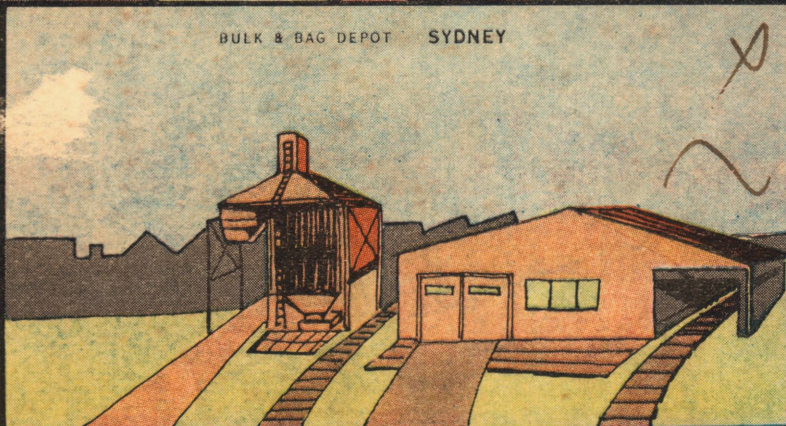
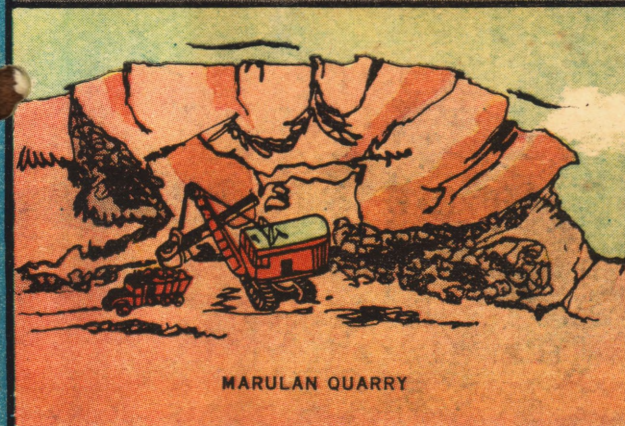
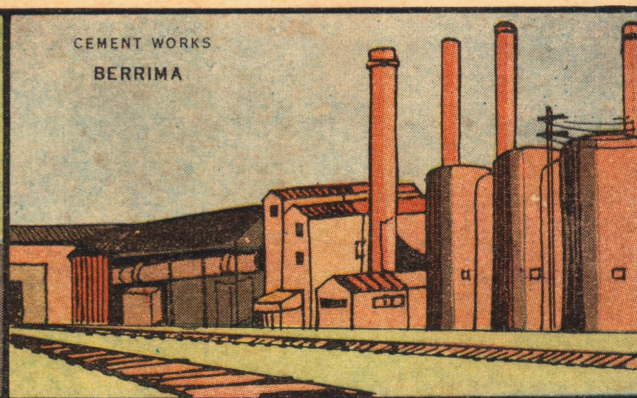
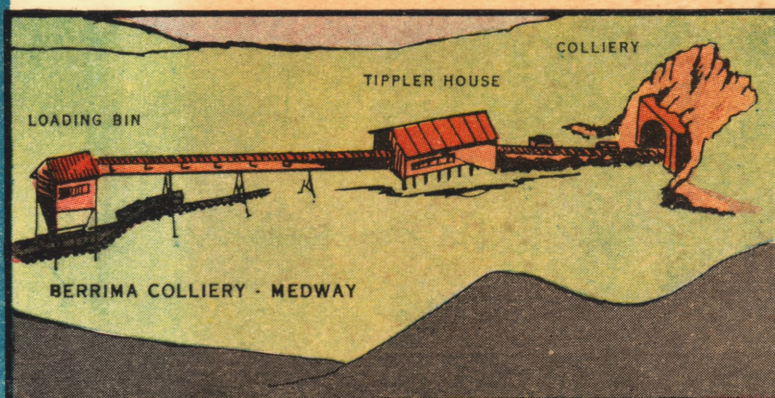


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Dear Readers,

It has become traditional to welcome the New Year with much festivity underlying which is the spirit of looking forward, of meeting a challenge with optimism, of a personal determination to do better in the future than we have done in the past.

Whilst agreeing entirely with and, in fact, encouraging this forward look to the utmost, it is a very apt occasion on which to reflect over the year just past.

Scientifically, 1959 has been a great year. Conquest of the Antarctica and Outer Space, has gone ahead in leaps and bounds and the harnessing of Atomic Power appears to be well-nigh accomplished.

Economically, here in Australia, we have gained much whilst politically the international situation has not deteriorated. On the contrary there would seem to be a much better chance of peaceful co-existence between the nations of the World than ever before.

In our own back-yard, 1959 has been good. Safety figures show a great improvement and 1960 will be even better.


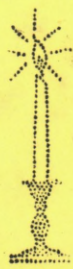
Another important feature about this month is that it is the first Anniversary of our Magazine and we sincerely hope that Volume 2 (1960) will be a bigger and better Newsletter and will contain more articles from our readers.

The Editorial Staff takes this opportunity of wishing all the employees a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Until next issue,

Yours,

THE EDITOR.





- GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES -

Due to steadily rising sales 1959 was the Company's best year to date and my sincere thanks go to all for the individual efforts required to maintain production to meet sales.

I feel I may be permitted at this stage to quote some of 1959's outputs and figures, not to boast, but to show what we have to beat in 1960.

Coal	135,387 tons.
Limestone	939,538 "
Clinker	256,329 "
Cement	
Sales	261,465 "

The Safety record at Berrima also improved remarkably as the following figures show:-

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
No. of lost-time accidents	37	48	53	23

It is considered that 1960 will be an even better year for the Company and its employees, and we enter it with keen anticipation.

On the construction side, two additional Gyratory Crushers and new limestone storage bins are to be installed at Marulan whilst at Berrima we are working on proposals for a new Works Office, second slurry storage basin, and some other minor installations.

GENERAL MANAGER



December, 1959.

MARULAN QUARRY:

Limestone..... Net 71,333 tons

Mullock ..... 18,838 "

Production was below average at Marulan but sufficient for requirements of Port Kembla and Berrima. Now that three kilns are operating at Berrima another 10,000 tons of stone per month will be required.

BERRIMA COLLIERY:

Coal ..... 10,583 tons

Production ..... 12.60 tons per shift per miner  
(Record)

..... 5.52 tons per shift per employee  
(Record)

The Colliery was again in record breaking form, output per miner's shift and employee's shift both being new records. The Pit commenced its annual holiday break on the 18th December and all employed there, excepting Bill Hilton, Under-Manager, who had to stop behind to look after the pumps, went off for three weeks leave.

CEMENT WORKS:

Power ..... 4,200,155 kilowatt hours.

Power requirements for December were fully met at an output somewhat less than the capacity of the station.

Clinker ..... 21,785 tons.

No. 1 kiln came back on to production during the month somewhat earlier than previously scheduled due to the clinker stock coming down rather low. The new shell for No. 2 kiln was erected and welding is expected to start shortly.

No. 3 and 4 kilns operated for the full month.

Cement Sales ..... 19,698 tons.

Cement sales were much higher than anticipated at the beginning of the month due to a sustained demand for the product. This augers well for the New Year and we expect 1960 to be a much better year than 1959.



The increasing use of Portland cement concrete has been a feature of building activity in the past 12 months. While 1959 saw the use of the reinforced concrete frame in multi-storey building make more impact in N.S.W. than in other States, the situation was reversed in other fields, such as soil-cement, for example, where South Australia continued its lead in this type of economical pavement. However, the most striking example of the reinforced concrete frame at present under construction in Australia is the 15-storey block of Housing Commission Flats in Surry Hills. The biggest individual project yet undertaken in Government slum rehabilitation and high density housing development in this country, it is expected to set the pattern for future re-development of sub-standard residential areas. In addition to the construction of building frames, the past year has witnessed the introduction of new and exciting uses, such as the folded plate roof, several examples of which have been completed or started in recent months.

One of the year's most notable developments has been the growth of the concrete masonry industry. Eighteen months ago, there were only two major concrete masonry manufacturers in Australia - one in South Australia and one in New South Wales - but today modern plants are operating in Canberra, Victoria and Queensland. In N.S.W. alone there are two major producers, with a third modern plant scheduled to start production early next year. The availability of lightweight aggregates has been a matter of considerable importance to the concrete masonry industry.

Also of particular interest during the year was the increasing use of prestressed concrete, especially in bridge construction. Among the imposing prestressed concrete bridges completed in the last 12 months was the Narrows Bridge, Perth, the largest bridge of its type in Australia and one of the largest in the world. Completion of this bridge marked a notable step forward in the development of prestressed concrete bridge construction in this country.

In the field of precast concrete significant advances have also been made, including the construction of floor and roof beams, stairways, and wall panels with attractive exposed aggregate finishes. Yet another field in which precast concrete has made a considerable impact



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### A Year of Progress - Continued

is that of bridge construction, where precast girders, beams, deck panels and curbs have been erected with minimum disruption to traffic.

Another powerful contributor to progress in the last 12 months has been the Ready-Mixed Concrete Industry which each year is gaining a greater share of the market. Architects, engineers and builders have become readily aware of the advantages of ready-mixed concrete with its consistent high quality and the speed and economy with which it may be placed. Considerable headway has also been made in the production of concrete roofing tiles, the production of which now exceeds those of other types. Developments in manufacturing techniques have enabled concrete tile manufacturers to achieve economy in price, but the industry is wisely attaching more importance to marketing its product as a superior article rather than producing an article at a lower cost than other roofing materials.

The production of concrete roofing tiles in Australia has exceeded that of other types for the first time.

The latest summary of building materials production issued by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics gives these figures for August: Concrete Tiles 5,064,000; Terra Cotta Tiles 4,841,000.

Figures issued by the Bureau in September disclosed an increase in the percentage of concrete tiles produced in June, 1959, compared with June 1958, also for the 12-months period to June, 1959 over the corresponding period for 1957-58.

These are but some of the features of building activity in 1959. The cement industry looks forward to 1960 with confidence.

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He went up to the blonde in the strapless gown and asked: "May I join you?"

"Good grief," she said, "am I coming apart again?"

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ANTON SALAMON: Born Poland - 1921.

The early part of Anton's life was spent on a farm where he worked until war broke out in 1939.

When Poland was overrun, Anton was sent to Germany where he worked in a coal mine for five years.

On the cessation of hostilities he joined an American Occupation Unit which was engaged on rehabilitation of displaced persons.

In September, 1949 Anton migrated to Australia and his first job was on a farm at Bungendore. He later went to Bowral Brickworks and joined S.P.C. in 1951. Anton is now a member of Production "E" Group under Paddy Moran.

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JOE TREFFILL: Born Yugoslavia - 1913.

Joe's first job was in his father's upholstery works at Bocar in the north of Yugoslavia near the Hungarian border where he worked for some years prior to the outbreak of war in 1939.

During the war he worked on a farm in the north west of Germany near the town of Bremen and it was here that Joe met his wife. They were later married at a nearby village and were together during the remaining war years.

In 1950 they migrated to Australia and Joe worked in Sydney for 14 months before moving to the Berrima district, where he joined S.P.C. in 1953.

Joe now resides at New Berrima and has two daughters aged 4 years and 15 months.

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"Dear Teacher, please don't give Johnny any more sums about whisky at three shillings a bottle. It keeps his father awake....."

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The boss was exasperated with his new secretary. She ignored the telephone when it rang.

"You must answer the telephone," he told her irritably.

"O.K.," she replied, "but it seems so silly, nine times out of ten it's for you."

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SOCIAL CRICKET:

The highlight in cricket this month was the Social match between the Port Kembla Slab Mill team and the S.P.C. team. This event turned out to be the best social cricket day ever held on the S.P.C. Oval and judging from the remarks of the visitors it will not be the last time such a day will be enjoyed.

About forty visitors arrived, players from the Slab Mill being accompanied by their wives and families together with a "cheer squad". Visitors and home team were catered for in fine fashion and a delightful salad lunch was served in the Hostel under the direction of proprietor Bill Smith, who is always to the fore in any of the sporting activities.

Refreshments were on tap all the time and these together with the lunch were supplied by the Company.

The game had its exciting features as well as its humorous ones. The most notable incident was one in which our Works Manager starred. Len was going for a quick run but unfortunately tripped on the mat, losing his balance and falling quite heavily. He retired from the field with the assurance that he would return to the wicket if necessary. However, with a fine partnership by K. Mott and H. McDonnell who put on 73 runs to pass the opposition score, Len was satisfied to be a not-out batsman.

The Slab Mill team were all out for 87, wickets falling to K. Moore, 4 for 20, R. Longhurst, 3 for 14, and J. Townsend, 2 for 11.

The S.P.C. batsmen were always on top especially after the first change of bowlers and the results were as follows:-

T. Waide	LBW	34	
G. Beattie	Caught	18	
J. Townsend	Caught	24	
J. Mitchell	Bowled	2	
F. Bell	Stumped	8	
L. Knight	Not out	2	
K. Mott	Bowled	51	
H. McDonnell	Bowled	22	
N. Austin	Caught	2	
J. Hebblewhite	Bowled	0	
D. Moore	Bowled	22	
K. Moore	Run Out	0	<u>TOTAL 185</u>



S.P.C. Total = 185

Slab Mill - All out 87

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A Social cricket match has been arranged between Marulan Quarry and S.P.C. Berrima. The match will be held at Marulan South Oval on Sunday, 17th January. Players wishing to participate are advised to notify Jack or Ken Mott at the earliest opportunity.

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#### COMPETITION CRICKET:

The district competition is now in full swing and after six matches have been decided S.P.C. holds pride of place in the 2nd Grade point score ladder and are quite confident they can repeat their performance of two years ago when they won the District 2nd Grade caps.

The last two matches played resulted in a first innings win over Burrawang and an outright victory over Bowral.

Graham Beattie continues to play an important part in the team's victories with his high standard wicket-keeping whilst Jack Hebblewhite always manages to get a respectable score with the bat. An all round improvement in fielding is another factor that is helping the team maintain its good record.

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#### HOCKEY:

The S.P.C. Hockey Club boys were very satisfied with the result of their "Chinese" night held on Boxing Night.

The hall was gaily decorated with balloons, streamers and chinese lanterns and the large crowd who attended danced to music supplied by Terry Parmenter and his band.

Later, a delightful supper of curried chicken and fried rice prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith was served to the enjoyment of all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were presented with a gift to show the appreciation of the Club for the time and effort they put into making this night such a success.

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The S.P.C. Berrima Works Annual Picnic and Sports Day was held at Exeter Park on 19th December in weather that was made to order for the day.

A large gathering of employees and their families were present for the opening address by the Works Manager, Mr. L.C. Knight. Praise was accorded the organising committee for their expert handling of the arrangements for this gala day and Jack Wall in particular deserves a mention for his unfailing efforts.

The programme got away to a good start and continued without delay throughout the day. For the younger children present the main attraction was of course the appearance of Santa Claus and the handing out the Xmas Gifts to all. The gifts were carefully selected for the respective age groups and the young ones were elated. In addition to the gifts, the children were served with ice-cream and soft drinks throughout the afternoon and joined their parents for a delightful afternoon tea served buffet style in the grounds of the park.

The children were eager participants in all the races run which were in age groups and some keen tussles were witnessed in the last few yards of the events. Apparently, considerable importance was attached to the prizes which were available for all of the events because although the winners were usually out of breath, they hurried over to Jack Wall who was custodian of the "goodies".

The main event on the programme was the contest for the General Manager's Shield and the individual events attracted the spectators who cheered their favourite on to the finish.

The Trophy was won last year by the Electrical Department and these boys really tried hard to retain it again this year. However, final scores awarded the trophy to Machine Shop No. 1 team, who performed well to finish with 10 points.

The allocation of points was three for a win, two for second and one for third place.

Detailed results of the five events were as follows:-

Flat race - under 25 years.

D. Boyd	-	Machine Shop No. 1	1st.
J. Larsen	-	Yard	2nd.
W. Poland	-	Machine Shop No. 2	3rd.



# 3rd ANNUAL PICNIC

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*T. WADE winning the men's forty  
and under flat race.*

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*One of the many  
children's events.*

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*Age group event  
for girls.*

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Annual Picnic - Continued

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Flat race - 26 to 39 years

A. Parker	Machine Shop No. 2	1st.
D. Moore	Machine Shop No. 1	2nd.
K. Lobley	Crane and Loco	3rd.

Flat race - Over 40 years

T. Waide	Machine Shop No. 2	1st.
E. Tomkinson	Cranes and Loco	2nd.
R. Fitzgerald	Stockhouse	3rd.

Relay Race

Electrical Department	1st.
Machine Shop No. 1	2nd.
Drawing Office	3rd.

Tug-O-WarHeat 1

Machine Shop No. 1	defeated	Power House.
Electrical Department	"	Stockhouse.
Loco and Cranedrivers	"	Yard.
Drawing Office	"	Machine Shop 2.

Semi-finals

Electrical Department	"	Cranes and Loco.
Machine Shop 2.	"	Drawing Office.

(For 3rd Place)

Drawing Office	"	Cranes and Loco.
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Final

Machine Shop 1 defeated Electrical Department.

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Final figures and placings in the Trophy were:

Machine Shop No. 1	1st	10 points.
Machine Shop No. 2	2nd	7 "
Electrical Shop	3rd	5 "
Loco and Cranes	4th	3 "
Drawing Office )	5th	2 "
Yard )		
Stockhouse	6th	1 "
Power House	7th	Nil.

It would appear that the Tug-O-War event could well decide the future holders of the trophy and next year should see some powerful pulling by contestants.

No doubt everyone looks forward to next year's Annual Picnic.

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- PERSONAL PARS -

Hears on the Grapevine

BERRIMA:

Congratulations to Ron Williams on his recent marriage. Ron apparently kept the news a secret and very few fellow workers knew about the event. However, the grapevine usually catches up on these obscure affairs. Best of luck and happiness Ron !!

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The Drawing Office is somewhat empty this week with Terry Saker and Kevin Howard on annual leave. Terry has gone north on a camping tour whilst Kevin has gone south to a holiday cottage at Narooma.

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John Coupe was re-admitted to a Sydney Hospital last week after suffering a relapse of a previous illness which has kept him away from work for many months. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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Barry Croot was admitted to hospital in a serious condition on Christmas Eve. It will be a few weeks before we see him 'on-deck' again. Best wishes Barry for a quick recovery.

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Mrs. A. Thompson of New Berrima has been in ill-health for quite some time and although being allowed home for Christmas she must return to hospital and we hope that the New Year will see her fully recovered. Good luck Mrs. Thompson !!

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Bert Mulready is holidaying at Shellharbour with his family. On a recent trip to this beach I saw Bert lazing in the water and apparently enjoying his leave to the utmost.

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Ernie Radnidge left this week for a holiday at Forster on the North Coast. Ernie hopes to get amongst the big fish at this favourite holiday resort of his. Good fishing Ernie !!



+      - SAFETY NEWS -      +

BERRIMA:

A grand finale to 1959 was attained at the Works by reaching 45 days accident free up to 31st December. This was indeed a fine effort considering past figures and we hope that it is a pointer to the New Year. What a mighty start it would be to go through January without an accident! In past years January has been a bad month for accidents last year showing 13 accidents for the month.

The new Safety Bonus Showcase is complete and displays to advantage the various articles available for successful accident free periods. We sincerely hope that this showcase will be quickly cleaned out and a fresh stock of bigger and better bonus' will then be available.

MARULAN:

December was a good month at the Quarry with 28 accident free days up to the 6th January.

With the introduction of a showcase similar to the one at Berrima advertising safety coupon bonuses, figures should show a vast improvement during 1960.

MEDWAY:

As the miners are on annual holidays no figures were available for this issue.

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MAKE 1960 A HAPPY YEAR FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY BY  
OBSERVING GOOD SAFETY PRACTICES.    REMEMBER, IT PAYS TO  
PLAY SAFE !!!

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STOP PRESS:    As this edition goes to press the overall safety first figure at Berrima stands at 53 days.

60 DAYS LOOKS A CERTAINTY!!!

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- NEW FACES -

The New Year has given the Berrima Works quite a few new faces and they are to be found in the following departments:-

Ian Jones	-	Apprentice fitter & turner.
Robert Marshall	}	Potential trainees.
Robert Wright		
Brian Townsend		
Ted Donnelly		
Colin Moore	}	Production.
Les Aitken		
Ken Grey		
Keith Morris		
John Macrae		
Danny Saramaga	-	Stockhouse.
Graham Barlow	-	University Vacation Trainee.

To all of these new employees we extend a welcome and hope that their stay with S.P.C. will be a happy one.

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One of the greatest marksmen of the FBI was passing through a small town, and everywhere he saw evidence of the most amazing shooting. On trees, on walls and on fences there were numberless bull's-eyes with the bullet hole in the absolute centre.

He asked to meet the person responsible for this remarkable feat. The man turned out to be the village idiot.

"This is the most wonderful marksmanship I have ever seen" said the FBI man, "How in the world do you do it?"

"Easy as pie," replied the village idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circle afterwards."

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Hungry customer at lunch counter: "One roast beef sandwich."

Waiter: "Will you eat it here or take it with you?"

Customer: "I hope to do both."

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- Notes for January, 1960 -

FLOWERS:

SOW:       Asters, anemone, Balsam, Coreopsis, Stock, Early  
Flowering Sweet Peas, Pansy, Primula, Wallflower.

PLANT:     Gladioli for Autumn Flowering, Stock, Wallflower,  
Pansy.

VEGETABLES:

SOW:       Beet, Dwarf Beans, Carrot, Parsnip, Swede Turnip,  
White Turnip, Peas, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts,  
Cauliflower, Cabbage (Winter), Celery, Onion.

PLANT:     Beet, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Eschallots,  
Tree Onion.

NOTE:

Snails and Slugs are again about, after the last rain, so keep  
baiting to reduce the numbers before next Spring.

Spray Climbing Roses with Bordeaux Powder mixed with water,  
Summer strength, every week or ten days, as Mildew is very pre-  
valent this season. Dusting with Flowers of Sulphur is also a  
satisfactory way of dealing with this disease. Watch for the  
same disease on Bush and Standard Roses, and use the same re-  
medies.

Spray Pears, Hawthorns, Flowering Plums and Flowering Cherries  
at the first signs of browning and skeletonising of the leaves.

This is due to "Apple and Pear Slug" and the Spray to use is  
Arsenate of Lead, or "Bug-geta". The latter proprietary line  
gives quick results, but does not last as long on the trees.  
Give lawns a light dressing of Sulphate of Ammonia (1 oz. per  
square yard, watered in).

Start getting ground ready for planting new lawns with lawn-  
seed about mid-March.

DDT is a good spray for Tomatoes, as it will control any sucking  
insects as well as the little green caterpillars which burrow  
into the green fruit.



PROBLEM 11.

The solution to Problem 11 is shown at right. The lucky winner was 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  years old Cheryle Longhurst of Sydney Street, New Berrima. Congratulations Cheryle and we hope to see many more entries from you.

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PROBLEM 12.

Entries close on 31st January, 1960.

Can you give the correct name for a group of the following:-

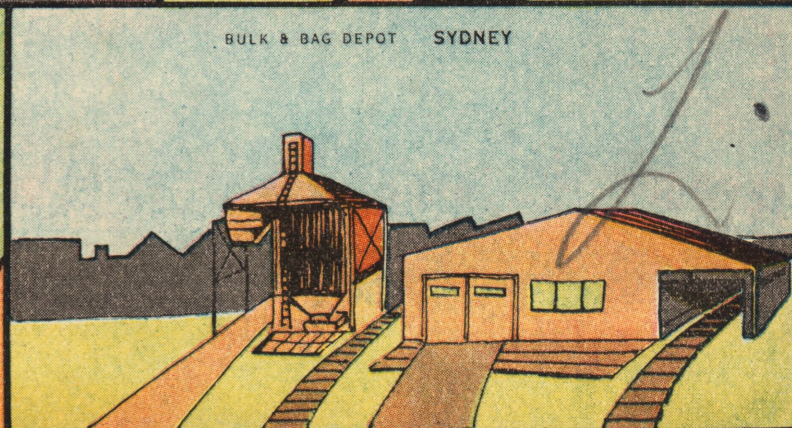
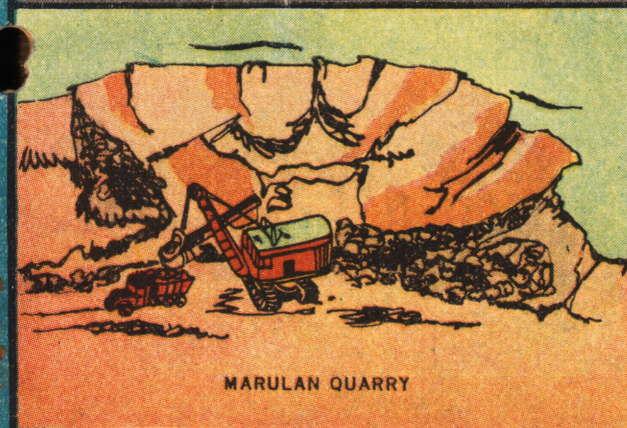
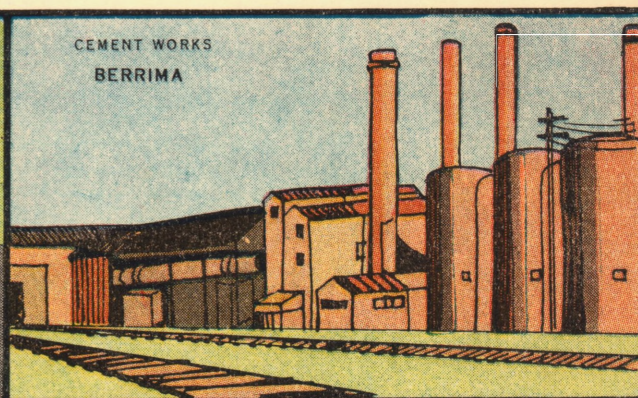
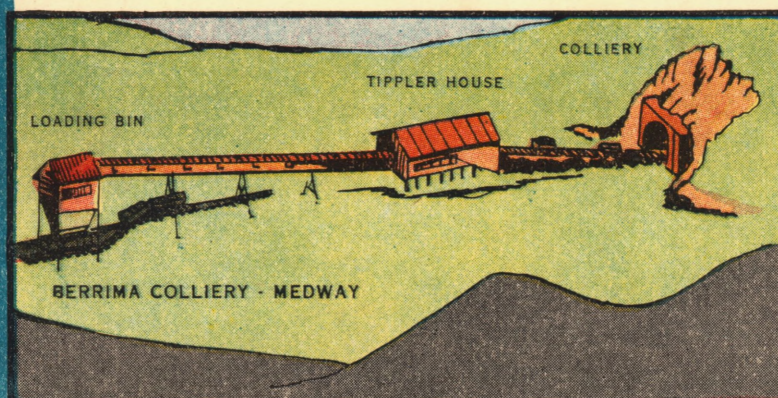
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| 4. A..... of Goldfinches  | 16. A..... of Lions        |
| 5. A..... of Partridges   | 17. A..... of Girls        |
| 6. A..... of Starlings    | 18. A..... of Quails       |
| 7. A..... of Bananas      | 19. A..... of Geese        |
| 8. A..... of Nightingales | 20. A..... of Bees         |
| 9. A..... of Whales       | 21. A..... of Cattle       |
| 10. A..... of Wolves      | 22. A..... of Setting Eggs |
| 11. A..... of Snipe       | 23. A..... of Race Horses  |
| 12. An ..... of Larks     | 24. A..... of Chicken      |
| 25. A..... of Plovers.    |                            |



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- EDITORIAL -

Dear Readers,

Firstly let me apologise for the late arrival of this issue of the Newsletter.

Annual leave took me away during the last week of January which is the time usually devoted to preparation of the magazine.

However, it was worth waiting a couple of weeks to see 90 days come up on our safety board and of course the main topic of conversation now, is, will 120 days be reached.

An unfortunate incident occurred at Marulan last Sunday when fire destroyed the Works Office. The building, which was of timber construction was completely burnt out. The loss of everything contained in the office is a severe blow to the staff and will no doubt cause headaches for some time in the restoration of records etc. which are extremely hard to recover. Cause of the fire is unknown but it is thought a violent electrical storm during the time of the fire had some bearing on the outbreak.

A new office will be built adjacent to the old one and the building will be constructed of concrete blocks. Plans are already being drawn for this building and work should commence in the near future.

Until next issue,

Yours,

THE EDITOR



- THE-GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES -

During January we saw many of our employees gain substantial wage increases arising from the Metal Trades margin increase granted by the Arbitration Court late last year.

The rise amounted to approximately 6% of the total wage and it is sincerely hoped that it will be a real increase in income adding to the standard of living and not just maintaining the status quo due to an increasing cost of living.

This can be achieved by us all increasing our productive output either by greater efficiency or greater effort to match the increase in wages and so not add to the cost of producing our goods whether it be cement, corn flakes or motor cars.

It is only when wage rises are the result of increased productivity that they increase our living standards.

GENERAL MANAGER



- PRODUCTION NOTES -January, 1960.MARULAN QUARRY:Limestone ..... Net 86,539 tons.Mullock ..... 16,881 "

The widening of the South Quarry Road is still being done. Very soon the Marion Shovel will have to be moved to the 1890 feet south level to complete the working face as by August of this year it is expected that the 1850 feet north bench will be worked out.

BERRIMA COLLIERY:Coal ..... 8,645 tons.Production ..... 11.61 tons per shift per miner.

..... 5.14 " " " " employee.

The start-up after the annual shut-down was uneventful however production was effected due to a few days off later in the month.

CEMENT WORKS:Power..... 3,967,405 kilowatt hours.Clinker ..... 25,090 tons.

No.1 kiln worked for the full month but Nos. 3 and 4 kilns were off for short periods for repairs to their burning zones.

Cement Sales ..... 19,554 tons.

Cement sales were much as anticipated but certainly not as high as we would have liked. Increased consumption in the Snowy Mountains area is expected to boost sales within the next few months.

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- USE OF CONCRETE -

Thin Concrete Shell Roofs.

Although shell roofs, which are perhaps the most glamorous form of structural concrete, have become a familiar form of construction in other parts of the world, particularly in Europe and South America, they have received little practical recognition in Australia. There is no doubt, however, that in this day of advanced engineering techniques and architectural design a vast field of construction in Australia can benefit from local architectural and engineering knowledge of thin concrete shell roofs.

In this regard it is heartening to note that perhaps the first and certainly the most extensive array of folded plate roofing in this country is a feature of the new Auburn (Sydney) Swimming Centre. Folded plate, which is one of the simpler forms of shells, consists essentially of intersecting planes rather than curved surfaces. Not only is such a type of shell pleasing to contemporary architecture, but it makes use of structural concrete, both as a weatherproofing membrane and a structural medium. While a folded plate roof can be expensive in formwork, it is not nearly so expensive as either singly or doubly curved shell roofs. It is always essential to have a water-proofing membrane in the form of bituminous or copper sheeting, etc.

Aesthetics, the primary concern of the architect, and safety and economy, the primary concern of the engineer, are two considerations which are sometimes difficult to reconcile, but a folded plate roof may often permit the requirements of both parties to be eminently fulfilled, providing as it does an economical structure with strong architectural appeal.

It cannot be stressed too strongly that the architect should collaborate with his engineer before incorporating a particular type of shell roof in his design. This is necessary to ensure that the final shape will be both economically and architecturally pleasing. The more exotic forms of shell roofs are no doubt of immense architectural value, but sometimes the engineer has available less complicated and more useful design and construction techniques, he is tempted to request, for the reason of simple economy that architects curb their enthusiasm for the more complicated forms of concrete shell roofs.

A truly economical shell roofs should be simple to design and



simple to construct, and it is at this point that the architect and the engineer should combine their individual resources.

It is of interest to record some of the main features of the Auburn Swimming Centre.

The main pavilion features a large lobby area from which entry is gained to the dressing rooms through electric turnstiles. Each dressing pavilion which measures 100 feet by 36 feet, contains modern change facilities and includes stainless steel footbaths to the Women's area. In addition to the 1400 lockers, private dressing cubicles are provided, whilst each pavilion contains an attendant's area for supervision. At the ends of each pavilion there is a fully equipped casualty room and a manager's office opening out to the lobby and pool areas.

The site was a former garbage tip and it was necessary to pile the whole area sometimes to a depth of 27 feet. A fully suspended concrete floor was built off the piles with perimeter beams supporting the concrete block walls to a height of 8 feet.

The unusual roof is of concrete and is folded forming a series of ridges and valleys supported off steel columns. The feature of the roof is the relative thinness, measuring  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches at the valley to 3 inches at the ridge with half bay overhangs at either end. This method made for economy as opposed to a flat roof spanning the same area which would have been  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches thickness. In all the appearance of such a roof is somewhat dramatic in its lightness and form, and contrasts with the concrete block work which is rugged in appearance.

The pools which were laid out and constructed under the direction of Council's Engineer, provide Olympic, Diving, Teaching, Beginners and Toddlers Pools.

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By Jack Mott.

SOCIAL CRICKET:

A visit was paid to Marulan Quarry by the S.P.C. social cricketers on Sunday, 17th January and all who made the trip voted it a good day's outing. Players, together with their wives and families, travelled by bus and arriving at 11 a.m. commenced play in a social atmosphere and severe heat. The heat was offset by cool drinks at the end of each 8 overs.

The ground at Marulan has undergone a face lift and is well up to standard. It was also considered to be the fastest ground the S.P.C. boys had played on. Over 600 runs were scored during the match which would tend to give the impression that a great deal of leather hunting was done. However, this is not the case as the boundary fence is a neat construction of wire mesh on pipe rails and concrete posts.

S.P.C. opened and Fred Bell and David Hay got away to a good start by putting on a really good partnership. Fred retired at 51 and David was well set when he received a "wrong-un" from Mick Cosgrove and was bowled for 26.

The Cosgrove boys then set about the S.P.C. batsmen in devastating fashion with Mick taking another quick wicket and T. Cosgrove taking 4 wickets for 6 runs off 3 overs. He also proved himself a very capable batsman as did others of the Marulan team. After being dropped by wicket-keeper Jack Mott off the first ball he went on to score 52 runs retired. J. Allan also batted in fine style and retired at 55 together with Jim Galloway at 54 thus giving the quarry boys a decisive victory with a total of 291. With an innings each on the board it was decided to bat a further 3/4 hour each and some mighty hitting was witnessed during this time, S.P.C. added another 64 runs whilst the quarry hit up 108 runs.

As the S.P.C. Oval is undergoing repairs a further match against Marulan South will probably take place later in the season at Marulan.

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SLAB MILLS v S.P.C.

A return match between these two teams was held at Port Kembla on Sunday, 31st January. Thirty-five adults and 20 children travelled



to Lysaghts oval by bus and on arrival were treated to liquid refreshments followed, after about two hours play, by a very nice lunch.

The match resumed after lunch and the S.P.C. boys again found that they are more at home on matting wickets than on turf and could only manage to score 100 runs - Tom Waide top scoring with 22.

It proved an easy task for the Slab Mill boys to get the required runs to win and some very entertaining cricket was witnessed during their innings which closed at 193.

The outcome of this match evened the score with a win each and no doubt when the teams meet again next year both sides will be eager to win the first match.

It is hoped that "Stainless Steel", a member of the Slab Mill team, will be on deck next year as S.P.C. members enjoyed his sparkling entertainment both on and off the field.

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#### COMPETITION CRICKET:

S.P.C. are still holding pride of place in the 2nd Grade District Competition point score ladder and have only to retain present form to run out winners at the conclusion of the season.

Last match played was a most exciting one, as, after trailing by 25 runs on the first innings they managed to get up and score an outright victory over a Mittagong team. Jim and Kevin Moore were the heroes of this match with a good batting partnership.

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At recent inter-district matches played at Nowra and Albion Park, the following S.P.C. members were represented:-

G. Beattie	-	Wicket-keeper for the district's 1st Grade team.
K. Mott	-	Captain under 21 team.
P. Mott	-	Captain under 17 team.

Congratulations to these players on their selection!!!

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#### BOWLS:

Arrangements are being made for a match between S.P.C. bowlers and the Moss Vale Club. Much interest is centred on this game which is to take place on 27th March.



Each side will comprise six teams each of four players and a tentative survey of available players from the Works shows that very little difficulty will be experienced in providing the 24 bowlers required.

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A team of four S.P.C. bowlers led by our Works Manager, Len Knight, acquitted themselves well during the Southern Highlands Tournament played over the holiday weekend. Three games were played on each of the two days of play and the team finished with 5 wins. They were very unlucky to be beaten on a count-back for the section event.

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#### FROM OUR FISHING ROUNDSMAN

News comes to us of a most exciting day by an employee of S.P.C. at the Nowra Canal during last weekend.

Proceedings got away to a hectic start when our fisherman was attempting to launch his newly built boat. Apparently things went amiss and our friend won the race into the water by a good couple of yards.

Nothing daunted he got under way and reached the fishing grounds in the centre of the canal where he proceeded to get amongst the fish.

Being a glutton he had two lines out, one from the bow and another from the stern. After hauling in a goodly sized bream from the bow he detached it from the hook and dropped it in the bottom of the boat but whilst preparing to cast out again realised that the stern line bait had been taken and the line was passing rapidly over the transom.

In a mighty effort to recover the fast disappearing line the inevitable happened and he placed his foot on the fish gasping its last on the floorboards.

A most spectacular jackknife-cum-swallow dive was the nett result and once again our friend was "in the drink".

We never did find out whether he landed the fish on that stern line, however, the old saying: "A wet.....and no fish" does not apply in this case as our friend came in with a good bag.

Our only regret is that we did not capture the whole days outing on camera.



NEW AUSTRALIANS AMONGST US.

APPY VAN DER MOLEN: Born - Groningen - Holland - 1912.

Appy left High School in 1932 and took his first position with W.J. Stokvis, a large manufacturing company in Arnhem. He was with this firm during the occupation of Holland and was in charge of one of the Sales Departments.

In 1946 he joined a subsidiary of Phillips Industries as a Purchasing Officer where he remained until 1952 when he migrated to Australia with his wife and family.

His first stop was Bowral where he worked for some time before joining S.P.C. in 1954.

Appy resides in Bowral with his wife and four children all of whom were born in Holland.

At a ceremony in Bowral last October the whole family was naturalised and Appy is very satisfied to be back at last in his job of purchasing officer, a position he now holds with S.P.C.

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FRANK BARCIKI: Born - Poland - 1914.

Frank's first job was in a factory manufacturing railway rolling stock.

In 1935 he joined the Polish Air Force and was attached to ground crew. He was stationed at Warsaw where he remained until 1937, when he took a discharge and returned to civilian life.

He was called up again in 1939 on the outbreak of war and immediately went to a bomber squadron which was based in the east of Poland.

When Poland was occupied Frank escaped through Rumania to France where he joined the R.A.F. He was transferred to England and was attached to a fighter squadron where he remained until the end of hostilities.

After being discharged in 1946 Frank worked in London. During this time he was married and in 1954 migrated to Australia with his wife and family.

Frank resides at Moss Vale and was naturalised at Moss Vale in 1956.



- PROBLEM PAGE -PROBLEM 12

The solution to problem 12 is shown below and the £1 prize goes to Jim Rennie (Stockhouse) who sent in the only correct solution to this question which would probably be considered difficult by most readers. Jim tells me that it took him 4 nights to hunt up the answers so we feel he really deserves the prize.

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| 1. A flock of Sheep             | 13. A leap of Leopards       |
| 2. A shoal of Fish              | 14. A paddling of Ducks      |
| 3. A troop of Monkeys           | 15. A litter of Pups         |
| 4. A charm of Goldfinches       | 16. A pride of Lions         |
| 5. A covey of Partridges        | 17. A bevy of Girls          |
| 6. A murmuration of Starlings   | 18. A bevy of Quails         |
| 7. A bunch of bananas           | 19. A gaggle of Geese        |
| 8. A watch of Nightingales      | 20. A swarm of Bees          |
| 9. A school of Whales           | 21. A herd of Cattle         |
| 10. A pack of Wolves            | 22. A clutch of Setting Eggs |
| 11. A walk or wisp of Snipe     | 23. A string of Race Horses  |
| 12. An exhaltation of Larks     | 24. A brood of Chicken       |
| 25. A stand or wing of Plovers. |                              |

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Owing to the shortage of time available for preparation, Problem No. 13 will not appear until the March issue.

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Magicians should be barred from sawing women in half - there are too many of them as it is.

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She talked him into buying her a dress; then he talked her out of it.

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Wee Johnnie was walking home from school with Jill, his new girl-friend. Both were eight years old.

"Jill," said wee Johnnie, with worshipful gaze, "you are the first girl I have ever loved."

"Blast it!" said Jill. "I have drawn another beginner."

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A recent survey amongst S.P.C. employees shows that 85% of people going on annual leave during the summer months choose a beach holiday.

Of the various accommodation available, be it holiday cottage, hotel, motel, caravan or camping, the latter seems to be the most popular.

The choice of location varies from north as far as Brisbane to Eden on the far South Coast.

We have decided therefore to discuss the camping holiday as applied to a coastal area.

Without a doubt most tourist areas along the coast of N.S.W. are being improved to cater for campers who flock to these attractive spots during the summer months.

AMENITIES: Most of the camping parks cater for caravans and campers and have also cabins to let. Power is available at some parks and refrigerators are on hand for hire. Ice chests are also available and ice is usually delivered daily. Septic toilet blocks with wash-rooms, showers, washing machine, ironing facilities etc. are provided at the better class areas.

PRICES: Camping fees seem to be fairly uniform with some variation in the case of the most up-to-date parks. Weekly rates vary between 35/- and £2 while daily rates vary from 3/- to 6/- per night. Electricity, where available, is at the rate of 10/- per week, and a hot shower costs 6d. Cabins can be rented from £5 to £10 per week.

FISHING: Reports show that most places provide good fishing during the summer months and boats are available at the following rates:-

Launches; from 35/- per day, 20/- per half day.

Row Boats; " 15/- " " 8/- " " "

LOCATIONS: Listed below are some of the more well known tourist resorts showing the facilities available.

BURLEIGH HEADS: Sewered, elect., showers, ice, milk delivery, recreation hall, T.V., - Rating excellent.

NAMBUCCA HEADS: Sewered, elect., showers, laundry, boats - Rating fair.



SOUTH WEST ROCKS: Elect., showers, unsewered - Rating fair.

PORT MACQUARIE: Sewered, showers, elect., laundry, ice, milk delivery, boats - Rating good.

FORSTER: Sewered, showers, elect., laundry, ice, milk delivery, boats - Rating good.

THE ENTRANCE: Showers, laundry, ice, milk delivery, boats, unsewered - Rating fair.

PALM BEACH: Sewered, showers, elect., laundry, milk delivery, ice, boats - Rating good.

LAKE ILLAWARRA: Sewered, showers, laundry, ice, milk delivery, boats - Rating fair.

SHELLHARBOUR: Sewered, showers - Rating fair.

KIAMA: As for Shellharbour.

NOWRA: Sewered, showers, ice, milk delivery, boats - Rating good.

ULLADULLA: Sewered, showers, laundry, ice, milk delivery, boats Rating good.

DURRAS LAKE: Unsewered, boats - Rating fair.

BATEMANS BAY: Sewered, showers, laundry, ice, milk delivery, elect., boats - Rating good.

MORUYA: As for Batesmans Bay.

TUROSS LAKE: Sewered, showers, laundry, ice, milk delivery, elect., boats - Rating excellent.

NAROOMA: As for Batesmans Bay.

BEGA: " " " "

EDEN: As for Tuross Lake.

These are just some of the places on which we have definite reports from people who have just recently been on holidays.

For a graphic account of the excellent fishing at Eden we suggest you see Alwyn Counsel (Stores Clerical) who has just returned from a fortnight's holiday.

Other recent trips were made by: Terry Saker - The Entrance. Kevin Howard - Narooma. Bert Mulready - Shellharbour. Ernie Radnidge Forster. Alan Parker - Burleigh Heads, just to mention a few.

Further information can be obtained from local service stations regarding any places not mentioned above.



- SAFETY FIRST -

January, 1960

BERRIMA:

Highlight of January was of course the fact that the month was free of accidents and the record figure seems likely to go on to unlimited heights.

This is indeed a pleasing beginning of 1960 and does much to enhance our chances for a record safety year.

Credit must be given to all employees for their observance of good safety practices and it is also felt that our campaign of safety has not gone unheard.

In expectation of the approaching issue of bonuses, a host of new lines are being stocked for the bonus showcase. We commend to you these new items which will be on show in the next few days, and remember 8 coupons will be the 120 day issue and then on to 150 days with a 10 coupon bonus!!!!

Compare the unit value with the items available and you will agree that SAFETY COUNTS.....!!!!

Remember also that if the present safety record could be continued until Xmas the safety bonus would be almost equal in value to the production bonus.

IS THIS WORTH STRIVING FOR.....???

It can be done ..... As an example let us quote figures for the safest cement plant in America which has the fantastic record of 3,239 lost-time accident free days.

MARULAN: Figures not available for January.

A new bonus showcase is to be installed at Marulan and no doubt when the employees there see the attractive lines available, there will be some keen competition in accident free days.

MEDWAY:

There were no lost-time accidents at the Colliery during January. This is indeed a fine effort and we hope to see more accident free months from the Colliery workers.



