K	30	1925 Citroen
31	1925 Stanley Steamer	32	1926 Ford T Sedan
33	1926 Morris Cowley	34	1926 Stearns Knight
35	1930 Ford Model A	35a	1932 Daimler
Commercial Vehicles			
36	1907 Foden Steam Truck	37	1908 Walker Electric
38	1910 International	39	1911 De Dion Bouton
40	1912 Caldwell Vale	41	1912 Unic
42	1914 Fiat	43	1918 Latil
44	1919 Renault	45	1922 Gray
46	Manual Fire Pump	47	Steam Fire Pump
48	1913 Dennis	49	1922 Ford Model T
50	1929 Dennis		
Tractors			
51	1914 International Mogul	52	1910 Advance Rumley Oil Pull
53	1924 Case 12/20	54	1925 Fordson
55	Steam Locomotive	56	Steam Locomotive
57	Phaeton Horsedrawn vehicle	58	Cobb Coach
59	Irish Jaunting Cart	60	Ancient Chinese Rickshaw
61	1936 Moth Minor	62	1960 Replica Ford Miniature
	1942 Bren Gun Carrier 1905 De Dion Bouton		1927 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 Limousine de Ville
63	(Circa) 1860 Boneshaker	64	1875 Penny Farthing
65	1898 Columbia	66	1944 Japanese Paratroopers
67	1904 N.S.U.	68	1906 Moto Reve Cycle
69	1914 Rudge Multi	70	1914 Triumph
71	1922 Douglas	72	1923 B.S.A.
73	1923 Norton	74	1928 Harley Davidson

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NEWCASTLE BRANCH REPORT - OCTOBER, 1965

Well, another annual Newcastle Tour has come and gone and I would like to record this branch's thanks to those members and friends who made the trip. We hope you all had as good a weekend as you had expected.

The weather was near-perfect, as were some of the highlights of the Tour. All present at the Smorgasbord on the Saturday evening appeared to enjoy themselves which was most gratifying to the organising committee. Much interest was expressed by our visitors in the rural route taken by the Tour this year; also in the gymkhana events and other attractions of the Sunday afternoon. Quite a number of visitors availed themselves of the scenic tours and joyflights in modern light aircraft, as well as inspection of the display of veteran aircraft.

All in all, a good weekend, and we look forward to next year's Tour with enthusiasm.

I would like to mention at this point that in combining with the Royal Newcastle Aero Club on this year's Tour we were able to substantially aid charity. The cars and aircraft and their joint activities attracted an estimated 2,000 spectators with proceeds going to Maitland Lions' Club to help them in their projects. It is indeed doubly satisfying when we can be enjoying our hobby and aiding charity at the same time.

- DON BARKER,
Chairman.

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FOUR CORNERS RALLY

The Four Corners rally was held on 19th September and it proved an interesting innovation that was acceptable and enjoyable to those who participated.

In all, 23 cars attended. They started from Sydney University where they received the first clue and with this information they tried to reach the first call. The same procedure was followed five times. The clues are printed below. If a member found himself quite lost, after a reasonable amount of time he was permitted to open an envelope which gave the answer to the clue so that everyone participating eventually reached the finishing point at Vaucluse House. The winner of this event was David Davis in the Clement Bayard.

Clue No. 1 West. You would take a child here for Medical attention - it has five words in title.

Clue No. 2 North. Proceed now to clockless tower where money flows freely into bags though you are often in the dog house for losing it.

Clue No. 3. Bearing North still, observe very clearly the hill with excellent harbour views.

Clue No. 4. If you are still with us, go South, but don't be told what to do. Be a general in your own motor and not a page. You will soon see the wood through the trees.

Clue No. 5. Final clue takes you to the Eastern Suburbs. The road takes the name of the park that you left earlier in the day, the house was the home of a great Australian explorer.

First Call. Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children, Camperdown.
Second Call. Clock Tower, Wentworth Park Dog Race Track.
Third Call. Observatory Hill, Millers Point.
Fourth Call. General Motors Holden Ltd., Bunnerong Rd., Pagewood.
Fifth and Finish. Vaucluse House, Wentworth Rd., Vaucluse.

CARS ATTENDING "FOUR CORNERS" TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1965:

R. Craze	B.S.A.	1912	T. Cook	Rolls Royce	1910
D. Davis	Clem. Bayard	1908	J. Vanstone	Metallurgique	1908
G. Daley	F.N.	1908	J. Godfrey	Ford	1918
D. South	Overland	1912	A. McLeod	Star	1912
A. Rowe	Fiat	1912	F. Nisson	Humber	1906
P. McKeown	Austin	1909	A. Lee	Rolls Royce	1912
A. Colbert	Crossley	1912	P. Davis	Hispano Suiza	1914
J. Cooper	Renault	1909	R. Jones	Oakland	1913
G. Roberts	Calthorpe	1912	V. Jacobs	T Ford	1912
C. Parker	Martini	1911	W. Spraggon	Renault	1908
J. Dance	Talbot	1911	G. Green	Rolls Royce	1913
J. Knight	I.H.C.	1910	D. Cawthorn	Austin	1913
J. Simpson	B.S.A.	1909			

