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Works Manager's Report

Our General Manager is at present enjoying a well earned vacation, so it falls to me to write the notes for this issue. Looking back over 1963 one finds a few highlights.

Firstly Marulan Quarry established a new record having handled in excess of two and a quarter million tons of material. What a nice effort.

At Berrima, sales were in second place to our all time high in 1960. However, the most pleasing record of all is having retained the Cement & Concrete Association's Interworks Safety Shield with the best figures of all time.

We look to 1964 as it offers the chance of bigger and brighter achievements, a year of nil lost-time accidents, good sales, and the successful lighting up of our new No. 5 Kiln.

So here's to 1964 and the very best to you all!

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Firstly let me wish all our readers the compliments of the season with the hope that 1964 brings happiness and prosperity to you and your families.

I would also like to thank all the good people who helped with our last Edition. Although they had their own job to do, they all worked to make our "Newsletter" another one of which to be proud.

It is with some humility that I assume the position as 'Editor' but I hope, with your help, I can keep our "Newsletter" at its present high standard. If you have any contributions or new ideas please send them to me. They will be most welcome.

On my return to Berrima, after travelling three thousand miles on a round trip to Adelaide and back without seeing one accident, it was disappointing to hear of the unfortunate accident that occurred during my absence. Young apprentice, Peter Lewis suffered a painful injury as the result of an accident which should never have happened. Remembering our safety code, abiding by the rules and observing constant vigilance can and will make 1964 an accident free year.

This year promises to be an important one in another respect. Our new kiln will go into operation which, we hope, will result in the establishing of new production records. Growth of cement sales, demands continual expansion within the industry. No. 5 kiln will be the first major item to be completed in our current expansion programme.

I must apologise for the shortage of photographs covering our Works picnic, but due to inclement weather, staff photographer, Alan Parker, found conditions too poor for the taking of photographs.

So until next issue

Yours,

THE EDITOR.


Safety First

SAFETY NEWS FROM BERRIMA

Total number of lost-time injuries in 1963 amounted to seven, and it is interesting to note that while this figure does not indicate a substantial reduc-

| | Number of Lost-time Injuries | Days Lost | Frequency Rate | Severity Rate |
|------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1961 | 23 | 546 | 28.9 | 649 |
| 1962 | 9 | 250 | 11.6 | 323.8 |
| 1963 | 7 | 131 | 9.6 | 180.8 |

tion in the number of injuries over the year, the number of days lost and the frequency and severity rates do show a great improvement. This improvement is seen by the following statistics:—

 In 1964 let us aim for a decrease in these figures which could be obtained with the co-operation of all employees. Remember in 1964 let 0 be the score.

SAFETY NEWS FROM MARULAN

The year 1963 ended with eight lost-time accidents at the Quarry. This compares with 59 in 1958, 48 in 1959, 41 in 1960, 33 in 1961 and 15 in 1962.

A determined bid will be made during 1964 to bring the score to zero. Back injuries and other forms of strains are still our biggest problem. However, with persistence we are confident to share with Berrima Works, top marks

in the annual Australian Cement & Concrete Association's competition.

WHAT IS SAFETY?

Safety is positive. It is doing things the right way. It is interest in the welfare of others.


It is a contribution to good living, to good government and respect for law and order, to efficient production, and to the well-being of every individual.

WORK IS A SERIOUS BUSINESS

This does not mean you must be doleful on the job, but you must AVOID PRACTICAL JOKES

They are distracting, usually backfire and people get hurt.

Let's Laugh

 Stopping a policeman on the street, an 80 year-old lady said, "I want to report that a man came up and kissed me while I was standing on this corner."

"When did this happen?" the officer inquired.

"Forty-five years ago to-day," the little old lady replied pensively.

The Cop smiled, "Why tell it to me now?"

"Oh," the lady said with a twinkle "I just love to talk about it."

A baby rabbit had been pestering its mother all day. Finally the exasperated parent replied. "You were pulled out of a magician's hat — now stop asking questions."

A fellow was having his first date with a new girl. Things were going along pretty well, as they rode along in his car, when she turned to him and coyly asked "Do you want to see where I was operated on?"

"Why - uh - yeah. Sure!" he gulped.

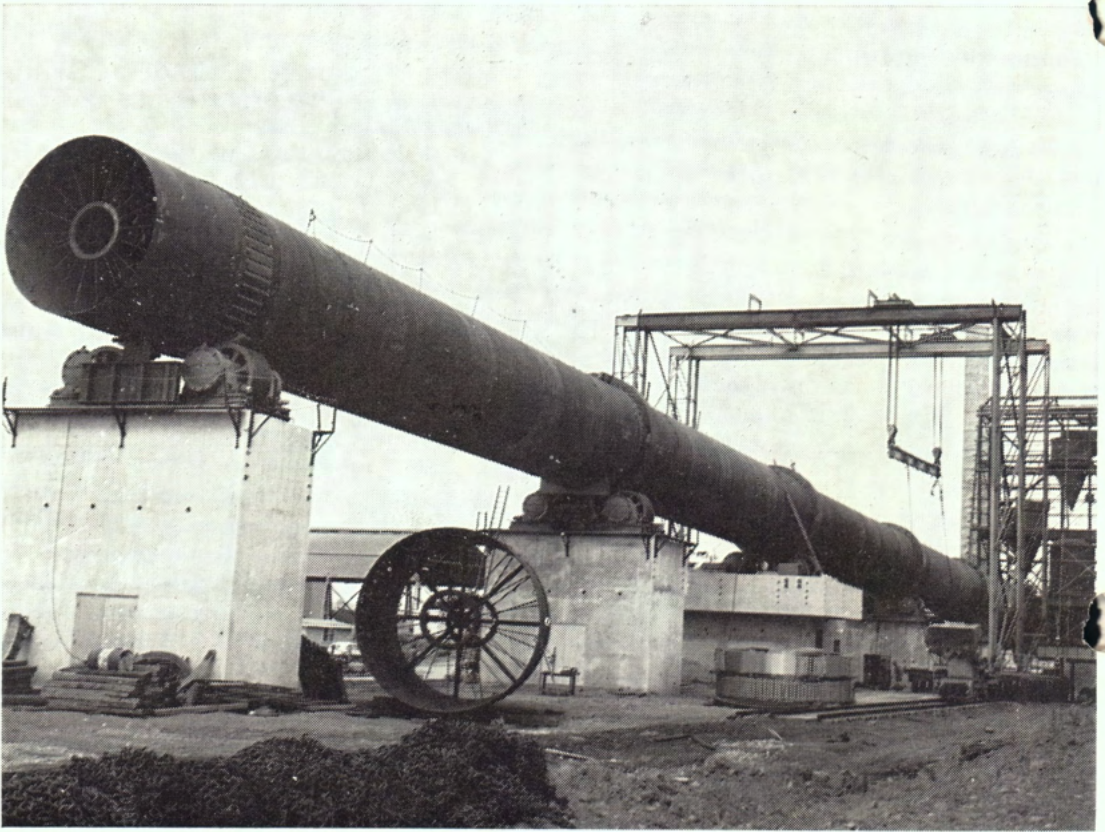
"Well, all right," said the girl. "We're just two blocks from the hospital now."

An 82 year-old sport went to the doctor complaining that his hands fluttered so much that it looked like he was always waving bye-bye. The doctor told him that he probably drank a lot.

"Nope," the patient said, "I spill most of it."

No. 5 KILN

The accompanying photograph shows the progress made in the erection of the kiln shell up to the Christmas break last year. At date of issue of the magazine erection of the shell should be completed and alignment prior to welding well under way.



Plant Jottings

APPRENTICE SELECTION

At the commencement of this new year we again undertake one of the most important tasks confronting us, that being the selection of new Apprentices for 1964.

As a subsidiary of The Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. we follow the policy of our parent Company and each year train as many apprentices as we possibly can. In 1963 a total of 39 apprentices were being trained by us, in the various stages of the following trades — Fitting and Machining, Electrical Fitting, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting. Of this total eight boys will complete their Apprenticeship early in 1964 and selection of replacements from the many applications is being made.

The job of selecting suitable lads for training is not an easy one. It is surprising how difficult it sometimes is to extract the necessary information from applicants to enable a true assessment of their capabilities to be made. For the benefit of parents who may be reading this and who wish to give their sons a skilled trade, and which of us does not want this, the basic information required is scholastic record with details of subjects studied at, under the present educational system, Intermediate standard. The marks gained in each subject at the final examination must be stated and the type of certificate gained, i.e. Board or Alternative Course, must be defined. School reports covering 1st, 2nd and 3rd year also assist those selecting apprentices to assess the applicant.