Notes for February, 1960

FLOWERS:

Sow - Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Carnation, Delphinium, Mignonette, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primrose, Primula, Scabious, Stock, Viola, Viscaria, and Wallflower, Iceland Poppy and Winter Flowering Sweet Peas in a sheltered position.

Plant - Anemone, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Carnation, Delphinium, Gaillardia, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Ranunculus, Stock, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES:

Sow - Beet, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Broad Beans, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Parsnip, Parsley, Lettuce, Radish, White or Swede Turnip.

Plant - Cabbage, Cauliflower, Lettuce, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts.

NOTE:

Hoe lightly to keep down weed growth and water well.

Lift and divide Flag Iris this month.

Plant Spring-flowering bulbs such as Daffodils, Jonquils, etc., from now until early April.

Summer prune roses and continue disbudding Dahlias, also remove spent blooms.

Stake up Chrysanthemums.

Clean-up any plots in which plants have become exhausted, re-manure and leave for a few weeks before re-planting.

Watch for pests and diseases, especially White Butterfly on Cabbages and Cauliflowers, and Caterpillars on Cypress Hedges. These can be controlled by spraying with Arsenate of Lead.

DON'T mow your lawns too closely or too often during the very hot weather and when the worst of the heat is over give a light dressing of Sulphate of Ammonia to strengthen the growth once more before the cold weather arrives.



- PERSONAL PARS -Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA: Wedding Bells ..... !!!

Following their wedding at St. Johns Church of England, Moss Vale on the 30th January, Mr. & Mrs. Colin Murray left for their honeymoon at the Hotel Florida, Terrigal.

The bride was formerly Miss Ann Taylor (General Office) only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. Taylor of Browley Street, Moss Vale and the groom was Colin Murray (Electrical Shop) youngest son of Mrs. F. Harvey of Suttor Road, Moss Vale.

Attending the bride were Miss Joan Thorpe, Miss Hannah Murray and Miss Janet Shepherd.

Attending the bridegroom were Reg Murray, Robert Medland and Geoff Larsen.

The happy couple have made their home at Bowral and all their friends at S.P.C. extend best wishes for their future happiness.

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Ron Williams and his wife have taken up residence at New Berrima. Glad to have you with us Ron and Mrs. Williams !!!

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The following people commenced with S.P.C. during January:-

Richard Dickson	- Production.
Tom Warren	-- Power House.
Charles Barat	- Store.

To these new employees we extend a welcome and hope that their stay with S.P.C. will be a happy one.

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MARULAN: Our reporter at Marulan lost his notes in the fire and did not have time to review his news for January. Better luck next month, Jim !!!

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MEDWAY: Our newshound at the Colliery has not had his ear close enough to the ground but we are expecting something from him next month.

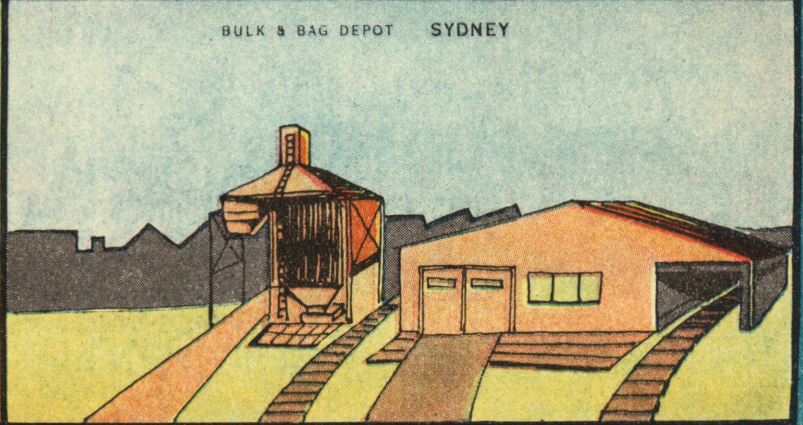
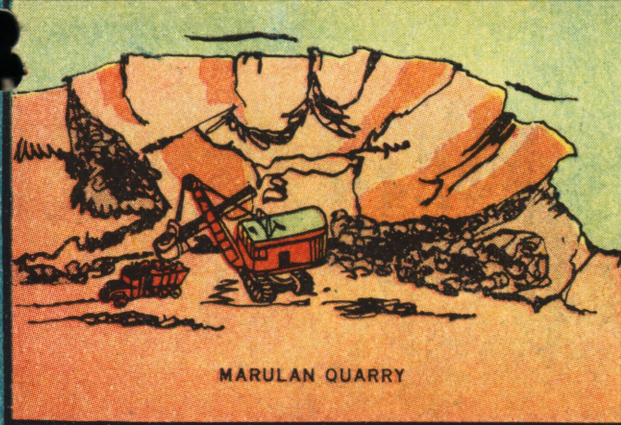
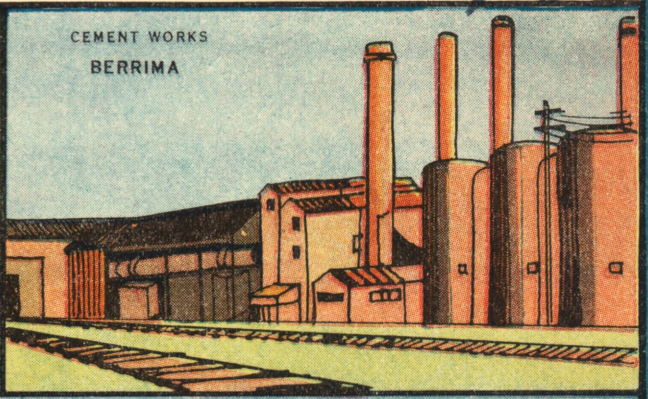
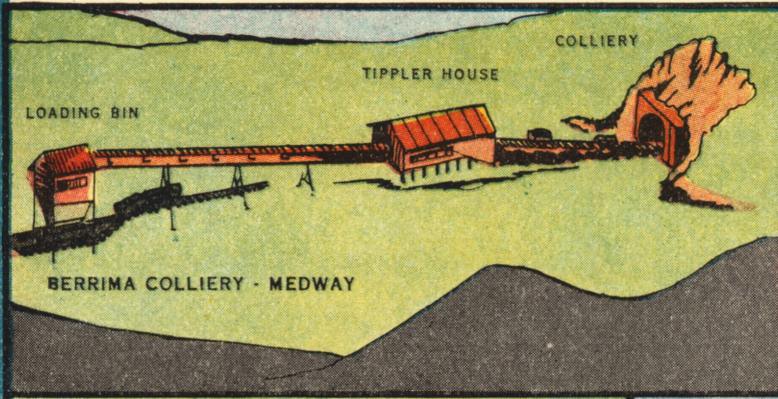
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## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

February saw the opening of the new lunch room at the Works and the rush to get in on the first day would be a good indication of its popularity.

As a morale booster, this new amenity is apparently effective and if morale has anything to do with the fine safety record at the Works then we feel that it is fully justified.

The toilet block is now progressing rapidly and will be the second project for 1960 and no doubt will receive the same acclaim as did the lunch room.

A new office at Marulan to replace the one recently destroyed by fire has been approved and tenders will be let during the next few weeks. The new building will be of concrete block construction with tiled roof and will be somewhat larger than the previous building to accomodate a technical assistant.

Another recent authorisation is a new Works Office to be located on the rise at the back of the weighbridge. The building will house the Works Manager, Engineering staff, Employment Officer and Records Office, and will be an imposing structure of concrete block with emphasis on natural lighting. For a better impression of the general appearance of this building we have included a pictorial representation on page 18.

Tenders have been let for the erection of a Recreation Hall at Marulan and this will be highly appreciated amenity by the community in general. The building which covers some 3,200 square feet will be complete with stage, ticket office, amenities for visiting sporting bodies etc. and will be constructed of concrete blocks with a tiled roof.

The new structure will be located opposite the oval and construction is due to commence within a few weeks.

With all these new ventures in hand the end of 1960 should show some big improvements throughout the S.P.C. organisation.

Until next issue,

Yours,

THE EDITOR



GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

You all probably read in the newspapers last week the Half-Yearly Report of the Chairman of the Broken Hill Pty. Co. Limited in which he referred to the great shortage of steel in Australia at the present time when only last year there had been over-supply in certain products. Mr. Syme attributed the great flow of orders in recent months to the increasing prosperity of the country which created a tremendous demand for steel products, and outlined some of the plans B.H.P. has in hand to meet the position.

The situation with cement in Australia is akin to steel the same as in any other modern country and we are now finding our sales rising to a point where in the next few months we will have to operate all of our four kilns. This increase in sales is very heartening as we all want to see the plant operating in top gear with its resultant effect on morale, and production bonus.

Some of the major projects now getting under way in N.S.W. are lining of the head-race tunnel to the S.M.A. T.2 Power Station, Vales Point Power Station and Mooney Mooney Dam.

The ready mixed concrete producers are also producing record tonnages and their product is going into office buildings, roads, housing etc.

The future certainly holds a lot of promise.

GENERAL MANAGER



PRODUCTION NOTESFebruary, 1960MARULAN QUARRY:

Limestone ..... Net 84,583 tons.

Mullock ..... 32,653 "

The new Holman "Rotair" air compressor started operation during the month and is proving a very successful adjunct to the Air Trac drill which pulls the compressor behind it around the quarry floor. The "Rotair" is driven by a Rolls Royce engine similar to those in the euclid trucks except that it is not super-charged.

BERRIMA COLLIERY:

Coal ..... 13,575 tons.

Production ..... 11.54 tons per shift per miner.

..... 5.15 " " " " employee.

During the month afternoon shift work commenced on the development of a new fan heading being driven towards Bowen's Creek where the ventilation fan will eventually be located.

CEMENT WORKS:

Power ..... 3,582,451 kilowatt hours.

No. 3 turbo-alternator came off-line on the last week end of the month for the replacement of the 2,500 kilowatt turbine with a 3,125 kilowatt turbine which has just arrived from England. The higher efficiency of the new turbine will allow the alternator to generate another 500 kilowatt using less steam than it did with the old turbine.

Clinker ..... 20,613 tons.

No. 1 kiln worked for the full month. No. 3 kiln operated for the first 16 days and then came off for repairs to the burning zone. No. 4 kiln lost 2½ days for repairs to the burning zone.

Cement Sales ..... 23,658 tons.

February sales were the best since April, 1959, due mainly to increased business in the South Coast, Canberra and the Metropolitan areas. March looks like being much better.

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### THE MODERN 'MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER'

The Snowy Mountains hydro-electric and irrigation project is not only the largest engineering work ever undertaken in Australia - it is one of the largest engineering works in the world.

The magnitude and grandeur of this £374 million undertaking can be conveyed only to a small extent by description, for no description equals actuality. The 50,000 people a year who now tour the Snowy area return amazed, indeed enthralled, by this tremendous enterprise.

Many things combine toward this overwhelming impression - the magnificence of the alpine country, the exhilaration of snowy heights and romantic rivers, the very heart of the Australian scene as background to work on an heroic scale, done by men of many nationalities in a great mountain task force.

Their job includes the driving of access roads along precipitous slopes, the raising of giant dams, miles of hard rock tunnelling through the heart of the huge mountains, the excavation of great caverns for the power houses, the installation of pipelines, generating machinery and power lines.

Hundreds of square miles of the most startlingly beautiful country in Australia have been opened up, townships have been built, townships have been moved, rivers diverted and a great artificial lake created. Distance, snow, the hazards and difficulties of deep mountain gorges, all these have been, and are being overcome.

Power is already coming from the first units of the scheme, and water is flowing to the irrigation areas.

All of us, particularly in an uneasy period of the world's history, take pleasure and pride in great constructive works and that is one reason for the satisfaction that we get from the Snowy. Here, there is a very real frontier struggle with nature and a scene of victory as the mountain snows are gradually turned to the peaceful uses of mankind.

In its engineering details the Snowy project is highly complex but its principle is easy enough to understand. From the Australian Alps flow the snow waters which feed the Murray, the Murrumbidgee and the Snowy Rivers. The Murray and the Murrumbidgee flow westward through the dry but potentially fertile regions of New South Wales and Victoria to the coast of South Australia. The Snowy flows south through regions of adequate and regular rainfall and spends itself on the south coast of Gippsland. The Snowy scheme will divert the waters of the Snowy system by tunnels through the mountains, drop them through series of power generating stations and finally release them as a source of irrigation in the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

The work began in 1949 and it is expected to end in 1975. By then it will have cost about £374 million. It will have a generating capacity of between 2½ and 3 million kilowatts - about 60 per cent of Australia's total generating capacity today - and it will enable about 1,000 square miles of dry lands on the Western Plains to be brought into use for food production. If our generation did no more than this it would serve Australia well.

Though the Snowy scheme was precipitated into being by the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Power Act, passed by the Commonwealth Parliament in July, 1949, many



years of consideration had already been given to the general problem, for water is, and presumably always will be, one of our prime national problems. We are rich in many things but not in rivers, or in the mountains in which rivers rise. It has been estimated that the average annual flow of Australia's rivers, if spread evenly over the continent, would give a depth of water about 1-1/3 inches. But the United States, from its 10 main rivers alone, would obtain a depth of water of almost 6 inches.

If we have no Mississippi we must make the best of what we have; which is precisely what we are doing.

The Snowy project had to wait its time - until the need for hydro-electric power was wedded to the need for water and Australia had the resources, and could command the technology, to engage in so vast an undertaking. That time came in 1949 with the setting up of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority and the subsequent signing of an agreement between Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales and Victoria.

The Authority, headed by Sir William Hudson, a New Zealander who will rank with Monash as one of the engineers who have transformed Australia, set up its headquarters at Cooma, then a sleepy country town but now, its population increased fourfold, one of the most vigorous settlements in Australia. The Authority's first task was to get together its skilled professional, technical and administrative staffs and a large labor force, without at the time seriously affecting other Australian construction organisations. An intensive recruiting programme for staff was launched in New Zealand, Britain and Europe. The shortage of skilled and unskilled workmen, particularly tradesmen, was met by recruiting more than 600 tradesmen in West Germany under a two year contract. Other workers were selected from New Australians already in this country. Many workers brought to Australia from Norway and Northern Italy by contractors subsequently joined the Authority becoming one of the most cosmopolitan organisations in Australia employing men from over 30 nations.

At present Victoria and New South Wales have a total irrigated area of about 1 1/2 million acres and the annual value of production resulting from this development averages over £40 an acre. Ultimately the Snowy scheme will provide 1 million acre feet of water per annum to the Murrumbidgee and 800,000 acre feet to the Murray. This quantity of water, which will cost the irrigation authorities of the States nothing, is sufficient to produce foodstuffs to the value of £30 million annually. The Snowy power stations are planned to meet peak load requirements with main blocks of power transmitted 250 miles to load centres in New South Wales and Victoria. A combined system of States thermal power (derived from burning black or brown coal) and Snowy water power will give the most efficient and economic overall results. It is probable that hydro-electric stations will play the same complementary part even when nuclear power stations are developed for base loads.

So the blueprints are being translated into physical things - into growing crops and turning wheels, into food for Australia and the world, and into power for a multitude of new factories. The Snowy project is huge, not only by our own but by anyone's standards; it is something to be enthusiastic about; something in which every Australian can take pride.



by Jack Mott

BCWLS; Following the trend of most country towns, Berrima is to have its own Bowling Club. Following negotiations with the Lands Department over the past 18 months, a grant to the Club of portion of one of the Berrima Parks has been approved and work on this site will commence in the very near future. Plans include a small clubhouse and one bowling green. The club has at present, a membership of 26 but this figure will no doubt increase rapidly when operations commence. The committee consists of willing workers with the objective of introducing the game in the shortest possible time ..... Good luck to the committee on this latest venture.

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COUNTRY WEEK: Two S.P.C. bowlers figured prominently in the recently conducted Country Week bowls held in Sydney. They were Bill Rutter and Fred Armstrong who were members of the team which won the "Fours" Championship.

The result was a very fine effort and made history as it is the first time that this trophy has been gained for this district. The other two players of the victorious "four" were Erle Byrne and Tom Mack, President and Patron respectively of the Moss Vale Bowling Club.

Congratulations to these four bowlers on a splendid performance.

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S.P.C. v THE REST: March 27th is the date set down for a match between six teams of four from S.P.C. against an opposite number of Moss Vale players. This should turn out to be a very interesting and keenly contested match. A side issue of the match will be the obligation of the losing side to foot the bill for a chicken dinner being provided at the conclusion of the day's play.

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CAMDEN VISIT: Among the twenty bowlers from Moss Vale Club who visited Camden on Sunday 28th February, was an S.P.C. rink which won the day's Trophy on a marginal win. The rink was skipped by Bill Rutter and included N. Austin, B. Moore and J. Mott.

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FOOTBALL: Faced with the problem of not having a ground on which to play this season owing to alterations being carried out on the S.P.C. oval, the Berrima Football Club were quickly on the job to find a suitable site for a temporary field. With the aid of the Company's grader a quite satisfactory area was found on Taylor Avenue between the Highway and the Townsite.

Officials of the club are confident that the ground will be ready for play at the commencement of the season. Quite a lot more work is still to be done on the ground but with the energetic help of the recently elected committee the job should be done for play during the group trials.

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COMPETITION CRICKET: The district 2nd Grade rounds have been completed and S.P.C. had to be satisfied with second position. The first four teams to make the finals were Moss Vale Central, S.P.C., Burrawang and Robertson.



S.P.C. will play Burrawang and the M.V.C. will meet Robertson in the semi-finals. The winners of these two matches will fight out the final.

Although the S.P.C. boys have been playing rather scratchily at their most recent engagements it is well within their ability to win the competition. We wish them the best of luck in these matches.

#### MEDWAY:

RIFLE SHOOTING: Jack Lockwood has been shooting in top form over the past 12 months. His list of wins makes an impressive record. They include:-

Winner	-	Second Quarterly shoot.
"	-	First Half-Yearly shoot.
"	-	Half-Yearly shoot.

Jack is also leading by 3 points in the Yearly Championships being closely chased by the Club's Captain, E. Fleming.

At a recent shoot, Jack came up with a 'possible' at 700 yards with 11 Bulls. Good shooting Jack !!!

Bill Beveridge also turned on some excellent form recently to win the B Grade shoot at 500 yards. Bill is a new member to the Moss Vale Rifle Club and will be a threat to the present leaders when he gets going next year.

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A lunatic asylum guard coming down the road stopped a motorist and explained that he was looking for an escaped lunatic and asked if the driver had seen anyone suspicious looking as he'd driven along.

"What did he look like?" the motorist asked.

"He's small and skinny," the guard said. "And weighs about 300 pounds."

"How can a man be small and skinny and weigh 300 pounds?" the dumfounded motorist asked.

"Didn't I tell you he was crazy!" the guard declared.

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Anxious wife, as she observed him fishing in a bucket in the living room: "I would take him to a psychiatrist, but we need the fish."

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February Summary

BERRIMA: The 25th February was a significant day at the plant and marked the first time that 100 days accident free, for the whole of the plant, had been recorded. The occasion was celebrated by the flying of a special flag from the stockhouse flagpole.

At the moment, 118 days are on the board and it is almost certain that 120 days will be reached with the resultant 3 coupon bonus. This is indeed a fine record and it is quite clear that everyone is attempting to maintain the high safety standard.

MARULAN: The quarry had 6 accidents during the month and at present have 7 days on the board.

MEDWAY: 10 lost time accidents were recorded at the colliery during the month.

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By request from numerous sources we have included in this month's issue a complete list of the bonuses available and the unit value of each article:-

Following is the comprehensive list:-

<u>TOOLS</u>	<u>UNITS</u>
<u>S.A.E. Ring Spanners</u> - 3/8" x 7/16"	4
1/2" x 9/16"	4
5/8" x 11/16"	5½
<u>S.A.E. Combination Ring and Open End Spanners.</u>	
3/8"	3
7/16"	3½
1/2"	4
9/16"	4
5/8"	5
11/16"	5½
<u>Whitworth Open End Spanners.</u>	
1/8" x 3/16"	2½
3/16" x 1/4"	2½
1/4" x 5/16"	3
5/16" x 3/8"	3½
3/8" x 7/16"	4½
7/16" x 1/2"	5
7/16" x 9/16"	5
1/2" x 9/16"	5
1/2" x 5/8"	6
9/16" x 11/16"	6
5/8" x 3/4"	6
11/16" x 3/4"	6½
5/8" x 9/16"	6½



Whitworth Ring Spanners

1/8" x 3/16"	4
3/16" x 1/4"	4 1/2
1/4" x 5/16"	4 1/2
5/16" x 3/8"	5 1/2
3/8" x 7/16"	6 1/2
7/16" x 1/2"	7 1/2
1/2" x 9/16"	8 1/2

Adjustable Spanners

4" Gedore	2 1/2
6" Bahco	4
8" Dowidat	5
10" Gedore	7 1/2
12" Bahco	12

Turner Screwdriver

4"	1
6"	2
8"	2 1/2
10"	3
1 1/2"	1/2

## Combination Screwdriver Kits

6

## Automatic Cente Punches

8 1/2

## Expanding Bits

1/2" - 1 1/2"

10

## Tinsnips

"Adeco" brand

4 1/2

## Multigrid Pliers

9.1/2" 'Dufor'

6

## Socket Sets

7 Piece B/S and S.A.E.

24

## Long Nose Radio Pliers

8"

5 1/2

Wood Chisels

Registered 3/8"

3

1/2"

3

5/8"

3

3/4"

3 1/2

7/8"

4

## Feeler Gauges

7

## 3 Foot Folding Boxwood Rules

5

## Ratchet Screwdrivers

6

## Rabone Round Case Flex Steel Rules

5 1/2

4 1/2

## Spanner Sets "Sidchrome"

14

## Spanner Sets "Dufor"

12

## Screwdriver Sets

11

## Pocket Knives with Corkscrew

9

## 8" 'Berg' Electricians Pliers

13

## 6" 'Berg' Electricians Side Cutting Pliers

11

## Scripto Ball Pens

4

2 1/2

Soap

Solvol

3 cakes for 1 unit.

Lifebouy

2 cakes for 1 unit.

Palmolive

2 cakes for 1 unit.

Cashmere

2 cakes for 1 unit.



<u>Palmolive</u>	Shave Sticks	2 for 1 unit.
	Shaving Cream	1½
Colgate Dental Cream		1
Tek Tooth Brushes		½
Brylcream		2
Brylcream Dispensers		5½
Refills for same		2
Vaseline Hair Tonic		2
Boot Polish		½
Baby Powder		2
Drinking Mugs		2
Writing Pads		1
<u>Torches</u>	Everyready	9
	Magnetlite	7
Alarm Clocks	Small	10½
Razor Blades		1½
Safety Boots and Shoes		24
Bath Towels		6
Pillows (Foam Plastic)		7
Pillows Baby (Foam Plastic)		1½
Bath Mats		6
Car Sponges		1
Wax Applicators		1
Cushions (Foam Plastic)		4½

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### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING 1960

The following are the public holidays which will generally be observed in New South Wales during 1960.

New Year's Day	-	Friday, January 1.
Australia Day	-	Monday, February 1.
Good Friday	-	Friday, April 15.
Easter Saturday	-	Saturday, April 16.
Easter Monday	-	Monday, April 18.
Anzac Day	-	Monday, April 25.
Queen's Birth-		
day	-	Monday, June 13.
Six Hour Day	-	Monday, October 3.
Christmas	-	Monday, December 26.
Holidays		Tuesday, December, 27.
		Monday the 1

Monday the 1st August, will be observed as a Bank Holiday.  
Holidays in New South Wales are usually observed in the  
Australian Capital Territory also.

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BOOK REVIEW

For those who do a lot of reading and in particular those of us who are returned servicemen we recommend this latest book by David Forrest.

THE LAST BLUE SEA - by David Forrest (William Heinemann Ltd., 317 Collins Street,) Melbourne

Seventeen years have passed since Australian soldiers held the Japanese attack at Milne Bay and fought their way back to the north-eastern coast of New Guinea from the outskirts of Port Moresby across the Kokoda Trail, and over the razor-backed ridges from Wau to Salamaua. These campaigns mark a crucial turning point in our history, they mark the moment when our place in the world and our relationship with other nations underwent a fundamental change. Yet, apart from official histories, surprisingly little has been written about the tremendous experience through which the Australian Army passed in these terrible campaigns. Perhaps we are not an articulate people, but, all the same, one would have thought that the experience would have produced a literature which conveyed, or at least attempted to convey, something of the flavour of those unique campaigns.

If we have waited a long time for a writing that would do this, we have not waited in vain, for in the LAST BLUE SEA David Forrest faithfully portrays the experiences of many thousands of Australian soldiers who fought and conquered the savage environment and the savage enemy.

In every war, and more particularly in nuclear and jungle war, there comes a moment when the infantry officer is alone with his men and the enemy. That is the moment when all that has gone before, all the training and preparation, all the numberless things that contribute to the building up of confidences and cohesion, are put to the test. David Forrest has written an absorbing, and to the experienced soldier, an extraordinary accurate, story around such a moment as this.

David Forrest was fifteen when war broke out in 1939. In the next three years he tried to enlist successively in the AIF, the Navy and the RAAF, and in each case he was told to come back when he had started to shave. At eighteen he was called up for militia service, accepted as an AIF volunteer, but compelled to remain with his militia battalion. In THE LAST BLUE SEA he tells the story of his battalions part in the fighting between Wau and Salamaua. His departure from historical fact does not in the least detract from his portrayal of those early New Guinea campaigns as seen by the men who fought them.

This is the story of a militia battalion, ill-trained and suffering from the effects of a succession of incompetent commanders, brought suddenly face to face with the enemy in the totally unexpected environment of the jungle. The reaction of the troops to the challenge, from their initial mistakes to their final mastery of the techniques of jungle warfare, are accurately and excitingly portrayed. Through crisis after crisis, the story builds up a tension which makes it very hard to put the book down, even if it is dinner time and the soup is getting cold.

David Forrest draws his characters skilfully, characters which the experienced soldier will readily recognise. There is the good, solid platoon sergeant, the sound section leader, the man who dodged battle whenever he could but who fought like a tiger when he was in it. There are the privates taking over the responsibilities of leadership as casualties occurred. And there is the magnificent CO, inheriting a battalion of unsound morale and defective training, doing



the things he ought not to have to do in the middle of a battle in order to weld his troops into an efficient hard-fighting unit. In character delineation there is only one false note; Lieutenant O'Grady is a misfit in the story. As portrayed O'Grady was a sound officer doing a good job even if he was not an attractive personality. It is not easy to see troops jacking up on him in that sticky situation. Usually they select more appropriate times and places for doing that.

The dialogue is completely natural and laced with the sardonic humour of the Australian soldier. It is 'soldier' talk couched in the salty slang of the times.

The literary merit of THE LAST BLUE SEA has been recognised by the award of the first Dame Mary Gilmore prize for an Australian novel. Its military value lies in its accurate presentation of jungle warfare and the peculiar demands that type of conflict makes on the fighting man. And behind the story lies the clear implications of the evils of poor training and inadequate leadership.

The book ought to be read by all soldiers, particularly by young officers and NCSs who, if the precariously balanced international situation goes really bad, might easily find themselves in a very similar situation. It might be a good thing too, if its lessons were taken to heart by ALL the people associated with national defence. They will at least learn what it feels like to be on the sharp end.

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#### A GEOPHYSICIST DEFINED

A Geophysicist is a person who passes as an exacting expert on the basis of being able to turn out with prolific fortitude infinite strings of incomprehensible formulae calculated with micromatic precision from vague assumptions which are based on debatable figures taken from inconclusive experiments carried out with instruments of problematic accuracy by persons of doubtful reliability and questionable mentality for the avowed purpose of annoying and confounding a hopeless chimerical group of fanatics known as geologists who are themselves the lunatic fringe surrounding the honest hard working mining operator.

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Upon reaching home in the wee hours of the morning a contractor who had become a little tipsy was having difficulty unlocking the front door. Just then the milkman came along and offered to help saying, "May I hold the key?"

"Naw" replied the contractor. "I can hold the key. You hold the house."

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PERSONAL PARSHeard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA - Robert Hartley was very pleased to receive such a useful wedding gift when he was presented with an attractive dinner service from his workmates early this month. Robert married Vicki, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Curley" Wain of Moss Vale. Congratulations Robert and all the best for the future.

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Graham Barlow, University student, made many friends during his short stay at S.P.C. and expressed the wish to renew acquaintances during his next vacation.

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Five and a half years old Maureen Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean of New Berrima has been admitted to Camperdown Children's Hospital with a rare blood complaint. A get-well message has been sent to her from her playmates at New Berrima.

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Eric Swan resumed work late in February after being off work since November, 1959. Eric sustained an injury to his foot and we are glad to see him back on deck again.

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A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Tickner on Saturday 5th. Both mother and daughter are doing well and no doubt Johnny has done some celebrating. Congratulations John !!

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The following new employees started during February:-

Thomas Norman Lewis	-	Production.
Stanley John O'Grady	-	Stockhouse.
Francis Hubert O'Neill	-	Maintenance.
Cecil Robert Doran	-	Stockhouse.
Geoffrey George White	-	Laboratory.
Maxwell John Goodwin	-	Production.
Nikola Maksimovic	-	Stockhouse.
Fred Smith	-	Production.

Our best wishes to these people for a happy association with S.P.C.

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MARULAN - To Mr. and Mrs. Vic Sturzaker, a son born during February. Congratulations Vic.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fordham, a daughter born during February. Congratulations Bob.

We must apologise for not having all the details of the above new arrivals however, our newshound at Marulan will do better next time.

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NEW AUSTRALIANS AMONGST US

This month we present the story of two of our Marulan employees.

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GESLAW KARPIUK - Born Poland, 1923.

After leaving school Geslaw worked on his father's farm and when Poland was occupied during the war he worked in an ammunition factory in Germany for two years. For the next three years Geslaw was driving a tractor on numerous construction jobs and at the cessation of hostilities in 1945 he joined a British Army Occupation Unit where he was employed as a leading hand in a Timber Control Unit.

He stayed with this unit until 1950 when he migrated to Australia with his wife and two children.

Geslaw settled at Marulan where he started work with Metropolitan Portland Cement not far from the S.P.C. Quarry.

In 1955 he was taken on by S.P.C. and employed as a fitter's labourer, a position he held for some time before appointed as welder.

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RUDOLPH CSREDKAR - Born Germany, 1909.

After leaving high school Rudolph moved to Yugoslavia where he was apprenticed to a painter for a year and a half. He forsook his apprenticeship to work in a coal mine where he remained for 15 years. The last 6 years were spent teaching young miners the general principles and practices of coal mining.

In 1944 he left Yugoslavia and went to Austria where he worked in an aircraft factory and later took a job as leading hand with a State Government Housing project.

In 1951 Rudolph migrated to Australia with his wife and two children and after completing his obligations at the New Australian Camp at Bonagilla, Victoria, moved to Dubbo where he worked for 1½ years with the Government Railway.

In 1953 he moved to Penrose and in 1957 joined S.P.C. as a fitter's labourer, a position he still holds.

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GARDENING NOTES

Notes for March, 1960

FLOWERS

SOW

Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Candytuft, Larkspur,  
Linaria, Lupin, Mignonette, Sweet Pea.

PLANT

Antirrhinum, Calendula, Carnation, English Daisy,  
Forget-me-not, Foxglove, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula,  
Stock, Viola, Viscaria, Wallflower, Spring Flowering  
Bulbs.

VEGETABLES

SOW

Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Parsnip, Parsley,  
Silver Beet, White Turnip, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce.

PLANT

Celery, Lettuce, Cabbage, Cauliflower.

: NOTE:

Prepare ground and begin sowing Lawn Grass Seed.

Cultivate all growing crops to assist growth and keep  
down weeds.

Dust or spray any plants affected with mildew, with  
Bordeaux Powder.

Prepare ground for planting evergreen shrubs and trees  
from end of this month.

Discard Summer-flowering annuals which have finished  
flowering.

Trim dead flowers off all perennials, but leave foliage  
etc., till killed by frost.

Lift Gladioli corms six weeks after flowering and hang  
up with growth attached to dry slowly. When dry clean  
off dead outer skin and store on dry shelf or on trays.

Watch for green aphids, which are bad again now and  
spray with DDT.

Attend to watering of all plants and lawns, as misty  
weather is deceptive.

Pick up and bury or burn fallen fruit, including that  
of ornamental peaches and crab apples.

This is generally a waiting period now, with attention  
to general routine jobs.



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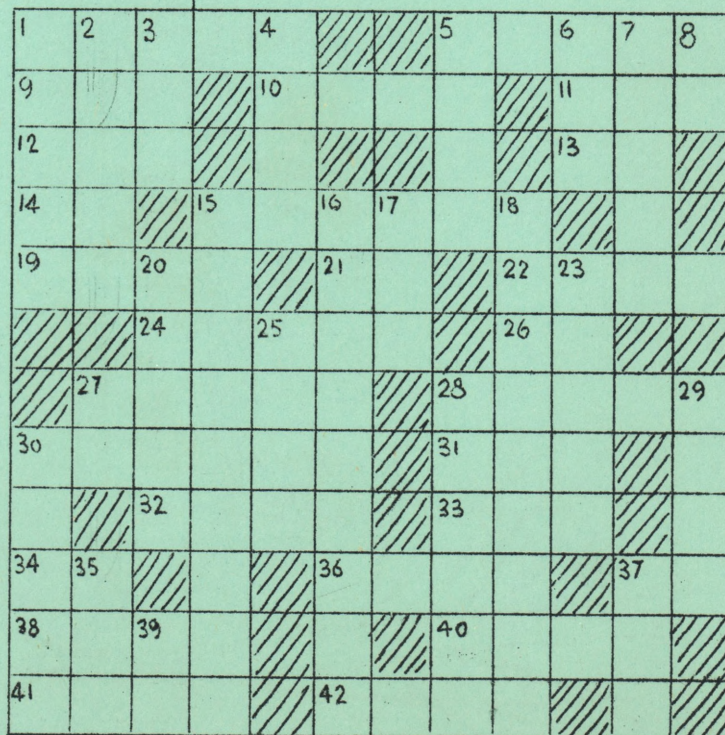
For this month's problem we offer the following crossword puzzle which carries the usual \$1 prize. Let's see a host of entries this time.

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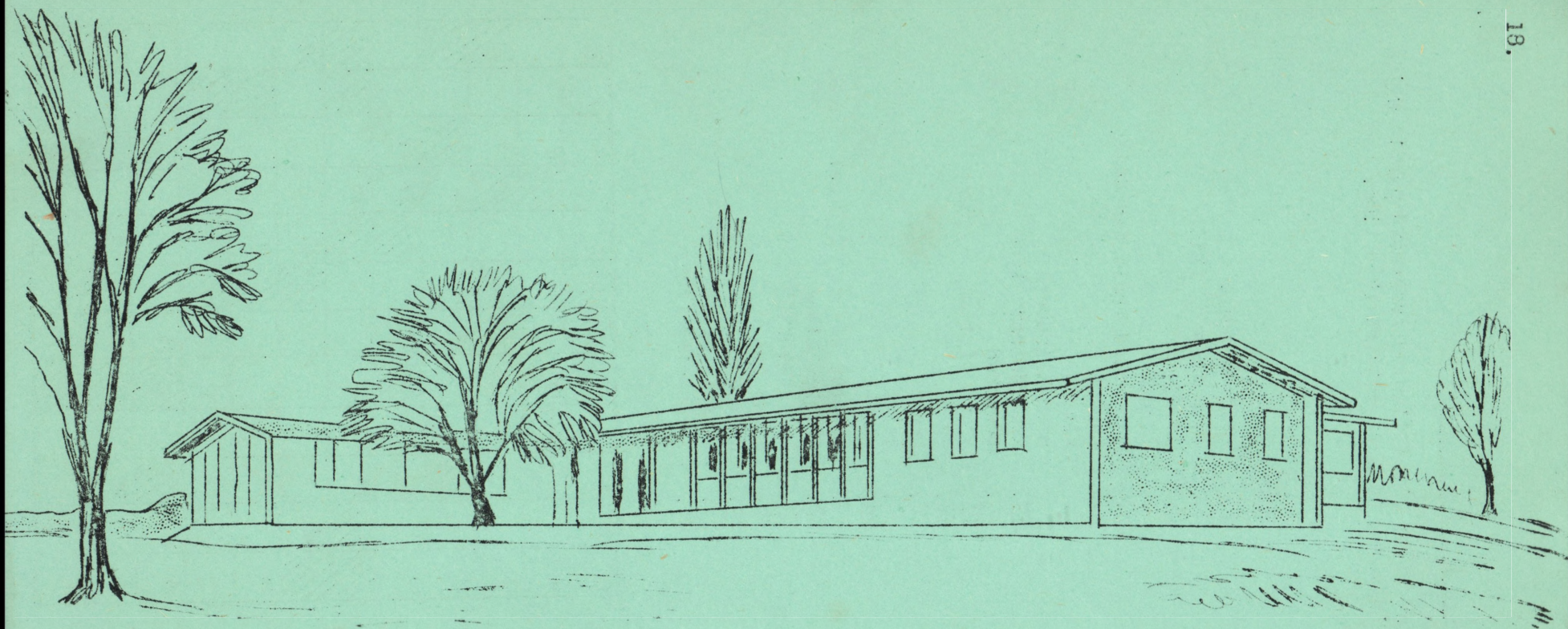
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5. Umpire
9. Edge
10. New Zealand native dance
11. Paddle
12. Unit
13. Commence
14. Exist
15. Involuntary spasm
19. Break abruptly
21. Behold!
22. Receptacle for flowers
24. A vine fruit
26. There
27. Processed ham
28. Go bad
30. Outer covering
31. Measure of weight
32. Mediaeval tale
33. Mineral
34. Thus
36. Fish
37. Towards
38. Lean
40. Write on metal
41. Kill
42. Medicinal quantity.

DOWN

1. Small globules
2. Cloth made of flax
3. Mimic
4. Slender
5. Syncopated music and dance
6. Canine
7. Prisons
8. Queen Elizabeth
15. Extraordinary line
16. Stretched
17. Period of time
18. Dry up
20. Store
23. Repent
25. Lengthy
27. Bachelor of Arts (abrev)
28. Large pebbles
29. Floor covering
30. Throws out
35. Lubricant
37. Definite article.
39. Los Angeles (abrev)







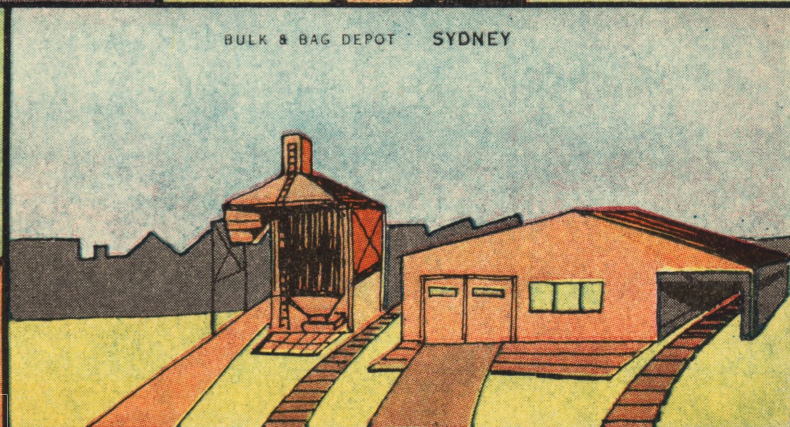
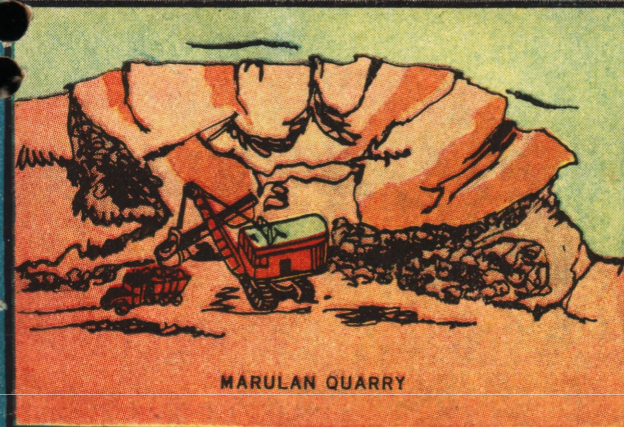
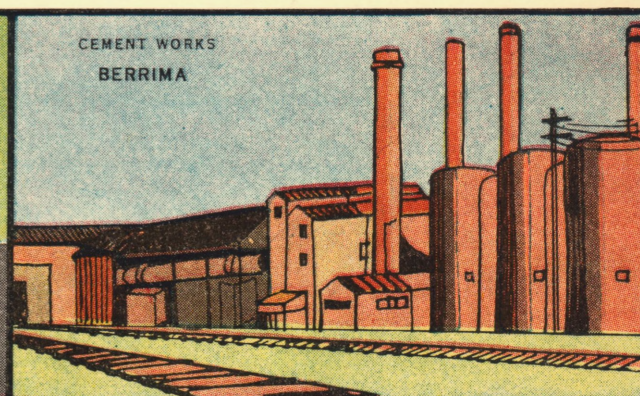
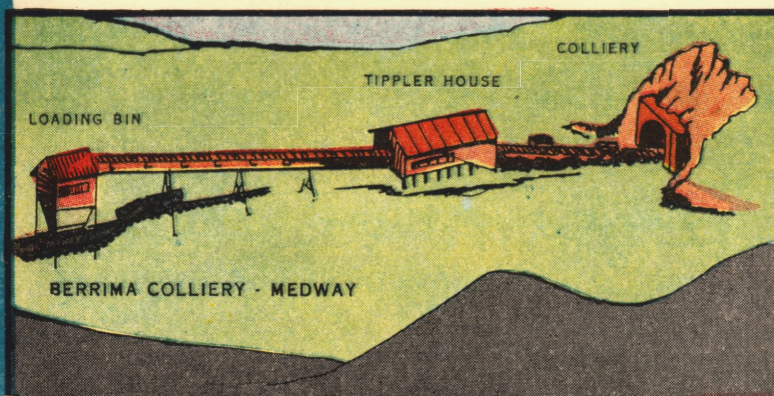
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- EDITORIAL -

Dear Readers,

Most of us, no doubt, will be disappointed that the excellent safety record has been broken but the most important thing is that a record has been established. It only remains now for a combined effort to regain the figure and pass on to a new record.

It has been decided to introduce to the magazine a "Lettersto the Editor" page or pages to enable readers to discuss subjects of their choice through the medium of this newsletter.

It is suggested that this feature be conducted along similar lines to that conducted in the daily press where a reader submits either an observation or a question on a certain subject and other readers supply the answer or "shoot him down" on his particular observation.

Letters should be addressed to:-

The Editor,  
S.P.C. Newsletter,  
P.B.S. No. 4,  
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and must include the writer's name and address. Articles need not necessarily be published over the writer's name; a pen-name can be used.

Let's keep the subjects on an academic basis and so promote some worthwhile thinking.

An invitation to submit an article was recently received from the Editor of SAPCO News, the house magazine of the South Australia Portland Cement Company at Angaston.

The article submitted was a history of the Berrima District and we are looking forward to receiving an article dealing with Angaston at some future date.

Until next issue;

Yours,

THE EDITOR



- GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES -

During March I paid a visit to the Darra Works of Queensland Cement and Lime Limited, the major producer in Queensland.

This Company is unique insofar as it uses coral as its basic raw material whereas at Berrima we use limestone. The coral is won from the bed of Moreton Bay with a suction dredge and transported up the Brisbane River by a converted L.S.T. to an unloading wharf near the Works. The coral is dumped into the bottom of the river which is fresh water at this point, which leeches the salt water from the coral. The coral is then grabbed from the bottom of the river and transported by motor lorry to the Works.

The plant has a capacity of 300,000 tons of cement per year and they have a new kiln and ancillary plant on order to increase their capacity by 250,000 tons per year.

It is heartening to see the cement industry expanding to meet its future commitments even though at the present time existing plants are not being fully utilised. You will see from the production notes that "Southern" had record sales during March and it is anticipated that our own works will be up to capacity before very long.

GENERAL MANAGER



- PRODUCTION NOTES -MARULAN QUARRY:

Limestone ..... Net 95,961 tons

Mullock ..... 47,854 "

Widening of the South Quarry Road continued during the month and 13,000 tons of material were removed. The road is expected to be completed during May and work commenced on developing a bench at the 1890 feet level so that when the 1850 north bench is completed later this year the Menck shovel can move straight to the South Quarry.

Earthworks for the new siding associated with the new bins project was completed and the formation is now being graded.

BERRIMA COLLIERY:

Coal..... 13,259 tons

Production ..... 11.71 tons per shift per miner.

..... 5.00 tons per shift per employee.

Output per miner was good however, the month was marred by quite a few days lost due to disputes.

CEMENT WORKS:

Power ..... 3,255,272 kilowatt hours

The new 3125 kW turbine for No. 3 alternator was installed on schedule and is operating extremely well. The power house operators were very pleased with the new set up as the station is now able to take the overload when the Marulan shovels operate all together, without losing frequency.

Clinker ..... 22,886 tons

Nos. 1 and 4 kilns operated for the full month, No. 4 making a record tonnage (12,731 tons). No. 3 kiln was put back into operation for the last fortnight of the month. The renewal of No. 2 kiln shell and driving gear continued and it is expected to be in operation before the end of April.