CARS ATTENDING "MAHRATTA" GARDEN FETE, SATURDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1965:
(Proceeds went to the Royal Blind Society)

J. Dance	1911	Talbot
J. McGowen	1910	Armstrong Whitworth
G. Green	1913	Rolls Royce

A. Colburt	1912 Crossley
T. Cook	Rolls Royce 1911
A. Foy	1906 Reo
R. Hill	1909 Hupmobile
G. Daley	1908 F.N.
G. Roberts	1912 Calthorpe

Handicap Point Score

A. Foy	Reo	50
M. Yabsley	De Dion	50
F. Nissen	Humber	40
J. Jeffery	Locomobile	40
A. Rose-Bray	Brush	50
J. Vanstone	Metallurgique	30
K. Lober	Oldsmobile	50

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, 23rd October	Willoughby Council Centenary Procession. Assemble Keary St., Willoughby at 9.30 a.m.
Sunday, 31st October	Lions Club of Vaucluse, Senior Citizens Outing
November 13th & 14th	Blackheath Rhododendon Procession and Carorama
November 28th	Compulsory Annual Inspection & Children's Christmas Party
December 18th	Christmas Dinner

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, 18th December, 1965 at 8 p.m., Windsor Gardens, 258 Mowbray Rd., Chatswood.

Start work on your party now as 100 people are necessary for the Club to come square.

John Quinn, professional M.C. from Anthony Horderns, has kindly accepted our invitation to officiate. So all those members who attended the Club Ball at Anthony Horderns will vouch for its being a very good night. First-class Orchestra is in attendance, soft drinks are only available so bring your own liquid refreshments.

There are prizes for: Lucky Door, Biggest Party, and Barn Dance.

Unlimited free parking available.

Tickets 35/- each, and the Menu is:

Savouries on tables
Pineapple minted cocktail
Fillet of Fish, Tartare Sauce OR Salmon Mornay
Chicken a la Windsor, with Potato Puffs and Peas
Fruit Salad and Ice Cream OR Apple Pie and Ice Cream
OR Caramel Ice Cream Cake

Please ring your bookings to 42/4198, Hilda Sheen, Social Secretary.

RALLY ROUND AND MAKE IT A BUMPER NIGHT!

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE: Metz 22" radiator, 1914 model. R. Baxter, 15 Clarence St., GRAFTON.

AVAILABLE: Horn Bulbs - £1 each.

George Green (President)

F O R S A L E

1 Pair Dietz Steel Side Lamps, perfect condition. A. Garthon, 57/6520 521/3406

On his return to better health, Larry Leresche has commenced sorting out his large stocks of veteran car parts and at the present time is offering the following:

Assortment of head lamps and side lamps.
Several 4-cylinder Bosch magnetos, also Renault 2-cylinder magneto. All magnetos have been overhauled and in excellent condition.
Two Renault steering columns and box.
Various Ford T parts, some new.
Brass speedometers, etc. L. Leresche, 89/1608

1912 Ford T Terry Mitchell, 51 Hallem Avenue, Lane Cove. 42/3294

One new Model T Ford rear Spring, complete price £1 plus freight.

Katoomba Garage Pty. Ltd., Bathurst Rd., Katoomba.

Two new tyres - 500 x 24 Wire Gate & Fence Co. Ltd. Crows Nest.

W A N T E D

Updraught Zenith Carburettor, type 30 A (1¼" bore)
or a Binks patent carburettor
to suit 12-15 h.p. Calthorpe. R. Baxter, 15 Clarence St., Grafton.

(Following 5 "Wanteds" are from Victoria)

Napier Radiator, any year or model. Wanted for exchange. Must be in good condition. Arthur Lang, Boorhamen East, Via Wangaratta, Vic.

Liberty Brush 1911-1912 engine. Jim Dalgleish, 25 Murray Drive, Burwood, Vic.28/1974

Sunbeam 1912 Radiator and any odd parts. Ian Rawlinson, 445 Dandenong Rd., North Clayton, Vic. 544/4749

Bosch magneto 50° twin anti-clockwise.
Wheel 26 x 3 belt rimmed with hub 8" between rear forks for preference.
WANTED URGENTLY FOR J.A.P. TENDER FOR HERCULE. Keith Neilson, 20 Kenilworth, Reservoir, Vic. 46/2009

Members looking for 500 x 24 straight side tyres, as there is the possibility of some being specially made. Those interested contact: Arthur Lang, Boorhamen East, Via Wangaratta, Vic.