Experience over many years has led us to believe that the minimum educational standard required by a boy intending to be apprenticed to the engineering trades is Intermediate Certificate with good passes in Maths. I, Maths. II, Physics and Chemistry. A good grounding in Mathematics is most desirable if the apprentice is to successfully complete his trades course at the Technical College. It has been found that boys who have taken general mathematics in the alternative course only, experience great difficulty in their studies at the College often leading to failure to pass their Stage examinations. This is discouraging to both the boy and the Company.

Applicants who have passed general mathematics only are asked to do a short test paper. This is designed to determine whether the lad has a sufficient knowledge of basic mathematics to fit him for an engineering apprenticeship.

The selection of apprentices is dependent to some extent on the results of the personal interview each applicant has with our Employment Officer or Apprentice Training Foreman. At this interview the lad's particulars are obtained, his recreational interests determined and an attempt is made to assess his character and personality. Some importance is also given to personal references produced especially when contact can be made with the person or persons supplying the references.

The advantages to be gained by becoming a skilled craftsman are, of course, well known. Much publicity has recently been given to the difficulties experienced by boys leaving school in obtaining employment when such boys have no particular skill. Parents would be wise to give careful thought, to the future of their boys and this must be done at a comparatively early age — at the very latest by 1st year — as the subjects then studied very often determine whether he will be able to follow the occupation of his choice.



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Growth of Marulan

GROWTH OF MARULAN

The growth of the Quarry at Marulan South can be gauged from figures which show that production of limestone has increased from 82,152 tons in 1929 to 1,354,000 tons for the last year.

Production from 1929 to 1963 is shown in the following table:—

| Year | Limestone |
|------|------------------------|
| 1929 | 82,152 |
| 1930 | 57,059 |
| 1931 | 45,222 |
| 1932 | 53,855 |
| 1933 | 84,128 |
| 1934 | 104,319 |
| 1935 | 133,820 |
| 1936 | 151,850 |
| 1937 | 217,006 |
| 1938 | 212,789 |
| 1939 | 301,873 |
| 1940 | 265,095 |
| 1941 | 334,330 |
| 1942 | 495,645 |
| 1943 | 386,746 |
| 1944 | 353,927 |
| 1945 | 258,677 |
| 1946 | 240,239 |
| 1947 | 286,635 |
| 1948 | 246,816 |
| 1949 | 248,053 |
| 1950 | 333,122 |
| 1951 | 383,658 |
| 1952 | 376,013 |
| 1953 | 543,413 |
| 1954 | 632,210 |
| 1955 | 745,018 |
| 1956 | 759,629 |
| 1957 | 738,983 |
| 1958 | 924,100 |
| 1959 | 939,538 |
| 1960 | 1,206,821 |
| 1961 | 1,242,835 |
| 1962 | 1,265,000 |
| 1963 | 1,354,000 |
| | <hr/> 16,004,576 <hr/> |

The Quarry was developed in 1928 to supply limestone to the A.I.S. works at Port Kembla for steelmaking, and to the S.P.C. works at Berrima. Later B.H.P., Newcastle, and C.S.C., Newcastle commenced taking shipments of limestone for steel making.

Marulan at the present time has the largest output in volume of any quarry in N.S.W. and has the responsibility of providing a major raw material for both steel and cement manufacture. Both these industries are continuously working 21 shifts per week every week of the year.

There are three shifts worked at the Quarry and the daily production of limestone is around 5,000 with the average removal of mullock about 3,000 to 4,000 tons per day. A major development programme was completed last year with the removal of nearly one million tons of overburden by the earthmoving contractors of Eric Newham. Since then development has continued, and will continue, on a smaller scale.

| Mullock | Total Material |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 21,260 | 279,937 |
| 68,104 | 308,343 |
| 52,212 | 338,847 |
| 83,256 | 330,072 |
| 44,304 | 292,357 |
| 65,860 | 398,982 |
| 58,752 | 442,410 |
| 72,128 | 448,141 |
| 123,280 | 666,693 |
| 101,148 | 733,358 |
| 182,244 | 927,262 |
| 158,472 | 918,101 |
| 109,044 | 848,027 |
| 425,320 | 1,349,420 |
| 378,353 | 1,317,891 |
| 394,024 | 1,600,845 |
| 732,355 | 1,975,190 |
| 582,000 | 1,847,000 |
| 878,000 | 2,232,000 |
| <hr/> 4,530,116 <hr/> | <hr/> 20,534,692 <hr/> |

In 1937 the steam shovels were replaced with a 4 cubic yard electric shovel and in 1954 the Menck 5½ cubic yard shovel was bought. This was followed in 1957 by a similar unit.

The contract haulage of limestone from the crushers was discontinued in 1946 when four 12 ton Mack trucks were purchased. Two years later two more Macks were added to the fleet. In 1952 two-shift operation was introduced and five years later it was found necessary to increase this to three-shift operation.

From 1959 the Mack trucks were gradually replaced with 20 ton Euclids

and at the present time there are seven such vehicles in use, including one with a capacity of 27 tons.

We can look back on 1963 as a year of achievement. Tonnages of limestone produced and mullock dumped reached record figures with a total removal of over two million tons.

However, the greatest satisfaction is our improved accident figures. Reductions in lost-time accidents are not merely statistical numbers, but they represent a saving in human suffering because of accidents that did not happen as a result of action prevention.



View of the Quarry looking south

1963 Christmas Picnic

Over 340 children and their parents attended the Works picnic held at Exeter Park on Saturday, 6th December. Heavy rain the preceding day and sharp showers which fell on Saturday afternoon spoilt what promised to be one of the best picnics ever held.

Although the ground was covered in water the Committee headed by Mr. Reg Ellis, President and Mr. Ray South, Hon. Secretary, decided to carry on with the athletic events. However, the programme was restricted, the children's events, much to their disappointment, being limited to flat races only. The tug-o-war also had to be postponed and the winner of the General Manager's Trophy was not decided until this event was subsequently held at the Works. The Machine Shop again proved their superiority and hold the trophy for yet another year.

Despite the rain the kiddies enjoyed their picnic, the main attractions being the visit of Father "Bill" Xmas and two miniature trains which operated, fully loaded throughout the afternoon.

One train was lent, and operated, by Mr. Alan Strode to whom we owe our thanks. The other, the "Southern Roarer," was built and painted by several of our members who gave many hours of their own time to the job. To assist in the financing of the materials used three competitions were held.

Prizes were Christmas cakes, beautifully iced and cooked by Mrs. Bill Simons. The lucky winners of these three cakes were Mr. S. Brown of Mittagong, Mr. W. O'Neill and Mrs. R. Ellis of New Berrima.

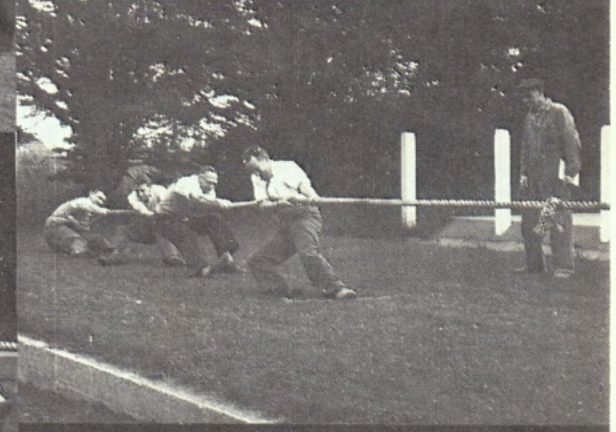
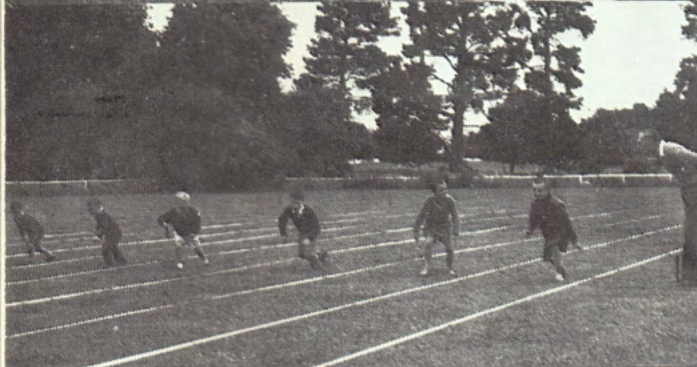
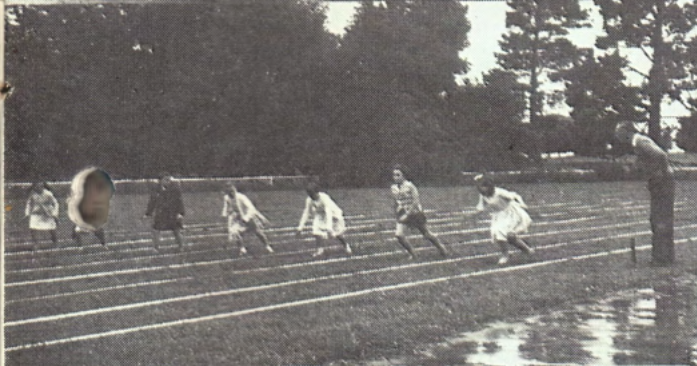
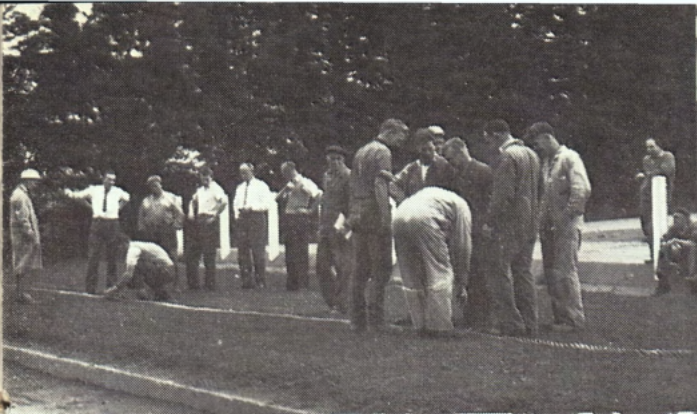
The arrival of Santa Claus was the usual happy occasion and it was not long before the excited children had their toys, balloons and other novelties.