Cement Sales ..... 29,226 tons

The large sales were a record, beating the previous best month by over 2,300 tons. The large number of working days in the month was the main reason for the high sales, however tons per day were also well up and are indicative of the increase in tempo in the building and construction fields.



- HISTORY OF MARULAN -

**INTRODUCTION:** One hundred and twenty six years ago on April 11, 1834, the Surveyor-General addressed a letter to Surveyor Hoddle enclosing a design for the "Village of Marulan", situated at the turn-off of the roads to Goulburn and Bungonia.

**EARLY EXPLORATION:** The earliest white visitors to the district consisted of a party led by Henry Hacking, quartermaster of the "Sirius". With him went a convict named Wilson, a lad named Barracks, and a man named Collins. The party left Prospect on March 9, 1798. According to R.H. Cambage, the little expedition reached Mount Towrang and passed through the district known to-day as Marulan.

The next white visitors appear to have been the members of a party led by James Meehan. This party included Charles Throsby, Hamilton Hume, Joseph Wild, William Sly, Thomas Waters, John Glynn, Robert Coolan, John Thomas and Charles Gilliver. On March 3, 1818, two loaded carts were sent forward, and Meehan and Throsby set out on the 5th. The party camped on March 17 by the side of a "rivulet running into some part of the Western River". Meehan named this stream Patrick's River. Throsby, in a note added later to his Journal, refers to it as St. Patrick's River". To-day the stream is known as Paddy's River.

Throsby's Journal records that on March 24 they "entered a large plain of flat Forest called by the natives Tallawoo, from whence we saw the deep ravines running to Shoals Haven". At the end of the day a "fine open forest called Moorooaulin" was reached.

The party proceeded then in a general southerly direction, reaching a spot on March 25 which Throsby records as Caarne. This appears to have been the valley of Jerrara Creek, or Bungonia Creek. Here they divided forces; Throsby retraced his steps and found his way to Jervis Bay, via Kangaroo Valley, while Meehan continued to push southward.

**THE VILLAGE:** The Colonial Secretary informed the Surveyor-General on November 15, 1834, that the Governor had approved of the plan proposed for the "Village of Marulan". It was notified in the "Government Gazette" of March 11, 1835, that a site had been fixed upon for the village and the plan approved.

The village was on the new line of road to Goulburn marked out by Major Mitchell, and then under construction. Interested persons are alleged to have attempted to induce the Governor to alter the line of road, and this caused one Joseph Peters to address a protest to the Surveyor-General on June 20, 1835. Peters stated that he had purchased at "an exorbitant rate" one and a half acres of land at Marulan, and had nearly completed a large brick house for the accommodation of the public which had cost him about \$400. He wished to know whether it was intended to divert the road. Apparently no satisfactory reply was sent, and Peters again wrote on the subject later in the year. However, the direction of the road was not altered.

Joseph Peters was the first innkeeper in the Marulan-Bungonia area. Peters obtained a grant of 300 acres on September 28, 1833, at a spot called in the deed "Durrah Forest". This land was on the old Southern Road which ran near the Wollondilly. The land forms Portion No. 267 of the Parish of Uringalia. It later passed into the hands of Major Lockyer. The grant was promised by Governor Brisbane on April 21, 1835, and Peters had been in occupation before the issue of the deed.



On July 24, 1833, the Goulburn Bench authorised the issue of a license to Peters for an inn to be called the "Woolpack", described as being at "Durreagh Forest".

A transfer of the license to a new building at Marulan was authorised by the Goulburn Bench on June 23, 1835. At the same time Peters surrendered the license for the inn referred to above. The new inn was also called the "Woolpack". It is not clear whether Peters moved to the new premises immediately or not. However, an advertisement in the "Australian" of January 19, 1836, informed the public that Peters had "removed to his new Licensed House at Marulan". His patrons were thanked for their patronage at his "late residence on the Wollondilly Road". Peters evidently had faith in the development of the village, because he purchased Lots 1 to 6 in 1837.

In 1839 he announced his intention to retire from business, and requested persons indebted to him to pay their accounts. However, he was still at the "Woolpack" in 1850.

Marulan made little growth. It was described in 1845 as:-

" ..... a small village with two inns, one store and a few bark huts".

In 1847 it was referred to thus:-

" ..... the village of Marulan which differs little in its features from the other villages of the interior, being a small cluster of houses with two inns, a post office, and three or four stores, procuring custom, nobody knows how."

A property, consisting of a store, a school house, a courthouse, and a blacksmith's and wheelwright's shop opposite the Woolpack Inn, was advertised for sale in February, 1850. The courthouse was built of brick on stone, but its use for that purpose had been discontinued. The Freemason's Tavern was advertised for sale in December, 1851; it was a stone and brick building, scarcely erected three years.

THE CHURCHES: In Bishop Broughton's report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1839, he stated that he had performed service at Marulan on May 27, 1839. A site for a church had been set aside, and within a few hours £150 to £200 had been promised for the erection of a church, but the Government declined to grant aid unless the people raised £300. In a later report (1847-1849), under date February, 1847, Bishop Broughton stated:-

"At Marulan is a commodious Chapel in which Divine Service is periodically performed".

When the new private township of Marulan was established, it was decided to erect an Anglican Church there. On March 24, 1878, the cornerstone of a church to hold 120 people and to bear the name of St. Jude's was laid.

A Church of England school was opened on August 21, 1866.

On May 25, 1863, a church built of Wingello stone was opened by the Rev. William Lanigan, Parish Priest, and named St. Patrick's.

THE NEW TOWNSHIP: The railway line to Mooroowoolen was opened on August 6, 1868. With the opening of the line to this point the old village declined and population centred round the railway station, which was later renamed Marulan.



- T.V. EFFECTS -

Britain has just seen the issue of a report by the London School of Economics on the effects of television on home life. The whole purport of the report seems to be that nobody knows. One school of witnesses held vehemently that it had improved family life as a whole and tended to make families live more closely together. Another school held cautiously that unless you knew exactly how much home life kept families together, it was impossible to say. Nobody could even assess the effect on domestic morals and consideration for each other among TV addicts.

In some families it seemed, everybody pitched in together to get the washing up and other chores done before the favourite sessions came on; in others, mother was left to do the dirty work while the lords and ladies of the household rushed off to take up the best seats in front of the set. The arrival of TV was tentatively held up as giving a central purpose to the work of the households in general - the purpose being to get down in front of the set before the first gun pops.

The London School of Economics apparently found the overall effects to be good. However, its concrete evidence is sketchy and the report ends on a pessimistic note: "Silent circles around the set will often mean that father is at home instead of being at the pub."

The effects of TV in Australia have yet to be reported but certainly some of the findings of the British report will apply to our own viewing habits. The bun-rush for seats will undoubtedly be a common occurrence with families all over the world whilst the effect of TV on father's drinking habits is one subject on which we have no comment.

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- THE JOADJA CREEK SHALE WORKS -

Struggling south in the momentous year of 1798, Wilson and his companions crossed the headwaters of the Joadja Creek, ten or twelve miles west of Mittagong.

Wilson reported coal and limestone near Mittagong, but he was not to know that at Joadja was another mineral - kerosene shale, which was to be the basis for a sounder industry than the ill-starred Iron Works' venture.

It was a pastoralist chasing wandering cattle who first found a black outcrop of shale in the valley half a century later. But it was not until 1873, eight years after the first exploitation of shale in N.S.W. at Hartley, that Edward Carter saw the value of his find, and applied for 60 acres in the Valley.

But he was not the first. By now, shale spelt news and money. Others were on the scene and disputes and litigation developed. They were finally settled in 1878 by the formation of the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (limited) with a capital of £50,000, to work the 1944 acres of rich shale-bearing land in the Valley.

In the early years, although mining was primitive and easy, the difficulty was to get the shale out of the Valley, and to induce labour to come in, as well as housing them when they did come.

The company introduced large scale production methods, and solved the transport problem by building its own railway to Mittagong. A model workmen's village was established, possibly the first in Australia, and the labour shortage was largely overcome by bringing out Scottish workmen.

In 1881, the plant was a contemporary example of mechanical efficiency. The refinery included 64 horizontal retorts with a capacity of 10,000 gallons a week, and plant for turning imported sheet iron into kerosene tins. The mining equipment included the first mechanical coal-cutter in N.S.W., which was used on the shale seam.

Coal mining was an important sideline as were the chemical by-products from shale.

The company increased its capital by £25,000 in 1885 to finance plant extensions in an effort to meet demand, although output was still rising. Thirty-six thousand cases of kerosene alone were produced the year before. The peak was reached in 1890, when shale production totalled 36,985 tons, worth £64,723. The following year, the company was re-organised with a capital of £250,000.

From 1893, however, began a rapid decline in the fortunes of Joadja. Causes were the increasing difficulty and cost of winning the shale, and industrial troubles.

The company had already transferred much of the equipment to new, more profitable fields at Genowlan and Katoomba, when, in 1899, two-thirds of the men walked off the plant over a wage dispute. It was the mortal blow to an already sick industry.

Operations were resumed after the strike, but on a fraction of the former scale. In 1902 and 1903 the last of the plant was removed, and the mines were formally closed in October, 1903.



## - SPORTING NEWS -

by Jack Mott.

**BOWLS:** A team of 24 S.P.C. bowlers, on 27th October, honoured their engagement at Moss Vale Bowling Club to take up the challenge of the club members and do battle in a game of 25 ends to see who would have to foot the bill for the chicken dinner that was had after the match. The game, as was anticipated, was played in real earnest and every player put his best foot forward. Early in the match it looked anyone's game, the scores being within 6 or 8 shots. However, over the last 5 or 6 ends, the Moss Vale club players got the upper hand and held their advantage to win 155 to 122, a margin of 33 shots. This is how the S.P.C. bowlers finished:-

L. Knight	)	W. Rutter	)	J. Dray	) 21
J. Goode	) down 10	N. Austin	) down 11	Curly Ling	) all
S. Fleeton	)	D. Crow	)	J. Mott	) Draw
F. Bonnar	)	J. D'Adam	)	L. Bush	)
J. Fuller	)	A. Counsell	)	F. Armstrong)	
E. Johnson	) down 8	W. McDonnell	) up 2	J. Bell	) down 2
D. Watson	)	T. Penfold	)	J. Douglass	)
W. Townsend	)	L. Terry	)	E. Carey	)

The match was such a success that players freely stated that it should be an annual fixture. No doubt the M.V. club will see to it that it is.

**CRICKET:** S.P.C. cricketers were bitterly disappointed with their performance in the final of the district comp. when they met "Central" at Moss Vale. Little can be put forward as an excuse for their dismal performance with the bat, when the game commenced on Saturday 19th March. For a team that made nearly 200 runs in their previous match it is hard to understand how all batsmen should fail and be able to chalk up 51 runs only. However, with this small score on the board, the S.P.C. boys still thought they may have a chance of winning the caps, knowing that their opponents were not a high scoring side, and on the following Saturday they took up the task of dismissing the side for under 50 and this task was very nearly achieved when 9 of the Central team were out without reaching S.P.C.'s score. However the last two batsmen lived up to the occasion and went on to bring "Central" to 73 before they were dismissed.

**HOCKEY:** At the annual meeting of the S.P.C. Hockey Club, all last year's officers were re-elected and it was decided to enter teams in the coming season's district competition. Faced with the same problem as the football club in finding a suitable ground on which to play, owing to the S.P.C. oval undergoing major alterations, the club decided to accept the offer of the "Warriors", a Moss Vale Club, and use that club's ground as their home ground this season. It has not yet been decided whether the club will be represented with a first grade team only or both first and second and a decision will not be made until after the district's annual general meeting.

**BASKETBALL:** This sport looks like getting a real grip in the district this year. Many more teams have entered for the competition this year, both in first and second grade. S.P.C. will be represented by a team in each grade.

The sport is in the trial stages at the present time and for those interested in having a run with the S.P.C. teams, they may do so by attending the trials each Monday and Tuesday nights at the Moss Vale Showground pavilion.



FOOTBALL: The Berrima football team shows promise of being one to be reckoned with in this year's Group 6 competition. At a recent trial match against Bundanoon, at Bundanoon, no less than 23 players turned up for a run. All last year's team was present and quite a number of new players also attended.

During the game it was noticed that the speed of the team promises to be quite a few yards faster than was the case last year. This could be a big factor in favour of the team this year when the selectors finally mould their first competition team on Easter Sunday.

Two members to show out at the trial match were Allen Butcher and Harry Stevens; both these players are sure to be placed to advantage.

RIFLE SHOOTING: A 500 yard application shoot conducted by the Werriwa Rifle Club on Sunday 27th March was won by John Tickner (Machine Shop) with a two stage score of 39, 36 off the rifle. With a handicap of 5-2/3 for each stage he was a comfortable winner of the monthly trophy.

Jack Lockwood (Colliery) was a visitor on this day and turned on some good shooting. Jack shoots with the Moss Vale Club and is a regular visitor to the range days of the Werriwa club.

INVITATION DAY: The local C.M.F. unit, D. Coy, 3 Infantry Battalion, is conducting an invitation shoot at Mittagong Range on Sunday next commencing at 9 a.m. All local sporting bodies are welcome to attend this shoot which will consist of two "Trainfire" practices, one with the rifle and the other with the Bren Light Machine Gun. Cost of the day will be 5/- to cover trophies and refreshments. Shooters will need to bring a cut lunch, tea etc. being provided by the Army.

It is hoped that S.P.C. sporting bodies will be well represented at this function as it is probably the last of this type of range practice to be held due to the reorganisation of the Army in general.

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It's not the ice that makes you slip - it's what you mix  
with it.

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Then there was the man who read so much about the ill effects  
of smoking that he decided to give up reading.

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- FISHING NOTES -

Fishing enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that an extensive programme for the stocking of rivers with trout is taking place in the Berrima District.

The most recent release of trout fingerlings was in the Bundanoon Creek above the new dam. With luck, these young trout should progress favourably and before very long should provide some keen sport for those amongst us who are trout fishermen.

For those who are prepared to travel, the Snowy Mountains area provides some of the best trout fishing in Australia.

During the month the General Manager weighed in with a pair of 2½ lb brown trout caught in the Eucumbene River near the Providence Gauging Station. Several smaller fish were also caught, mostly undersized (10" minimum length) which were returned to the river to grow into big ones. These fish were caught by spinning with a devon.

Earlier in the season large fish up to 6 and 7 lbs were caught in Lake Eucumbene however, fishing in the lake has now gone off, the fish going up the river to spawn during the winter months. There is a small deep hole in the Eucumbene River about two miles south of Kiandra where they were pulling out a large number of big fish, mainly on hand lines as the fish were feeding on the bottom.

An attempt at dry fly fishing with a fly rod borrowed from Mr. Jack Schott, our Chief Chemist, resulted in no fish and a broken rod, the bottom ferrule splitting with the effort of casting. Repairs are now in hand to have the rod in good order for another foray after Easter, this time most likely in the headwaters of the Abercrombie River north of Taralga.

During February, the General Manager also caught several small rainbow trout, again on a spinner, in Spencers Creek near the weather station and in Guthega Dam. Mr. Leo Jones, General Manager of Queensland Cement and Lime Pty. Ltd., was a member of this excursion and took photographic evidence of the catch. Mrs. McNicol refuses to believe any fish story without evidence.

SALT WATER: Nowra is still producing good catches on the right tide. Bream and flathead are still being caught in the Canal whilst the beaches are offering quite good whiting. The bream seem to be biting well on Benito and worms are considered best for whiting.

A recent excursion to Shoalhaven Heads by two members of the Drawing Office produced some nice bream although conditions were not as good as could be expected. A strong nor-easter was blowing and hampered casting. At low tide the point can be reached whilst good cunja is available on the rocks.

Jack Simpson (electrical shop) should have some first hand info on the fishing grounds on his return from annual holidays. Complete with boat, he is spending his annual leave somewhere on the South Coast.



- SAFETY FIRST -

## March Summary

BERRIMA: March was our downfall for 1960, the record being broken at 127 days.

We must again bring to your attention the serious consequences of skylarking on the job. Accidents caused under these circumstances can only be regarded as foolish and the offender will undoubtedly incur the wrath of his workmates.

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The following new safety bonuses have been added to our stock:-

Pillow cases (pair) - Actil brand	7 units
Table cloth & 3 serviettes.	5 units
Leather wallet	3 "

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MARULAN: The quarry got away to a good start in March with 28 days on the board. An accident on the 29th March put them back to tors again but it is obvious that most employees are chasing the bonuses. Better luck this time Marulan!!

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MEDWAY: The Colliery had five accidents for the month - result - no soap !!

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QUICK QUIZ:

This quiz is made up of statements, some true, some false. If the statement is true put a mark in the "TRUE" column opposite it. If it is false put a mark in the "FALSE" column. Try to finish in five minutes.

IMPORTANT - Read the questions carefully. Many wrong answers are from failure to understand the statement.

TRUE    FALSE

1. It is always easy to know at once the true cause of an accident which has just occurred.
  2. Only careless people have accidents.
  3. Most accidents are avoidable.
  4. Only serious accidents need investigation.
  5. An accident usually has more than one cause.
  6. Most accidents are due to carelessness.
  7. The causes of all accidents are hard to find.
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- GARDENING NOTES -

Notes for April, 1960.

FLOWERS

- SOW Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Forget-me-not, English Marigold, Linaria, Lupin, Mignonette, Nemophila, Sweet pea. Seeds of Evergreen Lawn Grass Mixture.
- PLANT Spring Flowering Bulbs. Anemone and Ranunculus Seedlings, Dianthus, English Marigolds, Iceland Poppies, Pansies, Stocks, Primulas, Polyanthus, Sweet William, Violas.

VEGETABLES

- SOW Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Parsnip, White Turnip, Cabbage, Lettuce.
- PLANT Celery, Lettuce, Eschalots, Onion.

NOTES: Prepare ground on which it is proposed to plant Deciduous Fruit Trees, and Bush Fruits such as Red and Black Currants, Gooseberries, etc.

Prepare ground for new plantation of Strawberries. These are gross feeders, so prepare ground thoroughly and add some old rotted manure or a good sprinkling of Blood and Bone.

Evergreen Shrubs can now be safely moved.

When planting a new shrub or tree:

1. Make holes 3' square and 1' 3" deep to allow plenty of root room.
2. Place old rotted manure or compost in bottom of hole away from roots of plant.
3. Put some top soil on top of manure.
4. Place plant in position.
5. Fill hole with water and when this has soaked away, fill hole with soil and firm around plant.
6. Lightly spray foliage of plant with water several times a day for a week or so after planting, particularly if the weather should be windy.
7. See that the soil around newly planted evergreens does not dry out. One or two good soakings a week are better than daily sprinklings on top of the soil.

Keep baiting for Snails and Slugs, which are again busy after the showery weather. Every one killed now means hundreds less next Spring.

Gather up falling leaves and make a compost heap or pit somewhere in your garden. Add grass cuttings and any weeds or vegetable tops which are free from disease. These will help to provide manure for your garden for next Spring.



The solution to problem 13 is shown at right. The winner was Tom Sharkey from Marulan whose name was drawn from the hat. It was indeed pleasing to see the large number of entries for this problem.

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### PROBLEM 14

We present a rather harder cross-word as most entries in No. 13 were correct. Remember, entries close on 30th April.

#### ACROSS

1. Sound of bells in harmony
5. Unwilling
9. Fowl
10. Writing instruments
12. Weep
13. Relieves
15. The most sacred part of a temple
16. Published book
18. Station (Abbrev)
19. Ego
20. There
22. Artifice in war
26. Performing
27. Thin layer of wood
28. Birth mark
30. Editor (Abbrev)
31. Branch of the Air Force (Init.)
32. Sweet smells
35. Towards
36. Preposition
38. Skins
40. Highly decorated
43. Prefix
44. Intelligence Officer (Init.)
45. Paper measure
46. Comes in

21. Block of dwellings
22. Like this
23. Affirm
24. Award for bravery
25. Force open
26. Medical practitioner
29. Weather-cock
33. Not shut
34. Keep in motion
36. Metal
37. It is (abbrev)
39. International call for aid
41. Not any (abbrev)
42. First person singular

#### DOWN

1. Side of the face
2. Leader
3. Demanding persistently
4. Storing fodder in silos
5. Monetary sign
6. Performs
7. Faithfull statement
8. Song of praise
11. Forbid
14. Without beginning or end
17. Often (poet.)
20. Period of time

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- PERSONAL PARS -

Heard on the Grapevine.

BERRIMA: John Coupe has returned to work after a lengthy illness necessitating specialist treatment in Sydney. Welcome back John and we hope you have fully recovered from your long hospitalisation.

Miss Daphne Middleton of New Berrima entertained 80 guests at the C.W.A. rooms, Moss Vale, during the month. The occasion was the celebration of her 21st birthday. Congratulations Daphne !!

Miss Lindsay Rennie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rennie, is celebrating a similar occasion next weekend. Congratulations in advance Lindsay !!

The following employees commenced with the Company during March:-

Kevin Snow	Production.
Roderick Thom	Construction.
Frank Barker	Maintenance.
Roy Mullaly	"
James Goode	Fettling Ganger.
John Murdock	Maintenance.
(Ed. Note - John was here about 20 years ago)	
Perce Aitken	Maintenance.
Ken Conroy	Production.
Sydney Sutton	"
Graham Davis	"
Ian O'Brien	Gardens
Claude Peachley	Production.
Don Hopkins	Stockhouse.

To these new employees we extend our best wishes for a happy stay with S.P.C.

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MARULAN: Mr. Lloyd Veal, Officer in Charge, was elected Graduate Member of the Institute of Quarrying on December 3, 1959. Congratulations Lloyd on your election.

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MEDWAY: Bobby Jones, our reporter at the Colliery, has undergone an appendix operation. Best wishes Bobby for a speedy recovery. The result of course has left us without news from the pit. However, more news next month.

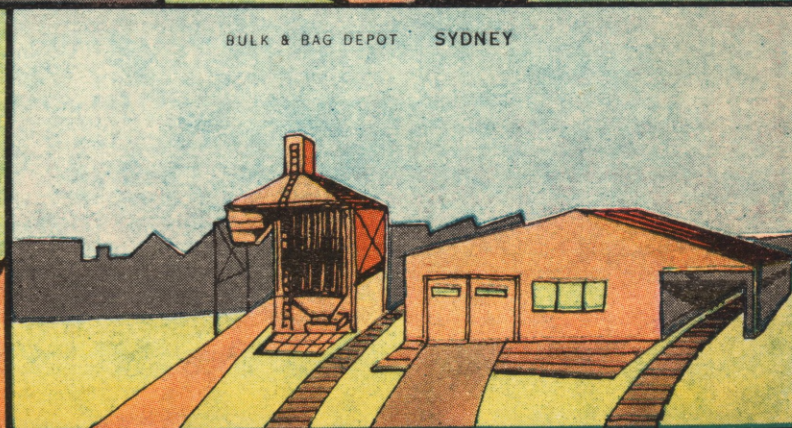
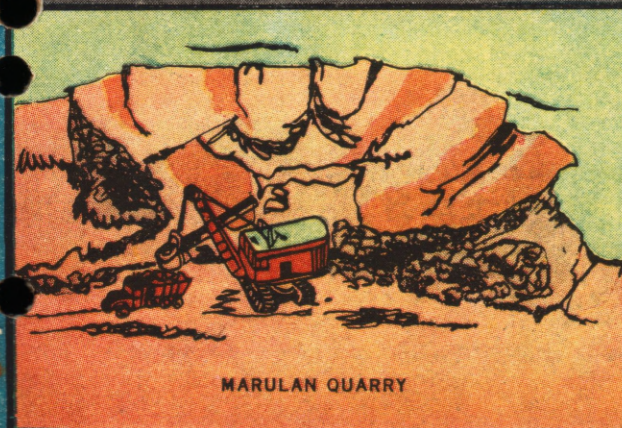
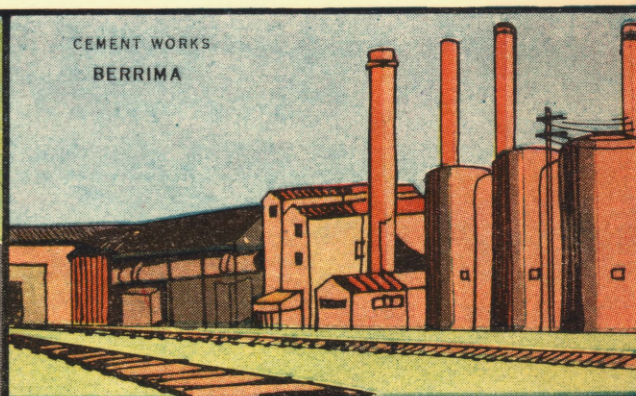
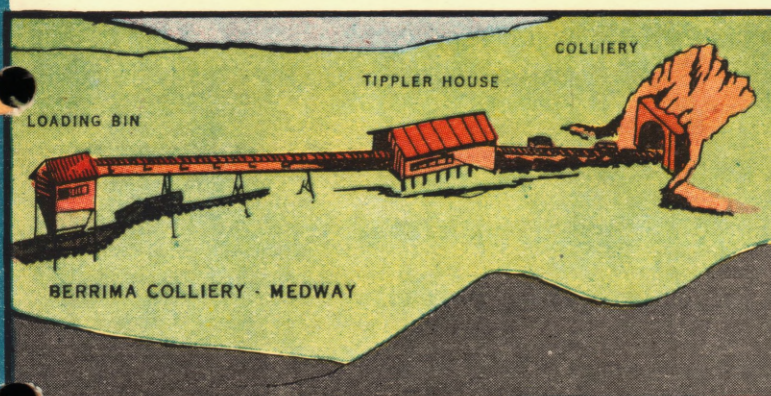
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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Firstly I must apologise for the lateness of this issue, but annual C.M.F. camp took no less than ten employees away to Singleton for 14 days, arriving home on Saturday last.

It is most gratifying to know that these 10 employees all formed part of D Coy 3 Inf Bn who won the Canberra Shield for the best Coy during camp and furthermore five of them were members of 11 Pl D Coy who brought home the R.S.L. Cup for the best platoon during camp. ....

We can therefore, in some measure, justify their absence from work and congratulate them on a job well done. ....

The proposal to introduce a "Letters to the Editor" page has apparently created little or no interest among readers as not one item of correspondence has been received on this subject. It was anticipated that we would at least get some comments on the introduction of the page, even if it was only to tell us that the idea was no good. That at least would have been an opening to some discussion on the subject. ....

However, we will bide our time and hope for some comments this month.

Until next issue,

Yours,

THE EDITOR



- GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES -

On the 20th May Mr. J.G. Schott, Chief Chemist, and myself are proceeding Overseas to have a look at the latest practices in the manufacture of cement and expect to be away about 3½ months.

On the way over we will be travelling across the lower portion of the United States via California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida to New York before crossing the Atlantic to England and the Continent. On the return journey we will travel via Canada and the northern part of the United States.

During 1959 many new plants came into operation in the United States all with large capacity kilns and mills, the biggest kiln being 16½ feet diameter by 600 feet in length which you will all agree is a mighty unit.

I propose sending back notes each month to give you an idea of what we are doing and seeing.

During my absence Mr. L.C. Knight, Works Manager, will be in charge of all operations at the Marulan Limestone Quarry, Berrima Colliery and the Cement Works whilst Mr. D.W. McLaren, Secretary, will be responsible for all commercial matters.

I expect all existing records to be broken by the time I get back and the plant to be operating in top gear.

GENERAL MANAGER



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- PRODUCTION NOTES -

MARULAN QUARRY:

Limestone ..... Net 83,649 tons.

Mullock ..... 22,253 "

Work commenced on the erection of a Community Hall which is expected to be completed before Christmas.

A new office was also authorised by the Board to replace the old office burnt down earlier in the year.

BERRIMA COLLIERY:

Coal ..... 13,357 tons.

Production ..... 12.95 tons per shift per miner.

..... 5.15 " " " " employee.

Output per miner for the month was a record. Congratulations to all concerned !!!!!

CEMENT WORKS:

Power ..... 4,059,092 kilowatt hours.

Clinker ..... 25,133 tons.

Nos. 1 and 4 kilns were off during the month for repairs to the burning zones.

No. 2 kiln came back into operation towards the end of the month.

No. 3 kiln operated for the full month.

We are now a four kiln plant and expect to remain that way.

Cement Sales ..... 24,038 tons.

April sales were lower than the previous month however; tons per working day were higher. May looks like being a record month.

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- THE DEMANDS OF FOOTBALL -

MURRAYFIELD, ENGLAND

During the rugby season, if the temperature drops below 40°F, the turf at Murrayfield begins to warm up. This famous venue of rugby football and the Highland Games is the first rugby field in the world to be provided with a built-in heating system under the turf.

Free of the vicissitudes of weather Murrayfield is able to issue fixture lists that really are "fixed"; never again it is hoped, will a match have to be postponed due to snow or frost and an 80,000 crowd disappointed.

The job of giving the Murrayfield pitch an electric under-blanket has posed a number of problems. These involved the type of cable to be used, the depth it should be laid, the time it would last, the closeness of laying the heating wires to ensure the right degree of heat, the running cost and the best kind of control system.

The heating cables were installed in the pitch at Murrayfield by means of a machine specially designed and built for the purpose by the David Brown Tractor Division. The introduction of this new machine, which provides a quick and accurate means of laying underground cable without damage to the turf, has not only solved one of the major problems associated with this type of installation, but has also substantially reduced the cost. Its use at Murrayfield was the first commercial application of the machine, which operates behind a standard David Brown agricultural tractor equipped with special tyres to prevent marking the turf. Cables were laid in "U" loops along the length of the pitch and then fitted into six watertight distribution boxes. The boxes were evenly spaced at 10 yd. intervals against the terrace retaining walls at the terminating end of the pitch. Mains distribution cables are fed from the distribution boxes to a main control board situated in the stand.

Each pair of cables has its own separate fuses. The total load of 1,136 kilowatts is enough to keep 1,136 single bar fires burning and the maximum cost of running the installation about £4. 0. 0d. an hour.

Thermostats act as "watchmen" and, when the thermometer drops to danger level, switch on the 39 miles of cables to keep the top 6,000 tons of the pitch above freezing point.

Whatever blizzards rage this winter, that vital rectangle of green turf known as Murrayfield will remain green and snow free.

When prolonged frosts turn the earth to iron, Murrayfield turf will keep its spring, allowing the most ambitious player to play flat out without the fear of broken bones. Mud baths will also be a thing of the past.

One other incidental value should be better growth of grass throughout the winter, a better turf surface and thus better rugby.



- SPORTING NEWS -

by Jack Mott.

BOWLS Ex S.P.C. employee Alf Tomlinson is in excellent form. During the last couple of weeks Alf has had some very fine wins at the Moss Vale Club to gain the Marshall Trophy. To win this event he defeated both the reigning club champion, Jim Dray, and a former champion, Alan Fraser. Nice bowling Alf and congratulations.

The Moss Vale Trophy Tournament has commenced and included in the first batch of players was an S.P.C. four - Fred Armstrong, Bill Rutter, Len Knight and John Fuller. This foursome proved far too strong for their opponents, a foursome skipped by H. Toose, and if they can maintain their present form throughout the tournament they should be there when the whips are cracking.

Another four of interest in the same event was a team of Crow's. Dud Crow has a rink made up of his father, brother Jack and brother-in-law Keith. Dud's team won their first match too.

HOCKEY The hockey season started on a very glum note last week end when the S.P.C. players were depleted in numbers to such an extent that they were unable to field both their teams.

The reasons for the small attendance at the first game was due to a number of the players being in military camp, some on holidays and both Ken Mott and Ken Noble being transferred to Marulan for a couple of months.

The club is looking forward to a better roll-up next week but as the two Kens are at the helm of the organisation this year more forfeits are likely until these two lads return.

The S.P.C. "Rozella" girls hockey club seems to be operating well this year with some new young players in the team.

The girls have not started their competition as yet but were seen in action at Bowral the last two Saturdays and some encouraging form was shown by many of the players.

They played in a carnival last Saturday and after winning their first game 5 to nil were beaten in the final 1 goal to nil.

FOOTBALL The district trial games have been completed, and during these trials the Berrima league team acquitted itself well and the selectors should have no trouble in moulding a team together to give the other participants in the local 2nd grade competition a real shaking.

The first matches of the season were played on Sunday 8th May and the Berrima boys will be opposed to Picton at Picton.

Good luck to the team and may the club have a successful season!!!!

BASKETBALL S.P.C. basketball players are doing really well and a lot more will be heard of the players in this sport before the season ends especially the 1st grade team who played so well against a Mittagong team recently that a local sports writer commented on the game stating that it was the best game of basketball he had witnessed in this district. Good luck to this club in the coming season!!!



Sporting News - Continued.

The Goulburn and District Basketball Competition is in full swing and Marulan have again entered teams .... 2 teams from Marulan and 3 from Fellowship.

The sport has just finished the trials and should provide some good basketball for the 5 Marulan teams.

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MEDWAY The Medway Ladies No. 1 team won the Tug-O-War at the May Day celebrations at Wollongong. Second place went to the Medway No. 2 team and both teams participated in two heats.

Congratulations to both teams !!!!!

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The Miners' Lodge was also successful in winning a Cup for the Best Slogan, E. Carey was responsible for this win; congratulations Mr. Carey.

A football match against the Wharfies resulted in a defeat for the Medway boys, however, they put up a very good fight but were outclassed. Better luck next year boys !!!!!

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HOLIDAYS

Mr. Veal and family are holidaying in South Australia and Victoria.

Alex McMurtrie and wife are on holidays in Queensland.

Dick Hayes is spending his holidays at home with his family from Newcastle.

Mr. S. Wells and wife are enjoying a touring holiday on the Coast.

Les Cooper (TEXAS) and family are holidaying at Cobar.

Bob Fordham and family are holidaying in Sydney.

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- SAFETY FIRST -

## April Summary

BERRIMA 30 days with no lost-time injuries were recorded on the 4th May.

It would appear that employees are setting out to pass the previous record and this can only be accomplished by team work in the observance of good safety practices.

Production Group "B" under the leadership of Jack Brown reached 2 years without a lost time injury on 17th April. Each member with over 2 years continuous service with the company was presented with a pewter tankard by the Works Manager. Congratulations to this group for a fine effort !!!!!

MARULAN Accident free days as at 30th April:-

Group 1	-	61 days
" 2	-	151 "
" 3	-	103 "
" 4	-	32 "

Total for whole of plant - 32 days.

MEDWAY 8 lost time accidents were recorded at the Colliery for the month

The Safety First Competition for 1959 run by the Cement and Concrete Association of Australia placed S.P.C. in last position for the Works Section and last in the Quarry Section.

It was later found that the figures supplied to the Cement and Concrete Association had been compiled by the use of an incorrect formula and on applying the correct formula it was found that S.P.C. jumped to third place in the Works Section but the Quarry Section remained unchanged.

This is a fine effort and it is hoped that the Shield will some day come to Southern.

Placings were as follows:-

WORKS SECTIONSeverity Rate

Cockburn Cement Pty. Ltd.	11.256
Adelaide Cement Co. Ltd.	22.507
Southern Portland Cement Ltd.	48.074

QUARRY SECTION

Swan Portland Cement Ltd.	Nil
Gippsland Industries Ltd.	23.610
Australian Cement Ltd.	30.849



- PERSONAL PARS -

Heard on the Grapevine.

BERRIMA

John Doyle (Welder's Shop) was operated on for appendix and is now recuperating in Wingecarribee Hospital. Get well wishes are sent to you John from all your work mates!

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Another daughter for Kenny Noble born in Wingecarribee Hospital on 13th April. This makes Ken's score three daughters. Congratulations to you and your wife Ken !!!

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Just arrived home from a month's holiday at Bombala are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington. No doubt Bill will be a bit collar proud after such a long break.

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Alf Ware, popular member of the Machine Shop, will retire on 22nd May to take up poultry farming on his property on the New Berrima side of the Wingecarribee River. This is not the first time Alf has ventured into this type of business as he had a poultry farm operating on the same property some 25 years ago. Alf had quite a lot of service with S.P.C. but his last lap of 12 years straight was by far his longest stretch. During his years of service Alf made many friends and we all wish you everything you wish yourself Alf, and may your business be prosperous and your retirement a happy one.

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Andy Willis, another Machine Shop employee, also announces his retirement and much the same can be said about Andy, other than the poultry farm. He too made many friends during his stay at S.P.C. and is well known and well liked throughout the plant. All our best wishes go to you Andy and we all hope your retirement is a happy one also.

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MARULAN

Jim Galloway has returned home after a lengthy stay in hospital with a broken heel. Best of luck for a speedy recovery Jim !!!

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Walter Sutton has returned to work after an attack of the shingles.

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Congratulations to Howard Rowley and Miss Alice Bulger on their engagement. Also brother Bill Rowley on his engagement to Miss Kay Murray.

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Miss Marie Thompson (Sports Queen) of Marulan South won the Marulan Queen Competition. Congratulations Marie !!!!

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MEDWAY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Lafferty on the birth of a daughter!!!

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To Mr. and Mrs. Allan Delamont a daughter. Congratulations Allan !!!

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- INDUCTIONS -

The following employees commenced with the Company during April:-

Names and Group classifications are as follows:-

Robert Conroy	Production.
Peter Huntley	"
Sid Hibberd	"
John Moule	"
Alf Natoli	"
Max Finey	Maintenance.
Antal Hajnady	Laboratory.
Detlef Weinrebe	"
Adolf Barbie	Production.
Keith Stanton	"
Suro Ante	"
Martin Radetic	"

Of the abovementioned, two, Suro Ante and Martin Radetic, are from Yugoslavia Antal Hajnady is from Hungary and Detlef Weinrebe is from Germany. No doubt we will be able to feature their histories at a later date.

To all the newcomers we extend a hearty welcome and may their stay with S.P.C. be a happy one.

We further commend to these people the Welfare Fund as participation in this fund will assure them a happy Xmas when our Annual Picnic is held.

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- RETIREMENTS -

The following personnel retired from the Company last Friday:-

Andy Willis	Fitter.
Alf Ware	Fitter's labourer.

Andy is taking up residence at The Entrance whilst Alf is continuing with his poultry farm started some years ago.

To both these members, best wishes for the future and may their retirement be a happy one.

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- OBITUARY -

Mrs. C.A. Jones.

It is with regret that we report the passing of Mrs. Catherine Jones - mother of Mr. A.V. Jones (Colliery) - on Monday 9th May. Mrs. Jones was a well known identity in the district having resided at Berrima since 1929.

Our sincere sympathy and condolences to Mr. Jones and his family.

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- GARDENING NOTES -MAY, 1960FLOWERSPLANT

Anemone and Ranunculus Seedlings, Iceland Poppies,  
Dianthus, Primulas, Polyanthus, Sweet William.

VEGETABLESSOW

Broad Beans, Peas, White Turnips.  
Few crops can be sown to advantage.

NOTES

Dahlias will have been cut by frosts and these should be lifted when the leaves and stems are yellow; the stems should be cut to within 12 inches of the tubers, and a label attached to each plant before storing. Store in boxes of dry sand or on the floor of a shed out of the reach of frost. A little naphthaline mixed with the dry sand will help to keep away insects.

Lightly cultivate between rows of seedlings to eradicate weeds.

Most perennials have finished flowering. If new growths are visible at ground level; the old flowering stems may be cut back to the ground.

May is a good month for planting trees and shrubs, both evergreen and deciduous types.

Don't prune your roses yet.

Thin out the growing crops of root vegetables, leaving space between each plant for good development.

Dig over all vegetable garden beds, which are now empty, destroying diseased top growth, and placing disease-free tops, grass and weeds in the compost-heap or pit. Keep this heap filled up and add an occasional sprinkling of lime to help decomposition.

CACTI Nearly all these are natives of America and they rest in Winter and grow in Spring and Summer. They need full sun and in Winter a temperature of not below 50 degrees. They need less frequent watering and can be left for some days without water. Keep them in well-drained containers just big enough to hold them. Don't overpot! Use extremely porous soil and repot in Spring. Make the soil firm. They only need repotting every second or third year. Water sparingly in Winter. Excessive moisture is their worst enemy. Keep pots just moist when new growth begins. Cacti are subject to attacks of mealy bugs, thrips, scale insects, red spider and aphids. DDT at Summer strength will control most of these. Dropping of flower buds may be caused by lack of light.



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- PROBLEM PAGE -

The solution to Problem 14 is shown at right. The winner was Miss Valma Cosgrove of Marulan South whose name was drawn from the hat.

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PROBLEM 15 - Entries close on 31st May.ACROSS:

1. Burst of light.
5. Skin marks.
9. That is (abbrev).
10. Uproar.
13. Printers measure.
14. Type-setting machine.
15. Cry of a sheep.
16. Light (abbrev).
17. Comes into view.
19. Printers measure.
20. Courteous.
22. Throat glands.
24. Rodent.
27. Flight log abbreviation.
28. Vertical measure.
31. Round, flat object.
34. Adjusts to nothing.
35. Plays producing laughter.
37. Raw metal.
39. Californian city (abbrev).
40. Extra horse.
43. Because.
45. Negative.
47. Cluster of houses.
48. Twelve.
49. Manage.

DOWN:

15. University degree.
18. weird.
21. Lubricant.
23. Pertaining to the nose.
25. Touching bottom.
26. Spike.
29. Plant substance (abbrev).
30. South American fly.
32. Lifting machine.
33. She.
36. Man's name.
38. Unchivalrous person.
41. New Zealand bird.
42. Possess.
44. Like this.
46. Upon.

DOWN:

1. Cuts fish.
2. Musical term.
3. Bends down.
4. Small dwelling.
5. Fell asleep.
6. Gold measure (abbrev).
7. Bring up.
8. Cut violently.
11. Native tree.
12. Self-assertive.

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- FISHING NOTES -

HOLY MACKEREL!!!

Several convictions and near convictions for illegal netting during the past month offer one answer to the question "Where do the fish go in the Winter time?"

The near South Coast has been pretty dead as far as good fishing goes. As a matter of fact several old hands have retired with those famous last words, "they're not there any more !"

There are a few Darkies about up to 2½ lbs. if one can get on to them.

A nice Tailor was spun from the Rocks at Redhead, also a half dozen 1½ lb Bream were landed in the canal at Nowra. A certain fisherwoman landed another 15 lb Jewie on bream tackle also at the canal.

Passing the flood gates recently I saw a dozen 1½ - 2 lb Flathead in a bag. Caught on the run out. A few Bream have been caught at Currarong (also mosquitoes).

Four five pound Leatherjackets were landed off the rocks at Dalmeney Point.

Crabs are taking all our bait off the beaches !!!

The Horse Mackerel have been lifted off the Wharf at Eden with pitchforks. They were about 2 lb, but poor eating and are very poor keepers.

Good catches of Trevally, Tailor, Darkies, Flathead and Bream, have been made at Morimbula.

Now that spinning in Lake Eucumbene has become the most popular way of taking trout it is felt that a few hints would not be amiss.

The object of spinning is to make the flash or spoon behave like a fish - a swimming fish. The bait must be brought through all the likely water inviting the trout to seize it. Just to do that is simple - you make a cast and then wind the bait back to you. That, in the simplest possible way, is spinning.

But of course there is a great deal more to it if you are to do well. You must have in your mind all the time how your bait is behaving under the water, see it in your mind's eye.

You must ask yourself if it is behaving as much as possible like a small fish. You must also consider the nature and habits of the trout itself.

Don't spin too quickly. Arising from that is the second thing. A little fish that, from disease or wound, swims slowly is likely to swim erratically; and it's reasonable to suppose that therefore the trout will associate erratic swimming with slow easy fish.

There's the second thing then - don't wind at an even steady pace. Vary the speed of winding; slow down, speed up to sudden little bursts like a fish in a panic, stop and then start again with a flurry.

Swing the rod top from one side to the other so that the bait will swerve, and flash as it swerves.



Fishing Notes - Continued.

