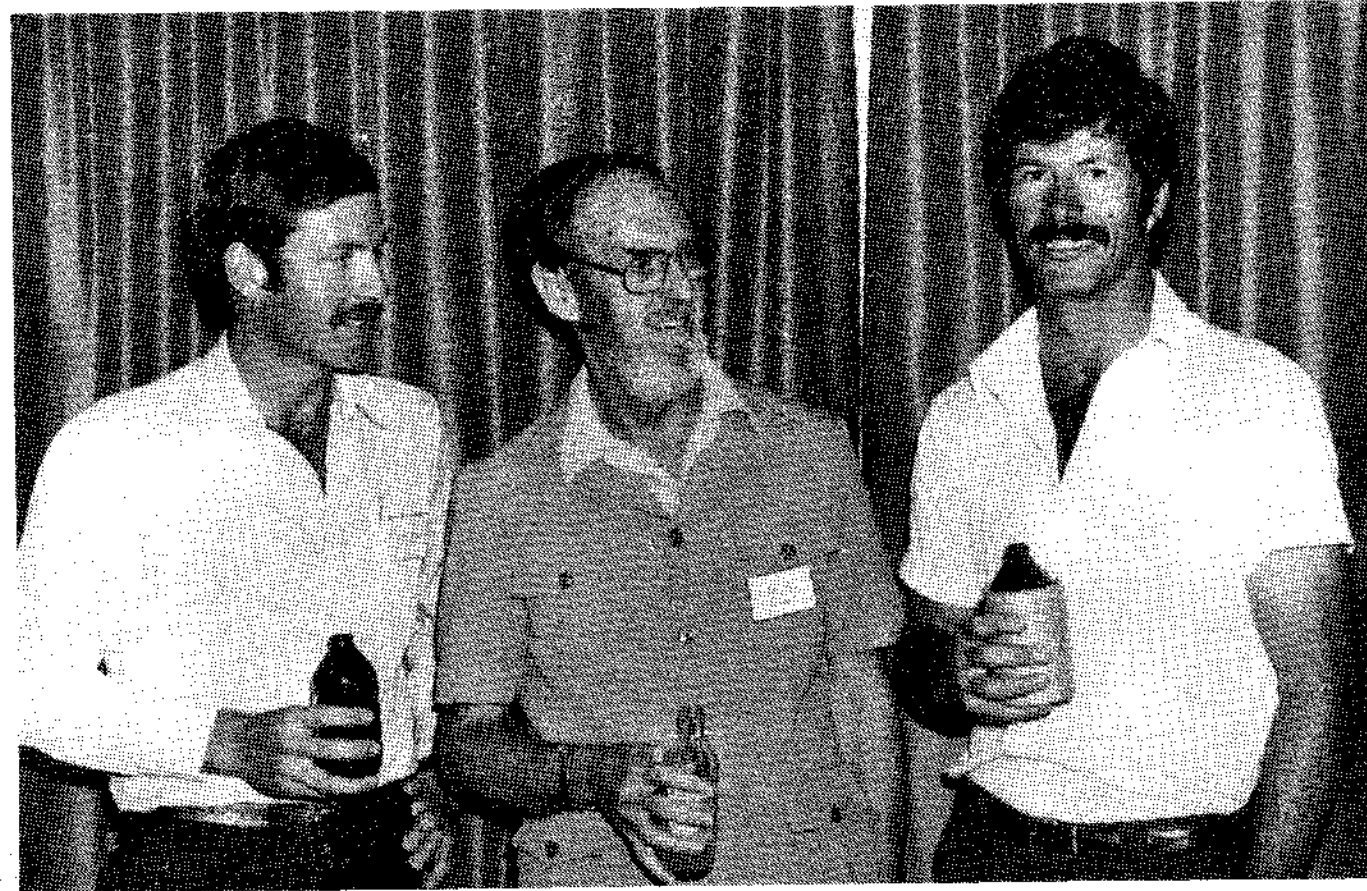


BEER BREAK FOR COFFEE MEN



Although the refreshments were a little stronger, the subject was Coffee at a recent meeting of local members of the Australian Society of Accountants.

Hosted by North Queensland Tobacco Growers Co-Operative Association Deputy General Manager Mr John Lewis, the function held in Mareeba last week featured, as guest speakers, former Rhodesian coffee growers Nat and Dick

Jacques.

The Jacques brothers are developing a 90 acre coffee plantation in the Mareeba district, and are presently planting-out in excess of 90,000 trees.

Nat Jacques told the accountants that the coffee industry had tremendous potential on 'the Tablelands', and that their first harvest was expected next year.

SOLID FACTS SHORT

The Atherton Chamber of Commerce has decided that it is NOT in favour of local ownership of the Cairns Airport.

Following the receipt of a letter from Mr Peter Keogh asking for support for the idea from the Chamber, members said

that in spite of a lot of rhetoric on the subject, there did not appear to be enough solid facts, and the Federal Government, together with a number of other persons and organizations, seemed to be trying to rush a decision with statements about deadlines.



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