The presentation of prizes to the winners of the various events and of the General Manager's trophy to the Machine Shop team was held in the Works lunch room. Mr. McNicol, who congratulated and presented the prizes to the winners, said how regrettable it was that such a pleasant picnic, for which the Committee had worked so hard, should again be spoilt by rainy weather.

Mr. Ellis speaking on behalf of the the Committee thanked the Management, the voluntary helpers and the ladies for their willing assistance. He pointed out that there is still a number of "Work-ites" who are not members. Mr. Ellis urged them to join now as this would ensure that they would be financial members at next year's picnic. Anyone who is not a member should see Mr. Ellis or Mr. Ray South for details of the scheme.

The results of the General Manager's trophy are as follows:—

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 40 yards — 40 years and over | 1st J. Mitchell — D.O. |
| | 2nd T. Waide — M.S. |
| | 3rd J. Scott — G.O. |
| 50 yards — 26 years to 39 years | 1st M. Clarke — P.H. |
| | 2nd A. Parker — D.O. |
| | 3rd B. Clarke — Prod. |
| 85 yards — 25 years and under | 1st E. Chessell & C. Boyd — M.S. |
| Relay Race — 85 yards | 1st Machine Shop |
| | 2nd Drawing Office |
| | 3rd Power House |
| Tug-o-war | 1st Machine Shop: D. Moore, P. Vass, D. Allen, R. Bisby |
| | 2nd Drawing Office: T. Saker, E. Johns, W. Parson, R. Strode |
| Total Points Scored | 14 Machine Shop |
| | 9 Drawing Office |





Presentation of Certificates to Apprentices

On Thursday, 19th December our Apprentices assembled in the Conference Room for the annual presentation of Merit Certificates. Four apprentices, two electrical and two fitting and turning qualified during 1963 for the award of Certificates.

The two electrical apprentices, John Grilz and David King both gained High Distinction Merit Certificates having received "A" passes in their trades final examination. The Works Manager, Mr. Knight, who presented the Certificates congratulated the boys on their very fine effort, and mentioned that they had both spent last year at Australian Iron and Steel where they obtained further valuable experience. During the year they also completed the first year of the Certificate course in electrical Engineering at the Wollongong Technical College, which course they will continue next year travelling from Berrima.

Robert Jeffrey was presented with a Merit Certificate of Distinction, having obtained a "B" pass in the trades final examination in fitting and turning. While congratulating Robert Mr. Knight said that he understood that no "A" passes had been gained in the whole of the Metropolitan area, so Robert could be justly proud of his effort.

A Merit Certificate of Credit was presented to David Boyd who gained a "C" pass in his fitting and turning trades final examination. David was congratulated for his excellent work by the Works Manager.

CERTIFICATE COURSES

Very satisfactory results were obtained by the three young tradesmen during Certificate courses at the Wollongong Technical College. All three passed in every subject for which they sat, the results being as follows:—

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

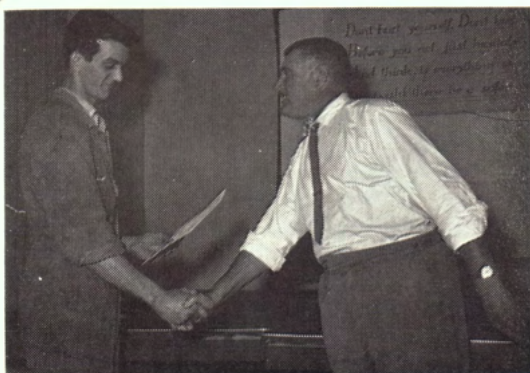
John Grilz: "A" passes in Mathematics and Physics; "B" pass in Chemistry; "C" pass in English.

David King: "A" pass in Physics; "B" passes in English, Mathematics and Chemistry.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Ian Mackey: "C" passes in English, Mathematics and Physics.

Congratulations to all three for a very fine effort indeed.



John Grilz



David King



Robert Jeffrey



David Boyd

Being presented with their Certificates by Mr. L. C. Knight, Works Manager.

Welfare News

By FRED BONNAR

SICK and ACCIDENT FUND

May I wish all our members a happy, prosperous and healthy year for 1964.

The committee again presents significant figures to the end of the first six months of this financial year (December 31st, 1963), showing sick benefit payments to the extent of approximately £1,440, spread over 48 individual claims. This amount undoubtedly eases the burden placed on members through lack of income caused by sickness or accident.

Members are also entitled to Commonwealth Sickness benefits in addition to any payment from this fund, but you must declare this amount when applying for Social Services. If in doubt, do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the committee.

To help keep the Fund financial all employees, new or old are welcome to join.

CREDIT UNION

The response for membership in our new credit union is remarkable and the membership is growing daily.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on the 15th January. At this meeting we hope to deal with a large number of applications for membership and approve loan applications. Meetings will then be held monthly, or if required more frequently.

When a meeting can be arranged by the representative directors, I will be visiting Marulan. I am also arranging to visit A.I.S. to learn details of the scheme conducted by them which I understand has proved most successful over the past three years.

By becoming a member you help us to help you. To do so contact any member of the Board of Directors at Berima — Messrs: F. S. Bonnar, R. Magnus, L. Humphries, G. Morrison, L. Bush and R. Jacks, and at Marulan — Messrs. I. Pearson, A. Brown and S. Bell or your respective paymasters.

The continued success of our scheme is in your hands — our potential membership being in excess of 500.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

Congratulations to Bob Miller and Miss Beverly Fenamore (daughter of George) who were married on 30th November. The future home of the happy couple will be in Berrima.

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Ron and Jeanette Williams are the proud parents of a baby daughter born on the 23rd December. Congratulations to Ron and Jeanette.

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Home to spend Christmas with their respective families were Ken and Trevor Mott, Robert Medlands and Albert Canova. Albert has now rejoined the Company.

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All the best for the future to Mrs. Jan Morris who resigned from General Office.

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Welcome to Miss Barbara Churchill who joined the general office staff on the 30th December.

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The Chairman, Mr. Parish was present at the Annual Staff Christmas Party held in the Works Office. Marulan Quarry and the Colliery were well represented together with Berrima Staff. It was unfortunate that our Works Manager, who had a previous engagement, had to leave early.

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The General Office has had some missing faces over Christmas. On holidays are Mrs. Scott, Mark Jones and Terry Whatman. Also on the absentee list due to sickness are Mrs. Laird and Miss Marcia Middleton. We wish them both a speedy recovery and hope they are soon back with us.

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Basking in the glorious sunshine over Christmas have been numerous S.P.C.-ites enjoying their Annual Holidays. There are too many to mention them all, but we are looking forward to a few stories or items of interest for February's Newsletter.

Spending a quiet New Year is David Parker from General Office. David was unfortunate to be involved in a car accident towards the end of the year, when he suffered minor lacerations. We hope to see you back soon David.

—o—

The following new starters recently commenced work at Berrima:—

"Snowy" Sinclair in Maintenance; Doug Brooks in Production; Peter Giddings in the Laboratory.

We extend a cordial welcome to each of them.

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MARULAN

Mr. Cooper has sold 12 Red Poll heifers from his Tangryang Stud to the Administration in Papua. The cattle have been passed by veterinary officers. This is the first time that a consignment of Red Poll cattle from the Southern Tablelands has been sent to Papua. The heifers will be used for breeding purposes.