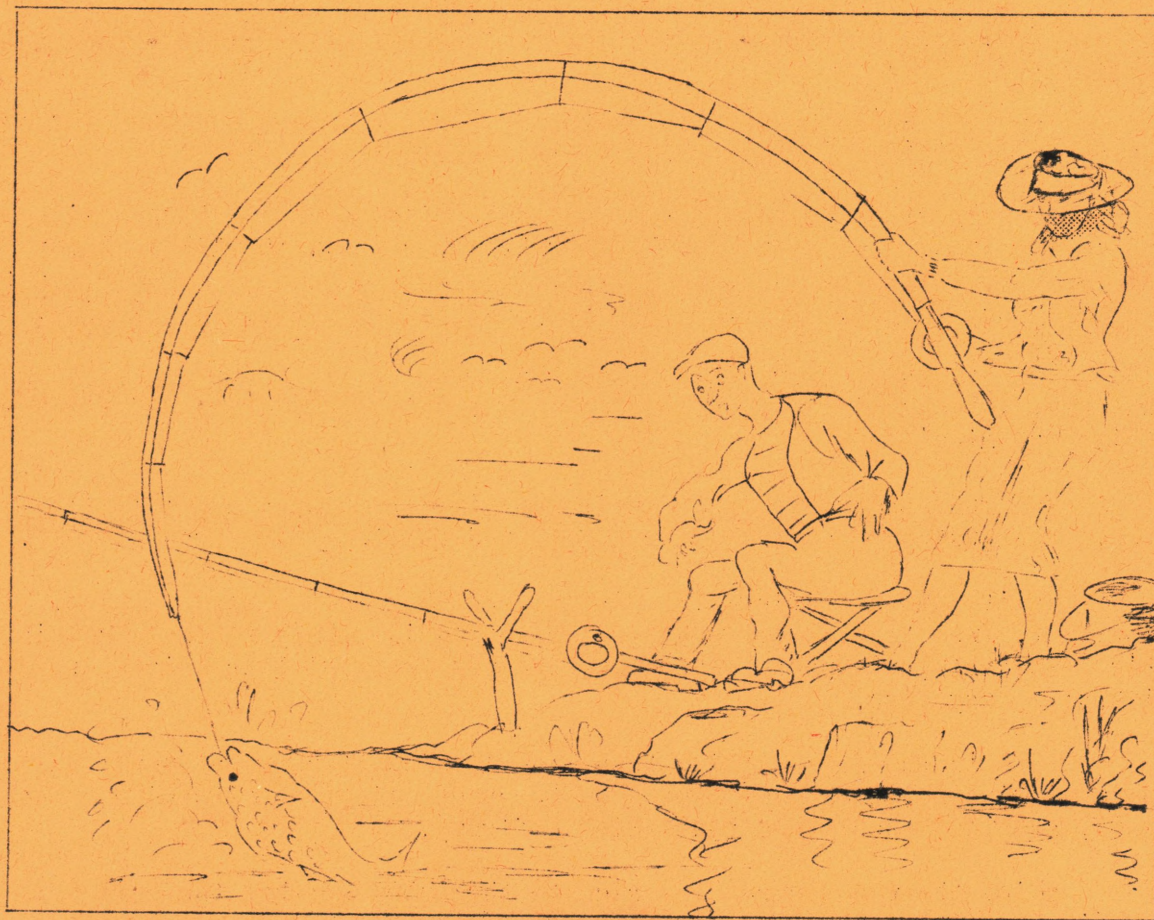
And there's another thing to remember. Camouflage makes fish swimming on an even keel more or less invisible. It's the flash they emit when they turn suddenly or wobble that gives them away. An erratic movement of the bait reproduces that fatal flash.

Another thing to remember is the trout's way of lying low in the water. It's not likely to come right up from the bottom of deep or deepish water when it can get food at its own level.

So, except in shallow water, let the bait sink to the right level in the water before you start to wind. You have to judge that of course and at first you will probably get snagged quite often. But that is a risk you must take.

You must put the bait where the fish are.

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- LET'S LAUGH -

"I am sorry, the boss isn't in," said the shop office manager to the pompous individual who had strutted in. "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"No," snapped the visitor. "I have never dealt with underlings. I'll wait until the owner returns."

About an hour later the pompous one became impatient. "How much longer do you suppose the owner will be?" he demanded.

"About two weeks," was the reply. "He just left on his vacation."  
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Notice in Doctor's office: Ladies in waiting room are asked not to exchange symptoms. It gets the doctor hopelessly mixed up.  
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Classified ads we've seen:

"Two rooms near school, all home privileges, with widow."

"Careful couple (no children) require furnished house."

"For sale - high chair for baby with straw bottom."  
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After a long, boring evening, the young man finally stole a goodnight kiss from the girl.

She murmured; "That's your reward for being a gentleman."

"Reward," he scowled, "that's just workmen's compensation."  
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When the chick, doe-eyed beauty asked for a good book to read, the obliging librarian said, "Do you want something light or do you prefer the heavier books?"

"It doesn't matter really," the young woman assured her. "I have my car outside."  
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Bob says he must be getting old; can't take "yes" for an answer anymore.  
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Sailor: "I can't marry you. We have nothing in common. You don't even know the difference between port and starboard."

Blonde; "Couldn't I look at the label on the bottle?"  
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Man is like a worm ..... some chicken always gets him.



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# — EDITORIAL —

Dear Readers,

Another important milestone in the history of our "Newsletter" was reached last month when representations were made to a Sydney firm of printers for the complete printing of all future issues of the S.P.C. "Newsletter."

We leave it to you, our readers, to judge the value of this improvement for, as you can well see, the newsletter now takes on a professional touch and with more contributions from our readers will no doubt present a full coverage of S.P.C. news.

As can well be appreciated, certain alterations will take effect with the new method of publication. Whereas we were able to release the edition in the first week of each month with information available on the 5th of each month, we will now have to make our copy deadline about the 1st of each month and on present indications the finished newsletter should be available during the second week of the month. This arrangement may be improved on in time, however, we rely on our contributors to have their copy available on the set date.

Furthermore, the reduction in the size of the print will mean additional reading matter being available. We have settled on a twelve page magazine and in this respect we ask our departmental representatives to increase their normal contributions by at least 30 per cent. to enable us to fill the available space.

In addition to our normal reading matter, accompanying photographs will be used to

help present a better picture of the particular subject being discussed.

Readers having photographs relevant to the Company are invited to submit them for inclusion in the magazine, all photographs will be returned to the sender after being used.

Mr. J. F. McNicol, the General Manager, left on his overseas tour on 20th May last and we eagerly await his notes which he will be forwarding to us during his travels. We may even score an article or two from Mr. J. G. Schott, Chief Chemist, who is accompanying Mr. McNicol.

This first issue of our new look magazine will catch the travellers at London and therefore take this opportunity of wishing them a most successful trip and a happy return to Australia.

To acquaint readers with the people responsible for contributing the departmental news in this magazine we propose to feature them by departments in a photograph each month. Below we find Jimmy Feltham and Alan Gutzke both from Marulan.

Jimmy obtains the general run of information from the Quarry whilst Alan is the culprit responsible for the cartoons which appear in the "Newsletter."

Jimmy is employed in the General Office and Alan is a member of the loco crew.

Until next issue.

Yours,

THE EDITOR.

## YOUR REPORTERS



ALAN GUTZKE.



JIMMY FELTHAM



# GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

## FROM OVERSEAS

Los Angeles,  
U.S.A.

Jack Schott and I arrived in San Francisco on May 20th and found the weather as cold as when we left Berrima the day before, and only a week to the first month of summer.

The rhododendrons were in full bloom in the Golden Gate Park only  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the Pacific Ocean and the lovely gardens in the Piedmont residential area on the other side of the bay from San Francisco were at their best.

The largest plant visited during our first week was Permanente, 45 miles south of San Francisco. It is a 6 kiln plant making 1,400,000 tons of cement per year.

A pleasant trip was made in the Cessna 310 aeroplane of the Calaveras Cement Company

to its San Andreas plant in Calaveras County which you will all recall is the place made famous by Mark Twain with his jumping frog story.

On Saturday 28th, we rode down to Los Angeles in the daylight train, 470 miles in 9 hours 45 minutes. The country is very dry except for the irrigation areas which are highly cultivated for vegetable and fruit growing. The most interesting sights, to me anyway, were the Vandenberg Air Force Base, U.S.A.'s first major missile base; and airfields covered with jet aircraft including the Lockheed factory at Burbank.

By next News issue we will have seen at least another 12 plants so should have some interesting stories for you.

General Manager.

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# WORKS MANAGER'S NOTES

The General Manager and Chief Chemist having left us for the time being it is my privilege to write the notes for the first edition of the new Newsletter.

This edition marks the change from the drawing office production line to the professional printer's office.

If it meets with your approval tell me, if not please cane the editor because it sure will be his fault.

Talking of Production will you all please accept congratulations on a record month made possible by your very successful efforts to get this plant into Fourth Kiln gear.

Now having achieved the gear change let's just see what a little pressure on the accelerator can do to the figures in June. This is one time that putting your foot down hard will benefit you all instead of earning a speeding fine.

The General Manager forecast in the last issue that all existing records would topple whilst he was away, so let's make the pace a cracker!

Another fine record was also achieved during the month, namely Jack Brown's and George Whitley's Safety Groups both reaching that coveted figure of two years accident free. What a fine performance it is when you consider that both these groups are production shift men. The month also proved a good one for the whole plant with no accidents. What a sight it will be when the green 100 day flag is again hoisted to the flag pole.

Once again congratulations all round for May, but we are shooting for June now so let's go!

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Smoking, it is said, calms the nerves and helps people to keep their heads. This would seem to be contrary to the experience of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Most gals nowadays don't want to marry the go-getters; they all seem to be looking for the already-gotters.



# PRODUCTION NOTES

## MARULAN QUARRY:

Limestone ..... Net 94,472 tons.  
 Mullock ..... „ 89,065 „

The new Community Hall is taking shape and work has also commenced on the new administrative office.

## BERRIMA COLLIERY:

Coal ..... 12,524 tons  
 Production ..... 11.87 tons/shift/miner  
 „ ..... 4.90 tons/shift/employee

## CEMENT WORKS:

Power, 4,628,659 Kilowatt hrs. (RECORD)

This smashes the old record and with the new turbine represents an average load during the month of 92.2 per cent. of rated capacity.

Clinker ..... 32,722 (RECORD)

Minor difficulties were experienced in the early part of the month in getting the ancillary equipment geared up to operate four kilns.

No. 2 Kiln had the usual teething troubles but is now settling down nicely.

An unusual sight these days is the water cooling of the burning zone shell on Numbers 2 and 4 Kilns. Time alone will tell the story of this experiment.

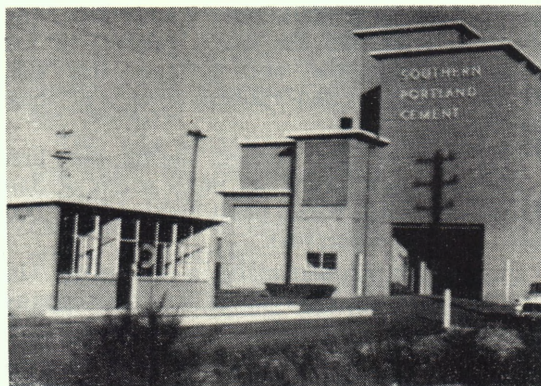
Notwithstanding these factors, the record is a creditable effort and only reflects the fine effort being made.

Cement Sales for June were 32,374 tons (RECORD).



*Pictured above is the staff at Queanbeyan led by Mr. Bob Sheppard, foreman, a resident of Canberra and formerly of Marulan.*

In respect to our excellent sales figures it might be of interest to our readers to know something of the operation of our outlying centres at Queanbeyan and Villawood. These two plants are responsible for approximately 14 per cent. of our total monthly sales and credit must go to the people staffing these centres as the plants are small in comparison with our set-up at Berrima.



The Villawood plant, which was opened during January this year is quite an impressive structure.

Mr. Jack Stedfut, whom most of you know as an ex-Berrima-ite, is in charge of operations at this plant.

Above is a photo taken early this year showing the impressive lines of this modern structure.

A technical description of the plant was featured in an earlier edition of our magazine.

## PERSONAL PARS

Hear tell that the lab will be practising Yogi before long. Bob Burns will be the instructor. Persons wishing to participate are asked to contact him for free lessons.

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Understand that Jack Schott, Chief Chemist, had been doing a spot of bird watching before he left on his overseas trip. We have been informed that he took his binoculars with him. We hope he finds some interesting subjects to gaze at during his travels. We can recommend Paris for some fine larks.



# INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

## AND ITS HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

It might be appropriate, as readers of "S.P.C. Newsletter" have from time to time been reading of the Safety work being carried out by the Company and in practically every issue note particulars of record establishing Safety Sections and Groups, to give a little of the history of the foundation of Safety.

Even before the dawn of history man has been distinguished by his industry. The homes of the cliff dwellers, the pyramids, ancient Chinese tapestries and similar antiquities attest man's industry thousands of years ago.

There was always the basic fact that a man has a desire for self-preservation and his fears of injury were no less strong than they are now, and no doubt accident prevention was practised to some extent even in earliest civilizations. Such efforts were probably almost entirely personal and defensive.

In these early periods of the world, whilst little heed was given to the organised prevention of injury, some heed was given to recompense for injury.

It is known that the Babylonian Code of Hammurabi prescribed "If a man strike another he shall be responsible for the physician." This can also be noted through Biblical times by reference to (Exod. 21:18-19): "And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone or his fist, and he die not but keepeth his bed: If he rise again and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed."

Industrial Safety, until relatively recent times, was largely a matter of individual effort rather than any sort of organised procedure. The real need for organised Safety did not originate until the advent of what is termed the "Machine Age," and the Safety movement, as we have it to-day, is strictly a modern innovation.

England was the cradle of the mechanised industry, and so it was England that provided the first legislation that commenced the era of Industrial Safety.

From 1500 A.D. England gradually turned from agriculture to craftsmanship and workers in wood, metal and textiles attained

a high degree of skill. This progression was advanced still further when James Watt in 1776 was able to adapt his steam engine to provide power.

The early years of the 19th century saw mechanisation of industry rapidly gain momentum, so it was in 1833 that the first attempt was made by Government to improve Industrial Safety and an Act was passed to provide for inspection of workshops by Government Inspectors.

In 1844 an Act known as "Lord Ashleys—Great Factory Act" was enacted to provide for the fencing of mill gears and shafts.

Accidents were still accepted as an inherent part of industry and employers were not aware of the economic losses that accompany accidents. Employees, too, were not, in many instances, particularly interested in Safety.

It was not until about 1850 that improvements began to be made as the result of recommendations by Government Inspectors and after plant management began to insist on safe working practices.

A number of years were to pass before the introduction of Safety by legislation was introduced into countries outside England. It was in 1867 that the State of Massachusetts introduced Industrial Safety legislation to the U.S.A. by passing the "Instituted Factory Inspection Act", and in 1869 Germany passed Acts providing that all employers furnish necessary appliances to safeguard health and life of employees. In 1874 France enacted laws to provide for special inspection service of workshops.

The Joliet Works at the Illinois Steel Company, U.S.A., formed in 1892 a Safety Department. This has been called the "birthplace of the American Industrial Accident Prevention Movement." The first Safety order was the inspection of all engine flywheels.

America began to play a large part in Industrial Accident Prevention, and during the twentieth century many organisations were formed having as their object for existence the propagation of education in assisting to save life. Among these was the National Safety Council of America, the largest organisation of its kind in the world and which was formed in 1912.



# SAFETY FIRST

## MAY SUMMARY



*PRODUCTION "B" GROUP—2 YEARS ACCIDENT FREE*

*BACK ROW: A. J. Ware, J. B. Clinton, N. Stokes, H. Sheather, J. Laird, D. Polsen, K. MacLean.*

*FRONT ROW: J. Maleszak, E. Tanas, B. Whatman, S. Thorpe, S. Bandura, F. Bartlakuivski.*

*STANDING TO SIDE: Mr. L. J. Brown, Group Leader; Mr. L. C. Knight, Works Manager.*

*MEMBERS NOT IN PICTURE: A. Blizzard, G. Borsi, J. Campbell, T. Penfold, F. O'Neill.*

**BERRIMA.** No accidents for the month. Plant figures as at May 31 was 57 days accident free. Congratulations to all concerned.

The above photo was taken during a presentation to members of Production "B" group who reached two years accident free on 17.4.60. Mr. Jack Brown, the group leader accepted, on behalf of each member, a pewter tankard which was presented by Mr. L. C. Knight, the Works Manager.

**MEDWAY.** No accidents had been reported from the Colliery up until the 25th May which is heartening news indeed. We wish them success for the remainder of the month and hope that some record safety figures are on the make at the pit.

During a recent visit to the Colliery I was impressed by the quick turn-round of skips by the pit-top boys.

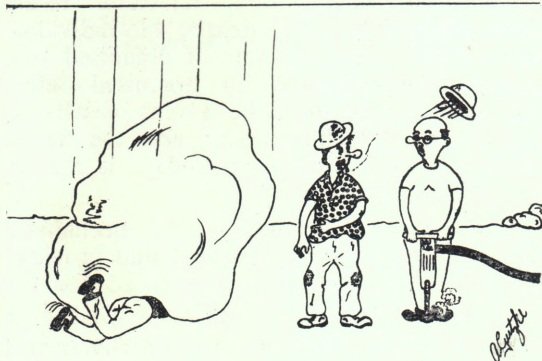
With a continuous stream of 30 cwt. skips coming up the incline, these boys handle the uncoupling, tipping and recoupling of empties in a very skilful manner.

It is interesting to record that in view of the speed at which they handle these skips,

very few accidents have been suffered in this particular department.

However, I did hear an ominous rumble as an empty skip slipped on the haulage rope on commencing the downward trip on the incline. It was brought to a violent stop by the skip below it and no damage resulted.

Notwithstanding this slight diversion the pit-top boys are to be congratulated on a fine effort.



*"WOULDN'T IT SLAY YA! THERE GOES ANOTHER SAFETY BONUS COUPON"*



**MARULAN.** In respect to the above-mentioned record it seems that a Marulan group achieved a fine record in 1949.

Reproduced from "Contact" 1949 is a

photo showing a Quarry Safety Group who might prove to be an incentive to you boys. This was the first group to attain 365 days accident free at Marulan. It can be done!!!



*From Left.—Back Row: H. Frost, E. Irving, F. Holtz, G. Mallett, G. Campbell, L. Clark. Front Row: H. Feltham, S. Vills, R. Bell, A. Pearce, A. Brown, R. Nelson. Inset: A. McMurtrie.*

## WHO IS IT?

Dr. Arthur (Minister of Health in the 1929 Government) once said:

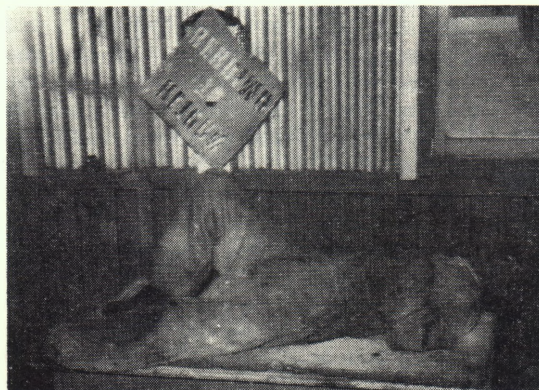
“Never stand up when you can sit down, and never sit down when you can lie down.”

We feel that the subject pictured was a confirmed follower of Dr. Arthur's views.

Furthermore, we are sure that Bob Burns would have no trouble in recruiting our friend as a demonstrator for his Yogi class.

Undoubtedly Dr. Arthur's words carry a good deal of truth as those who have studied the functions of the human body will agree and we must also hasten to point out that our subject was quite within his rights as this

candid shot was snapped during the lunch hour.





# — SPORTING NEWS —

By JACK MOTT

## BOWLS

The month of May has been a bad one for people who follow this sport in so far as weather conditions were concerned. Some very high winds with cold temperatures would describe the weather for the greater part of the month and both these elements are ones which bowlers frown upon. However the stalwarts of the game braved the weather on most week-ends and this could have attributed to the number of upsets witnessed.

The biggest upset possibly would be the defeat of the crack Moss Vale Trophy team comprising N. Browne, Jim Dray, A. Fraser and Luke Webb who were defeated in no uncertain manner by a Bowral team 30 to 15.

One team in the same competition, with three S.P.C. bowlers namely Ron Jenkins, Sam Fleeton and Bill McDonnell did well to win their match by a very wide margin. No doubt the team has its eyes on the big end of the prize. We wish them luck.

The Moss Vale Club held its presentation night during the month and some very fine trophies were presented to the winners and runners up of each club event.

There was a fair sprinkling of S.P.C. bowlers among the trophy winners. The results being:-

Club Four winners—N. Browne, J Dray, A. Fraser, L. Webb.

Club Four runners up—L. Cass, T. Cramp, A. Wain, K. Johnson.

Wallis Pairs winners—L. Webb and A. Fraser.

Wallis Pairs runners up—E. Byrne and C. Davis.

Marshall singles winner—A. Tomlinson.

Marshall singles runner up—A. Fraser.

Minor singles winner—N. Hyde.

Minor singles runner up—G. Litt.

Club Champion—H Toose.

Runner up—A. Fraser.

There was also a special trophy given to the four from Moss Vale who were victorious during Country Week. Two S.P.C. bowlers were members of this team. The four being F. Armstrong, T. Mack, W. Rutter and E. Byrne.

The game of bowls continues to attract more and more members not only male, but many of the fairer sex are finding their way into this popular sport. Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Bill Smith and Mrs. Bill McDonnell have already

donned the white stockings and are making progress as players while Mrs. Middleton and her daughter Daphne have expressed their wish to join up and become players.

## FOOTBALL

The district competition has commenced and at this early stage it can be plainly seen that the Berrima Rugby team is going to be a force to be reckoned with this season. It has the potential and allowing for steady improvement one could say the team that beats them in the second round should turn out to be winners of the comp.

To date the team has played three games in the competition and on each occasion has acquitted itself well.

The first game was against Picton at Picton and the team was victorious 9 pts. to 5 pts. In this game Alec Stevens kicked 2 goals whilst his younger brother Harry scored the only try to make up the nine points. In their second encounter against Bowral they again saw victory to the tune of 10 pts. to 3. This was easily the best game played this season by the red and greens and a lot of praise should be given "hooker" Kevin Moore for his display, for not only did he give his team a feast of the ball but he played a magnificent forward game. The try scorers that day were Jim Moore and Len Adams and Alec Stevens still with his kicking boots on converted two goals.

The third game the team played saw it suffer its first defeat at the hands of a strong team from The Oaks. Without making excuses or taking anything away from the winners it could be said that the Berrima boys were really unlucky. The first downfall was with Alec Stevens, after kicking a goal within the first few minutes, apparently changed his boots and repeatedly missed kicks at the goal that he would normally have no trouble in executing. The Berrima team led 2 nil at half time but The Oaks team rattled up 8 pts. in the second half without a reply from Berrima.

The Berrima team will continue to improve and it will surprise many if it is again defeated in the first round.

## HOCKEY

Hockey players having no ground to practice on are depleted to one team and are now playing in the districts 2nd grade



competition with mixed fortune. Their first game gave them a good win over Bowral Colts 5 goals to nil. The one player getting all 5 goals. This feat is often accomplished in hockey as it is more a team sport than most other sports. The player for S.P.C. to net the five goals was Peter Mott. He has always shown ability and in this, his second year of hockey, he has shown great improvement and more will be heard of him in later seasons when he is conditioned enough to enter a first grade side.

The second game the team played was against the strong "Rovers" team and they did well to hold that team to be beaten by only two goals.

The game they played against the Moss Vale Colts saw them again victors 4 goals to 3. Peter Mott 2 goals—Trevor Moore and Stewart McKie one goal each.

Next season, with the new S.P.C. oval available for play and practice, will see the club with two strong teams and we hope, Premiership winners again.

### **GIRLS' HOCKEY**

The "Rozella" team finds themselves in the same boat as the boys as far as not having a ground is concerned but they are sticking together really well and always manage to field a full team with reserves present at all matches should they be needed. To date the girls have played only two games, one against Avoca and the other against Burradoo. In the match against Avoca they were beaten 4 goals to 2 but far from disgraced as Avoca has always had many strong players in its line up and this year is no exception. Burradoo gave them a much easier game and they ran out winners 7 goals to nil. The goal scorers in this game being Shirley Moore 2 goals, Marie Mumberson 2 goals, R. Perkins and L. Moule one goal each.

The team is showing a lot of keenness in their matches and a lot of improvement can be noticed since last year which was the first year in hockey for most. Next season will undoubtedly see the girls knocking at the door for competition honours.

### **MARULAN**

#### **BASKETBALL**

On Thursday, 19th May, the Marulan Fellowship team was again successful in defeating a Goulburn team 12 points to 6.

Their position in the District Competition is now more favourable with two wins and one defeat.

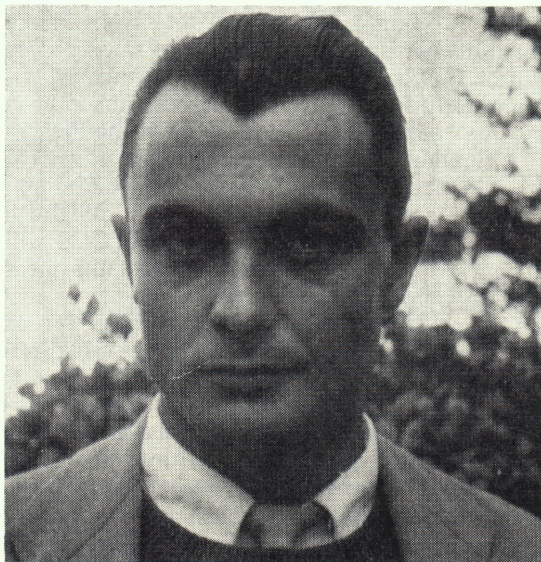
On Friday, 20th May, the Marulan South team also had an easy win over a Goulburn

team, defeating them 22 points to 16. This team now has the services of Ken Mott whose loss from S.P.C. Berrima is sorely felt.

### **GOLF**

Sunday, 22nd May, was a lucky day for Kevin Howard who took out the P.G.A. trophy at Moss Vale Golf Club.

Kev turned in a nett 66 after a depressing start on the first where he put on an 8. However, he settled down to some good hitting



and with his putter working well on the greens, a couple of birdies reduced his score.

On the previous day he was runner-up to John Rainer in the B Grade Competition associated with the Gale Cup.

Congratulations Kevin on a fine effort!

Needless to say Kev's handicap has been reduced by 2 strokes on the week-end's play.

Every afternoon about 5 p.m. a certain man rushed into the local barber's saloon, counted the waiting customers and rushed out. This practice continued for some days until the barber became curious and instructed his assistant to follow the man next day.

Sure enough, next day, in he came, counted the heads and off, closely followed by the assistant. When the assistant returned he was asked, "Well, where did he go?"

"He rushed from here," replied the assistant, "dashed into the florist, bought a bunch of roses, ran in to the confectioner, bought a box of chocolates . . ."

"Then where did he go?"

"Then he went to your place," replied the assistant.

(With apologies to Tarakohe News.)



# FISHING NOTES

## (Damp Clothing and no Fish!)

The boisterous weather recently has prevented any fishing on the coast. A few stalwarts ventured to the canal at Nowra, but returned when the weather was so unpleasant.

Perhaps the recent tidal waves will dislodge a few large ones for the good weather ahead!

Recent hauls of 20" trout from Lake Eucumbene lead me to visualize a very rosy future for this area as regards fishing. Maximum daily bags of trout have been made even by the most amateurish trout fishermen.

Although facilities are not well advanced yet, in a short while caravan parks and camping areas will spring up. The delightful summer climate and NO MOSQUITOES will attract a lot of people. Don't forget the meat safe though, blowies are prevalent!

One authority on this area goes as far as to state that 20 lb. trout could be visualized in the next few years!

On a near perfect autumn day, namely Sunday, 24th April, the Port Kembla Steelworks' third blackfish fishing competition was held.

Differing from the previous competitions, the area for fishing had been extended from the confines of the Port Kembla Harbour to the new area from Wollongong Harbour to the main beach of Kiama.

Reports reaching the organisers of the contest indicated that several hundred employees had spread themselves over this 20 miles of coastline at their favourite fishing haunts.

The near perfection of the day however, was to make the blackfish very elusive, for the clearness of the water did not lend itself to good catches, but nevertheless the greatest number of fish in any of the competitions was caught.

The competition as previously was run in two sections with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in each. One section was for the heaviest fish caught while the second section was for the heaviest bag of fish.

The six prizes are to be shared by four employees.

Winner of the heaviest bag section was Mr. K. Russell of the Fabricating Shop, while Mr. K. P. Cox of the Electrical Department, last year's winners of both sections, landed the heaviest fish and also weighed in the second heaviest bag. Mr. S. J. Spinx of the Traffic Department took second prize in the

heaviest fish section while Mr. T. Quealy of the Construction Carpenters took third prize in each section.

The enthusiasm of employees is indicative that the next competition will even have greater appeal than that already achieved in the previous three contests.

Heaviest Fish, 1 lb. 13 oz.; heaviest bag, 15 lb. 13 oz.

## GARDENING NOTES

By MR. C. CROWE

### JUNE, 1960

FLOWERS—SOW: Antirrhinum, English Marigolds, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila

PLANT: Roses, Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs, Ornamentals and Shade Trees, Climbing Plants.

VEGETABLES—SOW: Broad Beans, Peas, White Turnip.

PLANT: Asparagus Roots, Eschalots, Garlic, Rhubarb, Strawberries.

Deciduous Fruit Trees, Currants, Gooseberries, Raspberries, etc.

During this month Pruning Saws and Secateurs will be in use.

**Don't** prune your roses before mid-July at the earliest.

**Never** prune a forest tree unless it is overgrowing a path or some place where it is definitely in the way.

### General Pruning Rules:

1. Have sharp, clean tools.
2. Always prune all trees and flowering shrubs **after** they have borne their crop, whether it be flowers or fruit, to give as long a growing period as possible; flowering shrubs and trees when they are in flower, if the blooms are wanted for house decoration, or immediately after the flowers have fallen. Fruit Trees in Winter.
3. Prune to keep the natural shape of an ornamental plant.
4. Remove all dead and decaying wood. A plant cannot grow vigorously while it is full of dead and dying wood.
5. Make all cuts as close to the branch as possible. Stubby bits left will die back



and cause disease to enter the main tissues of the plant.

6. When pruning roses, frequently sterilise the tools by dipping in a solution of lysol or formalin, one teaspoon to a pint of water. This helps to control die-back.
7. Burn all prunings.
8. Fruit trees bear best on horizontal wood.

Continue manuring flower and vegetable gardens in preparation for replanting.

If using lime **don't** place it near lime-haters such as Ericas, Rhododendrons, etc., or near blue hydrangeas. The lime will not hurt hydrangeas, but will turn the flowers pink.

To **blue** hydrangeas, put alum in the soil during this month.

Clean out the work shed and see that all tools, stakes and labels are clean and ready for use.

**Another use for Cement**—Southern Portland, of course!

<b>Snail Lure:</b>	Methaldehyde	1 Part
	Poultry Mash	3 Parts
	Cement	3 Parts
	Hydrated Lime	1 Part

Mix dry, add water to make a creamy mixture and put in mould to harden.

This mixture may be set in small moulds or may be broken into pieces.

It retains its potency for quite some time. Methaldehyde may be purchased from your chemist.

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## PERSONAL PARS

### HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Who is it that carries a potato in his pocket? Supposed to do something for rheumatism!

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Who was it had his ace trumped in the coal mill?

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A new passenger on the 4.15 p.m. bus to Moss Vale is causing Laurie Giddings some consternation. The passenger is a black shaggy dog (we have already asked him if he knows any stories) which belongs to Harry Purvis (laboratory). When Harry comes to work in the mornings he is followed some time later by his dog Bass who walks the 4 miles from Moss Vale and turns up at the Lab. in time for morning tea.

Peter Marsh, a new starter with S.P.C., is playing coach with the Moss Vale 1st Grade football team. Peter was formerly a member of the Port Kembla first grade and during his first game with Moss Vale he scored the first try of the match. He normally plays in the 5/8 position and no doubt we will be hearing more of this footballer.

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The following new employees started with the company during May:—

Peter Marsn	Maintenance
Edgar Edwards	Production
Graham Day	"
Tom Roach	Store
Kazimir Sindiya	Production
Richard Harvey	Maintenance
Henry Daniels	"
Harry den Hertog	Stockhouse
Bruce McLaughlin	(back with us during University vacation)
John White	Stockhouse

Harry Reilly	"
Ivan Suro	"

A hearty welcome to all these people and may their stay with S.P.C. be a happy one.

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### Letters to the Editor . . .

One kind soul has taken pity on me. My constant nagging for letters has resulted in the following: (Ed.)

The poor old editor no letters he gets,  
So I'm writing this with no regrets.

It's long been a bone of contention,  
Between my husband and me,  
This getting up in the morning,  
When it is not necessary.

For no one can convince me,  
There is anything to gain  
By getting up at six o'clock  
In the cold, the frost and rain.

Wouldn't it be heavenly to rise, and see the sun aglow,

Instead of Jack Frost licking at my toes.  
So come on all you miners, next time you go on strike,

See that it's for something worthwhile, like going to work in daylight.

—MINER'S WIFE  
(P.S.—I love my bed.)



# Volunteers of the Citizen Military Forces



Members of the local C.M.F. Unit participating in annual range practice at Mittagong Rifle Range on Sunday, 22nd May, 1960. Left to Right: Pte. Mel Toomey (Elect. Shop), Sgt. Roy Galloway (Colliery) and Sgt. Terry Saker (Drawing Office).

## INVENTORS — PLEASE NOTE

Some people we know get carried away on the wings of imagination; why not apply the same principles to the following offer:—

The Royal Aeronautical Society has announced that a prize of £5,000 has been offered by Mr. Henry Kremer for the first successful flight of a man-powered aircraft designed, built and flown within the British Commonwealth under conditions to be laid down by the R.A.S. These conditions will be announced as soon as possible, and the Royal Aero Club will be invited to act as official observers.

Whilst agreeing that this is a generous offer and will provide stimulus among aircraft enthusiasts we don't wish to see anyone practising from the top of the silos or floating off the top of the boiler house.

Ulcers don't come from what you eat. They come from what's eating you.

## HAVE A LAUGH

Conceit is God's gift to little men.

Dignity is one thing that cannot be preserved in alcohol.

"I've never kissed a girl before," he said, changing gear with his left knee.

The Door to Success is not the one marked "Pull."

A hiccup: a message from departed spirits?

Opportunity always looks smaller coming than going.

It takes will-power to look a woman in the eye in these days of plunging necklines.

In America, it seems, scientific development has reached such a pitch that the current crack is: "If it works, it's obsolete."

The surest hit with a man is a near-Miss.

Ambitious wife: The power behind the drone.



# — PUZZLE PAGE —

The solution to Problem 15 is shown on Back Cover. The winner was Mrs. J. Mott of New Berrima. Congratulations Mrs. Mott and the £1 prize will be sent to you in the next few days.

## PROBLEM 16

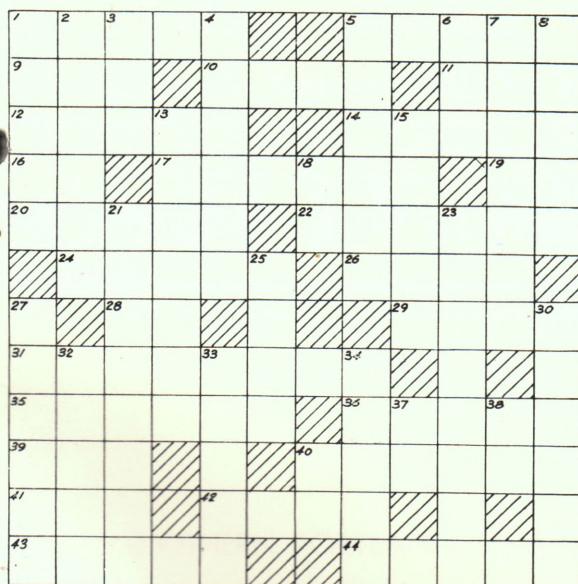
### ACROSS

1. Violation of law
5. Stage of development
9. Charged particle
10. Short letter
11. Trap
12. Sand hills
14. Repair
16. For example (abbrev.)
17. Flowers
18. With reference to
20. Submit for decision
22. Tie up
24. Painful areas
26. Uproar
28. Upon
29. Skin irritation
31. Made bigger
35. Fine cotton fabric
36. Range finding device

39. Part of a circle
40. Practice of sun-worship
41. Mount
42. Prefix: against
43. Country in Asia
44. Finger

### DOWN

1. Drink made from apples
2. Red powders
3. Hotel
4. Make certain
5. Hot fruit
6. Insect
7. Kept from general knowledge
8. Fluid of space
13. Everlasting
15. Awake
18. The
21. Paper size
23. Temporary fence
25. Affix signature
27. Stay
30. One living in solitude
32. Person who tends the sick
33. Compete with
34. Ancient Celtic priest
37. In the year of our Lord
38. Like
40. Australian State





# SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 15

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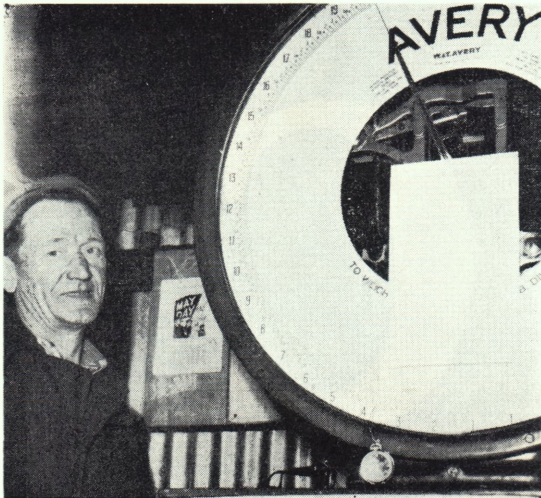
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# **— EDITORIAL —**

Dear Readers,

In view of the comments directed at me during my travels around the Works I have gathered that the S.P.C. NEWSLETTER has become something that is looked forward to by our readers.

With the days ticking by and no sign of the June edition feelings were running high and were climaxed by a false alarm on Monday, 27th June when the posters were displayed announcing the availability of the issue.

Les Humphries performed a smart fade-out manoeuvre on learning that the books were still on rail somewhere between Sydney and Moss Vale and wouldn't turn up until the next morning.

However, the waiting is over and the new look magazine has received plenty of praise. Without a doubt it now has the professional look although the photos were not quite 100% perfect.

We now look forward to some interesting articles from our readers to maintain the coverage of S.P.C. news from all our centres.

As a matter of interest I would like to know what is the circulation of our magazine after being issued to the employee? In other words I would like to know the following:-

1. How many people throw the Newsletter in the nearest WPB after having perused it?
2. How many take it home and pass it on to their wives?

3. How many people in the family read the magazine?
4. How many keep them for future reference?
5. What do you consider the most worthwhile article?
6. In what order do you read the articles?

I would be grateful if, when collecting your next issue, you would record your answers on a sheet which will be available at the various issuing points and hand it in at your convenience.

This census is being conducted to give us some idea of the effective distribution and will also give us a more definite indication of the type of reading material required in the magazine.

Our reporters featured this month are Bobby Jones (Colliery) and Jack Mott (Berrima), photos inside front cover.

Bobby is weighman at the Colliery and is pictured at work on his weighbridge where he records the weight of each skip of coal on its arrival at the pit top.

Jack Mott is pictured at his job of welder and is likely to be found anywhere on the plant with his welder. As you all know Jack is responsible for the sporting news which appears each month. It is no mean feat to accurately report on all sporting fixtures in which S.P.C. employees participate.

Until next issue,

Yours,

THE EDITOR.

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## **GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES**

### **FROM OVERSEAS**

Since my last notes Mr. Schott and I have visited 12 more cement plants across the southern part of the United States and they have mostly been new modern plants operating very efficiently.

In the Los Angeles area there are 3 plants, each of 1,000,000 tons annual capacity and several smaller plants bringing the total annual capacity in that area alone to over 5,000,000 tons, nearly double the total capacity of all Australian plants.

Consumption of cement per head of population is double that of Australia and it can be seen going into the construction of roads, offices, houses, etc., all over the country.

The American people we have met have been most friendly and anxious to show us everything they have, of which they are justifiably proud. The companies are all keen to use the latest automatic control techniques and they freely experiment with the latest devices obtainable, not always with success.



assuming the attitude of "give it a go, we may learn something."

We are now in New York, visiting manufacturers of cement plant and ancillary equipment, and at the end of next week will fly over to England.

General Manager.

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## WORKS MANAGER'S NOTES

I feel sure you will all agree that the new look Newsletter was worth waiting for. There is still room for improvement—yes—but it is a step in the right direction so just let's keep on keeping on and we will soon have a first-class magazine.

Well June was again a record breaking month but the most amazing record of all is the power generation figure which is 95.4% of the total rated capacity. This is undoubtedly a very fine effort and one which would make the Electricity Commission green with envy. Keep it up boys, you're doing fine.

Also congratulations to the Production Teams for their record breaking efforts.

Another record also was broken this month and it is a bad one.

Safety—this is the only month this year

that two lost time accidents have been recorded, both of which were of such a minor nature that two days only were lost in each case.

No. 1—foreign body in eye.

No. 2—splinter in finger.

These are the aggravating accidents which occur and keep that green flag off the flag pole.

It is unfortunate that these accidents are lost time but it only proves that we must never become complacent where safety is concerned.

And so to July.

Let's have a top production month by all means but better still do let's have a clean skin month for accidents.

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## PRODUCTION NOTES

### MARULAN QUARRY:

Production at the quarry continued at a high rate despite the fact that one shovel was out for overhaul during most of the month. Net tonnage of limestone produced was nudging the 100,000 tons mark whilst mullock was low (27,268 tons).

Pictured (right) is one of the Menck shovels operating at the quarry. Driver Alan Brown was enticed out on to the platform for this snapshot.

### BERRIMA COLLIERY:

Six days were lost during the month in respect to industrial disputes, however, net tonnage for the month was only slightly below average.

### CEMENT WORKS:

Power generation for the month was 4,637,300 kilowatt hours. This figure smashes last month's record and it would seem that the power house boys are determined to set an all-time high. The figure represents an average load during the month of 95.4 per



cent. of rated capacity.

Clinker production was again on the high side although not quite up to last month's record.



The new mixing basin has been started and already the excavation for the foundation has been effected.

You have no doubt read at various times about a kiln being off for re-bricking. Some of you are probably not aware of what goes on during this operation. Pictured (right) is a team rebricking the burning zone of No. 2 kiln. Considering the number of bricks placed, the job is completed in a very short time due mainly to the good team work of this gang.

The staff at Queanbeyan, pictured last month, are apparently out to break some records also. In the course of one day they unloaded five bulk cement trucks which is indeed a noble effort.

Bob Shepherd has been away for some time

due to an illness and we wish him a speedy recovery.



## The True Meaning of DISCIPLINE ●

There is no area of supervisory training more important than discipline, and none which has been more neglected.

In all probability, discipline is one word in the English language which is greatly misunderstood. Not enough has been done to clear up its meaning and its application to the supervisory situation.

It is impossible for any supervisory employee to fulfil his responsibility to management without full knowledge of the use of discipline. He cannot be a good leader, hold his costs down, and get maximum production with safety without a knowledge of the fundamentals of discipline.

The so-called atmosphere or climate we hear so much about is nothing more than a well disciplined situation where the management has made its expectations, rules and policies known to employees and conducts itself accordingly, and where employee understanding and acceptance is obtained.

There is only one reason for the existence of a business. That reason is to provide a service in order to make money. Where there is poor discipline, profits are likely to be low. The maintenance job, the production job and the safety job cannot be done well. Probably most other jobs will not be done well.

Constructive discipline is the greatest need in safety today. Much of the reduction in frequency is the result of mechanisation or automation, but if we expect to prevent ac-

cidents we must have discipline as well engineering improvement. We are lagging in this respect.

Perhaps one of the best ways to understand "atmosphere" and "climate" would be to outline the conditions under which we as supervisors do our best work.

Do we work better in a confused atmosphere where we are permitted to flounder, make our own rules, follow our own inclinations and to work when we feel like it? Do we do our best where there are no real expectations of us or when there are no reasonable standards set for us? Do we really like a disorderly or confused atmosphere?

Do we want to be held to correct attitudes, or do we like continually to be making excuses for our shortcomings? Do we want to work for a supervisor who is so permissive as never to give any real professional guidance to us?

No well-trained supervisor could answer these questions in the affirmative. All of us know that we work best when we have a definite task, know what is expected of us and are honestly appraised and corrected.

We work best when we have a definite goal or task, the achievement of which will give us the satisfaction which comes from accomplishment. We work best and are happiest in an orderly atmosphere with known and accepted standards, rules and policies. We dislike guess work and uncertainty, and we want a



place for everything.

If we like these elements as a part of our work climate, then we may safely assume that our workers would also like them. They cannot work properly without orderly routines, systematic guidance, a warmly co-operatively emotional climate, and an understanding kind of authority which should be manifested in our personality and our methods of supervising.

Nobody condones lack of discipline in the work situation. When it exists, it may be because of poor understanding of what good discipline is, or changing philosophy or the

mistaken belief that good procedures are being followed or we have inadvertently discarded good work discipline.

Many highly meritorious methods have been discarded, not because of inherent weaknesses, but because of misuse. Properly conceived, the modern work situation must be a well-regulated, orderly place, that invariably affects good worker adjustment and in which the supervisor consistently functions as the understanding leader.

This is a prerequisite to maximum effectiveness and ease of operation.

## SAFETY FIRST

### JUNE SUMMARY



#### BERRIMA:

During June the plant suffered two lost time injuries after reaching a total of 70 days accident free.

One accident broke a run of 574 days for the safety group concerned.

The two injured were: John Tickner—foreign body in eye; John Mortimer—splinter in finger.

On the overall picture, we are happy to state that our lost time accidents for the first half of 1960 have shown a marked decrease as compared with the same period in 1959. This decrease shows almost a 60 per cent. drop.



It must therefore be apparent that safe working makes a safe plant and benefits everyone and depends largely on teamwork.

Since last issue another safety group has attained two years without a lost-time injury. Pictured below is the group under the leadership of George Whitly who accepted, on behalf of his men, a presentation tankard for each. Mr. L. C. Knight, the Works Manager, made the presentation and congratulated the men on a fine effort.

#### MARULAN:

During June, three accidents were recorded

at the Quarry and up until 29th June the plant figure stood at 6 days accident free. Names and type of injury not available at time of printing (Ed.).

#### MEDWAY:

Eight lost time accidents were recorded at the Colliery during the month. Apparently there is little effort being made, by the individual to observe good safety practices. 90% of the accident reports show that with care and proper thought the accident could have been avoided. Names and type of injury not available at time of printing (Ed.).