RESULTS OF 6TH ANNUAL NEWCASTLE VETERAN TOUR - 1965:

List of Starters		Points Lost	Place
1. Ed Yabsley	1904 De Dion	124	17
2. Bill Spraggon	1908 Renault	240	18
3. Greg. Knodler	1913 Hillman	---	--
4. Les Diemel	1908 Maxwell	23	3
5. Laurie Sykes	1913 Humberette	53	12
6. Harry Bird	1912 Metz	Not competing	
7. Ron Craze	1912 B.S.A.	37	7
8. Peter Adams	1912 F.N.	30	4
9. Jack Dance	1911 Talbot	45	9
10. Arnold Worboys	1910 Clement Bayard	---	--
11. Len Sheen	1912 Humber	---	--
12. Norm Robinson	1911 Ford	37	7
13. Neville Preston	1914 Clement Talbot	46	10
14. Alan Rowe	1912 Fiat	50	11
15. Max Roberts	1915 Ford	36	6
16. Ray Thomas	1916 Buick	13	1
17. Hunter Thomas	1914 Ford	16	2
18. Ken Moss	1912 Cadillac	68	13
19. Jim Turner	1913 Benz	96	16
20. Allan Foy	1906 Reo	280	19
21. Reg Jones	1913 Oakland	75	14
22. Stan Rumble	1911 Renault	30	4
23. Vic Jacobs	1912 Ford	92	15

	1st Place Car No.	2nd Place Car No.
GYMKHANA EVENTS		
LE MANS START	12	21
GATE OPENING	23	19
REVERSING	19	21

"SPOKES IN THE WHEEL"

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THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)

NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

With the successful completion of the 1965 Newcastle Tour, it is now obvious that it is no longer necessary to have sponsorship in order to have a very enjoyable and successful Rally or Tour. By the combined efforts of the organising committee and our hard working Ladies Auxiliary, the weekend must surely have been one of the highlights of this year's Veteran motoring calendar.

To all those whose hard work and long hours contributed to this event, a hearty vote of appreciation from all participants, and I am sure this goes for the spectators also, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Speaking of enjoyment, the Saturday night's festivities disclosed that quite a number of our members have talents other than those connected with motoring. Who would pay to hear Joan Sutherland after listening to Margaret Bird? This was one "bird" the boys listened to, as well as watched. And what about our maestro of the keyboard? With a glass of ginger (?) ale on the lid, and what seemed like four pair of hands on the ivories, Peter Adams provided a really professional accompaniment.

Although Jim Turner gave a masterly imitation of "the morning after the night before", I'll bet the real McCoy on Monday morning would have brought the house down. And what about our 'Arry? Is he a bathtub baritone or isn't he? The duet with Margaret was worthy of Nelson Eddy with Jeanette McDonald.

One of the most hilarious episodes was Ken Moss trying to cope with a drooping microphone, whilst giving a colourful description of his epic U.S.A. tour.

The tour itself, and the subsequent gymkhana events at Royal Newcastle Aero Club, provided some excellent displays. Ed Yabsley and his immaculate little De Dion Bouton as always, with a full complement of passengers, showed how consistent and reliable a really old veteran can be. Potential winners of next year's Le Mans will not be Jaguar or Ferrari, but the T Fords of Vic. Jacobs and Wal Barker. Let's hope that Laurie Sykes learns where neutral is before he parks his Humberette in front of his own gate. The little car's leap forward when he jumped out would have done justice to an Olympic high jumper. In fact, he must have been almost level with Alan Foy's lofty perch on the Reo.

Farmers - take note! Crop dusting at reasonable rates! Contact Jones, Moss and Turner. Big, powerful flying machines guarantee a thick uniform spread of top dressing.

I hear General Motors are looking for a new handbrake design for next year's Holden. Perhaps the one on the Editorial Buick would do the job. Only bug in the design is how the heck you release it, without the assistance of six able bodied helpers.

Our vote of thanks also to "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines" - the boys of Royal Newcastle Aero Club and their visitors, who performed seemingly impossible feats even seeming to fly backwards - in their aircraft, and they turning on the hospitality on Sunday night - or was it Monday morning?

FOR SALE. Restored and mobile International shovel nosed one ton truck, 1921 model. Will sell, or preferably exchange and adjust for veteran car, preferably unrestored. Chris Broadbent, C/- 37 Clarence Road, Waratah. 'Phone 68/3181.

WANTED. Bosch ZA4 magneto. Greg. Knodler, Neots Park, Whittingham. 'Phone Singleton 537.

WANTED. Bosch ZU4 magneto. Ray Thomas, 37 Clarence Rd., Waratah. 'Phone 68/3181.

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On behalf of all Newcastle members we extend to Len Sheen and family our sincere sympathy in the loss of his mother.

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The next meeting of this branch will be held at the Driver Training Range, Adamstown, on WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1965 at 8 p.m.

Would members please advise the ladies of the auxiliary that no meeting will be held this month.

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