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We regret to record that Mrs. Ashley Cooper has been very ill with hepatitis. We hope that she will soon be well again.

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Congratulations to John Scahill and Robin Sorley who were married in Goulburn on January 4th.

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John Jervis is Acting Leading-hand Electrician during the absence of Jim Galloway who is on long service leave.

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Latest to join Holden owner ranks at Marulan South are Stan Murphy and Albert Quail.

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Peter Cooper has installed a portable swimming pool in his back yard. It has proved popular with his family and neighbours.

Kevin Bailey, one time Bulldozer operator at the Quarry, and now with Eric Newham, earthmoving contractors, came home from Crowe's Nest, near Toowoomba, for Christmas. Newham's are now working on a major dam project.

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We again offer our sympathy to Mrs. Brice and her family at the loss of her uncle, Mr. Middleton.

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We are pleased to see Keith Bell back again at work after 85 days off with an injured thumb. Electrician Allan McGovern is still away with a badly burnt hand — he's the lad who was on the receiving end of 2,300 volts while carrying out repairs to the Marion Shovel.

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Mrs. Ken Cooper is staying with daughter and son-in-law Allan and Ann Chaplin following the sale of their business in Marulan. Her husband is developing their small grazing property near the junction of the Wollondilly and Paddy's River.

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Many people left Marulan for family re-unions over Christmas, including Kevin and Mrs. Howard, Tony and Mrs. Cosgrove, Max and Mrs. Johansen.

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Tom and Mrs. Shepherd are spending their annual holidays with relations at Hurstville.

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Gordon Bryant and family are spending annual holidays in the Windellama district.

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General Quarry Foreman Cec. Cluney and family spent the holidays fishing on the coast.

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Apprentice Wayne Percival is on his way to Barrington on the Queensland border. When he returns we hope he will give some of his impressions of his trip.

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A party, including Eddie Cooper, Don Creighton, Fred Collins, Trevor Bolch and Les O'Brien undertook an arduous mountain trek to Devil's Gorge, in the Nowra District, during

Christmas to fish in a little known stream. Fred was the only successful member of the party — his catch was two.

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Also spending holidays at Huskisson, fishing and relaxing are Jack and Mrs. Watterson. Jack, a powder man, rarely complains of conditions in the Quarry, but on December 22nd the mercury near the Quarry face rose to 127 degrees. It was only then that Jack admitted that it was "getting warm".

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COLLIERY

As far as the weather is concerned the boys from Medway are certainly enjoying perfect conditions for their Xmas shut-down period. We hope to hear more from them next month.

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SYDNEY OFFICE

Mr. Barry Peck's ambition — to have all the desks in Sydney Office occupied, has finally been fulfilled. In December two young men joined the staff, Les Stimpson of Belmore and John Agnew of Gosford. John and Les did the Leaving Certificate in 1963 and pending the results they will do degree courses in commerce at the University of New South Wales as Commercial Trainees.

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Latest examinations results include an "A" grade pass in Stage I Typewriting course at Gympie Technical College for Denise Vedulich, and a Pass and a Credit in Economics I at Sydney University for John Portus. Congratulations to you both!

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The holiday season is on once again. Mr. D. McLaren has just returned from two week's vacation and Miss H. Atkinson and Mr. Max Barnett are away from the office. Messrs. Hewitt, Peck and Angelini take their leave later in January.

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The annual Sydney Office Christmas party was held on Christmas Eve, everyone having an enjoyable time.

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At this time, we at Sydney Office wish all at Berrima Colliery and Marulan a bright and happy new year.



CRICKET WITH GEOFF LARSEN

Round two of the cricket competition is now under way and all teams are putting their best foot forward in an effort to reach the semi-finals.

As mentioned last month our S.P.C. team has not scored many points but some of the younger players are showing promise. Brian Woodhouse had excellent bowling figures against Chevalier, 7 for 47. Brian and Robert Vincent also shared the wickets in their last game against Moss Vale Colts. John Byfield made a good double with the bat in this match, 27 and 45.

Playing for Moss Vale Central, John Townsend had a day out against Bowral with 5 wickets for 19. He also scored 28 runs in "Central's" second innings.

Two more cricketers from the Machine Shop, Ian Gilby and Ian Mackey made 34 and 31 respectively in Burrawang's recent match against Mittagong. Bowler Colin Moore is still collecting his bag of wickets each match for Burrawang.

Graeme Beattie is still going well with the bat and figured in an opening stand of 100 for "Bowral Blues" in a recent club match.

S.P.C. players in the Moss Vale Waratah's team have not had much luck lately, Bill Poland having the best results with a few wickets to his credit.

The District Senior's match against Illawarra on the 15th December provided us with some very bright cricket.

I was fortunate enough to be picked for this match and had an enjoyable day taking 4 wickets for 89 and top scoring with 37 runs. Former State fast bowler Barry Bates and State Colts player Doug Barker played for Illawarra. They, together with other representative players resulted in cricket of a very high standard being played throughout the day. Illawarra won by 40 runs, 196 to 156.

BOWLS

Bill Edmonds who kindly sent in the bowling notes last month is at present enjoying his Annual Holidays and no doubt, spending it on a bowling green. We hope that when Bill returns he will be able to give a more comprehensive report than what appears in this issue.

Twilight bowls are proving very popular at the Moss Vale greens, and are played every Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. Bill McDonnell (Colliery) and Dud Crowe (Works) were the winners of this competition on the 27th December.

Dud also collected his Xmas chicken when he was a member of the team that were runners-up in the Turkey Competition held the Saturday before Christmas.

TENNIS

Because of the wet weather and the Holidays there has been little tennis played during December. Both the Berrima teams, Hillside and Yanna, are

near the top in their respective grades and both are again favourites this season to win the competitions.

GOLF

Brian McIntosh, 19 year old son of Bert (Drawing Office) continued to show his potentiality when he won the Southern Tablelands Open Junior Championship at Tully Park, Goulburn on the 8th December last. Although the conditions for playing were very wet, Brian had rounds of 71-70 over the par 66 course and won the event from Allan Snape, who had rounds of 71-73. Once again congratulations Brian!

Phillip Radnidge is another junior who has shown outstanding ability in golf. Phillip, son of Ernie, Machine Shop Foreman, played brilliant golf to

win the School Boys' Carnival at the Bowral Country Club with a round of 77.

At the School Boys, Carnival, Sydney he collected a trophy for the "longest drive." Congratulations Phillip and keep up the good work.

Also congratulations to Charlie Blackie who won a stableford competition at Bowral on the 14th December. Although Charlie is no champ, he is a great lover of the sport and it is very nice to see him win a trophy.

Don Moore who is making a comeback to golf after an absence of three years, struck form early when he was unlucky to be defeated in the December Club Medal by two strokes. Don is one of the District's longest hitters and we hope to see him on the winning list again.

N.R.M.A. Motoring Notes

Round-up of Conditions on Holiday Roads

The N.R.M.A. Touring Department reports that few of the State's main holiday routes and country highways have been seriously affected by the recent long rainy spell.

A round-up of conditions indicates that Hume Highway is clear, with the possible exception of short sections of reconstruction in the far south.

On Pacific Highway, the new 25-mile section from Karuah to Bulahdelah now has a dust free surface. This new wide link between Raymond Terrace and Taree cuts out Bulahdelah Mountain, a hazard on the old section.

Rain has prevented the completion - at the Ourimbah end - of the final 2½ miles of the freeway from Calga which will by-pass Gosford.

Two bridges are now in service over Wyong Creek. The old traffic bridge carries northbound traffic. Southbound traffic is using the single lane on the recently converted railway bridge.

The reconstruction of Prince's Highway, south of Eden, has been held up by bad weather. At present there is a total of 38 miles of gravel surface between Eden and Orbost (Vic.), 17½ miles on the N.S.W. side of the border and 20½ miles in Victoria. Construction

work is in progress on this stretch which can become slippery and boggy after rain. Flooding is likely after heavy rain at the Nullica Causeway, the Wollomba River (at Kiah) and Wallagarough River crossings.

On Sturt Highway reports urge careful driving between Narrandera and Hay where sections of the pavement are badly pot-holed.

Rain could affect Putty Road, a popular alternate route with motorists travelling to the Northern Tablelands via Windsor, Putty and Singleton. Gravel sections in the vicinity of Howe Mountain and Milbrodale are most susceptible to rain damage but the road presents no difficulties if normal care is exercised.

In the Snowy Mountains construction traffic may be met anywhere on Alpine Way — except on the public holidays. Motorists are warned to beware of slips on batter slopes on the section from Geehi Junction to Khancoban.