## DANGER TAGS

Attention is again directed to the meaning of DANGER TAGS on machinery switchgear.

A case was recorded during the month where a mill was turned whilst a DANGER TAG was attached to the switch.

It clearly states on the tag that the switch must NOT be closed and that the tag cannot be removed by anyone but the person whose signature appears on the tag, or in the case of an accident to him, by his Foreman.

Without a doubt this case was a flagrant disregard for safety and one which cannot possibly be tolerated.

So that new employees can recognise these DANGER TAGS we have reproduced one below.

THIS SIGN CARRIES A WARNING

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Southern Portland Cement Ltd., Berima</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DANGER</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Switch MUST NOT be closed.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Tag must NOT be removed except by the undersigned or, in case of accident to him, by his Foreman.</b></p> <p>Name.....</p> <p>Dept.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>
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## RIGHTS vs. RESPONSIBILITIES

Everyone is worried about the rights of the individual. He has a right to do this and a right to do that.

With reference to Safety, it is said that an employee has a right to work in a safe plant. The Government has recognised this right and has set certain minimum standards to be sure that the employee's rights are respected. There is, however, another side to this problem of rights which is almost always overlooked. It involves the problem of responsibility. If an employee has a right to a job, he has the responsibility to do everything in his power to protect and use the right, but not to the detriment of others. If the employee has a right to expect a safe place in which to work, he has the responsibility to work safely so that his co-worker is not endangered.

Each right has a corresponding responsibility. The right of an individual ends where his responsibility to someone else begins. The right to be treated as a capable individual calls for the corresponding responsibility of acting intelligently. You cannot have a right without a responsibility.

When the worker is as quick to recognise his responsibilities as he is to demand his rights, industrial safety will have reached the millennium.

—Acknowledgements to Columbia Cement Corporation, U.S.A.

For Safety Sake Think Twice — You Only Live Once



# — SPORTING NEWS —

By JACK MOTT

## FOOTBALL

The standard of football in Group 6 for the past three or four years has been steadily deteriorating and the quality of players this year is doing little to lift the game out of the doldrums, especially in the 1st grade where we have often seen teams winning by such scores as 41 to nil and such like. This sort of football is hard to watch and something will have to be done quickly if the teams are to hold their followers.

Maybe the answer could be in the under 18 years group. These young lads often put on the real sparkling football that spectators like, but as they always play the first game each day starting around 12.30 few people have the opportunity to see them in action. A move has been made to put them on occasionally as the curtain raiser to the "big" game.

In the Moss Vale under 18's, S.P.C. apprentices are showing great promise and it is heartening to see the quality of these young players, knowing that in three or four years' time they will be our 1st grade team. As a winger, young David Boyd excels. During one game this month against Ingleburn he crossed the line four times, in fact it would be a rare occasion if David went home without placing the ball behind the goal line at least once. Trevor Mott is another to show promise in his position of "hooker" and in most games he wins the ball at the rate of 2 to 1. Three other players from the laboratory, Harry Stevens, Denis O'Keefe and Norm Copland are showing ability in their positions as does Brian Townsend from the Colliery. In all, it is a well trained team and something surprising will have to happen if they are to be beaten in the current competition.

The Berrima team was unlucky to meet Bundanoon on such a day as they did as the weather was such, that a comparison of the teams could hardly be determined. However, in going down 11 points to 3, they were not disgraced and hope is still held for their success next time the two teams meet.

At the moment the Berrima team is holding its position in fourth place in the point score and they must maintain this position, or better it, to qualify for the semi-finals. No doubt the boys will be training hard during the next few weeks.

## HOCKEY

Easily the best performance by the S.P.C. team this month was when it played the Moss Vale "Rovers" an exciting game to win 4 goals to 3. They went on the field as the underdogs but stuck to their job, playing good, hard and clean hockey to run out winners in the last few minutes.

Ray Mordue, who has always shown promise, starred in the match scoring 3 goals, the other goal being netted by Peter Hoogerdyke. The boys are well down the ladder in the comp. but are not deterred, their aim being, to keep the club functioning with sufficient keenness to ensure a start next year when they will again be in full swing on a new ground with two teams.

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

The S.P.C. Rozella Girls Hockey team played only twice this month and on both occasions had good wins. The first match was against SCEGGS and playing good combination hockey the girls won 7 goals to 2. Those to score goals in this match were Sandra Jenkins, Shirley Moore and Roslyn Perkins.

The second match they played saw the girls in better form to beat a Burradoo team 9 goals to nil, Roslyn Perkins having almost a field day to score 8 of the nine goals. Shirley Moore, also playing well, scored the other goal. The "Rozella" team is made up of young girls, most of whom would be having only their second season in the game so a lot of improvement is sure to be witnessed next year when they will be able to play on the home ground.

## BASKETBALL

In the absence of Ken Mott who was the instigator of this game to the S.P.C. sports, we find the team having difficulty in maintaining the standard it promised last year. However, Ken's brother Trevor is doing his best to hold the fort until Ken returns from Marulan.

While the team has had more defeats than wins, it still enjoys the game and one thing can be said for them, they have always played the game the right way and could be judged as one of the cleanest teams to play in the comp.



It is a pity to see the rough play elements creeping into this game, as, if played to rules, the game is a very fast and scientific one with very little personal contact.

One team in the present competition known as the "Warriors" have often been commented upon for their rough play and the S.P.C. boys were elated when they were able to beat this team the fair way 36 pts. to 35.

## BOWLS

For the next couple of months there will be little activity on the local greens owing to our winter temperatures so those keen bowlers wishing to keep in form for the coming season usually travel away to the coast.

One of the keenest and best bowlers, John Fuller, is keeping in form and has entered a tournament at Kiama known as the Blow Hole Trophy. Last year John and his team were in the final of this event and to date have played two games for two wins this year. Let's hope he can maintain his form and bring home the bacon this year.

## GOLF

Phillip Radnidge won the Junior Championship Golf Tournament at Mittagong on Sunday, 26th June. The match was played over 36 holes and was a stroke event.

Liol Bush was winner of the Flag Competition at Moss Vale Golf Club on Sunday, 26th June. The result was decided on the 19th hole when Liol had 3 strokes left off the tee to get inside the flag which was about 3 feet from the hole. His 3rd shot rolled 6 inches past the flag for a win.

## WHO'S AFRAID OF 40?

What's so tragic about being over 40? At 40 Leonardo da Vinci had still to paint the Mona Lisa; Henry Ford had just founded the Ford Motor Company, Handel hadn't even started on "The Messiah;" Dwight D. Eisenhower was just another Army major and Joseph Conrad was still having his stories returned by editors.

What's wrong with being over 40? Plenty. Girls no longer look at you in the street.

To Be Safe, You Must be Sure

THINK SAFE, BE SAFE

The Price of Eyes is—Out Of Sight

## ENGLISH—as she is writ

We'll begin with box, the plural is boxes. But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

One bird is a goose, but two are called geese. Yet the plural of mouse is never meese.

You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice.

But the plural of house is houses, not hice!

If the plural of man is always men,

Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet, And if I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If the singular is this and the plural these, Should the plural of kiss ever be keese?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren. But though we say Mother, we never say Methren!!

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim!

## Let's Have A Laugh . . .

Doctor (to patient): "Let me know if this prescription works. I'm having the same trouble myself."

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I told the maid the other day that she kisses better than my wife and she replied, "That's what the butler says too."

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During lunch hour the timekeeper and one of the boys from the plant were chatting about their respective families.

"You know, Buck," said the timekeeper suddenly, "I haven't picked a middle name yet for my small son. What should go with a name like Ethelbert?"

His husky companion looked at him in surprise.

"Boxing gloves," was his grim reply.

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A drunk fell from a two-storey window and hit the pavement with a terrific impact. A crowd gathered and as the drunk staggered to his feet someone grabbed him by the arm and asked, "What happened?" To which the drunk replied, "I dunno, I just got here."



# FISHING NOTES

## TAILOR TIME

Although the weather has improved somewhat, the absence of much run-off has kept estuary water fairly clear. Fish get very timid in clear water and go off the bite! I suppose this is as good an excuse as any. Comerong Island has been tried by a few anglers and a few bream up to 1½ lbs. have been bagged. Good hauls of darkies have been made in the canal.

Prawn bait is definitely off, so if you try "The Inland" aim at getting there at low tide so as to gather a few pipis which are generally fairly plentiful.

The water looks good for tailor here now, so get out your spinner, and don't forget to bleed tailor straight away and clean as soon as possible. Bury in the damp sand until leaving. Please note minimum LEGAL SIZE is 12 inches!

"The Inland" has offered some good sport for many of our anglers and I would just like to mention a word of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Byce who have for the past 20 years or more never objected to anglers passing through their property. Mr. Byce tells me that no one has ever left his slip-rails down during this period! However, they are down for good now, our good friend has installed ramps, and the road to the beach is quite good.

Mr. Kennedy also has been very co-operative in allowing anglers to utilize the canal bank.

We can repay these kind folks by at least leaving our picnic place clean and tidy and removing any old bottles. **Put a few old bottles in the boot on each visit and put them in a suitable dump.** I've seen some murderous looking bits of bottle round the beach, just waiting to gash the foot of an unsuspecting youngster!

"Captain John" drives that punt hail, rain or shine and most obligingly indicates where and when they are "on" and who caught what! No newspapers required in this area.

HAPPY SPINNING CUSTOMERS ! ! !

Nothing makes a lumpy mattress more comfortable than the ringing of an alarm clock.

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It's the good girls who keep diaries of what they do. Bad girls never have the time.

# GARDENING NOTES

By MR. and MRS. C. CROWE

Flowers: Sow — Antirrhinum, Carnation, Godetia, Mignonette.

Plant—A general collection of Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs, Climbing Plants, Ornamental, Shelter and Shade Trees and Fruit Trees.

Vegetables: Sow — Broad Beans, Cabbage, Onion, Peas, Parsley, Lettuce.

Plant—Asparagus, Herbs, Rhubarb.

We have now passed the shortest day of the year and can look forward to longer daylight and warmer days ahead, so see to your garden planning now.

Watch for the flash of golden-green wings amongst the blossoms on the early flowering fruit trees such as flowering Apricots, now in bloom, and listen for the high-pitched whistle, which belongs to the White-Eared Honey Eater, a cheeky member of the bird family, who stays with us through the winter here.

Jonquils are now in bloom and the daffodils are above ground, so Spring is "just around the corner."

Dig up perennials which make clumpy growths, such as perennial asters, rudbeckias, campanulas, perennial phlox, thrift, etc., trench and manure the soil and divide and replant in the perennial border or anywhere you want a splash of bright colour in Spring and Summer.

Prune roses about the middle of this month. Roses flower on new wood and the object of pruning is to encourage the growth of young, healthy wood.

All old wood should be removed, and preference given to younger growths. Cut to well-developed buds and remember to keep the centre of the bushes fairly open. Remove all dead and diseased wood and sterilise the secateurs frequently when pruning.

When the rose-pruning is finished, spray with bordeaux or Lime-Sulphur, at recommended strengths.

Winter digging and cleaning up in the vegetable garden should be finished this month.

Fruit Trees should be pruned and sprayed with a good fungicide to help eradicate any fungous diseases left over on the trees from the previous season.

Lightly lime lawns now.

Clean up and dip Gladioli bulbs ready for



planting and see that you have a supply of DDT on hand to spray these plants against the ravages of Thrips which are especially bad during dry seasons.

This is a good time to remember Kipling's poem:—

“Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him see,

That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,

So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray,

For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!

And the Glory of the Garden, it shall never pass away.



*MRS. CROWE*

## PERSONAL PARS

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

### BERRIMA

Bill Saker has been on holidays accompanied by Bobby Friend. Their trip took them to the far West of N.S.W. where they enjoyed some very exciting shooting.

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Jimmy Colquhoun is touring in North Queensland. We are hoping that Jim will have some interesting articles for our next issue.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Wally Parsons, a son, at Wingecarribee Hospital on June 20. Congra-

tulations Margaret and Wal and now you can disregard that certificate you received.

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Wally received a "Worrier's Certificate" from Mr. McNicol in America. The 'certificate' is awarded to a bona fide, honest-to-goodness worrier for fitful fretting, stewing and quaking, for sleepless nights and tossing and turning, for aching backs and throbbing heads, nail chewing and knuckle cracking, hair pulling, scalp itching, chain smoking and coffee drinking, for hand wringing and teeth gritting, floor pacing and ulcer nursing. The 'certificate' entitles the worrier to an unlimited quota of self made misery provided he continues to be an active worrier in spite of prosperity and good fortune.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills, a daughter, Susan Gay—born on June 10.

Congratulations Arthur and Mrs. Mills!

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Wedding Bells chimed for Cyril Condor on 10th June. Cyril will make his home at Berrima. Congratulations Cyril!!

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Don Moore is back at work after a spell in hospital. Don was admitted early in the month suffering from pneumonia. Welcome back Don!!

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Dud Crowe had the misfortune to twist his knee whilst on holidays. The injury was a painful one and kept him in bed during most of his holiday. Better luck next time Dud!!

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Seems I missed a golden opportunity some days ago when Jack Simpson got bogged coming to work. What a sensational scoop had I been there with camera and tape recorder. Oh well, can't always be lucky.

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A certain attractive traveller on the bus is not living up to her 'certificate' (also received from America). When offered a knee to sit on, by virtue of a full house, she refused, preferring to stand up. Can't altogether blame her as the knee belonged to a gent who should also be awarded a 'certificate'.

### MARULAN

To Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Cooper a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret, on 12th June. Congratulations Ashley and Mrs. Cooper!



To Mr. and Mrs. Mick Smith a son, Gordon Andrew, on 21st June. Congratulations Mick and Mrs. Smith.

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Joe Shepherd of the fettling gang has resumed work after a long illness. Joe sustained an injury to his back about 9 months ago. Welcome back Joe and we hope you are now feeling 100 per cent. fit!

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Three new flashy cars are to be seen around the township now. Mr. Lloyd Veal is the owner of a new Zodiac, Mr. Albert Quail has a new Vanguard whilst L. (Tex) Cooper has a new Hillman Station sedan.

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Max Johansen has returned to work after a short stay in hospital. Hear tell that the nurses were sorry to see Max leave!

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## RETIREMENT

Mr. M. R. Owen, face foreman at the Marulan Quarry, has retired after a period of 9 years with the Company. Mr. Owen has been in ill health for some time, and has purchased a house in Goulburn where he will spend his retirement. Our best wishes for the future Mr. Owen.

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In our June issue we mentioned the name of Peter Marsh, who had joined the Company, and was a playing coach with the Moss Vale 1st Grade Football Team. We are sorry to have to report that Peter was injured whilst playing football and as a result will not be permitted to play for another 12 months. Furthermore he has had to give up his job with the Company. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery Peter.

## INDUCTIONS

The following personnel commenced with the Company during June:—

David Johnstone—Stockhouse.  
Hilton Penfold—Power House.  
Terrance Snowden—Stockhouse.  
Henry Threlfall—Stockhouse.  
Trevor Crowther—Laboratory.  
Eric Johnston—Stockhouse.  
Robert Walker—Production.  
Dennis Burrell—Production.  
Vlastimir Zirkovic—Production.  
Ronald Hayes—Electrical.  
Kistr Kero—Production.  
Kevin Morrissey—Maintenance.  
Josef Adames—Maintenance.

To these people we extend a hearty welcome and hope that their stay with S.P.C. will be a long and pleasant one.

Many a choice whine is the product of sour grapes.

## LET'S LAUGH AGAIN

The reveller was protesting loudly as he was dragged into the suburban police station. "It's an outrage!" he shouted, when he had calmed sufficiently to speak at all. What's the meaning of this? Why was I arrested?"

"You were brought in for drinking," the sergeant said.

The man relaxed at once. "Ah, well," he smiled, "that's different. When do we start?"

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Two men at a fashion show watched the young model wearing an imposing jumper.

"Lovely girl," said one.

"Indeed," replied the other. "One who pulls the eyes over the wool!"

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A man stepped up to the box office and asked for two seats in the balcony.

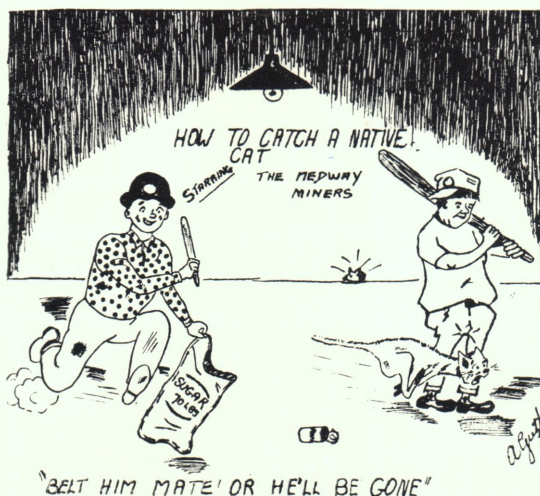
"That'll be £1," said the girl behind the glass.

"But the sign says 'popular prices,'" the man protested. "Do you call ten bob a popular price?"

"Well," replied the girl sweetly, "we like it."

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Humour is the lubricating oil of business. It prevents friction and wins goodwill.



"BELT HIM MATE! OR HE'LL BE GONE!"



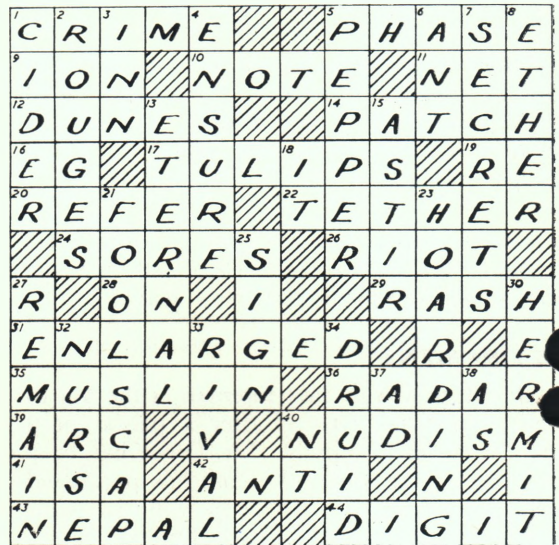
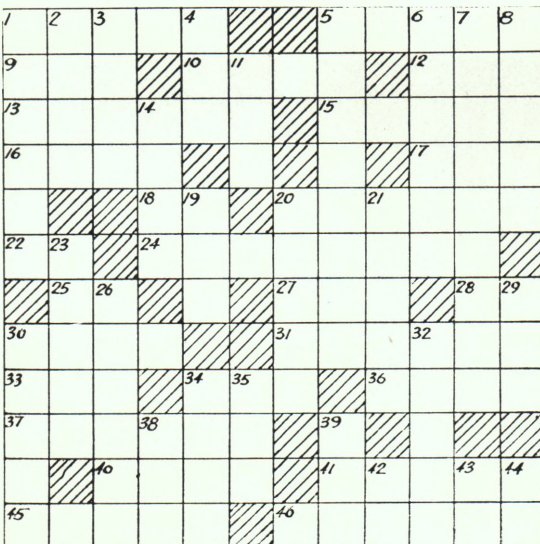
# — PUZZLE PAGE —

The solution to Problem 16 is shown at right. The winner was Mrs. P. Scott of the General Office. Congratulations Pat for the second time!

It is pleasing to see the large number of entries (20 correct this time) coming in from all centres. We hope you will continue to participate in our competition.

## Across

1. Stamp the feet
5. Ire
9. Domestic animal
10. Entry in account
12. Anthropoid
13. Revolving cylinder
15. Philippines town
16. Otherwise
17. Small dwelling
18. Like
20. Overnight car parks
22. Ego
24. Satisfaction
25. Arabic prefix
27. Six figure abbreviation
28. Towards
30. Prepare liquor
31. Dried gum from S. Amer. tree
33. Abet
34. Cry of a sheep
36. Pitcher
37. Sailors
40. Canvas shelter
41. Symbol
45. Dispensed with
46. Calm



## Down

1. Cry out piercingly
2. Implement
3. Night birds
4. Pastry dish
5. The food of the gods
6. Reap
7. Shoulder ornament
8. Tears
11. Attempt
14. Jump
19. Sneaky
20. Deadly snake
21. Fine net-work or lace
23. Weird
26. Serious
29. Paddle
30. Foundation
32. Opposite to asleep
34. Curved
35. Insect
38. Masculine
39. Consumed
42. Otherwise
43. Printers' measure
44. N.S.W. Highway (abbrev.)



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# — EDITORIAL —

Dear Readers,

Uppermost in my mind at this stage is the extraordinary fall off in our safety record at the Works. The month of July has been the worst on record for 1960. However, it is not too late to get back into our record breaking form and keep the green light showing on the board.

The effect of these accidents has been disheartening for two groups in particular. One group had just passed two years accident-free and the other group had only a few days to go to reach the two year mark.

I must therefore re-iterate, at the risk of being dubbed a "Harper," that safety first is the responsibility of the individual and requires your closest attention at all times.

With these thoughts in mind let us aim at a clean record for August and give those bonuses of Les Humphries a bit of a hiding.

If you have not already picked up your questionnaire sheet, they will still be available at the various distribution points.

Remember, the magazine is still in its infancy and requires your help to make it a success.

Last week I received from one of our sister companies, South Australian Portland Cement, a copy of the 100th edition of their house magazine. This was the first Australian cement company to produce a house magazine and the 70 page edition was a fine example of what can be accomplished in time.

As a matter of fact, it was such a good edition, that I have filched a few juicy ones from its pages . . . apologies Mr. B. G. King ! ! !

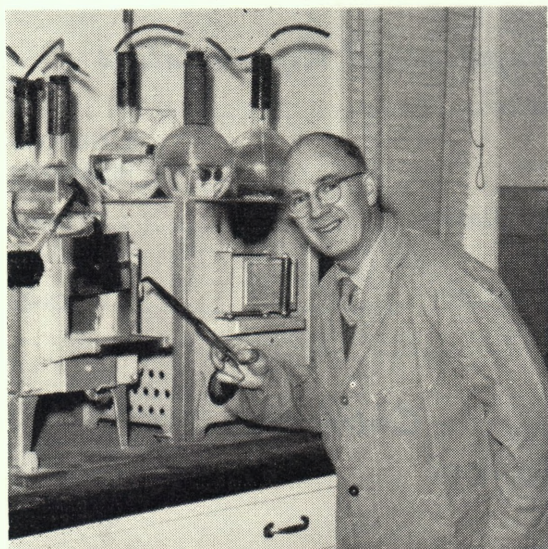
At last there has been some response to my appeal for comments from readers. Keep them coming in and I will do my best to comply with your suggestions if practicable.

We are now into August and Xmas will be on us in no time. Our thoughts will be turning towards our annual picnic and any suggestions for the betterment of this gala occasion will be welcomed. Now is the time as the Welfare Committee will need some time for preparation.

Until next issue,

Yours,  
THE EDITOR.

## OUR REPORTERS OF THE MONTH



*RUS GREAVES (Laboratory)*



*LES HUMPHRIES (Employment Office)*



## GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

During July Mr. Schott and I spent nearly a fortnight in the New York area, a similar amount of time in England, and a few days in both Denmark and Germany.

We have been very impressed with the Autobahns in Germany which were constructed before the last war by the Hitler regime. The new freeways now being built in the United States are no better except that they are three and sometimes four lanes in either direction against the Autobahns two lanes. The MIAG people who we were visiting in Braunschweig drove us down to Frankfurt to see some calcinators in operation and it was Autobahn most of the way which provided the greatest driving experience of our lives.

We motored in an Opel "Kapitan" which is the top grade General Motors car made in Germany, about the same size as a Holden, but weighing 24 cwts. and having a 90 H.P. motor giving a top speed of 100 M.P.H. in overdrive. It is engineered for top speed cruising on the Autobahns and fast cornering in the narrow cobble-stone paved streets winding through the villages so is a good performer.

On this Autobahn which runs through the lovely Vogels Mountains in central West Germany we were cruising at over 90 M.P.H. but continually being passed by 190 SL Mercedes Benz and Porsche. German motorists can, in mild terms, be described as enthusiastic.

I might add that there is a 65 M.P.H. speed limit on the American freeways.

We are now moving eastward on our way home through France, England, Canada, and the United States and should arrive in early September. It would be much sooner if there was an Autobahn for the distance.

## WORKS MANAGER'S NOTES

I hope you all know just what happens on a racecourse when a nag runs dead, eh! !

Have you ever heard the cry "Call in the Stewards?" Well what about calling them in to see what gives in this Safety race?

July, four lost time accidents and here they are — 2 infected fingers, 1 sprained ankle and 1 sprained shoulder muscle.

Silly aren't they, but each one keeps you from winning those safety coupons.

Now whilst we had a record low in safety it is very pleasing indeed to tell you that out at the Colliery the boys really went to town and produced an all time high. Nice work, fellows!!

At the cement plant two records went by the board.

Grinding was a good effort indeed, but I feel sure you will all agree with my handing the blue ribbon to the Power House section for the new monthly figure at 4,791,800 kilowatt hours.

What a performance in any man's country and under any conditions. 96 per cent. of rated capacity and only achieved by wonderful co-operation and above all the will to do it.

If we could only get that same spirit into our safety campaign, what figures we would set. What about a go, boys? The stakes are high — coupons and no pain. What a reward!!

Now to the Quarry, with three lost time accidents. How do you like your safety show case, boys? Please remember that the prizes are there for you to receive and not just to look at.

Now after all that safety winge of mine, have a real go in August and if you do I promise not to mention the word in the next notes.

## USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

It has been found that fire extinguishers placed around the Works have been emptied and no report has been received of fire of any description.

This can only mean that the extinguishers are being misused or fires are not being reported.

The result of course is that extinguishers are in position—but are empty. Report any empty extinguisher to your foreman as it may be needed in a hurry.

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Customer: "Do you serve women in this bar?"

Bartender: "Nope—you gotta bring your own."



# PRODUCTION NOTES

**MARULAN.**—To cope with the vast quantities of limestone won by the shovels, one of which was featured last month, it is necessary to operate a fleet of dump trucks to convey the stone to the crusher. Pictured below is a 20-ton capacity B.I.T.D. Euclid truck shown dumping its load into the crusher. Driver Geoff Cosgrove appears dwarfed in this huge machine.

Next month we hope to have a picture of one of the large blasting shots which take place regularly at the various quarry faces.

**BERRIMA COLLIERY.**—Coal production at the colliery for the month of July was 16,452 tons net, a record for the miners. Congratulations, chaps!!

**CEMENT WORKS.**—Record breaking form was again a feature of the month. Easily the most outstanding was the Power House with a record of 4,791,800 kilowatts produced, representing 96 per cent. of rated capacity. Congratulations to all at the Power House!!!

Cement ground was also a fine effort, whilst sales were still pleasing.

## FISHING NOTES — Poor Fish!

Notwithstanding the mighty cold weather, a few souls braved the elements and had a try for the elusive fish!

After the rain, estuary water was so muddy that it looked like the Darling River near Bourke! However, after it cleared conditions were reasonably good.

Some good catches of flathead to 1½ lbs. were reported from the canal area, and three good bream were landed. Two bream weighed 3½ lbs. each, one at the beach and one at the canal, whilst one landed at Bryce's Point tipped the scales at 5 lbs. The first two were landed by anglers and the latter by net fishermen, who, incidentally, pulled up 6 boxes of bream to 1½ lbs. A few boxes of whiting were also netted at the canal.

Tuross Heads has been yielding good flathead and some good catches of Morwong have been made outside. Rock-hopping is safe at Culburra, although there appears to be a lot of lead in the water! There could be some good spots in this vicinity.

Did you know there are more than 30 species of flathead around the Australian coastline? Three varieties are usually found



*Geoff Cosgrove driving 20-ton Euclid Truck*

in our area. The Dusky flathead found in the estuaries, harbours and rivers has been known to weigh up to 28 lbs. The Sand flathead, located on the mudflats and sandbanks around the shore line, is a light sandy colour and weighs up to 2 lbs. The Tiger flathead is generally trawled offshore. Heaviest tiger recorded was 2 lb. 14 oz.

Prawns are available again and are cheap in comparison with Sydney prices.

Now if you can't remember your net on your next fishing excursion, for goodness sake remember the dynamite! It's jolly easy: all you have to do is to explode a jam tin full of the stuff in the water when everyone is at tea, take the boat and with a good sized scoop bail them aboard! I feel that it's a waste of time sitting at the end of a tiny little line! If anyone can't get dynamite, the Editor who is a most obliging chap, would help I'm sure. (Ed. note:—OH YEAH!).

When you load up the boat don't forget that the legal size for bream is:—Black, 10" and Red, 11"

Jokes aside, it's a pity we have to put up with illegal means of securing that piscatorial delicacy! Poor show! Poor fish!



# SAFETY FIRST — JUNE SUMMARY

**BERRIMA.**—As already mentioned, June was our downfall with four lost-time injuries during the month.

Accidents sustained were as follows:—

K. Condon	Maintenance	infected finger
R. Bisby	"	strained shoulder
W. Hanley	"	infected finger
W. Napper	Garage	sprained ankle

The total number of days lost from these injuries was 47. Two of the groups concerned had over 700 days accident free. A point to note! Furthermore three of the men who lost time, failed to report immediately to the Ambulance Room for treatment. This only bears out our early statements, that, no matter how small the injury, treatment should be obtained to prevent further infection—exactly what has happened here with the two finger cases—trifling injuries no doubt but look at the consequences!

The strained shoulder was caused by undue strain swinging a 28 lb. hammer. (Ed. note.—This I can understand as I can only just lift one.) However, it only goes to show that you must know your capabilities and do not try to outsmart yourself.

The fourth accident, a sprained ankle was probably the only one which could be blamed on an unsafe condition and this only at certain times. The safety officer is looking into this one.

**MARULAN.**—Three lost time injuries were recorded during the month and accounted for 31 days lost time.

J. Marsh—strained back, stacking rails  
R. Fields—strained stomach muscles, lifting rails  
K. Menzies—infected knee, caused by splinter

Here again we have injuries which could have been prevented.

The first two occurred because the men were expecting too much of their physical capacity. We all know that this is very easy to do as the damage or pain when overtaxing a muscle is not directly transmitted to the brain. Usually the damage is done by the time the pain is registered in the brain. In some cases quite a few hours could transpire.

Nevertheless we must again emphasise: **THINK BEFORE YOU LIFT**—can my body stand the physical stress I am about to put on it?

The third accident—early attention could possibly have given a different story in this case.

**MEDWAY.**—Seven accidents for the month involving the following persons:—

C. S. McVicar	— injured finger
P. Lawson	— infected finger
R. Jenkins	— strained shoulder muscles
K. E. Carey	— injured finger
L. M. Frost	— Bruised chest
V. A. Buckley	— injured ribs and chest
G. Rosetta	— sprained foot

## INDUCTIONS

The following new employees started with the Company during July—

### BERRIMA

Eric Heyhorn	Construction
Ralph Moore	Stockhouse
William Hanley	Maintenance
Garry Heares	"
Maurice Perrin	Construction
Francis Day	Maintenance
Francis Wrightson	Electrical
Clarence Cartwright	Stockhouse
Eric Smith	"
William Newman	Production
Donald Low	Stockhouse
Brian Moore	Production
James Stevenson	Stockhouse
Zlatko Banic	Production
Bert Rudge	"

### MARULAN

Jozo Soldo	Fettler
Tomoc Toma	"
Jack Keogh	"
Ronald Smith	Fitter
Karol Ohman	Popperman
Cecil Rawson	Labourer
Robert Coleman	"
Jack Lewis	"

To these people we extend a hearty welcome and may they enjoy a long stay with the Company.

A woman flees from temptation, but a man crawls away from it in the cheerful hope that it may overtake him.



# — SPORTING NEWS —

By JACK MOTT

**FOOTBALL.**—With two successive defeats at the hands of Bundanoon and Campbelltown, the Berrima Rugby League team this month blotted its copy book and now has very little chance of making the first four in the current district competition. However, it will wind up the season with an abundance of playing members and can look back on the season as a successful one and hope that it can maintain its good membership next season and thus have the chance to finish much higher up on the point score ladder.

Young Tommy Lewis, a member of the Bundanoon team, was spotted last year as a young player who could go a long way in the game provided he was given sufficient time to develop. This year we see young Tom playing some really brilliant football in his position as half-back.

While Tom does not appear to be the build to grow into anything like a giant, it would appear that he needs at least another couple of years to make him solid enough to play in a 1st grade team. We wish this young footballer all the success he deserves and it will be interesting to see how he fares later on in his 1st grade encounters.

Ron Stafford and Jim Moore organised a football match between maintenance and production employees and this match took place on Sunday, 31st July. It was a pity that the game was not favoured by a dry day; rain had fallen overnight and continued until the commencement of play when it was kind enough to stop and the match was played without any dampness from overhead, but the ground was very wet and slippery and had quite a few of the players floundering.

The inexperienced players, of which there were quite a number, had difficulty in handling the greasy ball and also remaining in the upright position. However, the game was played in good spirit and sportsmanship and was well handled by referee Alf Tomlinson. The result — maintenance 17, production 6. The success of the maintenance boys could be attributed to their speed as they had a couple of real speedsters in their team, and when these fellows were lucky enough to get a good hold of the ball it was just a matter of how far they would leave the opposition

behind. Two of the smartest players on this side were Maurie Perrin and young Bill Poland. The production boys had a few experienced players on their side and after being down 7 points to nil at half-time, they managed to put on 6 points during the second half, but could not match the speed of the opposition, and some seem to think that had the game been played on a dry day the winning margin may have been greater.

After the match both teams adjourned to the hostel where refreshments were served and everyone voted it an enjoyable afternoon.

**HOCKEY.**—The S.P.C. Hockey Club is still functioning with very little success, but it manages to field a team each week and is looking forward to its club being one of the tops next season, when the team members feel confident they will be able to field two teams again.

Lenny Howe (Jnr.), a member of the Bowral team known as the "Penguins", has been playing this game of hockey for some 15 years or more and I suppose, like all other keen sportsmen, had his eye on State honours. Len has often been picked in district teams to go to Sydney and do battle for State honours, but this year was the first time that the goal was reached. A fine effort both on your part, Len, and your team's part, in making history for the Berrima District Hockey Association.

**GIRLS' HOCKEY.**—The "Rozella" team is having a great run of success and has not lost a game this month. There seems to be only one team in the competition to worry them and that one is the strong Avoca team.

Whether our girls can improve enough to defeat the Avoca girls in the final remains to be seen. Whatever happens the "Rozellas" will either be winners or runners-up in this year's district competition — no mean effort for a young club. Congratulations, girls !!

**BASKETBALL.**—The most interesting match for the S.P.C. basketball players this month was the one played against a Marulan Quarry team. As was the case last year the match created a lot of comment before the game as to the ultimate result.

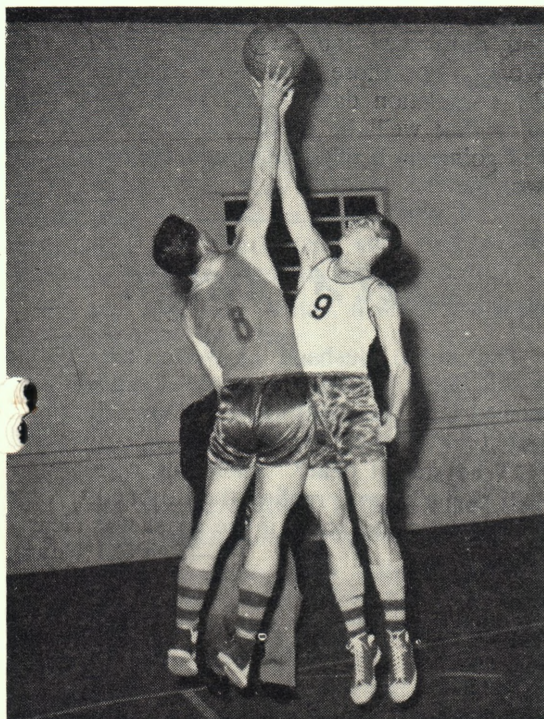


The Marulan boys call themselves the "Rockhoppers" and some of our chaps reckon they would be more aptly named "Kangahoppers" as they hopped through them to the basket on numerous occasions. The final score was Marulan 54, Works 29.

For Marulan, C. Shepherd gave a faultless exhibition to show Works boys just how easy it was to pop the ball through the basket, he scored 14 times. Others to show out well in this team were R. Penfold and Lloyd Veal, although Lloyd was "fouled" on four occasions and another infringement would have meant the sideline for him. One cannot say he is a rough player; he apparently just forgets the rules occasionally.

The Works team played as well as could be expected with a team that does not play regularly together. It was a team made up of players from various clubs in the district competition, but all employees of S.P.C. A few runs together and the same team could improve 100 per cent. and give the "Rockhoppers" a much closer game.

Pictured below and at right are players snapped during the match.



**LUNCH HOUR GAMES.**—Taking advantage of the very modern amenities supplied in the lunch room, groups of employees are seen playing numerous games during the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -hour lunch break. The games range from poker to bridge and include euchre, dominoes, 500 and rummy.

The most popular would be dominoes because if the cards in this game come in contact with any refuse on the table they can be quickly restored to their original standard.

Some very funny things happen in all the games. I quote two happenings that are rare in dominoes and both to the one player. I saw this player pick seven dominoes from the pack and when he looked at them he was amazed to find that he had picked the seven with the one denomination. He had little trouble in winning that hand. Another was the same player who went "Domino" before one of his opposition could play one card. Then there was the time a group was playing poker and each of the four players had "four-of-a-kind." Just as well it was not a "hard" school.



**MEDWAY.**—Jack Lockwood has shown good form over the last 12 months to win the Moss Vale Rifle Club's Yearly Championship. Congratulations Jack and may next year see you still on top with the shooting honours!

**MARULAN.**—The tennis club at South Marulan is a very active group at present. However, they have been treated rather unkindly by the weather, rain having upset play on numerous occasions. A tournament was conducted on Sunday, 24th July, and was well attended by players. A most enjoyable day was had by all.

The South Marulan Basketball Team is reaping its share of wins this season. They have sustained only 2 defeats for a total of 13 games. A fine effort fellows and may your success continue. At the moment the team holds equal 2nd position in the district competition.

The Fellowship 1st Grade team continues to battle on whilst the 3rd Grade team is doing well with 4 defeats in 13 games. With more practice this team will be a hard one to crack.

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## CURRENT TOPICS

The power house boys have gone colour conscious. A trip to the power house control room revealed some fresh paint in exquisite colour toning. Windows are framed in a delicate primrose whilst the walls are duck egg green. The door, however, has the greatest attraction and has been the subject of much speculation as to the true colour. Mr. L. C. Knight, the Works Manager, had his own views on the colour, whilst another character suggested a quite different analogy; something to do with anatomy and fools!!

The colour of the door . . . pink?

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Another interesting experiment was observed taking place in the electrical shop. Under the direction of Johnny Medland they have built a potential transformer and were busily testing it. The unit, designed primarily for drying out large cables, is capable of delivering 1,200 amps. or 24,000 watts. It soon attracted a group of spectators all full of suggestions as to the uses such a thing could be put to.

What a wonderful boon it would be in the home. It could run a radiator in every room in the house, all the electrical appliances you could use in the house and still have enough power left to run a hot house in the back yard. Furthermore if you could then fix a fan blade onto the shaft of the council meter on your switchboard you could provide such a volume of air that you could force dry the washing in a couple of minutes.

Who would pay the bill is left to speculation!!!

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Also on the list of specialised equipment is a new test furnace at the Laboratory. Commissioned during last month, the unit replaces an old machine which has served its time. The new furnace is capable of producing temperatures up to 1350 degrees centigrade, equal to the temperature in the burning zone of the kiln. Tests on clinker burn in the furnace are currently being conducted by Rus Greaves.

Hear tell he refers to it fondly as No. 5 kiln and is looking for a production bonus on the clinker he produces.

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The new works office block is taking shape and dominates the scenery on entering the Works. For those who have to fork out on the completion date I have it on good authority that we'll be in the building by Xmas. I'm going on a dry diet round about November, Kev!!!!

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## Let's Laugh

The dumb husband answered the 'phone . . . "How the devil should I know?" he barked into the mouthpiece. "Why don't you ring the Weather Bureau?"

"Who was it dear?" asked his wife.

"I don't know," replied the husband, "some dope wanting to know if the coast was clear."

—(SAPCO News).

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Young son: "Dad, Mum just backed the car out of the garage and ran over my bicycle."

Dad: "Serves you right for leaving it on the front lawn."



## PERSONAL PARS HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

**BERRIMA.**—Fred Bonnar is going to Brisbane for two week's holiday on 28th August. He is making the trip by Ansett - A.N.A. motor coach and will visit the Darra Works of Queensland Lime and Cement Co. whilst in Brisbane. Best wishes Fred for a pleasant trip.

Graham Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bell, of Berrima, was one of twenty-eight N.S.W. boys to leave Rushcutter Bay en route to a navy shore training school near Fremantle, Western Australia, where he will spend up to two years before joining a ship at sea. Graham was a prominent member of S.P.C. cricket and hockey clubs and an outstanding schoolboy marathon runner.

A new arrival in the Dickson home, a son named Graham. Congratulations to Jack and Mrs. Dickson on the birth of their third son.

Mr. and Mrs. John d'Adams chose two pretty names for their newly born daughter. The proud couple have named the new arrival Marisa Carmel.

Another daughter was born at Moss Vale late this month, when Robert Hartley and his wife became the proud parents of Debra Kae. It is reported that Debra has an unusual amount of black hair.

**MARULAN.**—Wedding bells chimed for Miss Helen Spence and Roy Penfold on 4th June. Helen and Roy plan to make their home at Marulan. Congratulations and best wishes for your future happiness Helen and Roy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilds, a son. Congratulations Shirley and Ray.

**DWAY.**—Wedding bells for Miss Elaine Murchie and Garnett Whitbey. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Whitbey and best wishes for the future.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allan Talbert, a son, born during the month. Congratulations Allan!

Welcome back to Alby Allport who has been on three month's long service leave. Guess it will be a mite difficult to get back into the swing, eh, Alby?

Best wishes to Archie Murchie for a speedy recovery from his present illness which has confined him to hospital.

## Letters to the Editor . . .

### HERE'S A SUGGESTION

Could a mixed doubles tennis tournament be arranged between Berrima Colliery and Berrima Works? The matches could be held on a Sunday and there are some nice courts in Berrima which would possibly be available. Perhaps by charging a small entry fee, a trophy could be purchased and played for each year.

Would Mr. Jack Dixon care to arrange such a match?

—Here's Hoping.

Over to you Mr. Dixon for comments.—Ed.

Dear Sir,

May I make a suggestion regarding the puzzle page.

In the event of a tie between say four or more competitors, why not put the £1 prize-money into lottery tickets in the names of all the winners?

I feel that everyone sending in a correct answer should have the right to participate in the prize and a lottery ticket would provide an extra chance.

Would others please add their suggestions to mine?

Good luck and many more pleasant editions of this little paper.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. E. C. Hanley.

This question invariably crops up in this type of competition and is a particularly difficult one to overcome. The present method is that each correct entry is given a number and on the closing date for entries, all numbers go into a hat and one number is drawn to decide the winner. The odds of winning by this method have never been greater (so far) than 20:1. However, if 30 or 40 correct entries are received you can see that it would make quite an amount of extra work if lottery tickets were required.

I will await further comments.—Ed.

Curate (excitedly): "Sir, the church is on fire."

Reverend Burrridge: "Holy smoke!"

—(SAPCO News).



## Gardening Notes for August, 1960

FLOWERS: SOW—Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Carnation, Clarkia, Gaillardia, Godetia, Petunia, Phlox, Verbena.

PLANT—A general collection of Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs and Trees, Climbing Plants, Roses and Fruit Trees. Plant bulbs of Gladiolus, Japanese Iris, Antirrhinum, Carnation, Gaillardia Seedlings.

VEGETABLES: SOW—Broad Beans, Cabbage, Carrot, Celery, Lettuce, Peas, White Turnips.

Plant—Asparagus, Cabbage, Herbs, Rhubarb, Artichokes.

The unusual spell of warm weather has brought trees into flower and started the upward flow of sap earlier than usual in many shrubs and trees, so that some of them are now showing green again. Flowering Apricots are in full bloom as are also Cornus Mas (the Cornelian Dogwood) and the Flowering Quinces. Early Daffodils are almost in flower and in fact there are already Daffodils in flower in sheltered spots around the districts.

Our old enemy, the snail, is "on the war-path" once more, as are also the little black slugs which do so much damage to early growth. Watch the Hyacinth buds as these are particularly tasty morsels for these pests. Get busy and bait early this Season.

If you decide your garden beds need widening or new ones are required, make your alterations now so that you can plant for Spring and Summer colour.

Finish off any pruning this month which you have not been able to get done because of cold, wet weather. This will include roses and fruit trees.

Pruning cuts should be cleanly made with the blade of the secateurs towards the plant to avoid bruising.

Large cuts, if they have rough edges, should be trimmed smooth with a sharp knife, then the surfaces should be painted with paint, Stockholm tar or bitumen compounds. If the surfaces are damp, mix some Bordeaux Powder to a paste and paint on to prevent the entry of fungus or other diseases.

Keep weeds down between rows of vegetables and chip all earth paths, as weeds here harbour pests and diseases.

## AN ANSWER!

To the Miner's wife,  
Who does complain  
About getting out of bed  
In the cold, frost and rain.  
Listen to what many a wise wife has said.