There are isolated sections of temporary surface on the road from Cabramurra to Tumut 2 Power Station.

Reconstruction of a gravelled section is in progress on the Eucumbene Dam to Jindabyne road, which is dusty under dry conditions and difficult to negotiate when wet. Use of the route via Berridale is recommended.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



Catches have been poor in our immediate vicinity on the coast, but a few anglers have done well. Jack Brown spent some of his recent holidays down at the canal. The day I saw him, he descended on the area like a man that means business, and after casting two rods and sticking them in the rocks, he proceeded to manipulate a hand line! I'm sure that if he had been in a boat he would have baited the anchor! However, he did land 15 odd nice fish; including jewies, bream and flathead. Also two jewies were picked up in the canal. One 13½ lbs. and the other 15 lbs.

I gave Broughton Creek a go, but I lost the tackle nearly every cast. Broughton Creek is generally pretty free of snags, but there must have

been a swirl from the incoming tide that washed the line into the bank material. After one bite I gave it away as a bad job. Also the mosquitoes were vicious.

A nice flathead weighing about 5 lbs. was landed on an outgoing tide at the entrance, Shoahhaven Heads. Also some extra nice bream to 3½ lbs were landed off the ocean beach. There were 5 in the haul I saw. The whiting are coming on here too, and although they are about ¾ lb., they should improve in weight towards the end of the month.

Several times I have arranged to accompany a friend to Wreck Bay. He tells me when the whiting are on there, they are really on. He and his wife (Mr. & Mrs. Smith of Nowra) landed 70 in one evenings fishing. Unfortunately for me, each time the trip is arranged, something crops up.

I tried unsuccessfully to land some mullet with dough. My 'piscatorial adviser' assures me I can't make dough! His recipe is to cut the crust off some bread, place the bread in a basin and scald it with boiling water, squeeze out all the water possible and mix in some flour until the right consistency is reached. Then — "in goes the velvet" — sorry, in goes the cotton wool, and she's on. One chap tells me he mixes the flour with oil from a sardine tin, but who eats sardines. Well, it looked very much as if I would, until some kind person presented me with four whiting.





FLOWERS:

Sow: Anthirrhinum, Aster, Carnation, Delphinium, Dianthus, Marigolds, Nasturtium, Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula, Salpiglossis, Stocks, Wallflower, Early Flowering Sweet Peas, Verbena.

Plant: Antirrhinum, Aster, Stocks, Wallflower, Gladioli for Autumn flowering.

VEGETABLES:

Sow: Beet, Dwarf and Climbing Beans, Butter Beans, Carrot, Parsnip, Parsley, Spinach, Sweet Corn, Swede Turnip, Peas, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Kohlrabi, Leek, Cucumbers, Squashes, Cress, Endive, Lettuce, Onion, Radish.

Plant: Cauliflower, Lettuce, Tomatoes for late crop.

Here we are with a brand New Year once again, and a Leap Year, so that gives us one extra day to spend in the garden! Plan ahead and determine to make your garden year the best!

We have had exceptionally hot weather over the holiday period and lots of plants are showing scorched leaves and flowers. Make sure to water thoroughly in the evenings, to overcome this as much as possible.

Stake Dahlia, Chrysanthemums, Gladioli and all tall-growing annuals. Trim any dead flowers off the roses, as these are now coming into bloom once again, and having rested at the end of the very wet period, will probably flower for longer than usual, if given a little extra fertiliser. Continue with the summer pruning to help keep shrubs and trees tidy. .

Any bulbs such as Daffodils, Jonquils, etc., on which the foliage has died down, may now be lifted and the soil or beds manured with Bone Dust, ready for replanting next month. Keep up the sowings of beans, peas and lettuce!

Earwigs, those little long, brownish insects with forked tails, have been giving trouble this year. Set baits at night of damp hessian or damp paper folded, to catch these, as they are night feeders and hide in damp, dark places in the day-time. Gather up the baits and burn them each morning. A spray with "Bug-geta" once a fortnight around where the Earwigs are known to feed, will also help to reduce the numbers of these pests. Spray cherries, plums, hawthorns, pears, etc., with "Bug-geta" or Arsenate of Lead, to kill "Pear and Cherry Slug," now showing on the foliage and making it appear brown. Keep baiting for slugs and snails!

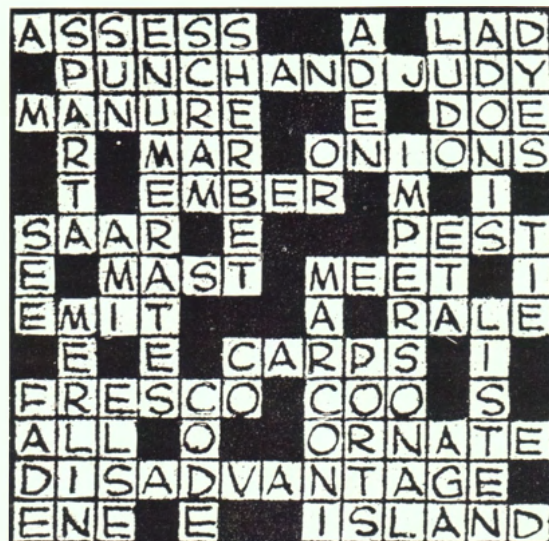
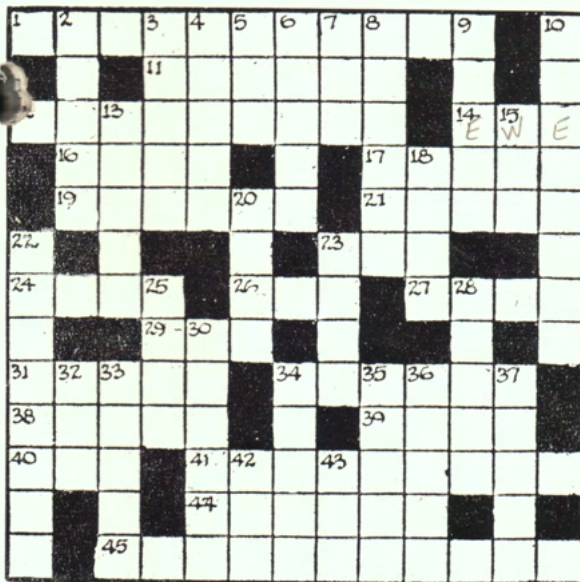
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Congratulations to the winner of Problem No. 58, Mr. A. E. McIntosh. Although there was a printing mistake, there were numerous entries correct which resulted in a draw from the hat.

PROBLEM No. 59.

Across

1. Famous pirate
11. Friends
12. Flounces
14. Female sheep
16. God of thunder
17. Speak
19. Relieve
21. Folding frame
23. Request
24. Casks
26. Fall heavily
27. Reverberate
29. Fondle
31. English composer
34. Used in cricket
38. Spiritual nourishment
39. Cut
40. Vegetable
41. Reed instrument
44. Eluded
45. Carpenter's tool



Down

2. Adjoins
3. Forbidden
4. Watchful
5. Suffering
6. She was turned to stone
7. English garden city
8. Publications
9. Prescribed food (pl.)
10. Disregarded
13. Geometrical figure
15. Tiny
18. Pilfer
20. Cease
22. Endeavours
23. Aid
25. Width
28. Romantic isle
30. Rubber
32. New Guinea town
33. Insects
34. Dry stalk
35. Top
36. Mohammedan messiah
37. Feel
42. Night before
43. Extend

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
MARULAN - BERRIMA - MEDWAY - SYDNEY

General Manager's Notes

We have recently been advised that Berrima has again won the Works Section of the Safety First Competition amongst cement plants in Australia, conducted by the Cement and Concrete Association.

A pleasing aspect was the very low severity rate, which indicates to me that our employees are keen to get back to work after an accident and do not take off any more time than is absolutely necessary. Congratulations once again to the Works Manager and his team at Berrima.

Marulan has a long way to go before starring in the Quarry Section. However, last year's performance was the best to date.

Towards the end of January we were visited by Sir Ian McLennan and Mr. J. D. Norgard, Chief General Manager and General Manager Operations respectively of The Broken Hill Pty. Co. Limited, who were accompanied by our Chairman, Mr. A. A. Parish.

The Colliery, Quarry and the Works were inspected, particular interest being shown in No. 5 kiln which is within a few months of coming into operation.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

As we live so close to the South Coast and Sydney many people enjoy the short run from here to our famous beaches but how many of us think of the danger that lurks in the water as we go running down the sandy beaches. .

A leading World authority warns that now is the most dangerous time as sharks are in the fighting mood and most attacks take place at this time of the year. Warm water along the coastline has caused the sharks to come close to the shore and inland waters, such as bays and estuaries, are particularly dangerous.

It is strongly believed that the scent of the human body is making people "shark bait," this theory being reached after a shark swam between a beach Inspector and a young girl at Queenscliff. On 13th December at Camp Cove a six foot shark swam among bathers in the shallows, and on the 20th December two 18 foot bronze whalers approached swimmers 25 yards off Palm Beach before swimming away.

The shark is still one of the most ferocious forms of life and can be found from the Polar seas to the Tropics, in salt, brackish or even fresh water; in deep water, like Bega, where people are shooting sharks from the clifftops to protect surfers only eight feet from the beach.

It was strongly believed that sharks would not attack in water below 65 degrees, but a 17 year old boy was attacked in California in water with a temperature of 55 degrees.

Blood, even the slightest drop, seems to attract and intoxicate sharks. With his nose bleeding, a skin diver tainted the air bubbles coming out of his air lung and was attacked by a shark which, when it could not get near the source of the blood, turned and swam away. Another swimmer with his left leg bleeding was only attacked on his left side.

Panic is another way of attracting sharks and some authorities believe that you have a better chance of escaping the attack if you do not panic.

Interesting figures by the Shark Research Panel show that of 68 individuals who have gone to the aid of a victim of an attack, 12, or 17.7 per cent. have been attacked themselves.

Of 790 attacks analysed 559 were unprovoked; 400 victims died and 390 recovered. Of these 52.2 per cent. occurred within 300 feet of the shore, 70.2 per cent. within 5 feet of the surface and 24.9 per cent. of the victims were in water not more than shoulder deep.

The majority or 63.3 per cent. were swimming; 20.8 per cent. were wading; 19 per cent. were spearfishing or carrying fish and 10.3 per cent. had been standing close to where fish were being caught. It made no difference whether the sun was shining or not as the number of attacks were equal on sunny or cloudy days.

From the confusion of theories and statistics there seem to be some points on which most authorities agree. Firstly that it courts attack to swim in estuaries or in the open sea near where estuaries discharge, secondly that one is safer swimming with other people than alone and thirdly that under any circumstances surfing is not as dangerous as driving a motor car.

So until next issue

Yours,
THE EDITOR.

Safety — Berrima

1963 — 1st

And so a new plaque has been placed below the Cement and Concrete Association's Safety Shield at the entrance to the Works.

This is good news indeed and all employees are to be commended for their efforts in keeping the accident rate on the decline.

Let us make an all out drive to have no lost time injuries in 1964. We would then be on the way to our goal of 1,000,000 man-hours accident free. And think of the bonus coupons there would be to collect.

The New Year has started well with January being free of any lost time injuries and only one employee receiving medical attention for a slight injury.

Employees are reminded that protective equipment should be worn where necessary to help reduce the number of minor injuries which occur month after month and average from 30 to 40 each week. These all too frequently are near misses close to being lost time injuries.

The Rules for An Executive's Early Ulcer

1. Your job comes first — all personal considerations are secondary.
2. Go to the office evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
3. Take your brief case regularly with you — in this way you can review completely all the troubles and worries of the day.
4. Never say "NO" to a request.
5. Accept all invitations for meetings, banquets, committees etc.
6. Don't eat a restful and relaxing meal, always plan a conference for meal hour and always crash others meals.
7. Regard fishing, golf, bowls etc. as a waste of time.
8. Believe it poor policy to take all your holidays.
9. Never delegate responsibility — carry the whole load yourself.
10. If your work calls for travelling, work all day, drive all night, so that you can keep the next day's appointment.

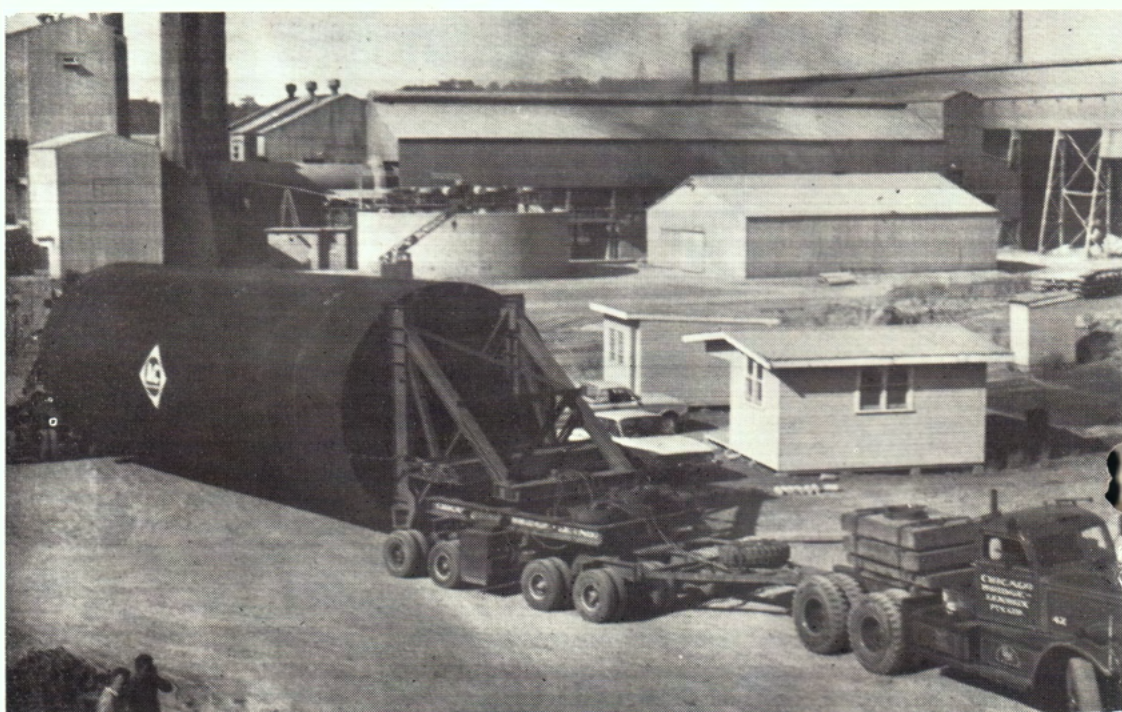
New Inductions

The following recently commenced work at Berrima:—

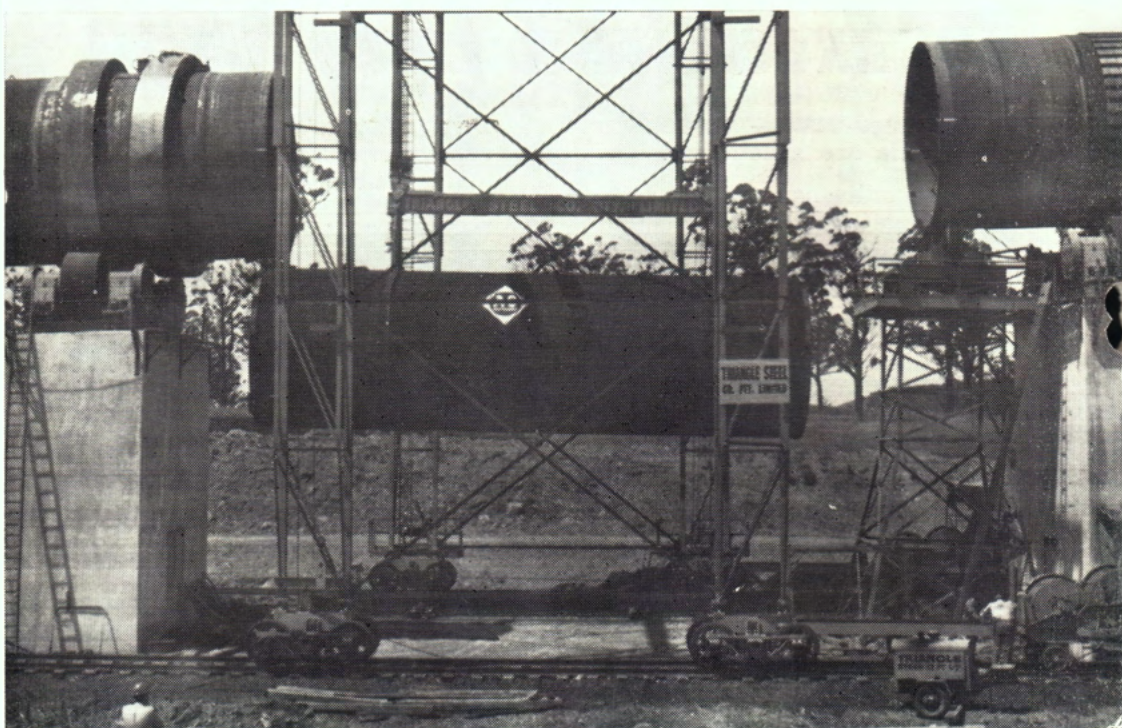
R. Seymour, N. Falk, J. Hansen, D. Krajancich and G. Pickvance in Pro-

duction.