A man, many women have said,  
Likes to think he is boss  
But, comes time to get me out of bed  
Mine is at a loss.

A woman, many men will say.  
Should work all week  
And expect no pay.

So let hubby earn his keep  
While you get your well-earned sleep.  
For he'll soon learn how to cook  
And you'll forget how cold it looks  
At six o'clock in the morning.

—Another Miner's Wife

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A chemical analysis of women:

Symbol: WO.

Accepted Atomic Weight: 120 pounds.

Physical Properties: Boils at nothing and freezes at any moment. Melts when properly treated.

Occurrence: Wherever man exists.

Chemical Properties: Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent reaction if left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of food matter. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen.

Uses: Highly ornamental and useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits and equaliser in the distribution of wealth. probably the most effective income reducing agent known.

Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

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Psychiatrist: "What did you say?"

Contractor: "I said for some reason or other, people don't like me—pay attention, fathead!"



# TALES OF ADVENTURE

Commencing a series of accounts by employees of this company of actual incidents. The events will be conducted in serial form until each story is completed.

## NAVAL INCIDENT

It was dark, it was close on midnight—and I was being followed, of that I was certain. I could hear the soft pad pad of footsteps. I stopped but did not look round, the footsteps stopped too. I continued to walk and at the same time tried to form some sort of a plan—should I run?—should I face my pursuers and demand an explanation? or should I turn and attack them? I was sure that there was more than one person stalking me. With a sudden burst of courage I turned quickly—there in the darkness of the tropical night stood three white-clad figures. They were natives!

I had come ashore earlier in the evening from the cruiser H.M.S. "Enterprise" (lying at anchor in Colombo Harbour) to go to a cinema in Pettah. It was late when the show finished, the buses had ceased running and the few rickshaws waiting were soon engaged. I waited, hoping that one would come along but my luck was out with not even a taxi in sight. After a while I realised the futility of waiting and set off to walk back to Fort, the harbour district of Colombo. I had about a three mile walk ahead of me, the first of which was along a main road flanked on both sides by the homes and residences of well-to-do people. It was a warm night, with a light breeze, there was no moon but the sky was bright with stars. As I swung along I found myself enjoying the walk and I removed my cap in order to enjoy more fully the cool night breeze. Very soon I came to the Galle Face Hotel which overlooks the Indian Ocean, the homes were now left behind and the road continued along through the maidan and parallel to the sea-front. The maidan, which a couple of hours previously had been thronged with gay and colourfully dressed people was now deserted and unlit. I was feeling pleased that I had been compelled to walk, it was so pleasant, so soothing and so peaceful . . . and then suddenly I was alert. I had heard a slight noise behind me which sounded like an attempt to smother a cough. It was slight but distinct and as I continued

to walk I felt disturbed and not a little uneasy. I could almost feel the presence of some other person, or persons. My warm and pleasant air of contentment had now given place to one of awareness, a tenseness of feeling which sent a cold shiver down my spine despite the warmth of the night. I had a nasty sensation that I was being followed, and as I strode along I listened intently for any sound of following footsteps—there was!—there certainly was the soft pad, pad of footsteps.

As I faced the three ghostly-looking figures I knew it would be foolhardy to attempt any rough stuff; these natives fought, not with fists, but with knives. I shouted at them "What do you want?"—and then—not waiting for a reply, I said quickly, "Clear off, get to hell out of it!" I took a couple of steps in their direction and waved my cap at them in defiance and they retreated a little and then stood their ground. One of them in a hoarse voice said, demanding, "Money master, give money!" I turned quickly and continued my walk, only now I was hurrying, really hurrying. I thought of running but dismissed the idea for that would give the impression I had panicked and was in fear of them. I was in no state of panic but I was afraid. Afraid of that stealthy cat-like spring and the plunge of a knife in my back and so by not running I felt safer. I hoped that it would give my pursuers the impression I was quite able to deal with any attack. For a while my ruse appeared to be successful, the trailing natives kept their distance as they stalked behind, but now I was aware, too, that they were whispering together probably plotting their next move. I still had quite a distance to go before I could count on any sort of safety, or hope of assistance, and that would be when I reached the military area where a regiment of the Royal Artillery were stationed in the Echelon Barracks. Here, too, were the Army married quarters and other residences where lived army officers and their families. But all this was still about half a mile off—and then suddenly and stealthily the footpads were beside me, one on either side, tugging at my sleeves, while the third (behind me) prodded my back. This prodding gave me a horribly chilled feeling. "Money master, give money!" they demanded in unison.

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# — PROBLEM PAGE —

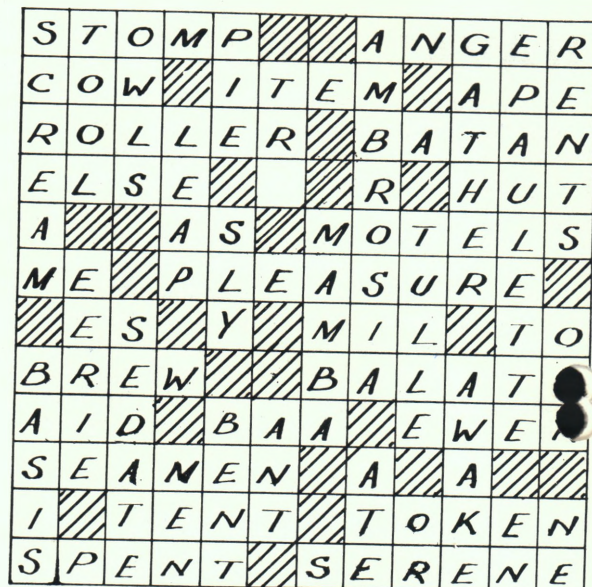
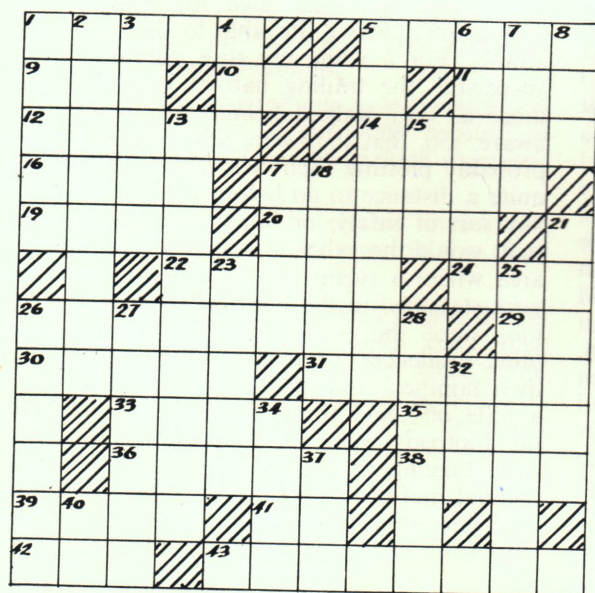
Result of Problem No. 17 is shown on right. Again we had a large number of correct entries (21) and had to go to the "hat" for a winner. Jimmy Feltham of Marulan South

was the lucky recipient of the £1 prize. Keep the entries rolling in and we may, I repeat MAY, be able to improve the prizes.

## PROBLEM 18

### Across

1. Search blindly
5. Splash
9. Rodent
10. Engrave metal
11. Sporting body (abbrev.)
12. Change
14. Mountain nymph
16. Holm-oak
17. Dual
19. Musical instrument
20. Out of place
22. Gold measure
24. Sun
26. Lung inflammation
29. I
30. Precious stone
31. Finger-shaped
33. Trigonometrical term
35. Part of chain
36. Hot drink
38. Man's name
39. Hot box
41. Element (symbol)



42. Sailor
43. Help again

### Down

1. Cup used by Christ
2. Bringing together
3. Aquatic animal
4. Ever (poetical)
5. Relating to vocal sounds
6. Warnings
7. Stop
8. Owned
13. Carried out
15. Tap
17. Type of pen
18. Empty
21. Office workers
23. Correct
25. Boding evil
26. Bird
27. Holiday season
28. Relieves
32. Object
34. Rim
37. Affirmative
40. Decoration



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# — EDITORIAL —

Dear Readers,

The response to my questionnaire of last month was enlightening if not enthusiastic. It was hoped that many readers would return the sheet but only a small quantity turned up. However, if readers are still holding the questionnaire I would appreciate it if they would fill them in and return them this month.

Firstly let me outline the main points which were brought out by this appeal.

1. In all cases, readers agreed that the magazine could do with more reading matter.
2. Main topics which were suggested as ones which could be increased were:—Fishing Notes, Personal Pars, Feature Articles and General Interest Topics.
3. Additional articles which were suggested were:—A Short Story series, Teenagers' Page, Kiddies' Page, Women's Page, Photographic Competition and General Knowledge Articles.

Generally speaking, most of the suggestions are feasible and will be the subject of a discussion by the editorial committee in the near future to decide on how soon the additions can be implemented.

One of the highlights of this month's activities is a fishing trip by 18 members of S.P.C. The outing was organised by members of the Laboratory and a full coverage of the trip will be found in the fishing notes.

To those people who have been inquiring about progress of the oval let me give you the latest information from Mr. Crowe of the Berrima Bridge Nurseries who is carrying out his major face lift.

Fertilizing will commence towards the end of September when conditions are favourable. That is, after a reasonable rainfall and some warm weather. Rolling will then follow after the grass has shown some signs of growth. Rolling will consolidate the surface to a smooth finish and iron out any irregularities. Mr. Crowe is keeping a constant watch on the ground and is ready to carry out operations immediately the conditions, outlined above are favourable. Those who are impatient should remember that sowing of the seed was delayed two months due to unavoidable circumstances. However, everything possible is being done to speed up the progress and we all look forward to the day when play can commence.

Spring is now with us and we look forward to some warm weather after the recent cold spell with severe frosts and biting westerly winds.

Until next issue

Yours,

—THE EDITOR.

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## General Manager's Notes

Since my last notes Mr. Schott and I have travelled from Germany to France, Belgium, England, Canada and the United States where we are now making a few last calls on the way home.

From our observations we have found the Cement Industry in America to be far ahead of England and the Continent in nearly all aspects. The plants have been well laid out for minimum materials handling and central supervision, in fact in some plants the kilns and all mills can be observed from a single control room.

The kiln and mill buildings in the latest plants have been designed by architects to incorporate the latest ideas in the use of concrete masonry and they are magnificent examples of what can be done with the product we make. The passing motorist can be excused for not knowing whether ice cream or cement is being made.

We now have the two newest plants in the world to inspect before arriving home, both located in Hawaii and only in production a few weeks. They will be worth seeing.



# — PRODUCTION NOTES —

## MARULAN

Highlight of production during August was a record 122,577 tons of limestone won by the Marulan Quarry. This is indeed a mighty effort. Congratulations to all at the quarry.

During a recent visit to the quarry I was impressed by the quality of the stone being won. Most faces are yielding clean limestone with very little mullock showing up.

I was unable to get the picture of a large shot fired during the month and which I promised would appear in this issue. However, I will make sure that one is featured in the near future.

Progress on the new loading bins is noticeable and the new railway line which will replace the old line to the present bins looks quite impressive.

Generally speaking the landscape at Marulan South is taking on an altogether new look.

## BERRIMA

Works production was again maintained at a high level in all departments.

Three kilns were off for re-bricking during the month which makes the figure for clinker produced quite up to standard.



*Mill Repair Gang.*

The power house boys were in good form again being only slightly below their record of last month.

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## ***Flying Vehicles—U.S. Trends***

Vehicles using a thin film of air to skim above land, sea (marsh, sand, ice and snow) have been developed and “flown” successfully in several countries. Well-advanced in the field of “flying” vehicles, America has designed many different types of air-cushioned craft, some being planned for future production.

One company already is marketing a four-passenger 300-horsepower Air Car resembling an automobile, designed to travel at 60 miles per hour over land and water.

Other models planned or in the process of development include a small scooter; cars to travel at various heights above the ground; ocean-going passenger ships and freighters; low-flying helicopters.

Flight vehicles predicted for the distant future include trains as fast as planes that fly above a rail that they never touch, and a super-fast all-purpose vehicle that combines the advantages of a passenger car, speed boat, truck and helicopter.

Air-cushion ships as fast as jet planes, are also designed to skim over the ocean and never touch it, and “flying” pleasure boats, may be an outgrowth of today’s small “ground effect” vehicles.

The air cushion phenomenon, or “ground effect” as it is commonly called, is not new. Scientists have known for years that a jet of air forced out the bottom of a vehicle against a hard surface, such as the ground or water,



forms a cushion that reduces friction and provides lifting power.

Such a cushion provides lift to an air-plane or helicopter at take-off when air from propellers strikes the ground. This ground effect does not aid flight at high altitudes, but a vehicle designed to travel up to a few feet above the earth's surface can be continuously suspended in the air as long as a compressed air cushion is maintained beneath it. Freed of friction from land or water, the bouyant vehicle requires very little power to attain great forward speed.

There are many advantages of "ground effect" travel. People isolated because of the lack of highways and bridges could "fly" wherever they pleased. Farmers could transport food to market, and manufacturers could make deliveries quickly and by the most direct route. The family vehicle could serve as transportation and as a pleasure vehicle, able to operate as an automobile or a boat. Any field would be a good road, any beach would be a good harbour.

"Ground effect" travel would be economical, an advantage of equal or greater importance than convenience. The two engines, one for lift and the other for propulsion, could be in a low horsepower range, would be inexpensive to produce and simple to operate. One engine would operate the "lift" mechanism, which is a simple device to draw in and blow out air.

Scientists in the United States are perfecting several types of devices to provide lift, each of which is considered efficient and capable of mass-production at low cost.

The engine used for propulsion, need not be extremely powerful and, therefore, would be simple, inexpensive and economical to operate and maintain. The two engines together would require much less fuel than an automobile or boat because they would use no power to overcome the friction that inhibits to-day's conventional vehicles.

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## *Have a Laugh*

The new barber had cut a customer badly in several places.

"Give me a glass of water, please," gasped the victim.

"You aren't going to faint, I hope," the barber cried.

"No, I just want to see if my mouth is still watertight."

# FISHING NOTES

Ship ahoy!

All aboard swabs!

On the afternoon of the 2nd September, Captain Purvis' vessel the MV "Tringa" left Palm Beach with a cargo of men and prawns!

It would appear by the heap of luggage lying amidships that the boys were all for extending the weekend trip to New Zealand.

The gear stowed away, all on board busied themselves with the various chores associated with getting in the big 'uns!

We cleared the heads about 3 p.m. and headed into a stiff wind. I noticed a bloke having a shave. There was a pretty good swell from the stiff breeze and he appeared to be chasing his face in the mirror.

Three blokes up forward seemed to be interested in where a certain beer was made. They were studying the label anyhow.

All Gordon Elphick seemed to be doing was to fix up various rigs for the boys. His



*Arthur's Schnapper.*



services were availed of thankfully and hopefully by the greenhorns concerned.

Needless to say there is always that enthusiast who sits at the rear of the vessel whilst it is in motion and tries to catch a few the cheap way—no bait—all spinner!

Writing the notes proved a bit of a problem as the deck rose and fell, and old King Neptune tried his best to dislodge my pen from the paper. However, I rode him to a standstill!

There was an air of excitement aboard. We were hurrying up north to cast anchor over millions of fish.

Bill Matheson entertained with a few nautical stories to keep the boys from thinking of the old home town—Maroubra! Quite successful too!

Apart from the top brass, Russ Jeaves, sorry, I mean Greaves (I was thinking of some foxy yarn Bill Matheson had been telling) appeared to be the only chap to hold an Admiral's Diploma (Texas Navy) so everything should be shipshape on the whole.

Having taken up a position later in the afternoon some 3 miles east of Nora Head, fishing began in earnest. A great variety was landed including small samples of Teraglan, Nannagai, Leather Jacket, Squire, Pike, Ling, Parrot fish, Fltahead, Sergeant Baker, Flying Surnard, Worra and Sharks!

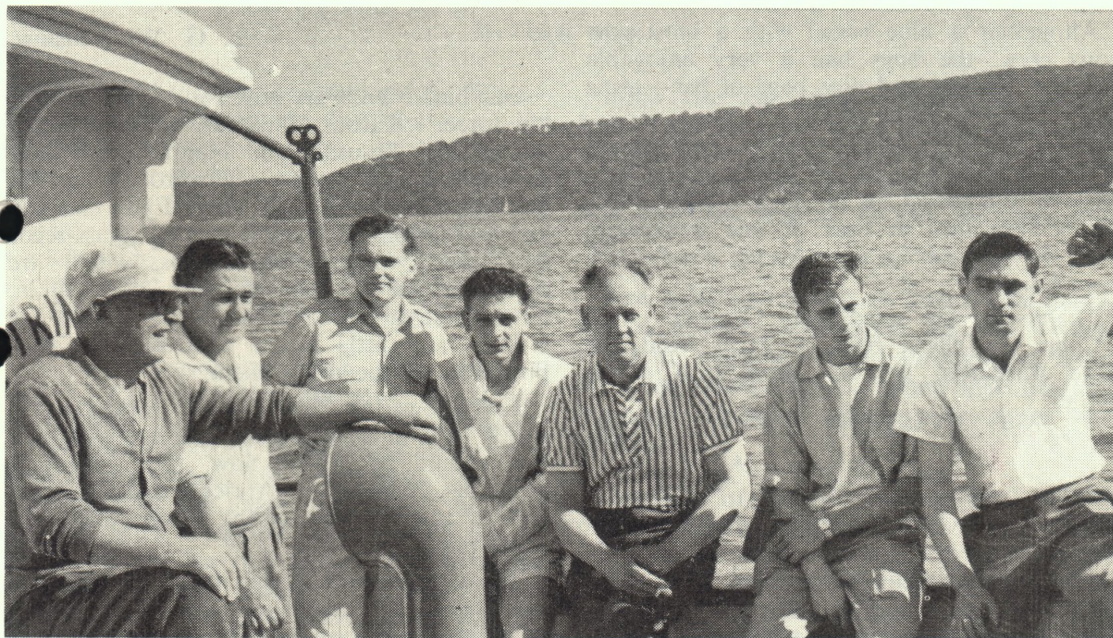
A pleasant time was had by all, who retired to their boards, sorry, I meant beds, anticipating a better catch on the morrow!

At 4.30 a.m. the good ship set to sea and anchored 8 miles east of her original position. It was really on now. Seventeen lines shot out the port side. Blokes were being hit by flying sinkers; some were pulling their clobber's lines (bait end first) and some religious cove spoke at length of the situation arising from the entanglement of three  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. sinkers, six baited hooks and three large swivels!

There must be a fortune in 60 lb. breaking strain line aboard—enough to buy fish for about a year.

Sitting in the stern of a heaving boat is very disconcerting to some people. I didn't care much, but I noticed Norm and Robert didn't seem to eat much grub, and their usual ruddy complexions compared favourably with that of a good Indian curry. Not that that worried them. Oh well as I say—cast your bread upon the waters!

Well shiver me timbers! Did I mention a Schnapper in the list of fish varieties? I don't think I did, but it happened like this. Towards the end of the fishing, with poor bags, I crouched in the crow's nest, with my spectacles in my hand (stiff wind up here mates, might have 'em blown away!) and surveyed a scene I'll never forget! Talk about Trafalgar!



*Before the run up the coast.*



The vessel suddenly keeled over to port. Arthur Blizzard seemed to be burning pretty good on this side—really balling it up! On looking closely the crowd had closed in on Arthur causing most of the weight to be concentrated on this side! I could see Jack Simpson reconnoitering with a harpoon. (He had evidently regained his equilibrium after a binge of bilge water!) Jack made a magnificent connection and Arthur heaved (pulled on the line I mean) and, mates, just in case you haven't heard, there was the whopper Schnapper! I shouted from the crow's nest (only one old crow up here now!) "Slip down the lizard, Blizzard and grab it by the gizzard, you wizard! You beaut!

There it was, lying on the deck flip-flopping! Must have been 8 lbs (candle blown out!) and to prove it we have its photo!

Vacating the crow's nest I was able to get some dope on the vessel we were on.

Captain Purvis (Harry's father), thinks a lot of his newly acquired vessel which is ably handled by a qualified Captain and engineer. I understand she was a naval general purpose vessel that had been used for transferring personnel and goods and especially for training radar cadets.

She is 75ft. overall with a beam of 17ft. and is powered by a solid injection Atlas diesel of 125 H.P.

Auxiliary engines are used for starting compressed air and 240 volt generation.

Altogether a nice vessel with a most courteous crew, the boys had a very enjoyable weekend. A few had nice bags of fish—some had none—too much drift!

The Captain paid the party a compliment by stating that he had not had a more well-behaved and genial lot of chaps aboard. Now this is very nice to hear of our workmates when they are out for a week-end, you deserve more bonus!

Thanks for the compliment Captain!

Come on fellers, back to Moss Vale and more Blizzards! Brrr — more heat please Arthur!

—TOOT - TOOT - TOOT.

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"Thought you were going to visit that blonde in her apartment tonight?"

"I did."

"How come then you're home so early?"

"Well, we sat awhile and chatted. Then suddenly she turned out the lights. I can take a hint."

## GARDENING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

FLOWERS: SOW—Zinnias, Marigolds, Salvia, Delphinium, Gypsophila, Summer Sweet, Peas, Dianthus, Carnation, Salpiglossis, Phlox, Cornflower, Petunia, Snapdragons.

PLANT—Snapdragons, Petunias, Dianthus, Gaum, Cornflower, Lupin, Carnation, Salpiglossis, Sweet William, Gaillardias, Clarkia, Godetia.

VEGETABLES: SOW—Cabbage, Broccoli Lettuce, Beetroot, Spinach, Peas, Onions, Leek, Endive, Herbs, Carrots, Parsnips, Tomato (under glass).

PLANT—Cabbage, Beetroot, Spinach, Rhubarb, Herbs, Onion, Celery, Potatoes (towards end of month).

Spring, officially, is here! Time for gardeners to be "up and doing"! Watch our weather though, as we can still get a number of very heavy frosts as evidenced by the past week, when the temperature reached a very low 24 degrees! If you are planting out anything subject to frost damage, see that it is well protected at night for a few weeks.

"If you threw yesterday away,  
Then make up for your loss today,  
Life is short and quickly run,  
Haste, for soon the day is done."

—T. G. W. Henslow.

Our bird friends are now back in the garden "in force." Rufous Whistlers, with their joyous trilling, Thrushes and Magpies with their cheerful spring songs and little Tom-tits, Finches, Blue Wrens and Silver Eyes, chirping and twittering all day, collecting grass-seeds and insects, particularly aphids, which are appearing on the new growths once again. Give these a welcome and put out a few crumbs and little pieces of cheese on your bird-table to encourage them.

Early-flowering fruit trees (ornamental), which have finished blooming or are past their best should be pruned now. The Flowering Almonds, Peaches and Apricots make stronger growth than the Flowering Plums and need more pruning.

Towards the end of this month, weed lawns carefully and if clovers are present, a dressing of Sulphate of Ammonia should be applied in the form of Lawn Sand. Immediately after



mowing sprinkle the Ammonia, dry, mixed with dry sand, over the lawn (4 lbs. dry sand to 1 lb. Sulphate of Ammonia), at the rate of **4 ozs. of the mixture to the square yard.** The Sulphate of Ammonia should be free from lumps and the mixture should be rubbed into the lawn with the back of the rake. Leave for two days and then water the lawn thoroughly. The grass will be burnt in patches, but will quickly recover, the clovers should be killed.

Two light top dressings of sandy loam, a month apart, will improve the condition of the lawn.

Gladioli corms should be planted now, every few weeks, with a break in October to avoid the plants blooming in the hottest part of the year.

Cultivate carefully between the rows of vegetable plants with a hoe or cultivator to keep down weeds.

Shrubs, fruit trees, flowering fruit trees and ornamental trees, can still be planted this month, in our climate.

## — INDUCTIONS —

The following new employees started with the Company during August:—

### BERRIMA

Allen Flack	Maintenance
John Starr	Laboratory
Jim Throsby	Power House
Norman Sullivan	Gardens
Herman Kreller	General Office
Rex Waide	Production
Barry Aspinall	Laboratory
Gerald McGowan	Production

### MARULAN

John Koppman	Fettler
Hary Karlson	Popperman
Arvied Hahgen	Carpenter's Labourer
Edward Richardson	Labourer
Mark Watts	Brakesman
William Curtis	Labourer
Aleksas Nekrasius	Carpenter
Robert Sullivan	Labourer

To these people we extend a hearty welcome and may they enjoy a long stay with the Company.

## — SPORTING NEWS —

By Jack Mott

**BASKETBALL.**—The Marulan quarry "Rockhoppers," not having the facilities to invite the S.P.C. team to Marulan for the return match, again visited Moss Vale showground pavilion this month to do battle with the cement makers. The Rockhoppers were weakened by the absence of two of their strong players, L. Veal and C. Shepherd, and this gave the S.P.C. boys a chance to even the score.

A very exciting and even game resulted with S.P.C. just making the grade by 2 pts. It was very nice to see the manner in which the game was played, both teams being very keen to win without any semblance of grudge.

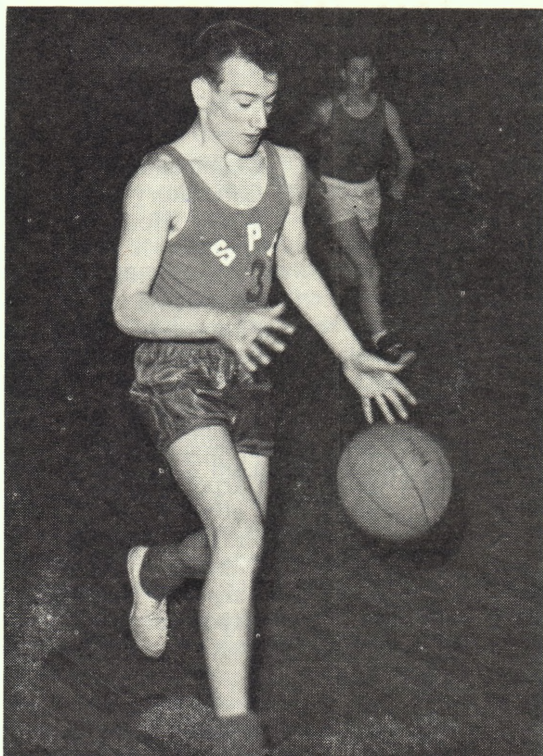
Features of the game were—the long passing of Mick Cosgrove who seemed to be able to throw the ball from one end of the court to the other and find one of his team ready to take the pass and have a shot at the basket and it was only the S.P.C. defence that saved many points.

Mick also figured prominently in another feature and that was when he was called upon to mark his opponent in the jump for the ball. Mick is rather well built around the mid section and this seemed to put his opponents "off."

Ken Mott who is still on loan to the quarry played a first class game for the "Rockhoppers," popping the ball through the basket on 8 occasions. S.P.C. hopes that Marulan does not "borrow" this player again next season.

For S.P.C. team it would be hard to pick out an outstanding player as the team played really good combination. Scorers were M. Perrin 14, T. Mott 6, W. Poland 6, G. Hincenberg 4. Many more points would have been scored by S.P.C. had they not had so many wild shots at the basket from too far out.





*An S.P.C. player in action.*

**CRICKET.**—With spring just around the corner and winter sports drawing to a climax, many thoughts are turning to summer sports, the most popular of these being cricket and tennis.

The annual meeting of the S.P.C. cricket club was held at the School of Arts, Berrima, on 21st August, and at this meeting officers were elected for the coming season. The officers elected were as follows:—

Patron—Sir Cecil Hoskins.

President—J. F. McNicol.

Snr. Vice President—J. Mott.

Secretary—Reg Longhurst.

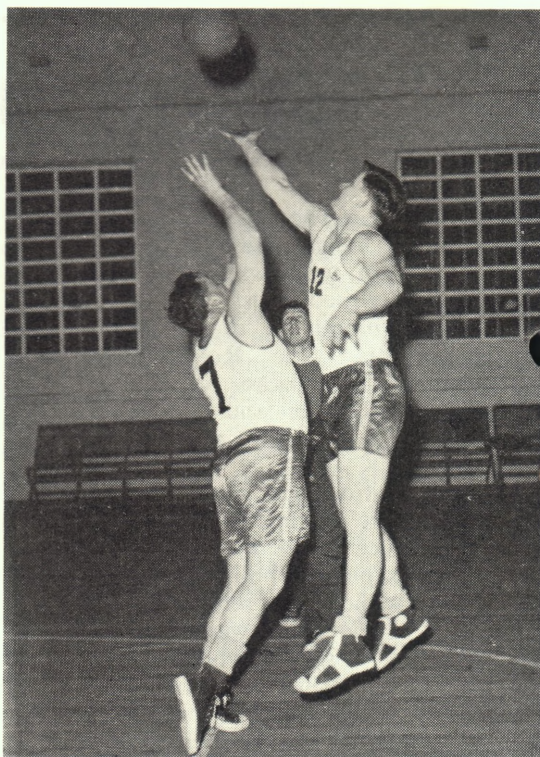
Treasurer—F. (Tarn) Wrightson.

Both a first grade and a second grade team will be entered in the District Competition and little fear is held that sufficient players will be available to fill both teams. However, the Secretary would like to hear from any intending players as soon as possible. Members of the Club at the meeting saw fit to bestow life membership upon their treasurer Tarn Wrightson for his work done and the interest he has taken in the Club since its inception some 25 years ago.

**TENNIS**—It is pleasing to see the younger generation of this sport in the Berrima district getting recognition. Recently junior players from the district were nominated and selected to play in two widely known Cup and Shield games, namely, the Webb Cup and Wilton Shield. The games will be played at Nowra from 4th to 10th September and juniors from Picton to Nowra including a strong district in Corrimal will be represented. We are very proud to know that Marcia Middleton and Peter Watson have been chosen to take part in these comps.

Marcia, 14 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Middleton, will be playing for the Webb Cup whilst Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Watson will be playing his games in the Wilton Shield comp. We wish both these young players well in their games and feel sure they will acquit themselves well.

The district winter competition again proved popular this year and although the weather was very adverse most teams braved the elements and a keen tussle was witnessed in most grades. A new Berrima team figured prominently throughout the A Reserve grade and were eventual winners of this section. The team is that from "Yanna" club situated



*Aiming for the basket.*



adjacent to Jack Dickson's residence. Congratulations to the players of this club and also to non-playing captain Mrs. Dickson who performed a major role in their success.

**FOOTBALL**—The Berrima football team was just knocked out of the finals by a couple of points but played good constructive football towards the end of the competition and will be in it again next season. Later on a function will be held to wind up the season and prizes will be given to the outstanding players of the year.

Les Foody this year, as in previous years, proved himself one of the best players in the group. It is the second year that Les has taken over the job of captain-coach, and should the club next year have any intentions of paying a coach they should be able to save themselves the expense of paying for an ad. in the paper by giving this player a chance to have a little compensation for his work with the club.

A local paper ran a "best and fairest" competition for group 6, point being allotted each match to the best three players. At the end of the comp. the player with the greatest number of points received a prize. Les very nearly took this prize out but had to be content with second place, missing the main prize by very few points.



## Let's Laugh

A certain famous general, whom we shall call Bloodworth-Gore, was given the job of inspecting a W.R.A.C. Unit in which his own daughter was serving. The upshot was awaited by the troops with amusement.

Stalking down the ranks, he came opposite her and growled: "I've seen you before somewhere! What's your name?"

"Bloodworth-Gore, Sir," she replied — all poker-face.

"Ah! Yes!" he countered. "I recollect meeting your mother . . . about twenty years ago."

"What a coincidence, Sir," exclaimed the girl. "She was talking about you only last week."

## PERSONAL PARS HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

### BERRIMA

Tommy Young is back at work after his honeymoon. Tom was married on 6th August and received a very nice gift for the occasion from his workmates in the machine shop.

Bill Newman has returned to work at S.P.C. after an absence of ten years or more and is now residing in New Berrima.

Some fellows have all the luck! Johnny Long was fortunate enough to accompany his parents on a 4,000 miles trip up north. They visited Green Island off the North Queensland coast and had a close look at the Barrier Reef, the tropical paradise of the north.

Bob Hardy and Eddie Johns have decided to avail themselves of the services of a metropolitan teacher and have their voices trained. As both these fellows have quite good natural voices a few lessons from a professional teacher could work wonders. Maybe another Caruso or Bing!

Most S.P.C. sportsmen will be sorry to hear that young Peter Mott was rushed to Sydney by ambulance and is now an inmate of Lewisham Hospital. Peter is progressing satisfactorily but it may be a while before he will be seen again in the field of sport. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Peter!

September is quite a popular month for holidays and in the first week of the month three machine shop boys have gone on leave. Bill Townsend will spend his time at Bate-man's Bay. Jack Mott will spend his three weeks between The Entrance and Sydney while Cecil Warner has not made up his mind where he might go for his three week's break.

Bert McIntosh has been to Sydney to participate in the Country Week Golf Tournament. More news next month on his trip.

Jack Simpson has the right idea when he goes fishing! Spotted him the other day wetting a line at the canal. With rod propped in the ground on the bank Jack was reclining on the grass with a good book. Nevertheless a goodly size jewfish reposed in his bag!

A few yards further along the bank, Robert Medland was taking the opposite view being



keenly intent on every twitch of the line. A 3½ lb. bream was his reward.

Good show Robert!

### MARULAN

The engagement is announced of Miss Betty Potter and Mr. Eddie Read, both of Marulan South. Hearty congratulations are extended to this young couple.

Jim Galloway and Jack Archer have returned to work after lengthy illness. Welcome back fellows and we hope you are both fully recovered.

Geoff and Joe Bell have been on holidays. Geoff ventured south to Melbourne whilst Joe spent his holidays at home.

Eddie Mills has been off duty for some time suffering from bronchitis. Best wishes Eddie for a speedy recovery!

Two more new TV antennae have appeared on the skyline at the village. Stan Bell and Allan Gutzke are the owners and Allan is already complaining of "square eyes." These two recent additions bring the total in the township to five. Marulan viewers will no doubt be elated at the recent news of a probable TV transmitting station to be erected in the Robertson area for a South Coast TV Company. Being on the extreme fringe area of present transmission this new station will really "boom in" on Marulan screens.

We wish to apologise for an error in reporting last issue. A daughter was born to Mrs. Shirley Wild on the 17th July and the names chosen were Joy Therese. Our report was of a son born.

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## TALES OF ADVENTURE

### NAVAL INCIDENT (Cont. from last issue)

They were so close now I could smell the sickly nauseating smell of cocoanut oil with which the Singhalese native liberally smears his hair. I flung my arms wide and felt the native on each side recoil from the force of the swing and then turning quickly I struck out at all three and to my surprise they made no attempt to retaliate but began jabbering and waving their arms about, first among themselves, and then at me.

I couldn't understand it all, neither their chatter or attitude, so once more I turned and hurried off, still walking, I felt it unwise to run, but by now I was really afraid. I was wet with a cold sweat . . . and then I saw a pair of twinkling lights right ahead. I knew them immediately for those of a rickshaw. Here was help! I felt sure it would be carrying a passenger, and most probably a white man, but if it was just the rickshaw wallah wending his weary way home then I could expect no help from him. I could only hope! And then suddenly there was a shout from behind and the three natives came running. They obviously had seen the approaching lights too and decided on attack. I now threw all caution to the wind and took to my heels and just ran for dear life hoping against hope that the rickshaw was engaged. My pursuers meant business for quite suddenly an object sped, very closely, past my left ear and fell with a metallic sound just ahead of me. I knew it to be a knife—that certainly was a close shave!

My heart was thumping madly, and I was gasping for breath—I could hear the running feet getting nearer. The lights of the rickshaw were closer now. I began to yell at the top of my voice, "Help, help—thieves!" and as I got nearer I could dimly discern a figure—a passenger! My relief was great! I yelled again and with a burst of renewed energy I sped up to the vehicle—the rickshaw runner pulled up and as I stopped, my lungs almost bursting, I peered at the passenger. He was a white man, dressed in the uniform of a police inspector, his legs were stretched straight before him, his head lolled back at a ridiculous angle, his eyes were closed and his mouth agape. His arms dangled idly on either side of the carriage. I called to him but apart from a grunt, he made no sign of acknowledgement and I went nearer to observe him more minutely. The smell of liquor was strong. Yes! he was DRUNK! I glanced back into the darkness, my would-be robbers had disappeared. They may have fled, or probably still lurking, in which case (and for their benefit) I called out loudly to my "rescuer" —"Thanks, Inspector, there's three of them." I then turned and walked quickly towards my destination. I was now in the military area, there was still no sign of the natives, and as I passed the barrack gate a voice called from the darkness, "All right sailor?" "O.K. Sentry," I replied, "Goodnight!" I continued my way and as I walked on, more at ease now, the sentry's answering "Goodnight" was most comforting.



# SAFETY FIRST

Pictured below are safety groups which have recently been awarded pewter tankards for two years accident free periods.

Generally speaking safety has gone by the board lately with minor accidents occurring

throughout the three plants and hence the low overall figure on the various safety boards.

A concentrated effort by everybody is the only answer to this problem.



*Safety Group—Production "D".*

*Safety Group—Maintenance "C".*







*Safety Group—Production "E".*

## TO ANOTHER MINER'S WIFE

Thank you for your kind suggestions,  
 Although you may not think it true,  
 But it's a well-known fact  
 My old man can cook too.  
 But I'm afraid dear sister,  
 I can't take your advice,  
 For early in the morning when the alarm  
 does ring,  
 Hubby just rolls over and goes to sleep again.  
 He thinks he is a fixture just like the Medway  
 coal  
 And needs a stick of dynamite to blast him  
 from his hole.  
 So I have to get things moving and get him  
 on his way,  
 Or we would be in a proper fix  
 For there would be no pay.  
 First let me assure you, I don't mind feeding  
 the brute,  
 It's this early morning rising that gives me the  
 snoot.  
 But I've had a cheerful feeling since last I  
 went to press,  
 That when the 35 hour week comes in,  
 I'll be sleeping with the best.  
 For it will mean work at 8 o'clock,  
 And may Mr. Gallagher be Blest.

—"MINER'S WIFE."

## *Letters to the Editor . .*

Dear Editor,

I think the tennis tournament an excellent idea but why not include Marulan? The winners from this end could challenge them.

Mrs. Hanley's suggestion is quite a good one and I think it should be given some consideration.

While I am writing this I may as well tell you how much I look forward to reading the news but I think your sports writer is a bit prejudiced against tennis as I don't remember ever seeing anything written about the game for or against (correct me if I'm wrong). So this summer instead of reading what so and so scored at cricket in every issue let's hear how many aces so and so served J. Dickson or something about our players in the competition.

MINER'S WIFE.



A married couple were ordering dinner in a well-known restaurant.

"Darling," he asked, "how do you pronounce that French dish I'm so crazy about?"

"Brigitte Bardot," she replied.



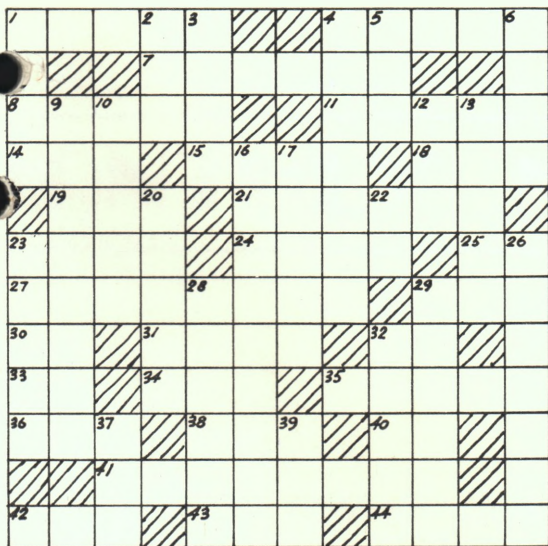
# PUZZLE PAGE

Result of Problem No. 18 is shown on the right. Entries were on the increase last month and 18 correct entries were received. Keith Larsen (Electrical Shop) was the winner of the £1 prize. Congratulations Keith!

### PROBLEM 19

## ACROSS

1. Fragile substance
4. Heap
7. Fasten
8. Eskimo house
11. Weird
14. Remit money
15. Accustom to solid food
18. Snake
19. Edge
21. Fastenings
23. English composer
24. Giant
25. Prefix
27. Scottish term
29. Golf term
30. Estimated time (abbrev.)
31. Wind instrument
32. I
33. Established location
34. Total
35. Cavity behind the nose
36. Moisture from the air



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T	A	R		R	E	A	S	S	I	S	T

38. Taste
40. Element (symbol)
41. Attendance
42. Plunder
43. Japanese coin
44. South coast town

## DOWN

1. Grasp
2. Biscuit
3. Pack
4. Natural features
5. Definite article
6. Retain
9. Strangling instrument
10. Telling untruths
12. Rodent
13. Give out
16. Saves
17. Seaweeds
20. Notes
22. Auxiliary engine (abbrev.)
23. To the front
26. Allowance for past services
28. Addresses rudely
29. Nursed
32. Chop up finely
37. Receptacle (abbrev.)




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# — EDITORIAL —

Dear Readers,

Spring is now with us and no doubt you are all experiencing the normal changes which take place at the start of a new season. I for one have already had to cut my lawns twice in the past 10 days, and I am dreading the thought of starting on the hedges, for the first cutting really seems to send them along.

Around the plant, changes are taking place; the heaters are being switched off after almost continuous use since last April, and some people are already discarding the heavy clothing worn during the winter.

Bobby D'Adam usually heralds the new season with his fine showing of pansies outside the machine shop, and this year is no exception. It is a fine effort, especially as it is in the heart of the Works amongst the dust, particularly from the coal dump.

As requested by you, my readers, I have endeavoured to meet with your demands for more photographs, and this month we

feature a number of interesting studies from Marulan and Berrima Works.

Suitable subjects are particularly hard to get without a lot of pre-photo preparation but with more experience, no doubt, these difficulties will be overcome and a wider coverage will be available.

We have featured Marulan in some detail for the reason that quite a lot of employees at Berrima and Medway have never seen the Quarry and know little of its layout and methods. To give some idea of this immense project and let readers see what goes on, we have featured quite a few shots around the Quarry.

At a later date we will feature the Colliery for the benefit of those who have never seen our coal mine.

Until next issue

Yours,

—THE EDITOR.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

Mr. Schott and I arrived back in Australia on September 10th, to be greeted by chill Berrima westerlies, which was a violent change from the warmth and humidity of the Northern Hemisphere.

The Works looked rather shabby in comparison with the clean new plants we had seen in America, and we must endeavour to raise our standards and make Berrima a better place to work at.

The inevitable report to the Board on the visit is now almost completed, and we will soon be back at our respective jobs full time with plenty of ideas on which to work.

—GENERAL MANAGER.



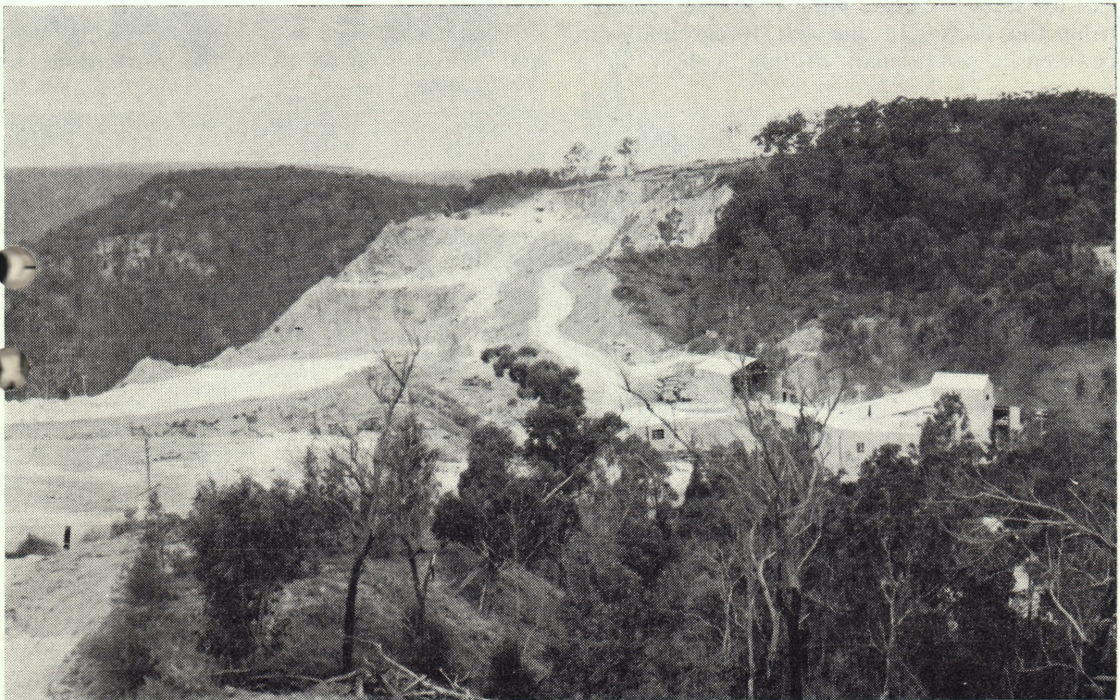


# — PRODUCTION NOTES —

As an introduction to the production notes for September let us firstly have a look at Marulan Quarry with the aid of a few snapshots.

Pictured below is a general view of the country surrounding the quarry. This photo gives a good idea of the rugged nature of the country.