We welcome them all and wish each one a happy sojourn at Southern Portland Cement.



Shell arriving on Site



Shell being hoisted into position

Plant Jottings

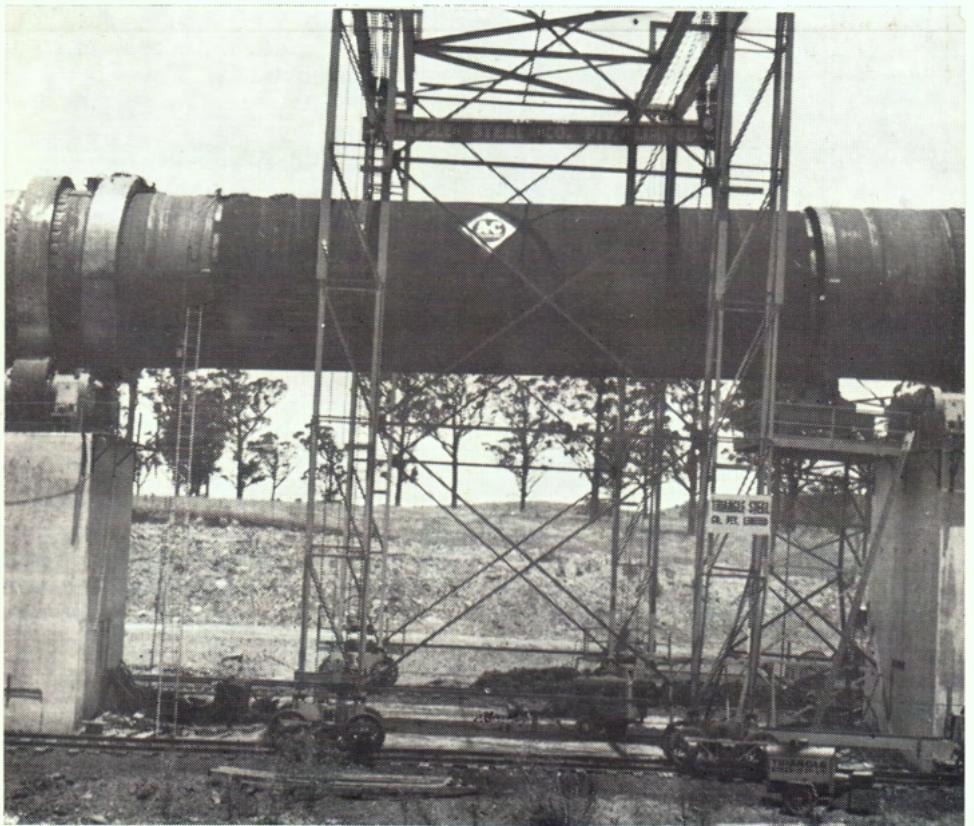
★ The erection of our No. 5 Kiln plant is proceeding and with the placing of the last shell section into position, gives one an idea of the shape of things to come.

The kiln was turned for the first time on February 5th, and final lining up of the shell sections and welding will commence immediately.

The cooler has been completely bricked and has had its test run.

The next few weeks should see rapid progress on the electrical side. Cable trenches are practically completed and some cables have been laid. The D.C. motors for the kiln drive will arrive in Australia from England aboard the s.s. "Ballarat" and s.s. "America Star" on February 20th.

Installation of the many and complex instruments required for the efficient operation of the kiln will commence in the next few weeks.



Shell in final position

✓ *A Month to Remember*



Pictured left with his dog Lemming, is George Blackie who, on the 15th January completed 40 years service with Southern Portland Cement.

George started with us first at Cadia and was transferred to Berrima in 1927. Employed as a Boilermaker, a position he still holds, his duties covered the Cement Works, Marulan, Blue Metal Quarry and Medway Colliery.

At that time the Works were still under construction and land was being cleared at New Berrima for building blocks with about six houses already completed. The residents of New Berrima lived at the Hostel or in shacks built from bark, tin or packing cases near the railway line known to its occupants as "Bag Town."

George thinks he holds the record for a straight shift of 62 hours, which we believe will never be broken.

George's favourite pastime now is training and racing his Greyhound Lemming which has been successful on two occasions at Dapto and filled several minor places. We don't give away secrets but believe his winnings have been substantial.

On the 6th January, Mrs. Barry Croot, who is a daughter of George, received word that she was the lucky winner in an Art Union of a Valiant car.



Pictured left is Barry and Sylvia with their two children receiving the car from Mr. Domich, Secretary of the Civilian, Maimed and Limbless Association who run the Art Union, and Mr. Batty who sold Sylvia the lucky ticket.

The Favourite Drinks

By B. CRESWICK



Tea is indisputably the favourite beverage of Australians, but there was a period when coffee threatened to oust tea. In the 17th Century, before coffee houses became popular meeting places, tea was preferred.

"Caffeo-Mania," as the sudden craze for coffee had been called, commenced in 1652 and lasted until about 1730. In 1652 a London merchant brought home a quantity of coffee from Smyrna, and his servant, a Greek, brewed the new beverage. Soon the merchant's house was invaded by visitors, who wished to sample coffee for the first time. In desperation the merchant installed his servant in a separate building, where his own privacy would not be violated.

Thus the first coffee-house in England was established.

The beer traders were not the only opponents of coffee drinking. Wives objected to their husbands spending their leisure in a coffee-house, thereby leaving them "alone and unprotected."

In 1674 women banded together and protested.

In retaliation, the husbands published a pamphlet, which outlined the virtues of coffee, and ridiculed the wives' objections. Their ridicule was effective.

Consequently the coffee-houses became clubs exclusively for men, where they could gather for animated conversation. The coffee-house became a centre for literary and political discussion.

Undoubtedly the coffee-houses exerted a powerful influence in politics, too powerful for the uneasy government of 1676.

Free speech was popular, and free speech flourished in the open forum of the coffee-house. Men criticised the government and its decrees, spoke trenchantly on vital questions of the day.

The axe fell; legislation was passed closing all coffee-houses "because in them harm has been done to the King's Majesty and to the realm by the spreading of malicious and shameful reports."

The public outcry was so vehement that the Crown bowed to public opinion and permitted the coffee-houses to re-open. However, the proprietors had to give a pledge that books, pamphlets and leaflets would no longer be sold in their establishments. Fashions change and after a reign of 80 years coffee drifted in public favour. Tea and beer (to a lesser degree) were restored to their former popularity, never again to be supplanted.

It is thought that coffee as a beverage originated in Abyssinia, passed to Arabia and was introduced to Europe by a German physician in the 16th Century.

At first it was accepted only as a medicinal preparation, and kept in a medical cupboard, labelled Coff. Arab. According to physicians, if coffee were taken during a fasting period in the early morning, it would have a tremendous value in combating consumption, dropsy, gout, scurvy and smallpox. However, patients were warned never to dilute milk with coffee, as this caused leprosy infection.

For another reason, visitors from Eastern countries object to the Western custom of adding milk to coffee. They contend that the real caffeine flavour is ruined, and drink their coffee thick, without removing the sediment.

Few Australians who visited Cairo during the war will forget the pitch-black witches brew offered to them as coffee.

S.P.C. Credit Union Limited

By **FRED. S. BONNAR** (Chairman)

Following my article in the previous issue, your Financial Secretary and I visited the officers of the Australian Iron and Steel Limited Credit Union and wish to express our thanks to Mr. T. Hanson (Chairman) and his officers for their valuable time given to a thorough investigation of their policies and records, which has helped us considerably.

The incredible success of their Credit Union has spurred us onto renewed effort to make a like success of our own. Mr. Hanson has given me permission to quote any figures from their First Balance Sheet to June 30, 1963, and after only ten month's operation to that date, they had a membership of 1,790 (now nearer 3,000) and had advanced loans of £117,000 on which they charged a flat rate of 5 per cent. and held members' deposits of £100,000 on which they paid 7 per cent. interest.

Our membership is now nearing the 150 mark and it is very gratifying to see Berrima and Marulan Quarry keeping neck and neck with new members.

On January 22 I had the pleasure of accepting an invitation to address

a pit-top meeting of the whole of our Colliery employees and following a short explanation of the aims of this movement answered many very pointed questions and hope the answers given were satisfactory. Nevertheless if this be so or not, the response in a large number of applications for membership from them has been very gratifying. **KEEP THEM ROLLING IN.**

Your Board of Directors are working hard, in an honorary capacity, in your interest.

HELP US TO HELP YOU — BE IN IT!