Next we have a view of the South Quarry





development, with a Marion Electric Shovel working at a face in the top centre and the

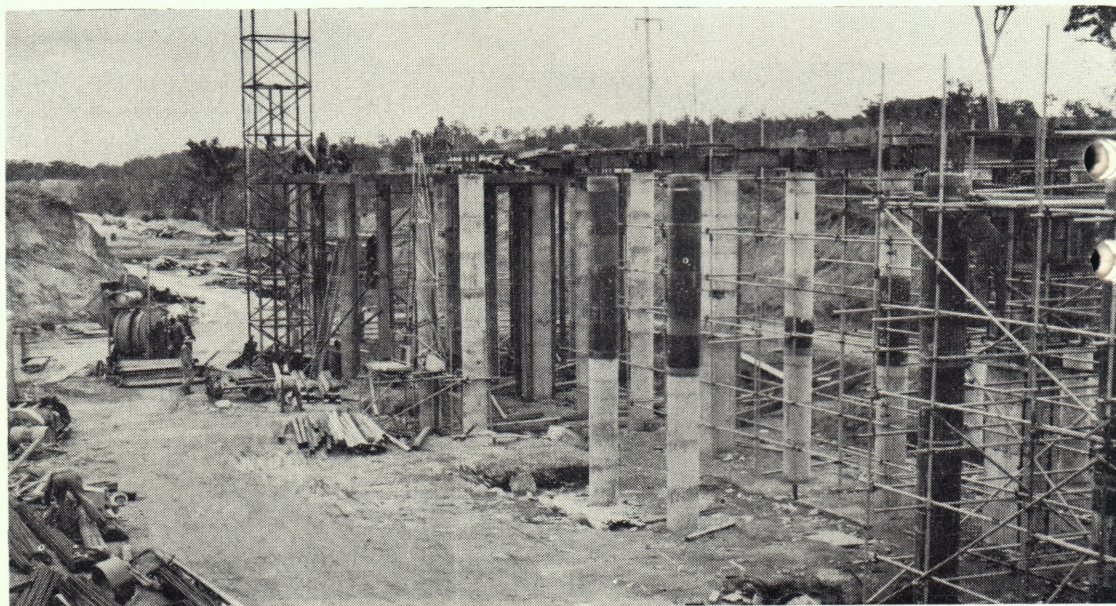
jaw crusher and gyratory crushers in the foreground.



Here is a close-up of the Marion loading a Euclid dump truck with limestone blasted from the face. In the left foreground can be seen a popperman drilling a hole in a

rock which is too large for the bucket of the shovel.

The new storage bins are progressing well, and below is a photo of the work done to





date. The concrete columns to support the bin are completed and the steelwork is now being placed on top.

Primary blasting takes place at the face at various times, and preliminary work consists of drilling 6" dia. holes with a Quarrymaster drill, after which the holes are loaded with nitrex and fuel oil as shown below. Roy Clack and Bob Barnes lowering a plug for detonation of the nitrex charge.



*Before . . . !*



*At the instant of detonation.*

In this particular shot some 30,000 tons of stone was blasted from the face, and the two photos at right show the various stages.

## Production Summary

Production generally remained at a high level, especially as regards clinker, cement ground and cement sales.

The quarry lost some production due to a loco derailment, and the colliery lost some time due to industrial disputes.



# Travelling Abroad

*By J. G. Schott*

## PART I

On May 20th our General Manager, Mr. McNicol, and myself were given a farewell luncheon at the Wentworth Hotel by Mr. Dick Dickson, Mr. Max Barnett, Mr. Hilton Howe and Mr. Ian Hewitt prior to our departure for overseas to have a look at the biggest and best cement plants in America, England and Europe.

At 5 p.m. we boarded the Qantas Boeing 707 jet liner which flew us to San Francisco. This aircraft weighs 110 tons and has an overall length of 134ft. 6in. and a wing span of 130ft. 10in. It cruises at 550 miles per hour at a height of 30 to 40,000 feet. The interior of the cabin is wide and spacious, and one immediately notices the Australian touch found in wall panels, which are patterned with exquisitely drawn Australian wild flowers.

Intermediate stops for fuel were made at Nandi, Fiji and Honolulu, and San Francisco was reached at 6.30 p.m. on the same day, May 20th. Actual flying time was 14½ hours. We crossed the international date line and had two Fridays.

This fine city, population 800,000, is situated on the western side of San Francisco Bay, and Berkeley and Oakland are situated on the eastern side, across which there is a very long suspension bridge, said to be the world's longest double-deck crossing, the cars going on top and the trains underneath.

The famous Golden Gate Suspension Bridge spans the channel leading into San Francisco Bay from the Pacific Ocean. Another bridge further north across the bay at San Rafael has only recently been built, and has a curve in its design and changes of grade across its length which is unusual.

San Francisco was first settled by the Spaniards, and the Dolores Mission built by them in the year 1776 is well preserved and open for inspection by visitors.

Some 20 miles from San Francisco the redwood forest known as Muir Woods is located, and the area is 424 acres in extent and is a reserve forest to preserve a group of the large redwood trees which are natives of the area.

The oldest tree in these woods is about 1,800 years old and is 17 feet in diameter about six feet above the ground, 246 feet tall and contains about 95,000 board feet. The botanical name of these redwood trees is *Sequoia Sempervirens*.

During our stay in San Francisco we visited several cement plants, the first one being the Permanente Cement Company at Permanente. This is a large wet plant, capacity 1,400,000 tons per year, and located 45 miles from San Francisco in a fruit-growing area. We were very impressed by the method of kiln-dust collection, as no dust could be observed coming from the smoke stacks.

The next plant visited was at San Andreas, and we were flown to this works by a private Cessna aircraft belonging to the Calveras Cement Company, who operate the plant. The Chief Chemist, Mr. Mel Sutton, corresponds with Mr. Bill Schroder, of Adelaine Cement, and was delighted to find that I knew him.

Some fine photos taken during the trip appear on following pages.

(Continued next month.)





*Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, May 1960.*



*Cessna 310 on San Andreas Strip.*





*San Francisco, Coit Tower and the Bay from the top of Mark Hopkins' Hotel.*



*San Francisco, Oakland Bridge.*



# — SPORTING NEWS —

*By Jack Mott*

The month of September was a dull one for competitive sport, due to the fact that the winter sports have finished and the summer comps. have yet to get under way, leaving me very little to write about for this issue.



*On the Court.*

**TENNIS.**—The district tennis competitions were the first to get under way, and the first round in the various grades was played on Saturday, 22nd September. Quite a good response from clubs was achieved, and 32 teams will enter the comp. extending as far north as Bargo.

Two clubs that will be under our notice are "Medway" and "Argunya." "Medway" has its court at the Colliery alongside the school, and has entered two teams in the district competition, one in A Reserve I and one in the A Reserve II grade. "Argunya" members play on Jim Middleton's court, which is located in Taylor Avenue, New Berrima. This club has also entered two teams, one in each of the grades just mentioned, so it is quite possible that the two clubs could see a lot of each other this season. To start the ball rolling, when the

draw was published for the first round of games it was noticed that Medway A Reserve II were to play Argunya. The match was played at Medway, but rain intervened before the game was completed and the score at the moment stands Medway 4 sets, Argunya 3 sets, and with two sets still to play at a later date it is anyone's game. Both clubs carry our best wishes for a successful year.

Jack Dickson has been endeavouring to get a team of tennis players from the Cement Works and New Berrima comprising six gents and four ladies to play the Colliery players but so far he is not having a great deal of success. He would like to hear from anyone interested in the venture. The match when arranged will take place on Jack's court and



*Waiting on the Sideline.*

will be an all-day fixture, with a return match on the Medway court on a date to be fixed after the first match. Now that the weather has warmed up a good deal and the racquets are coming out of the presses, no doubt Jack will get sufficient players interested to stage the game.

Pictured on this page are members of the Marulan Ladies' Tennis Club:



**CRICKET.**—The district cricket competition begins on Saturday, October 1st, but as my notes are written before this date readers will have to wait until next issue to get a line on how the S.P.C. boys are going. The club has entered a first and second grade team in the comp., and it is confident that it will be able to muster enough players to bring both teams to full strength each week. However, Secretary Reg Longhurst would like to hear from any intending players who have not as yet been in touch with him.

The club has been busy getting its gear together, and found it necessary to buy a new set of mats, together with various other odds and ends to make up two full kits. The company allowed the club to buy through their channels, which means the club will benefit considerably on the price of each article.

**BOWLS.**—More activity is noticed on the bowling greens each week as the weather becomes warmer, and most bowlers have had their first roll up for the coming season. The State singles and pairs matches have reached the semi-finals in this section, and two S.P.C. bowlers have qualified. They are Alwyn Counsell and Jim Dray. Alwyn in the singles and Jim in the pairs. Jim's partner is Allan Frazer. We wish these two bowlers the best of luck in their next few matches and hope they can bring home a State title for us.

At this early stage a lot of enquiries have been made about the match that was played last year at Moss Vale under the heading "S.P.C. v The Rest," and when it will be played this year. It will be played about the same time as last year (early March), and it promises to be even more interesting this time. The S.P.C. boys seem determined to make "The Rest" pay for that chicken dinner.

## MARULAN

The cricket season is now in full swing, with Marulan winning on a first innings on Saturday, 1st October.

The basketball has now come to a close, with the annual evening on the 24th September.

At this function Cliff Shepherd was awarded a trophy for the highest point score in Second Grade.

South Marulan reached the finals with a great run of wins but were beaten badly by Advance Calton in this match.

## FISHING NOTES

"The Admiral" and his wife have done some fishing at Dalmeney, just about seven miles north of Narooma. This spot is very pleasant for camping, although, apart from good water, facilities are primitive. A shop is being opened shortly that will obviate travelling into Narooma for supplies.

A variety of fishing is offered. As usual, the rock fishing is very snaggy. Some nice rock blackfish were landed (black drummer to you) up to 3lbs. Unless handled with a very firm rod these fighting fish take to the rock crevices and the gear departs accordingly.

According to Mr. T. C. Roughley, the Rock blackfish is not found anywhere outside the waters of N.S.W., where it is of far more value as a sporting than a commercial fish.

Although normally a weed-eating fish, the Rock blackfish will take a large variety of baits. As an edible fish it is of good quality: its flesh is white and tender, perhaps a little lighter colour, and its back and sides show soft, and of good flavour.

The Drummer can be distinguished by its longitudinal stripes, which are ever present in the Rock blackfish.

### Minimum Allowable Size Is 9in. in N.S.W.

Some good sport was had off the beach landing a few 7lb. salmon. These fish certainly let one know they are on and fight desperately for their lives.

Some silver bream about 3lb. were landed off one of the beaches which offer good safe fishing. The bream bit on both prawn and pipi. The pipis are available from the beach on the northern entrance to the lake, and although not exactly plentiful, offer sufficient for bait. Prawn bait is particularly scarce. If one is lucky enough to get them they will cost about 9s. a pound. Generally the bait shop says "Yes, we **had** some this morning!"

The canal region has yielded some quantity of flathead from 1lb. to 1½lb., also a few small bream. Generally speaking, fishing on the south coast has been poor, and anyone like ourselves who is catching at least a meal a day is doing very well.

From weather reports I should say that Dalmeney has been more sheltered than most places during the past week, and we will be passing on to Eden to see how they are biting down there.

If you are fishing at the Canal, just think how lucky you are being able to secure prawns!!!



# SAFETY FIRST



*Production Group A: 2 years accident-free.*

**BERRIMA:** September turned out to be our lucky month, with 33 days accident-free on the board as at the 5th October. This is indeed a heartening sight, and no doubt we will be striving to continue the good safety record and go on to 100 days and eventually pass our previous record.

Two groups attained records during the month. Production A, under the leadership of Bob Croese, reached two years accident-free, while the Powerhouse Group, under the leadership of Ernie Radnidge, passed the 365 days' mark. Congratulations to both of these groups whose photos appear below.

**MARULAN:** The quarry had a good run during September, with 32 days accident-free up until the 26th of the month. This resulted in a two-unit bonus for everybody at the quarry, and is the first since the introduction of the bonus coupon system at Marulan. Congratulations to everyone at the quarry.

**MEDWAY:** Eleven accidents were recorded at the colliery for the month. Details regarding the type of injuries were not available at the time of going to press.

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A Wound Neglected — Maybe a Wound Infected





*Powerhouse Group: 365 days accident-free.*

## ***Southern Portland Cement Employees' Sick and Accident Benefit Fund***

For the benefit of all employees we would like to bring to their notice once more our sick and accident fund.

By the payment of 2s. 6d. joining fee and 9d. per week deductible from your pay you may become a member of our fund.

If in the event of sickness or accident resulting in the loss of time in excess of one week the fund makes payment of £4 (four pounds) for the first week and £1 (one pound) per week thereafter until work is resumed.

The first week's payment is made after the normal five days' sick pay has been eliminated.

For further information about this fund you may contact either B. Garbutt at the Powerhouse, who is Fund Secretary, or Mr. Les Humphries, our Employment Officer.

## **— INDUCTIONS —**

Anderson, R. A., Labourer.  
Morris, A. J., Crusher Attendant.  
Morphett, W. R. Fettle  
Green, T. H., Carpenter's Labourer.  
Bristol, J. C., Popperman.  
Phillips, R., Labourer.  
Williams, F. E., Gardener.

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## **OBITUARY**

It is with regret that we report the passing of Mr. William John Allport on Monday, 3rd October. Mr. Allport was a former employee of this Company and resided at Sydney Street, New Berrima.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Allport.



# PERSONAL PARS HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

## BERRIMA:

Rita Marie were the names chosen for a daughter born to Rupert and Mrs. Rainier, of New Berrima. Congratulations to these proud parents!

Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Ellis, of New Berrima, has recently passed her first-year nursing exam. Margaret is stationed at Renwick Hospital for Infants, and has not been in the best of health of late and will undergo an operation shortly. Margaret is remembered for her job as the first Secretary of the Young SPC Rozella Girls' Hockey Club. We all wish her well.

Peter Mott, young SPC sportsman, is reported to be progressing satisfactorily in Lewisham hospital. Peter is hoping to take the field with the SPC cricketers soon. Best wishes, Peter!

At a small function at the General Office Miss Dawn Geddes was farewelled by members of the female staff of the Company. Dawn has taken up a new appointment at our Sydney office, and we extend to her our best wishes for her future in the "big smoke."

Pictured below is the scene in the ladies' lunchroom during the height of the festivities. Dawn is wearing a large brooch which was one of the items presented to her by her friends.

## MARULAN:

The latest report on Harry Karlen is that he is recovering quickly. All the best of luck, Harry!

Mr. V. G. Thompson has returned to work on light duties after 15 months off work. Best of luck to you, Vic!



*A group at farewell party to Dawn Geddes.*



# Welfare News — Christmas Party, 1960

As the festive season draws near once again we would like to give all employees of the Company, both new and old, a reminder of our activities and extend a welcome to those who are not as yet contributors to come forward and take part in what has been to date a very successful event.

The day has been planned along the same lines as previous years and will be held at Exeter Park again. There will be some minor alterations to the program of races for the children.

The Xmas tree will be the main attraction for the children, and Santa Claus has made a selection of gifts which he will distribute when he arrives at Exeter.

For those who do not already know, our funds are raised by contribution of 1s. per week from all interested employees. This 1s. per week covers each employee and his family for entertainment and presents for the kiddies.

Special buses will run to Exeter from various centres to provide free transport for those families that require it.

Afternoon tea, ice cream, paddle pops, soft drinks and sweets will be available for all.

For those men who do not already know the committeemen in their various sections of the plant we list the following members, who have the necessary forms and can give any information required:

C. Stinson: Yard	G. Morrison: Electric Shop
K. Moore: Stockhouse	E. Johns: General Office
K. Graham, R. Magnus: Machine Shop	T. Saker: Drawing Office
Pres. B. Garbutt, Sec. A. Knapman: Powerhouse	R. Ellis, B. Crout: Loco Cranedrivers

Our thanks go to Jack Wall once more this year. Jack, a former employee of SPC, has volunteered to assist in the purchase of toys and is doing a lot to organise this year's party.

Pictured below we find the President of the Welfare Committee, Bert Garbutt (paint brush in hand), and Alf Knapman, Secretary. Both will be found in the powerhouse should you have any queries regarding any welfare matter.



As I sat musing  
One day,  
Sad and lonely  
And without a friend,  
From out of the gloom  
A voice came to me  
Saying, "Cheer up,  
Things could be worse,"  
So I cheered up  
And, sure enough,  
Things got worse.



# TALES OF ADVENTURE

## REMINISCENCES OF AN INLAND (AUSTRALIAN) TRAVELLER ALICE SPRINGS AND SOUTH

(Continued from last issue.)

We had just consumed with relish, Bill Godbins' Kangaroo tail soup from Ethel's pressure cooker. They tell me it takes two days to properly prepare this dish. Phooey! The pressure cooker must have been unknown to the blacks!

Bill said, "Now when you leave 'The Alice,' and head south, make sure you don't have to make camp anywhere between Hawke's Nest and Cooper Pedy!"

We didn't appreciate his warning fully, until, after having been delayed two days by deep mud, we found it necessary to camp right at Hawke's Nest. There wasn't a blade of grass or sign of a tree or shrub and, of course, no water. The rain disappears immediately it falls on this gibber country. Undulating hills covered with ironstone and quartz pebbles.

Inserting tent pegs in this kind of country is most aggravating. One finally ends up chopping a hole with that universal tool—the hatchet—inserting the tent peg and tamping back the stones.

One is really fortunate to find a stopping place here. Fortunately, after driving on the lookout for about an hour, we were able to run the Holden off the road a few hundred yards on to a stony plateau. There was just enough "flat" on the plateau to sleep two in a more or less horizontal position! As far as the eye could see, it would be impossible to get another position like this.

Sitting outside the tent at dusk, 400 miles south of "The Alice," viewing the scene of utter desolation, with a black storm cloud looming over Mt. Willoughby some 50 miles south, was tantamount to viewing the aftermath of an atomic bomb explosion. This is what it could look like—nothing!

Further south through different country, mainly dwarf scrub and red sand, one comes to that illusive township, Cooper Pedy. About four buildings are visible to the motorist, and he wonders where on earth the 94 inhabitants live.

Making friends with Mr. Brewster, the store-keeper, who incidentally went there 20 years

ago on account of his health and said he would die there, we were introduced to three picaninies. Needless to say in this out-of-the-way place they were very pleased to show us some of the underground dwellings of the opal gougers and families.

The country is mainly ferrous gypsum, and the dwellings are carved out under the hills. There is a wooden door on the outside of the tunnel (or hall) which leads to one, two or three rooms. Cooking stoves are located in niches in the walls and the chimney passes up to the atmosphere through the gypsum.

The average rainfall here is 5" per year. This instantly disappears into the porous ground and there is no surface water. Water for domestic purposes has to be carried from their underground wells. Asthmatic folks get relief from their complaint by living in this dry area. Some come up from the vicinity of Adelaide each year during the Winter. They work as opal gougers and can earn £20 per week. Of course some could "strike it rich" and that would alter things financially. Red flame opal is worth about £40 per ounce.

Cooper Pedy sells about £10,000 worth of opals a month.

The characters that go bush here are really worth studying. On rubbing shoulders with a bearded, shabbily dressed gent at the store, one never knows what he may be. Perhaps just a fossicker, perhaps a chap who wants to get lost, perhaps someone running away from an affair! When we met a chap who had lived in Bowral for many years we decided the world was a small place after all.

An opal gouger showed us with pride his 1926 model GAGE tourer. Never heard of one myself, but it is an American made tourer of 34 H.P. and has 20" wheels. In reasonably good order too!! He assured us it would do 12 miles to the gallon!

Travellers for south at "The Alice" are told, "Put the car on the train if you don't want it shaken to pieces."

Of course it depends on the driver. Many out-of-the-way places can be visited by car if one drives cautiously.

What's for you mate? Kangaroo tail soup?



## Gardening Notes for October

FLOWERS — SOW: Amaranthus, Antirrhinum, Asters, Balsam, Calliopsis, Celosia (Cockscomb), Cosmos, Dahlia, Delphinium, Dianthus, Petunia, Phlox, Portulaca, Salvia, Salpiglossis, Scabious, Sunflower, Zinnia.

PLANT: Penstemons, Perennial, Phlox, Petunias, Antirrhinum, Carnations, Verbena, Asters, Polyanthus, Delphiniums, Zinnias, Marigolds and Salvia (in shelter).

VEGETABLES—SOW: French Beans, Butter Beans, Beet, Cabbage, Cress, Carrot, Celery, Sweet Corn, Cucumber, Endive, Herbs, Leeks, Lettuce, Melons, Barley, Parsnip, Peas, Pumpkin, Potatoes, Radish, Squash, Tomato, Turnip.

PLANT: Tomatoes (in shelter), Cabbage, Beet, Silver Beet, Herbs, Rhubarb, Lettuce.

Anywhere just off the main roads now the wildflowers are coming into bloom. Many of them, such as Heaths, Boronias, Eriostemons, Tetratea, Hardenbergia, are a mass of colour. Go for a ramble and admire these beauties; but please do not destroy them or pick large bunches of the flowers. Many of them are protected by law as they are found in Australia only and we should all do everything we can to look after them.

That large grey bird with the loud, clear voice which we have heard during the last month or two calling from the tops of the trees is known as a "Clinking Currawong." It is an insect and fruit eater, and is found only in eastern Australia.

Summer-blooming annuals can all be planted now for a blaze of colour later in the year.

In the vegetable garden, seed sown last month should be well above ground. Cultivate well between the rows to keep down weeds, and bait for snails and slugs.

Watch for aphids on new growth and spray with DDT solution.

Green caterpillars may appear this month on cypress hedges. Watch for these and spray with arsenate of lead.

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Don't Take The Rap—Wear a Safety Hat  
Thoughtless Acts Make Accident Facts

## Let's Laugh

The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as hard work.

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If you've made up your mind that you can't do something—you're absolutely right.

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Despite all the new household gadgets, the handiest one to have around the house is still a husband.

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Whether or not you stick to a diet, it always does furnish food for conversation.

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Cool heads keep some men out of mischief but with most it's cold feet.

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A well-known Retail Store recently received this letter from a customer:

"Dear Sirs,—Please cancel the order for a maternity dress which you were going to deliver to me. My delivery was faster than yours."

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"So your daughter is about to marry. Do you really feel she is ready for the battle of life?"

"She should be. She's been in four engagements already."

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Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.

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Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from poor judgment.

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Try and try hard, but don't become trying.



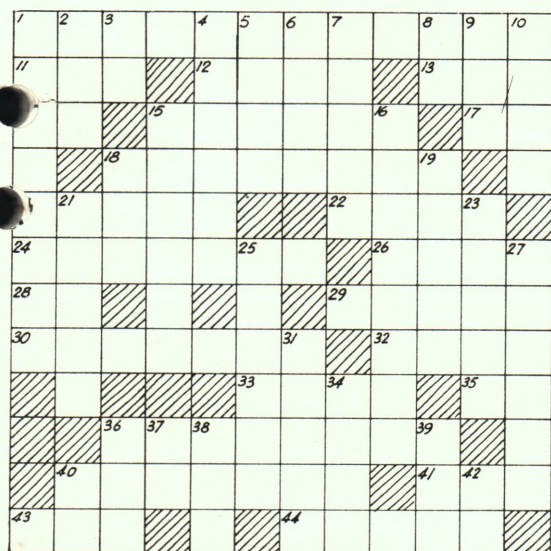
# — PUZZLE PAGE —

The result of problem No. 19 is shown on the right. Congratulations to Mrs M. Longhurst, of Sydney Street, New Berrima, for a correct entry.

## PROBLEM 20

### ACROSS:

1. American State
11. Sharp tap
12. Skin
13. Raw metal
14. If not
15. Stages
17. Queen Elizabeth
18. Giving warning
20. Sacrificial stone
22. Sodium chloride
24. Rhyme system poems
26. Root vegetable
28. Whether
29. Bitter
30. Fixed with studs
32. Fixed
33. Pertaining to sound
35. Element (abbrev.)
36. Convince
40. African river
41. One indefinitely
43. Finish
44. Choice part



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R	O	B		S	E	N		E	D	E	N

### DOWN

1. Introductory clause
2. Hearing organ
3. Notary public (abbrev.)
4. Globe
5. Period of time
6. In order that . . .
7. Valleys (African)
8. Negative
9. Anger
10. Prefix (aviation)
15. Worked wood
16. Grabbed
18. TV station
19. Shine brightly
21. High
23. High pitched
25. S. African fly
27. Rare find
31. Throw water upon . . .
34. Fixing device
36. To make soft
37. Printers' measure
38. Society of British Artists (abbrev.)
39. Partake
40. Element (abbrev.)
42. Compass point



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# — EDITORIAL —

Dear Readers,

The most disappointing aspect of October was the fact that our Safety Record went by the board on 24th of the month. With 49 days up we looked like getting back into the groove with an accident free run.

We now have to start again and recapture the days we need to keep those bonuses rolling in.

As I write up the notes for this issue on the eve of the Melbourne Cup, the usual pre-cup fever is noticeable. The password seems to be "Are you in a sweep?" and a continual dip in the pocket is made to satisfy the characters running these sweeps. No doubt the transistor radios will be out in full force tomorrow.

Last week I took a quick trip to the Colliery with the object of procuring some photos to accompany an article on the winning of coal from our Medway mine. Unfortun-

ately, I didn't make an appreciation of the time required to cover this project thoroughly. The result is a rather half-hearted attempt but I hope to get a better coverage at a later date. On following pages will be found a few pictures and some dope on the mine as I saw it.

Next month should see the completion of our Sydney office and a full write-up should be available together with pictures of this handsome new building.

Those who pass the remodelled oval regularly will no doubt have noticed the progress the grass has made after the recent rainfall. This means that the work still to be done will now be possible and completion of oval for play is now in sight.

Until next issue.

Yours,

THE EDITOR.

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

On Friday, 14th October, I had the privilege to represent the Company at the opening of Warragamba Dam by the Premier of N.S.W., Mr. Heffron.

A tribute was paid by the Water Board and others to the suppliers of materials used in the construction of the Dam and as Southern provided over 293,000 tons of low heat cement to the project we were truly a major supplier.

I have the utmost pleasure in passing on the tribute to you all as everyone of us, including the miners, have played a part in the manufacture of the cement.

The Dam wall is a magnificent structure containing over 1,500,000 cu. yds. of concrete and if you have not already seen it it is well worth the run to do so.

It is major projects such as the Dam that emphasise the important part that Portland cement is playing in the development of this country; however it is the cement that goes into roads and housing and other small projects in relatively small pours of concrete that provides the greatest market for our cement year after year.

—GENERAL MANAGER.

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## PRODUCTION NOTES

In keeping with our plan to feature the various plants each month, this issue is devoted to our Medway Colliery which I visited during the month.

As an introduction let us first have a look at some statistics on the winning of coal from this mine.

Coal seam: The seam is believed to be

the western extension of the South Coast No. 3 (Wongawilli) seam. The seam is 23 feet thick, however, only the bottom 7' 6" is worked.

Production: 850 tons per day for 4 kiln operation.

Method of working: The method of working is by hand winning on the oblique board



and pillar system. **Pictured below** we see George Fennamore and Jim Bell loading one of the 30cwt. capacity skips which are used to convey the coal to the surface.



*George Fennamore and Jim Bell.*

The workings are divided into "roads" each road consisting of six miners and one wheeler with a deputy supervising two roads.

Haulage: From the face the skips are drawn by horses to what is known as the in-by flats. This is only a short distance and the wheeler looks after this particular aspect. The skips are then picked up by a 44 H.P. "Buston" diesel locomotive, of which there are three, and hauled to the bottom of the incline just inside the entrance to the mine proper.

These locos operate along the flats with a driver and shunter and below we find Billy Verhaeghe and Roger Mundy, crew of one of the locos.

An endless rope haulage system then conveys the skips up the 1 in 4 incline to the surface where they are weighed then emptied by a semi-rotary tippler into a chute delivering to a single roll crusher which reduces the coal to minus 2". A 30" conveyor belt then transfers the product to a 300 ton capacity storage bin from where it is hauled to the works, a distance of approximately five miles, by 50 ton capacity rail waggons.



*Billy Verhaeghe and Roger Mundy.*

The mine is ventilated by a 72" axial flow fan which has a capacity of 110,000 cubic feet per minute.

To cater for the needs of the workers underground a store and ambulance room have been built in one of the main roads and the picture below shows Graham Beattie and Harold Duncan in the underground store.



*Graham Beattie and Harold Duncan.*



The following two pictures were taken just outside the adit and I must confess I wasn't looking forward to the walk up the incline ! ! !

SAFETY FIRST . . . . .

***THINK***  
**SAFETY**



*Looking up the incline.*



*The bridge over the river with skips on the haulage rope.*



# TRAVELLING ABROAD

By J. G. SCHOTT (Part II)

On Saturday 28th May at San Francisco we boarded the Southern Pacific Daylight Express en route to Los Angeles. This is a beautiful all steel diesel engined train which covered the 470 miles at an average speed of 47 miles per hour.

The train passed through some magnificent fertile valleys said to be some of the finest in the world. The main one being the Salinas Valley which contains the largest almond growing district in California, together with huge areas of beans, sugar beet, grain and livestock.

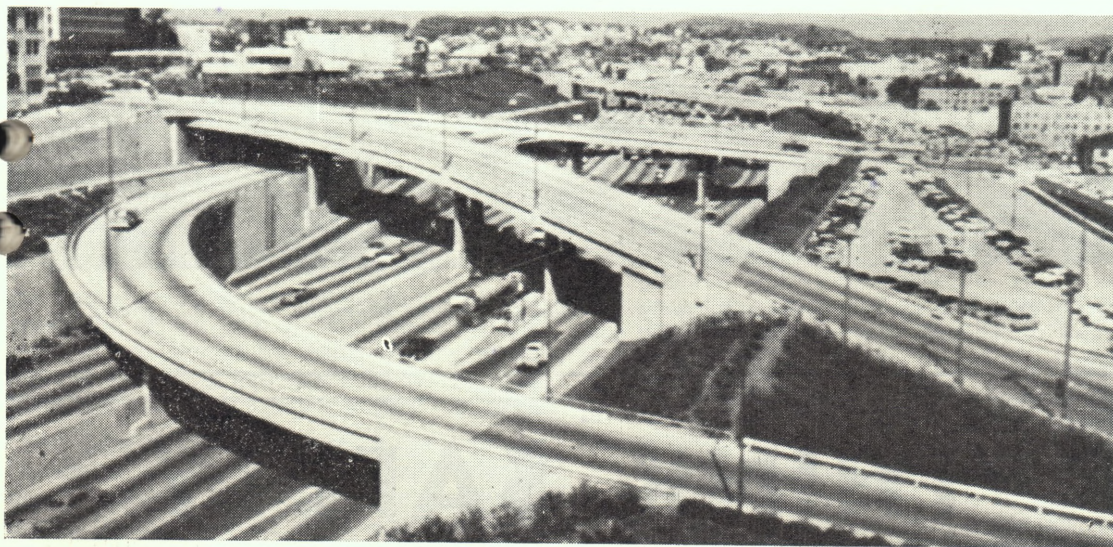
A few miles north of the town of Surf, the Daylight crosses a section of the Vandenberg Air Force Base, the nation's first major missile base and several missiles were seen in position ready for launching. 104 miles from Los Angeles is Santa Barbara, the city of beautiful homes, gardens and Spanish architecture, and containing a Mission founded in 1786, for which the city is famous. At Oxnard, 66 miles from our destination in the San Fernando Valley we saw where half of the world's supply of lima beans are produced. One travels for miles and sees all vegetable crops and then all fruit trees, and never a weed, even under the fruit trees the ground is all tilled.

Nearing Los Angeles we were amazed by the oil wells dotted about the district, the huge oil production and continuing industrial growth, together with the surrounding citrus and agricultural activity have greatly contributed to its development. Los Angeles is 25 miles inland and millions of dollars are being invested in new six-lane express free-ways, vast roads which link in Los Angeles by a system of intricate four level, clover leaf crossings which to the visitor appear rather complicated, however they are of tremendous importance in promoting the free flow of motor traffic in the city.

On Sunday, 29th May, a visit was made to the magic kingdom of Disneyland, a playground for young and old, and Monday being Memorial Day in the U.S.A. we were able to make a trip to Hollywood and Beverly Hills and view the homes of many famous film stars, including Hedy Lamarr, Will Rogers, Jerry Lewis and Jimmy Stewart.

A view was obtained of Sunset Boulevard which is now famous to TV fans as the home of "Sunset Strip."

The Mojave plant of California Cement Co. was reached by car on Wednesday, 1st June, after a hot trip through pretty desert



*The Freeway in Los Angeles.*



## TRAVELLING ABROAD —

Continued from previous page

country. This plant is recognised as being the most efficient in the U.S.A. and produces 1,000,000 tons per year.

Three days were spent in this area whilst visits were made to three other cement plants. This high Mojave Desert offers the rare sight of coloured wildflowers, grotesque Joshua

trees and the towering snow-capped San Bernardino Mountains. This golden land is noted for its clear blue skies, sunshiny weather and the famous Apple Valley Inn where we stayed. Temperatures in the area were 100 degrees F. and it was good to find that cars and buildings were all air-conditioned.



*Mojave Desert with cacti in the foreground and snowcapped mountains in the background.*

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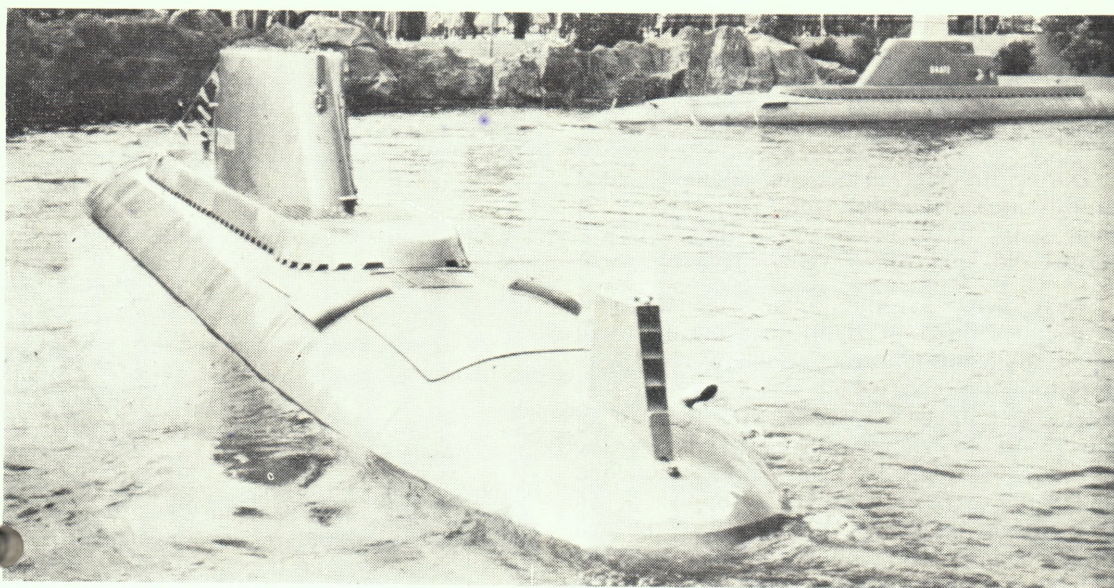
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# THINK SAFETY

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*A view of submarines at Disneyland.*

## TALES OF ADVENTURE

1,000 Miles of Bitumen Road from Darwin to "The Alice."

Goodness knows how hot Darwin is in the summer! All I know, it's mighty hot in the winter! Nevertheless it was interesting to see the houses built up on 8 feet stilt foundations for coolness and to dodge that mighty little worker—the white ant. The tides in Darwin Harbour are colossal. The difference between high and low would be in the vicinity of 30 feet, so imagine the difficulties encountered berthing vessels. Generally, small craft are lying high and dry on their sides at low tide.

To take a trip out to Humpty Doo is said to be only 40 miles from Darwin; but, by the time one inspects a few 10 acre rice paddocks the return mileage can run up to 100 miles or so. Very large earth moving equipment is used here, and this colossal comparatively new project is proving mighty successful.

At Rum Jungle, about 60 miles south of Darwin a well equipped Uranium extraction plant is located. The uranium ore is quarried from a large hole in the earth, similar in many respects to our Marulan Limestone Quarry. The ore is conveyed to the quarry top after

winning, where the uranium is extracted. Mill buildings and offices, AND, well guarded gate, are all that can be seen here. The plant operators live at Batchelor, 5 or 6 miles away. This is a very modern, well equipped town, possibly the size of Bundanoon.

Not far from Rum Jungle is the Adelaide River Cemetery. The War Graves Commission keeps this war cemetery in first class order, and if a cemetery could be called beautiful, this is the only way to describe it.

Further south some 150 miles, to Katherine, where a road leads out about 600 miles to Wyndham in Western Australia. Katherine is a sprawling country town and very dusty. The weary traveller is very thankful to locate himself on a shady bank of the Katherine River. Crocodiles do not come up the river this far, but can be heard bellowing at night sometimes.

A further 60 miles south of Mataranka there is the old Elsey Cemetery. This is about 6 miles from the original Elsey Station, the centre of Mrs. Gunn's old story "We of the Never Never."

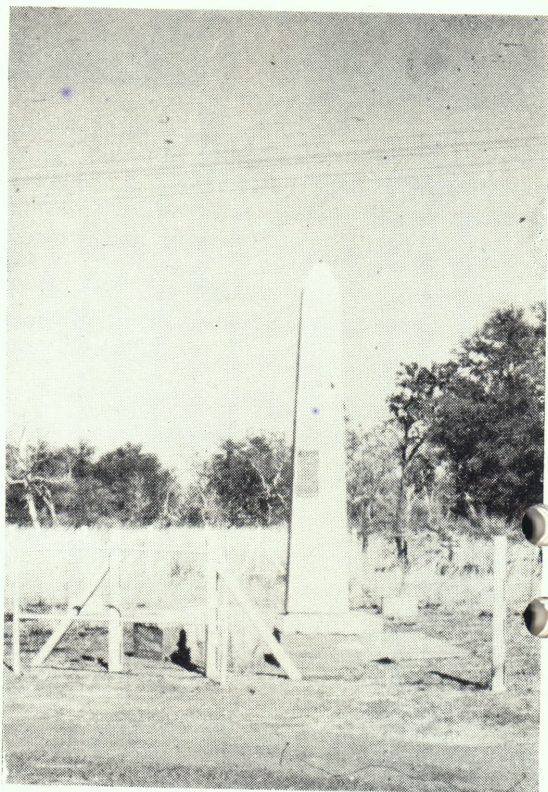


Some of the characters mentioned in Mrs. Gunn's book are buried here. A news item during the past month mentioned the passing at the age of 80 years, the remaining character in the book.

During the War, American soldiers located in this area, beautified the old cemetery in their spare time, and made it quite an historical old spot for travellers to view.

Near here, at Mataranka, one sees the obelisk (pictured at right) marking the spot where the teams constructing the overland telegraph finally joined. This was a major undertaking and linked Australia with the rest of the world by cable. All materials for the job were carried by pack horse, and food and water were in very short supply. When one travels in a high powered car through rough country on good roads one doffs the old hat to these pioneers, who resisted "the wet" and "the dry" under tremendous difficulty. Birdum, some 400 miles south of Darwin is the terminus of the railway, so all goods for further south are transferred to road waggons.

Passing Daly Waters, Dunmarra to Newcastle Waters, I was persuaded to hack a piece of mulga wood from a tree. This proved to be to my detriment, as the wood was as



*The Obelisk.*



*A memorial to John Flynn (Flynn of the Inland).*



hard and as heavy as iron, and the temperature 104 degrees F. I carried it in the tent pole bag, and was reminded of its presence each time the tent was erected! However, the thing did reach Moss Vale and I still may turn it up into some Mulga wood knick knacks!

Down through Banka Banka, where the mighty horses are bred, past Churchill's Head (an outcrop of rock on the roadside, that could be easily be a bust of that famous old gentleman) to the John Flynn (Flynn of the Inland) memorial cairn (pictured), where one sees a tablet to the memory of one of Australia's most famous gentlemen. Realising the difficulties under which the outback folks lived, he set out to assist them with medicine and religion. His mighty efforts finally resulted in the establishment of the "Royal Flying Doctor Service," which is available to all. The service is linked up by radio to all outback stations.

Travelling further we come to Tennant Creek which apart from the "mineral content" has nothing to recommend it!

The Devil's Marbles (pictured top right), a great heap of round granite boulders, also Central Mount Stewart are passed before



*The Devil's Marbles*

entering that pearl of a town, Alice Springs.

Central Mt. Stewart is a low hill, situated in sandy, dry scrubby country, and is the geographical centre of Australia.

I did want to tell you about The Alice and Namatjira, however, it will have to keep for a future issue!

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## ACROSS THE TASMAN

I received a letter in the mail this morning from Alan Parker who is at present holidaying in New Zealand with his wife. I have reproduced it here with a few photographs (Editor).

Just a few lines to give you my first impressions of the first leg of our trip to New Zealand.

We departed from Mascot at 1.10 p.m. Thursday on the Lockheed Electra 'Akaroa.' The weather in Sydney was perfect but after about two hours travelling over the ocean we ran into heavy cloud formations and were forced to climb to an altitude of 25,000 feet to clear the rough conditions associated with flying in cloud. Even so, we experienced a rather rough ride for half an hour or so. The outside air temperature was extremely low and was causing some slight icing up of the leading edge of the wing.

"We made landfall about 6.20 p.m. New Zealand time but could not see a great deal of the country due to the thickness of the cloud. However, brief breaks in the cloud revealed a mountainous and barren landscape with snow lying on the peaks. At 6.30 p.m. we ran out of the cloud and mountains and passed over green and brown fields of the Canterbury plains stretching for miles in all directions.

"Christchurch was reached at 6.50 p.m. New Zealand time after three hours, forty minutes flying time for a total of 1,360 miles.

"The country surrounding Christchurch is rather flat with lots of closely planted trees to form wind breaks.

"In all, a very pleasant trip in a luxurious aircraft."

Next issue should see some further material for the readers of the S.P.C. Newsletter.





*Bridge of Remembrance, Christchurch.*



*Boarding the plane, Mrs. Parker in right foreground.*



# — SPORTING NEWS —

By JACK MOTT

## FOOTBALL

Friday night, 7th October, was the date set for the Presentation Dance, and a very large crowd was present to witness the prizegiving. The Berrima Football Club had quite a successful year, just failing to make the semi-finals, but finished with a much better team than early indications had shown. If the same youthful players can be mustered together in the early part of next season they surely should make the finals. The prizegiving night at the end of each season is an occasion which all players eagerly look forward to in hopes that they may have been chosen as the outstanding player. It is an arduous task for the selectors to sort out the most outstanding players of each match, and it usually works out that no matter who they may choose they seem to come under some sort of criticism. However, the Berrima club selectors had no hesitation in declaring the winners and awarded the "best forward" trophy to Kevin Moore, who always plays a tigerish game in his position as hooker. The "best back" award went to Ken Mott, who has a very fast burst of speed and when given the ball in his position as left-winger usually knows what to do with it. The other award of "best and fairest player of the year" was captured by Jimmy Moore. Jim is a very reliable player, a good tackler and when in possession of the ball rarely fails to make good ground. Apart from being able to play the game well, he always plays it clean, and is a mighty worker for the club off the field.

The club also saw fit to show its gratitude to coach Herb Gilbert for the hard work he put into preparing the team and presented him with a very fine trophy.

## CRICKET

S.P.C. cricketers have yet to strike form both with the bat and the ball. To date, the first grade has had two dismal failures, and will have to brighten up a lot to save themselves from being at the bottom of the ladder when the district competition finishes. To date, the most promising bowler in the team would be Fred Bell, who seems to have struck form and captured five wickets at his last outing

against Mittagong. Fred is a slow bowler, and if used to advantage could be a trouble to any side.

The second-grade team looks as if it will finish up with a lot more victories than the top team. Quite a number of young players in this team could develop into really good cricketers by the middle of the season, and some of the older players would be doing a good job for the club if they were to coach and encourage the younger ones. Jim Moore again has to be mentioned in this sport for his performance with the ball, when his average at one stage during a game against Robertson was three wickets for five runs. Sid Talbert is another player in this team worthy of mention, and is always seen playing his customary keen game.

## BOWLS

The bowling season is now well under way, with the State matches in their final stages and the Pennants having started.

S.P.C. bowlers are well represented in the State finals, and have to face up to their games some time late in November. In the State singles, Alwyn Counsell will be a finalist, as well as Jim Dry and Alan Fraser in the pairs; and to top it off an S.P.C. four comprising Fred Armstrong, Bill Rutter, Len Knight and John Fuller have qualified for the semi-finals in the State fours after defeating a Robertson team 29 to 20.

Beginner's luck is rife in this game of bowls, and very often a player having his or her first game accomplishes something that never befalls them again. To mention an occasion of this type, Daphne Middleton during her first game on the green was successful in winning a "spider," a feat that most bowlers never can manage, and was not content to take only that trophy home but was a member of a team who were "runners-up" in the competition run that day. Two trophies for Daphne on her first day of bowls. Three other lady bowlers had their first day on the green on the same day and, although not lucky enough to take home a prizes, acquitted themselves well. They were Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. W. McDonnell and Mrs. Ron Jenkins,



and all enjoyed the day and are looking forward to many more such days.

## TENNIS

With two wet Saturdays during October, the tennis competitions have been set back a bit, and the true form of the various clubs has not had a chance to be exposed; so maybe next month we may be able to get a better line on this sport.

The results of one match which should interest us was the defeat of Agunyah II by Medway I in a reserve II game.

## MARULAN CRICKET

On Saturday, 15th October, Marulan had another first-innings win; but on the following Saturday were very unlucky to be defeated by 13 runs. This match had an exciting ending, with Lloyd Veal scoring 64 not out.

## LET'S LAUGH . . . .

McTavish felt very ill. Since he didn't have a family doctor, he staggered off to find any physician who might treat him at a thrifty price. At last he saw a sign: "J. M. Jones, M.M. First visit, £1; subsequent visits, 15s."

Into the office went McTavish. With outstretched hand he groaned, "Well, Doctor Jones, here I am again."



"I always wanted to know how long girls should be courted."

"Same as short ones."



Angry motorist: "This car you sold me won't even climb a hill."

Salesman: "I didn't say it would. Remember, when you bought it I just said, 'On the level, it's a fine car'."

## PERSONAL PARS

### AS HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Bob Hardy was presented with some very nice gifts from his workmates on the occasion of his wedding on 8th October. Congratulations, Bob!

Welcome back to Mrs. Margaret Parsons, who has been convalescing on the South Coast after a bout of asthma.

The engagement is announced of Miss Heather McWhirter, of Greenwich Park, to Mr. Clifford Shepherd, of Marulan South. Congratulations are extended to this young couple!

Eva Pearl were the names chosen for a daughter born to Mrs. and Mick Pidgeon, Marulan South. Congratulations to these proud parents!

Go-karting has hit Marulan! This popular sport has taken on all over the country, and Marulan sports a well-planned track where contestants are meeting regularly.

Hear tell that Norm Grant, our hearty Master of Ceremonies at the annual picnic, has been practising for his commentaries. Eventually tracked him down one day on top of the boilers renewing superheat tubes. Nice and quiet up there, but "What! No P.A. system?"



*Norm Grant.*



# — FISHING NOTES —

## WET CLOTHES AGAIN!

Passing on to the Eden district was pregnant with expectation! This was really going to be IT!

We had done very well at Dalmeney, so surely they would be better further down!

Passing through Bega we noticed a baity smell coming from the vicinity of the Police Station. On investigating further we found the enthusiastic old rod swinger Gordon Woodman! He gnashed his teeth with delight on seeing us. (I understand they are reinforced concrete—and gnash well—while they stay out!) The hospitality Gordon and his good wife handed out stunned us, and we were lucky to have got away without his household furniture! He persuaded us to give Tathra a go (11 miles from Bega), and said if we didn't get cases of fish to take back to Moss Vale he'd let all the prisoners out!

Tathra has a beautiful caravan park and camping area with all facilities, including 240 and 32 volts. Pippies and worms can be procured on the adjoining beach. Unfortunately, those nasty winds came up and the whole of the coastal fishing was disrupted, and, believe it or not, two tailor was the total bag for the two weeks! Should have been with Bill Townsend, who, while holidaying at Bateman's Bay counted his fish by the case!

For anyone looking for a good sheltered spot Tathra is the place. It offers ocean beach fishing, good rocks and the estuary of the Bega river. I should say November would be the best month to start thinking about a holiday there.

Trying our luck at Bermagui, we were sorry to see the devastation caused by recent heavy seas. Everything at the beautiful blue pool has been washed flat. Concrete and brick buildings, iron handrails and paths! Finished! Luck was with us however as the Co-op was open, and we purchased two 1½ lb. Mowong for 1/6 each! This was extra good shopping for, as I mentioned in my previous piscatorial epistle, prawns are procurable for up to 13/- per pound.

A sign of the times was the closing of the

fish cannery at Eden. The clerk at the counter mentioned that fish were off—they had apparently all migrated to the Narooma area, and the trawlers had chased after them! The cannery hoped to operate in 3 weeks time.

Whilst in the vicinity, the old buildings at Boydtown were visited at 1/- per person per trip! The township was built by Ben Boyd, as a whaling station, but unfortunately the project flopped. I understand he didn't live as long as Bob Boyd; he had no Victa and someone mowed him down! !

Looking down on Merimbula on the return journey was sublime, even though we had tried the beach, rocks and nearly got blown off the wharf, with no luck. Anyhow we turned home to Bega and ate the Woodman's fish. I think he must have taken a supply down from Moss Vale!

My word, I notice they are building an oil terminal right on my favourite whiting grounds at Trial Bay, South-west Rocks! Gad, sirs, that's definitely not cricket! And speaking of that village—Jim Simpson, together with his wife, bagged 3,500 tailor this season at Catherine Hill Bay! Howsatt? Not out! Did you know the legal length of prawns is 3½”?

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Editor: “Did the play you saw tonight have a happy ending?”

Critic: “Oh, yes. Everybody was happy when it ended.”

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An elderly gentleman observed a small boy trying to ring a door bell. The boy had trouble reaching the bell button, so the kindly old man walked up on the porch and pushed it for him. Then he asked the boy what he was going to do next.

“I'm going to run like mad, mister.” . . .

\* \* \*

He married her for better or worse . . . He couldn't do better and she couldn't do worse.



# — GARDENING NOTES —

**FLOWERS.**—**SOW:** Antirrhinum, Astor, Amaranthus, Balsam, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Helianthus (Sunflower), Marigold (African and French), Portulaca, Phlox Drummondii, Scabiosa, Salpiglossis, Sweet William, Verbena, Zinnia.

**PLANT:** Antirrhinum, Aster, Marigold, Portulaca, Phlox, Petunia, Carnation, Delphinium, Zinnia.

**VEGETABLES.**—**Sow:** Silver Beet, French Beans, Butter Beans, Climbing Beans, Carrot, Parsnip, Sweet Corn, White Turnip, Peas, Celery, Capsicum, Tomato, Cucumber, Melons (Rock and Water), Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish, Beetroot.

**PLANT:** Tomato, Lettuce, Rhubarb, Seedlings, Potatoes.

Dahlias may be planted now unless required for show purposes, when they are planted in mid-December. Plant a single tuber with a strong eye which has commenced growing. Do not water dahlias heavily until they have started into good growth. If watered

too much just after planting the tubers may rot. Overhaul the hoses ready for summer watering and repair any weak spots.

Stake all tall-growing plants as soon as you can make the first tie to keep the stems straight.

The humid weather we have had recently has brought on the usual moulds and mildews. Spray with Bordeaux mixture at summer strength to control these.

Spray with DDT to control aphids on roses and flowering fruit trees.

Keep vegetables growing steadily by regular cultivation, watering if the weather is dry; and give green vegetables regular dose of liquid manure if they seem to be slow in maturing. Keep up successional plantings of lettuce and French beans.

Pinch back sideshoots of tomatoes. Destroy any diseased plants, as infection is carried to healthy plants by thrips and aphids. Nip out growing tips of runners of vegetable marrows, pumpkins and cucumbers after the first fruits have formed.

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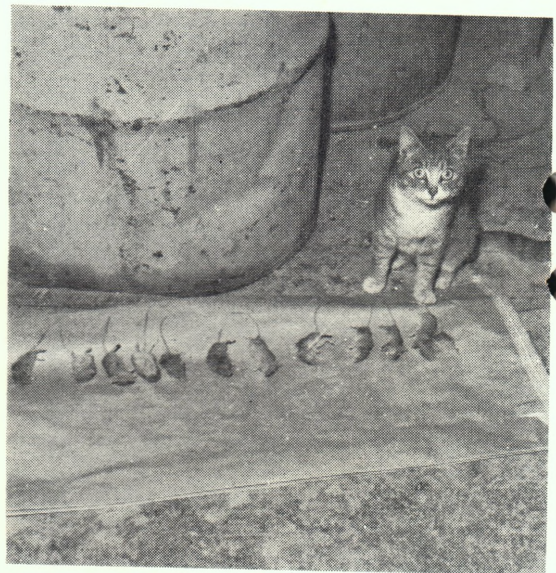
## THE STOCKHOUSE KILLER

Death stalks the gloomy corners of the stockhouse during the quiet hours of the night shifts, and piercing squeals rend the night air (dust laden) at regular intervals as the killer strikes with lightning swiftness.

Pandemonium reigned amongst the ranks of the little people as this monster pursued them relentlessly.

When dawn broke a scene of devastation was revealed to the eyes of the oncoming shift. The broken bodies of no less than twelve hapless victims were neatly piled beside the home of the midnight mauler, who was peacefully sleeping after having consumed four victims.

Pictured at right is the KILLER with her "bag" for one night's hunting.



*The Stockhouse Killer*



# MORE LAUGHS

Sign at a local used-car lot: "You think it's junk? Come in and price it."



The Frenchman did not like the look of the barking dog which barred his way.

"It's all right," said his host; "don't you know the proverb Barking dogs won't bite?"

"Ah, oui!" said the Frenchman. "I know ze proverbe, you know ze proverbe, but ze dog—does he know ze proverbe?"



Advt. in personal column: "Male, old enough to know better, wishes to correspond with female not quite that old."



A canny farmer, who made it a rule to think before speaking, was approached by a stranger one day and asked, "How much is that prize Jersey heifer of yours worth?"

The farmer thought a moment, then asked: "Are you a tax assessor or has she been killed by a train?"



Clerk of Courts: The State of New South Wales against Willie Johnson.

Willie: Lawdy, what a majority.



You don't need a doctor to tell you this: "DON'T LOSE CONTROL OF YOUR CAR . . . Keep up the payments."



"I ache all over," Joe complained. "What's the trouble?" asked Moe.

"A couple of weeks ago we bought a lot of ultra-modern furniture," he explained, "and I just found out that all this time I've been sleeping in the bookcase."

A man died and went to heaven. Father Peter opened the pearly gates, looked at him and said: "How did you get here?" The man replied, "FLU."



"How come you beautiful redheads marry men who are feeble, bald, nervous and weak?"

"We don't. They get that way."



Neighbour's boy: "Mister, my dad wants to borrow your corkscrew."

Neighbour: "Okay, sonny. You run along. I'll bring it over."



A doctor, an engineer and a politician were arguing which of their professions was the oldest.

Said the doctor: "Of course, medicine is the oldest. Mankind has always had physicians and they are even mentioned in the Bible."

Said the engineer: "That's nothing. The Bible tells how the world was created out of chaos, and how could there be any order brought out of chaos without an engineer?"

Said the politician: "Wait a minute! Who do you think created this chaos?"



"How did George get through his rich uncle's inheritance so fast?"

"Well, he spent a good bit of it on wine, women and song. The rest he squandered."



A golfing clergyman had been beaten badly by a parishioner 30 years his senior. He returned to the clubhouse rather disgruntled.

"Cheer up," his opponent said. "Remember you win at the finish. You'll probably be burying me some day."

"Yes. But even then," said the preacher, "it will be your hole."

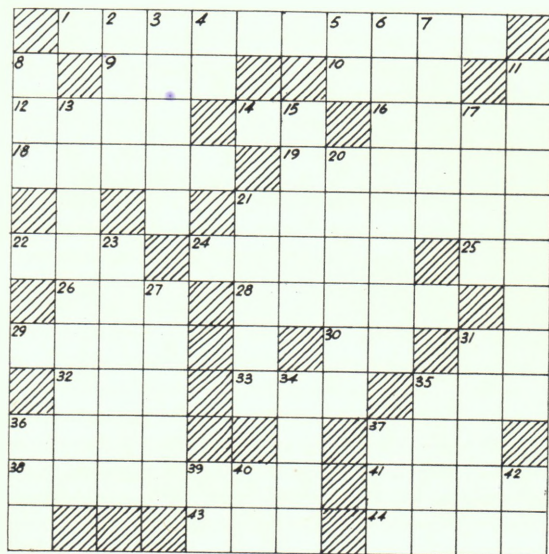


# - PUZZLE PAGE -

The result of problem 20 is shown at right. Winner of this problem was David McLaren, of the Electrical Shop. Congratulations David!

## Across:

1. Newspaper articles written by editor.
9. Self.
10. Number.
12. Become tiresome.
14. Street (abbrev.).
16. Eager.
18. Vine fruit.
19. Requesting.
21. Chooses.
22. Partook.
24. Eastern empire.
25. Exclamation.
26. Slapped.
28. Inn.
29. Girl's name.
30. Editor (abbrev.).
31. Printer's measure.
32. Belonging to thee.
33. Offer of price.
35. Fish.
36. Day.
37. The atmosphere.
39. The extent of land in acres.



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41. Part of the eye.
43. Boy's name.
44. Contact.

## Down:

2. Wooded hollow.
3. Eskimo's house.
4. In that direction.
5. Indefinite article.
6. Aroused.
7. Art of reasoning.
8. Well-known Australian newsprint factory.
11. Calcinous substance.
13. Relating to principles of beauty.
15. Maori name for devil.
17. On top of.
20. Abused.
21. True gentleman.
23. One of two.
27. Herb.
31. Weird.
34. Part.
35. Ireland.
36. Diem.
37. Reason.
39. There.
40. Start.
42. Station (abbrev.).



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# EDITORIAL—



Dear Readers,

By the time this edition reaches you, another year will be almost over, and I hope it has been a really good one for all concerned.

This is our second Xmas issue, and we will celebrate the event with our Annual Picnic on Saturday, 17th December. A full account of the programme for the day's events will be found on a later page of this issue.

No doubt there will be a lot of people taking holidays over the Xmas period. The only thing I wish to say to these people is to play safe and don't get involved in any accidents to mar the festive season.

It is a well-known fact that during this time of the year we eat a little more, spend a

good deal more, probably drink a little more than usual, so come back in the New Year safe and sound and in one piece, refreshed, happy and broke.

This issue is a rather lean one, as we feel that our 3rd Anniversary issue in January will be stacked full of the happenings over Xmas, and the New Year is always a good time to start afresh with a worthwhile magazine.

And so, from Berrima, we send greetings and good cheer for Xmas throughout the whole of the plant, and may you all enjoy a very happy festive season.

Until next issue.

Yours,  
THE EDITOR



## GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

The year 1960 has been our best ever in terms of cement sold, even though it only seemed to be half as long as other years. It no doubt appears to all of us that as we get older the years get shorter, and so 1960 has been the shortest of all.

There were no outstanding developments during the year, such as a new kiln or mill, only the satisfaction of raising our output from approximately 2/3 capacity at the start

of the year to near full capacity at the present time.

I will take this opportunity to thank all of you for your co-operation and effort during the year, without which we could not have achieved our output.

With best wishes to you and your families  
from myself and our Directors.

## GENERAL MANAGER.

# A MERRY



# CHRISTMAS



# TRAVELLING ABROAD

By J. G. SCHOTT—Part III

Leaving Riverside, California, we continued our journey by Greyhound bus through desert country and crossed the mighty Colorado River into the State of Arizona. It is strange to see such a large stream flowing through such hot, barren country. We did not see one cow or sheep grazing along the 476 miles to Phoenix, where we stayed overnight before moving on to Flagstaff.

Flagstaff is famous as the home of many western films, and in its desert setting many Wyatt Earp films have been made.

Albuquerque, in New Mexico, was reached after an interesting trip through timber country, mostly pines, then over bare plains and along the edge of the Painted Desert, which is very scenic, showing colourful hues of pinks and reds along the low cliff sides. In this region vast areas are set aside as Navajo Indian Reserves, and here are to be seen Indians living in their natural surroundings.

Eighteen miles from Albuquerque a visit was made to an ultra modern cement plant in Tijeras Canyon. This plant is completely dust-free, and the kiln does not even require a chimney stack.

Tulsa, in Oklahoma, was our next stop,

and this city is the oil centre of the U.S.A. It is quite common to see a pump on oil in a back yard, and some of them have been operating since the year 1920 and are still yielding payable quantities of oil. How lucky can you be?

Near Bartlesville, Oklahoma, there is an oil well in the main street which was completed in 1914 to a depth of 1,771 feet and is still producing oil today.

This is a rich farming State, the cattle are beautiful, and standing in grass three feet high. All breeds are to be seen, and, whilst Herefords predominate, there are many Friesians, Long Horns, Jerseys and Santa Gertrudis.

From Tulsa we flew to Dallas in Texas. This Lone-Star State is the best, the biggest, the hottest, coldest, wildest, most rugged hunk of land on the face of the earth. It is a colossal assortment of mountains, deserts, green pastures, ranches and rivers scattered at random over 260,000 square miles. It has pink grapefruit, red sunsets and blankets. It has tall men, tall tales, long-horn steers and pretty gals. It has enough natural gas under it to float it away, and enough dough, dogies and



THE PAINTED DESERT





MAIN STREET OIL WELL

derricks on it to hold it down. All in all, you can shut my mouth and call me "TEX" if this isn't the damnedest place I ever saw.

## "THE ALICE"

Just on 1,000 miles of bitumen road south of Darwin and 150 miles south of the geographical centre of Australia lies Alice Springs, nestled in a valley in the McDonnell Ranges.

The town itself is well laid out, but about one-third of the residential area is separated by the Todd River. In the "dry" the Todd is just a sandy stretch with gum trees growing out of the bed, whilst in the "wet" it is a raging torrent.

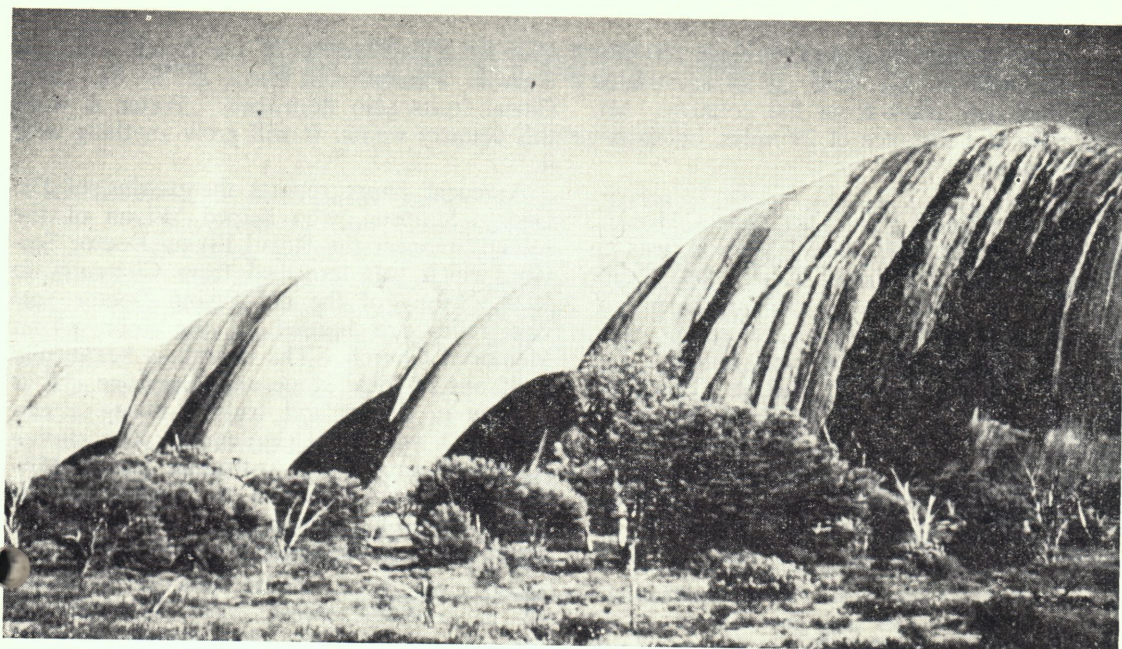
The only communication south is through Heavitree Gap, which is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of the township. Through this gap pass the road, the overland telegraph and the Todd River. Alice Todd, the daughter of Sir

Charles Heavitree Todd, gave the town its name. The original springs were three miles north of the town's present position. These springs are the original Alice Springs which induced the building of the overland telegraph station opposite the Springs. This telegraph station was used as the town post office until after the arrival of the railway in 1928, when a new post office was built in the town and the old telegraph station was converted to housing half-caste children and administrative offices, and the name was changed to "The Bungalow." During the war, however, there was another change, and the half-caste children were moved to South Australia and the "Bungalow" was used as a ration centre by the Dept. of Native Affairs. This area has now been declared an Aboriginal Reserve and a permit must be obtained from the department before inspection.

Just a miniature King's Cross! That's what "The Alice" is! In the street one sees the tourist overhung with cameras and gadgets, together with the usual white population and a sprinkling of "New Australians." The colourful aborigines are to the fore! One sees darkies with jeans and high-heeled shoes, wearing gay shirts and large, coloured cowboy hats. They walk jauntily, with hands tucked in front of belts. Quite a number of less-colourfuls with old, dirty, white shirts and baggy pants, no shoes, also down-at-heel lubras with piccaninnies. In amongst all this, Albert Namatjira arrived in what looked like a Dodge utility. He sat in the cab while numerous darkies oozed out! Also another six got out of the back. I took his photo on the spot. He didn't look like an expert. However, he has produced some marvellous paintings, and the vivid colours portrayed are typical of the early-morning and late-evening scenes on the Ranges. He has not passed on, but he is remembered in many homes where beautiful "Namatjiras" hang.

We met Leslie Campbell in "The Alice," and while we were staying at "Green Leaves" caravan park with Reg Verrin, saw one of his demonstrations of painting. Mr. Campbell has exhibited at quite a lot of places, including Moss Vale, Bowral and Mittagong. His caravan seems to be missing from Nowra lately. I wouldn't be surprised if he is in The Centre for the winter. Lucky devil! Incidentally, if you really want a good winter holiday, fly to "The Alice." Beautiful warm days and cool nights—no mosquitoes—and plenty of very nice trips.





*EYRE'S ROCK*

Simpson's Gap is situated about 11 miles out, and is a very large gap, colourful and spectacular. The acoustical phenomenon that the overhanging walls have in sound echoes is of interest. Photos must be taken during 30 minutes at midday, as this is the only period of sunlight.

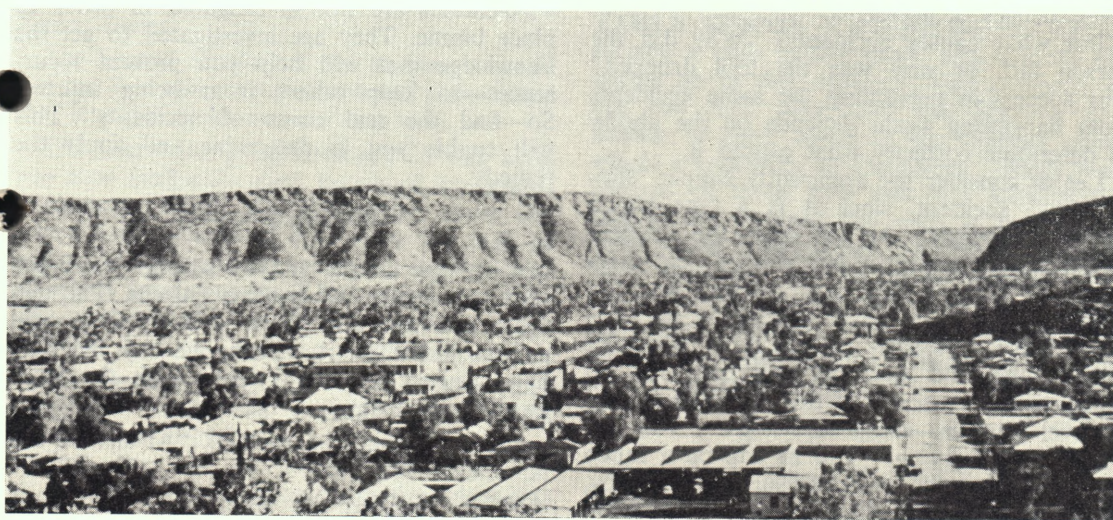
Stanley Chasm would be about a third of the journey to Simpson's Gap, and there is a bigger variety of rugged scenery than in any other part of the ranges.

Hermansberg Mission Station is 90 miles west, and is run by the Lutheran Church.

The natives are being trained in the tanning of skins, both for the production of leather and furs, and in the making of skin rugs, boots, shoes and other leather ware. A permit is required to enter.

Palm Valley is 14 miles from Hermansberg, and is one of the most picturesque places in the Territory. One palm that grows here does not appear anywhere else in the world. Only four-wheel-drive vehicles are suitable for this trip.

Eyre's Rock (pictured above) is, in my opinion, the 8th wonder of the world! It is



*ALICE SPRINGS*



the world's largest monolith, being 1,100 feet high and nine miles round. It is red striated rock, and rises stark from flat country. Mt. Olga rises at a distance of 29 miles, but is not as spectacular.

Looking through "The Old Timers' Home," run by the Australian Inland Mission, was an eye-opener. Superintendent Curtis looks after about 18 old men, who occupy modern concrete brick duplex homes of two rooms each, with a common bathroom and laundry. The homes are spotless and all electric. The farm, which is, needless to say, all sand, has to be watered heavily every day, and takes molybdenum super. I saw cauliflowers shoulder high with 25lb. heads. The lettuce, which grow as large as Burrawang cabbages, are wrapped in greaseproof paper and packed in

tea-chests for shipment per road train to Darwin. They retail there at 4s 6d. each. Citrus fruits also flourished. Water is what this country wants. It will grow anything with it.

A recent paper reports the passing of Dr. George Simpson, who helped "Flynn of the Inland" pioneer the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which was launched from Cloncurry in 1928. Many of the old Flying Doctor Service relics are housed in the John Flynn Memorial Church. The church is beautifully built out of local stone and limestone. It is modern in design and truly a fitting monument to a wonderful gentleman. The church is carried on by the Australian Inland Mission, and I am indebted to Rev. Grant for many of the marvellous tours which he suggested I should include in the itinerary.

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## ***SAFETY FIRST . . . .***

# **ACCIDENTS CAUSE INJURIES . . . WHAT CAUSES ACCIDENTS?**

Many people use the words "injury" and "accident" interchangeably without realising that there is a difference. An accident occurs every time someone trips or falls or a tool is dropped by an overhead worker and so on; but someone is not necessarily always injured. Injuries are one of the unfortunate consequences of accidents.

But what causes accidents? Why did the person fall, or why was the tool dropped? Our success in preventing the same accidents from happening again depends on the ability to determine correctly what caused it.

Let us consider the apparently simple "slip-and-fall" accident, since it is a type which occurs frequently. All too often the accident report states "employee just slipped" or "carelessness." These are not causes, are not helpful, and should never appear on an accident report. Healthy people don't normally walk along and suddenly fall over for no no particular reason. Did the employee fall on a level surface, ramp or steps? Was he running or hurrying? Did he trip on a fallen object? Was the walking surface wet, icy, greasy or uneven? If there was a handrail, was the employee using it? Or was the hand-

rail missing or broken? Was horseplay involved? Was he looking somewhere else than where he was going? How about trouser cuffs, worn heels, slippery soles?

Whatever the cause, it must be identified before positive action can be taken to eliminate it.

Accidents are not investigated in order to place blame. They are investigated to get the knowledge that will help you prevent recurrences—to keep others from being injured. So—find the real cause of accidents! This will enable you to determine and apply the remedy.

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A refugee couple arrived several years ago with one dream—to become citizens. Through much red tape and years of study they were patient and hopeful. Then one day the husband rushed into the kitchen with the long-awaited good news.

"Anna! Anna!" he shouted. "At last we are Americans."

"Fine," replied the wife, tying her apron around him. "Now, you wash the dishes."



# — SPORTING NEWS —

By JACK MOTT

**CRICKET.**—The first social game of the season was played on the Old Berrima ground on 20th November, when a team from the South Coast was invited to play the Berrima boys. Fine weather was turned on for the visitors, and everyone present voted it a very enjoyable game.

The match was played in a real picnic atmosphere, and the club is looking forward to the time when the S.P.C. oval is back in play, when many more social fixtures will be arranged.

For the home players, Reg Longhurst, Secretary of the club, performed best, making a score of 33 and taking 3 of the visitors' wickets. He was closely followed in the bowling averages by Len Adams, who also took 3 wickets. Len was not quite so successful with the bat, making only 6 runs. Two other players, N. Austin and H. McDonnell, shaped well with the bat and made 28 and 29 respectively. The match was won by the Berrima boys.

In the district competition, S.P.C. cricketers, both first and second grades, have yet to chalk up a win, although both teams occasionally put on some bright and entertaining cricket. The best innings to date by any first-grader was that of Graham Beattie against Bowral, when he scored 77 not out—a good knock—and shows that it can be done; and we look forward to better performances from this team after they have all had a big Xmas dinner.

The Second Grade has yet to win a match, but has had some near-misses and is confident that it will ring up number one soon.

The best batting performance in this team was Ron Stafford's good knock of 61 against Robertson, when the Robertson team declared and gave the S.P.C. boys the task of getting 114 runs in 60 minutes. This looked a forlorn hope, but the S.P.C. team dug their toes in and at the final bell found them wanting only 5 runs. A really exciting finish.

The Secretary of the S.P.C. Club, Reg Longhurst, would like to remind players that the club has been under considerable expense buying gear, and he would appreciate it if all members would make themselves financial as soon as possible.

**BOWLS.**—Most district bowlers have been kept busy this month, what with Club Championships, Pennants and a host of social games being played. One of the most outstanding performances of S.P.C. bowlers was put on by Bill McDonnell one Thursday afternoon. Bill entered in a competition in Moss Vale, well known to midweek bowlers as Chicken afternoon. The usual run of things on these afternoons is a triples game, but on this day there were insufficient players to make all triples, and Bill was left in a "pairs" game with R. Flook. The pair won the trophy of a dressed chicked each and, as there was one left over, the Club decided to raffle the odd one, and Bill managed to have the lucky ticket, so home he went with a pair of chickens. Not satisfied with that, Bill was back at the clubhouse that night and took part in a euchre tournament and went home with the gent.'s trophy—not a bad day's work after filling seven at the pit.

**TENNIS.**—The best performance by any Berrima team so far in the district competition is the "Hillside" team, which has been successful on five occasions out of six. The team comprises Barry and Colin Moore, Graham Day, Trevor Mott and Mesdames Condon and Taylor and Lorraine Bell. Their latest victory was over the Medway team in a very tight finish, when the last set decided the issue. "Hillside" won five sets to four.

**TABLE TENNIS.** A group of Berrima lads has formed a club in this sport, which looks like taking on in this district. Two competitions are run each year, and the Berrima club intends to enter teams in the summer comp. which commences in December. Each team consists of three men and one lady player, and at the moment the club is looking for more young lady players. The players practise each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Berrima School of Arts. Again the Moore family is to the fore in this sport, and Kevin and brother Colin are showing out as potential stars.

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Sign on the back of a small foreign car:  
"Quit honking. I'm pedalling as fast as I can."



## FISHING NOTES

No doubt you read of the 318lb. groper speared at Sussex Inlet recently!

A few years ago a large groper swam round the jetty at Coff's Harbour for some months and proved a great tourist attraction. He defied all attempts of capture. As a matter of fact, I don't think the locals wanted him caught; he brought so many visitors. It seems quite possible this is the fish that was speared down south!

It happened last week-end! A good catch (7) of 5lb. flathead and a few tailer at Comerong Island! It would appear that things are improving. This always happens when I decide to use the firm's product! Prawns and poddy mullet were used for bait.

Another trip was made from Palm Beach in the M.V. "TRINGA." As poor fishing was experienced last time, all were looking forward to better results. However, they have again been disappointed, although the cruise was altered to cover Pittwater, Terrigal and a few of the local spots.

Large numbers of red indians (rock cod) were landed. Bill Brooks filled two corn-bags! (I think this should read cornflour-bags!) Jack Simpson fished for mutton birds with a line that had no hooks or sinkers!

Last trip the beds were a bit hard, but this trip was really good with the mattresses, pillows and blankets supplied. Miscellaneous small bags were taken home, including one shark, parrot fish, teraglan, flathead, sergeant baker, sweep, morwong, flounder and jewfish.

Fred Bonnar didn't get his promised feed of fish. However, he was much better off than those who were feeding them!

After returning from a fishing trip to Lake Birril last season, I had the misfortune to discover I had been bitten by sea lice. From the knees to the soles of the feet I was literally covered by hard red lumps the size of half a pea. This "rash" was exceedingly irritating, just like sandfly bite, and had to be treated with adrenalin.

Supposing that I was just unlucky, I finally ended wingeing and coughed up the medical fees cheerfully. But during the last few months I have spoken to three more victims of this pest from that same area. It's possible that the lice exist in the more stagnant parts of the lakes. Anyhow, watch your step this summer, for, believe me, it's a mighty irritating complaint!

## GARDENING NOTES

**FLOWERS.**—SOW: Amaranthus, Asters, Balsam, Celosia, Coreopsis, Helianthus, Marigold, Stock, Pansy, Portulaca, Phlox, Primula, Wallflower, Zinnia.

**PLANT:** Gladioli for autumn flowering. Petunias, Snapdragons, Marigolds, Asters, Carnations.

**VEGETABLES.**—SOW: Beet, French Beans, Butter Beans, Runner Beans, Carrot, Parsnip, Spinach, Sweet Corn, Swede Turnip, White Turnip, Peas, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Celery, Kohlrabi, Tomato, Cucumber, Melons, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Raddish.

**PLANT:** Tomato, Lettuce, Spinach, Eschlot.

Lightly prune any shrubs which have made too rampant growth during the showery weather.

Remove all weed growth now, so that weeds will not seed over the holiday period and make untidy garden beds. Long grass should be cut back to minimise fire danger, and remove the breeding grounds for slugs and snails.

Stake and tie all tall-growing plants.

Pick vegetables early in the morning to preserve their crispness.

Dig out any worn-out plants and make successional sowings of beans and lettuce.

Hoe the ground frequently, and give leafy vegetables a light side dressing of sulphate of ammonia each week.

Watch for green caterpillars on cypress hedges and spray with arsenate of lead or Bugetts.

**KNOW YOUR PLANTS:** Deutzia gracilis — height 6ft., double white flowers, borne in profusion on arching branches. There are also single pale pink and single white varieties of this same shrub all flowering now.

Philadelphus — mock orange — height 8ft. Single and double varieties of this rather stiff, sweetly perfumed, white-flowered, showy shrub, all flowering now.

**KNOW YOUR PESTS:** Aphids — aphis or "green fly" (as it is called in England). Soft-bodied green, sap-sucking insects, winged or wingless, found in numbers on young growths, particularly roses and peach trees. Spray with contact spray such as DDT or nicotine sulphate. These pests have a good many natural enemies, such as birds (willy wagtail



and silver eyes), "ladybird" larvae (these look like small dragons), parasitic wasps and hover flies. All this reminds us—

"Big fleas have small fleas on their backs to bite 'em.

Small fleas have smaller, and so 'ad infinitum'."

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## PERSONAL PARS

### HEARD ON THE GRAPE VINE

Kevin and Mrs. Lobley, of New Berrima, are the proud parents of a son born at Winge-carribee Hospital on November 12th. Congratulations to you both!

Peter Mott has recently been discharged from Lewisham Hospital, where he has been undergoing treatment. Peter is looking remarkably well after his three months' hospitalisation.

Frank Day, who usually spends his Saturday afternoons on the cricket field, had a change of plans when he was present at his son's wedding. The bride was Valerie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bon Blair. Congratulations to this young couple!

Our best wishes are extended to Mrs. Jim Thorpe for an early recovery from her illness, which has required a trip to hospital for observation.

Spotted Fred Armstrong back at his favourite sport, bowls, apparently none the worse after his amazing experience on the operating table. Good luck, Fred!

Les Humphries, our Employment and Safety Officer, was married on Saturday, 26th Nov., at Wahroonga in Sydney. Les kept this event a fairly close secret, hence our lack of details regarding the bride. Nevertheless, good luck, Les, to you and your bride, and may you have a bright and happy future.

Congratulations to Roger Seville (Colliery) on his recent pass in the examination for Certificate of Competency as a Mine Surveyor held at Newcastle on Nov. 8 and 9.

### RETIREMENT

A send-off was accorded Bill Croese on Friday, 18th November, on the occasion of his retirement from the company after 20 years' service. Mr. L. C. Knight, the Works Manager, presented Bill with an award in recognition of his long service. A gift was also presented on behalf of all Bill's workmates at S.P.C. Congratulations and best of luck, Bill, in your retirement.

A welcome is extended to Miss Jan Clulow (General Office), daughter of Eric Clulow (Drawing Office). Jan joined the company on Monday, 28th November.

Two staff trainees commenced with the company during November. Peter Barnes will be attached to the Laboratory staff, and Graeme Barlow, back with us again, will be with the Electrical Shop. Both are University students, and will be with us during the University vacation.

During United Nations Week, which was observed during the last week of October, two naturalisation ceremonies were celebrated locally, one at Mittagong and one at Bowral.

One of our employees, Hendricus Elsing (Raw Miller), was present at the ceremony and took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Congratulations, Hendricus!

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## OBITUARY

It is with regret that we report the passing of Mr. C. A. Johansen on the 17th November. Mr. Johansen was a former resident of Marulan South, and his death was a great shock to members of the community. During his 20 years' employment as a blacksmith with the company he had earned the respect and affections of all his workmates.

To his widow and family we extend our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

### In Appreciation

"Go and see Charlie."

"If you can't buy it, Charlie will make it."

"Charlie will do it for you."

Expressions such as these were common at Marulan South, in homes as well as at the Quarry.

For the past 19 years Charlie was one of the most popular persons at the S.P.C. Quarry, and one of the most familiar; always the first to catch the eye of the many visitors, standing beside his anvil with hammer in hand. Blacksmithing had been his lifelong profession—as was his father before him—and given a hammer, chisel and forge could perform the almost impossible.

His many masterpieces will be a monument forever to his skill and an inspiration to those who follow him.

"Cheerio, Charlie. A job well done."

LES COOPER, Marulan South.



# LET'S LAUGH

"I work in the opera at night. In the last act I carry a spear."

"How do you manage to stay awake?"

"The fellow behind me carries a spear too."



The zoo's only elephant had just died of old age. All the personnel looked sad, but the elephant's trainer carried on something awful. Finally a colleague said, "Now listen, you simply shouldn't take the death of an animal that hard."

"It's easy for you to say that," replied the trainer. "But I'm the one who has to dig the grave!"



The oiler was leading a handsome boxer on a new leash when he met a friend. "Look what I got for my wife this morning."

The friend gazed in admiration. "Gosh, you have all the luck. Wish I could make a trade like that."



The husband was a little flushed and laughing happily as the couple left the cocktail party. He had certainly been the life of the party.

"Darling," asked the woman sweetly.

"Yes, dear?"

"Did anyone ever tell you that you are fascinating, romantic and very handsome?"

"Why, no," replied the husband, obviously flattered, "I don't think anyone ever did."

"Well, then," said his wife, "where did you ever get the idea?"



Since the new 'dozer operator couldn't stop snapping his fingers he went to see a psychiatrist.

"Why do you do this?" asked the doctor.

"It keeps the tigers away, Doc."

"My good man," replied the psychiatrist, "there are no tigers within 6,000 miles."

"Effective, isn't it?" he beamed.



A favourite definition of a child: An object half way between an adult and a television set.



The standard of living we could afford was the one we were on before we got our last two raises.

A pedestrian is a man who won't provide his family with a second car.



Bad habits are like a comfortable bed: easy to get into, but hard to get out of.



## ANZAC

Reproduced here are some "boomers" extracted from a newspaper circulated in the 1st Australia Division at Gallipoli during June and July, 1915. The newspaper was handwritten and had as its title "The Dinkum Oil."

Under the heading "ADS" the following appeared:—

Pos. Vac.: Full Private requires fatigue party to carry a pair of boots recently issued to him.

Public Notices: The Turkish artillery is requested to refrain from wasting ammunition whilst our meals are being served.

Personal, Missing Friends, etc.: Charlie, come back, dearest. A warm welcome awaits you. Loving arms will enfold you. Sgt.-Maj. BAWLER.

To Let: Nice dugout on the skyline. Owner leaving for field hospital.

WANTED: Section Commander requires pair of good field glasses to find his men when there is shrapnel about.

A Merry CHRISTMAS

and a

Happy NEW YEAR

To All.



# S.P.C. Entertainment Group's ANNUAL PICNIC

## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

EXETER PARK, 17th DECEMBER, 1960—12 NOON.

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS: Commence 12.45 p.m.

<b>FLAT:</b>				50 yards	„	(8-10)	Boys
100 yards handicap	(13-15)	Boys		„	„	(8-10)	Girls
„	(13-15)	Girls		„	„	(5-7)	Boys
75 yards	(11-12)	Boys		„	„	(5-7)	Girls
„	(11-12)	Girls		25 yards	„	(4-under)	Boys & Girls

### GENERAL MANAGER'S TROPHY:

Competed for annually—commences 1 p.m.

MACHINE SHOP HOLDER—1959-1960

Flat Race—40 yards	40 years and over	Points allotted as under:—
Flat Race—50 yards	26 years to 39 years	1st Place = 3 Points
Flat Race—85 yards	25 years and under	2nd Place = 2 Points
Relay Race—85 yards	4 men team	3rd Place = 1 Point
Tug-of-War	4 men team	

### NOVELTY EVENTS:

Relay	(8-10)	Girls
„	(8-10)	Boys
„	(11-12)	Girls
„	(11-12)	Boys
„	(13-15)	Girls
„	(13-15)	Boys
Wheelbarrow	(8-10)	Boys
„	(11-12)	Boys
„	(13-15)	Boys
Three Legged	(8-10)	Girls
„	(8-10)	Boys
„	(11-12)	Girls
„	(11-12)	Boys
„	(13-15)	Girls
„	(13-15)	Boys

### LADIES' EVENTS

100 Yards Handicap	Single
75 Yards	Married
Relay	Single
„	Married
Three Legged	Single
„	Married
Throwing Rolling Pin	Single
„	Married
Tug-of-War (teams post entries)—	
	All Comers—Men
Gents Thread Needle—	Mixed
Ladies' Run 50 Yards—Husband and Wife	

### BUS TIME-TABLE

<b>Bus Leaves—</b>		<b>Bus Leaves—</b>	
Mittagong .....	11.00 a.m.	Mittagong .....	11.30 a.m.
Welby .....	11.15 a.m.	Bowral .....	11.45 a.m.
Old Berrima .....	11.40 a.m.	Moss Vale .....	12 Noon
New Berrima .....	11.50 a.m.		
Moss Vale .....	12.00 a.m.		
<b>Arrive—</b>		<b>Arrive—</b>	
Exeter .....	12.30 p.m.	Exeter .....	12.30 p.m.

For visitors wishing to have lunch on arrival, hot water will be provided.

Announcements will be made over the Public Address System of times for Xmas Tree, Afternoon Tea, and Ice Cream issues.

Prizes will not be issued unless official cards are presented.



# — PUZZLE PAGE —

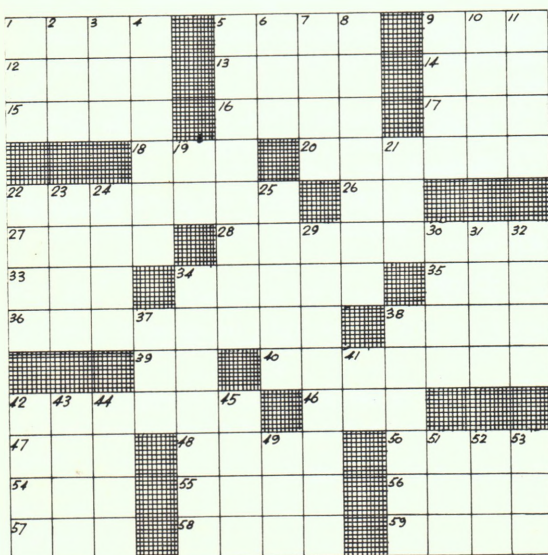
The result of Problem No. 21 is shown at right. Lucky winner this month was Mrs. J. Dean, of Sydney Street, New Berrima.

Congratulations, Mrs. Dean!

## PROBLEM NO. 22

### Across:

1. Money (sl.).
5. Shakespearean king.
9. Malayan coin.
12. Curved molding.
13. Inactive.
14. Fodder.
15. Red flannel hash vegetable.
16. Horn noise.
17. Tangy dessert.
18. Article.
20. Keeps low.
22. Afternoon visitors.
26. At home.
27. Awry.
28. Elec. current measurers.
33. — Juan.
34. Decorous.
35. Caviar.
36. Some homes.
38. Chill.
39. Anent.
40. Steepers.
42. Salad —.
46. Reprobate (sl.).
47. Disencumber.
48. Prefix: half.
50. Easy gait.
54. Gibbon.
55. Barge canal.
56. Gala nights.



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57. Hankering.
58. Autumn hues.
59. Herb.

### Down:

1. Man with troubles.
2. Touchy subject.
3. Alphabet letter.
4. Pot.
5. Save.
6. Holland commune.
7. Drinks.
8. R.S.V.P.'d.
9. Skinny.
10. Instrument of torture.
11. Assents.
19. Pronoun.
21. Bank money (abbr.).
22. Mold.
23. Culture medium.
24. Girl's name.
25. Dashing.
29. Woes.
30. Therefore.
31. Defeat.
32. Observes.
34. Fashionable figure.
37. Wrath.
38. Astrachan and Gravenstein.
41. Three-toed sloth.
42. Colour.
43. Mature.
44. Original garden.
45. Wither.
49. Centrally.
51. Eggs (L.).
52. Wooden pin.
53. Compass point.