Our Rules at present permit loans up to £300 which by law can be increased to £1,000 if membership grows.

Join now, there is money available for loans.

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Wild Pig Shooting Out West at Barrington

By WAYNE PERCIVAL

On the 3rd January with Brian Latham, a shooting enthusiast friend of mine, I left Marulan for the wild west at Barrington on the Queensland border 85 miles north of Bourke.

The trip was very interesting to both of us as the country was a lot different to the Marulan District. Travelling via Cookswell we camped the first night at Orange. The next day we travelled on to Nyngan in very hot weather compared to what we had been getting at home and on the third day we reached our destination "Rosehill" Barrington a sheep station owned by Mr. Ted Staggs.

Our first day was a little disappointing and we wondered if our expedition was worthwhile but the next day our holiday took a turn for the better when we ran into scores of wild pigs.

We also did a considerable amount of spotlight shooting spending one night with professional shooters who have to be very accurate and take careful aim before shooting as they have to make every shot count.

There were large mobs of roos, emus

and foxes as well as the wild pigs and our bag was 39 wild pigs, plenty of rabbits, 23 foxes and 50 crows. Snakes were scarce owing to the very hot weather but one wild pig objected to being shot and charged us until he was stopped within ten yards of us with three 303/25 high power rifle bullets.

The heat was between 100 to 125 degrees in the shade of our tent and Brian had a frightening experience one day whilst boiling the billy when the fire he had lit spread across the hot sand showing us how easy it would be to start a grass fire.

Returning home we travelled via the Blue Mountains to by-pass the rough road between Goulburn and Orange. Rain most of the way home made travelling quite dangerous as the Highway is very slippery when wet causing us to have a frightening moment when our car went into a side drift.

The conclusion to my travelogue is -- If you desire plenty of shooting thrills for your holidays GO WEST YOUNG MAN, GO WEST!



Brian sitting in the shade of the tent

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Word has been received from Margaret Ellis, daughter of Reg, that she has arrived in England. Margaret is on a working holiday to England and the Continent and is accompanied by two of her nursing girlfriends.

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Congratulations to Emil Huber (Stockhouse) and Miss Maureen Dockett who announced their engagement on the 13th January.

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Rejoicing at the birth of a daughter on the 1st January are Ken and Betty Little. Names chosen for the baby are Debra Ann who is a sister for William. Congratulations to you both!

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Also receiving congratulations are Bill and Denise Baker who are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Cheryl Anne.

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Welcome to Ian Dickson and Peter Mitchell who joined the office staff during January.

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We wish a quick recovery for Mrs. Mulready and Mrs. Coupe who are both receiving surgical treatment in hospital.

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Stuart McDonnell Jnr. has now returned home after an emergency operation on New Year's Day.

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Tony, four and half year old son of Lionel and Joan King, is now progressing satisfactorily after a hole-in-the-heart operation at Camperdown Children's Hospital on the 14th January. It may be of interest to know that Channel 2 (the following Saturday night) showed an hour long film of a similar operation in the same hospital.

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Jim Moore and John Moul are enjoying their holidays at Coolangatta and no doubt painting it a bright red.

Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Jack Schott, Mr. Wal Parsons and Mr. Jim Mitchell have been enjoying their annual holidays away from their arduous work in the Works Office.

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Thanks are extended by staff members to our Paymaster, Mr. Lindsay Lansdown, for his assistance in arranging with the Education Department for tech. classes to be held in Moss Vale for those wishing to gain their Accountancy Certificate.

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At 12.30 a.m. on Saturday, 11th January, death struck between the stockhouse and Moss Vale Road, when Pop Wrightson, returning from placing tickets on the railway trucks, noticed a black snake sliding in front of him. Securing a suitable weapon Pop made short work of ridding us of another potential killer.

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Newsletter extends its sympathy to the relatives of the late Ernest Krakenbuhl, an ex-employee, and Alfred Taylor, son of the late founder, in their recent sad losses.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Keith Larsen, son of Reg, who married Miss Noelene Stuart at Moss Vale on the 25th January.

MARULAN

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Congratulations to Elizabeth Stanford and David Cooper on their wedding in Goulburn on January 18. Friends and relatives from many parts of the district attended. The honeymoon was spent at Surfer's Paradise.

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Congratulations to Allan McGovern and Susan Lambert who were married in Goulburn on 1st February. They spent their honeymoon on a trip to Adelaide via the Murray Valley Highway and back through Melbourne.

We all wish Neil and Joy Cole much happiness following their recent wedding. They spent their honeymoon in Sydney and Wollongong and their future home will be at Towrang.

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Garry Newman, formerly employed at the Quarry, was married in Moss Vale on 31st January.

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Ashley Cooper and his wife spent a week's holiday on the South Coast in mid January.

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Stan Murphy and family spent annual holidays in Sydney.

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Face Foreman Trevor Pearson and family spent part of his holidays at Huskisson on the South Coast.

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Fred Collins and his wife spent annual holidays in Sydney and at Red Head near Milton.

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Eddie Beaumont and family spent annual holidays at Dubbo.

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Congratulations to Merv. and Jill Henderson on the birth of a son in January — their second child. Merv. will finish his apprenticeship as a fitter and turner in March.

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Bill Rowley's wife Kay is well again after surgical treatment in Goulburn Base Hospital.

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Two of Peter Cooper's sons are recovering after a brief stay in Goulburn Base Hospital.

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Ray Bell and a party recently landed 50 perch from the Shoalhaven River below Tallong.

The annual cricket match between Marulan South and Goulburn Police was won by the visitors. Refreshments added to the friendly atmosphere of the occasion (and the defeat of the local heroes.)

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Cliff Clack, son of truck driver Lionel, has started his apprenticeship at the Quarry as a fitter and turner.

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Workmen's bus driver from Marulan to the Quarry, Jack Watterson, has resigned to take the position of station mechanic with Mr. Pat Osborne, "Currandooley" near Bungendore.

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Some members of the maintenance section have given up smoking. Others are thinking about it. Wonder whether they've been reading an American report on the possible effects of cigarettes?

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We regret to record the sudden death of Eddie Mills who worked at the Quarry for a year. The funeral took place at Crookwell on 21st January. Despite his 60 years, he was an agile and popular member of the local tennis club. Workmates were represented at the funeral.

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Our sympathy is offered to the Wells family on the death of Jim Wells at Marulan on 21st January. Mr. Wells, a farmer for most of his life, was 96.

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SYDNEY

Congratulations go to John Agnew and Les Stimpson on passing the Leaving Certificate examination. John, with 2nd class honours, 3 A's and 1 B, has decided on Sydney University for his degree course in Economics and Les, with 2 A's and 4 B's, will do Commerce at the University of N.S.W. John Agnew also gained a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Our Sales Supervisor, Mr. Max Barnett, was particularly upset one day late last month when a workman climbed through the window of his office five levels above Bligh Street. Along with some tools came a half bag of Kandos cement!

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John Portus spent the first week of February at Berrima getting a general picture of the Works, limestone quarry and Colliery. It is the general view held in the General Office — and also in Sydney — that to see the running of the plant and the work in the general office is essential to the under-

standing and co-operation between Berrima and Sydney.

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On holidays in February will be Mr. Phil. Dudley, Don Millhouse and John Portus.

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By discreet inquiry it has been discovered that John Agnew, one of our new commercial trainees, is the Euphonium playing champion of Australia. John plays with the Gosford town band which has won the Australian Championship for the last couple of years.

Let's Laugh

"Look at that bloke with the broom, he hasn't done a tap of work for the last hour."

"I know that, but you should take your feet off the desk when you say a thing like that."

—

Scotty was having trouble with a ball which persisted in staying on the fairway. To relieve the uncomfortable silence, he cheerily declared: "Funny game, golf!"

To which his unhappy caddie replied: "Taint meant to be."

—

Junk is the stuff you have been saving for years and dumped yesterday just before you needed it today.

"Gee, you have two lovely legs."
"How do you know!"
"I counted them."

—

Harry: "Why did you take up playing the piano?"
Sam: "My beer kept sliding off my violin."

—

Sign on a local golf course:—

"Please refrain from picking up lost balls before they have stopped rolling."

—

It's easy to pick children whose mothers are good housekeepers; they are usually found in other people's back yards. .



GOLF — By Kevin Moore

Billy Poland and Don Moore both won their individual club monthly medals on 4th January. Billy, playing on the Moss Vale course, won his medal with a (21) 63.

Others to do well were C. Condon (18) 66 and E. Radnidge with (23) 68. The long markers trophy was won by Bert McIntosh with (24) 69.

Don, playing on the Bowral Country Club, won his medal with a (18) 63. No doubt the handicappers have been doing a little bit of work.

Charlie Blackie proved to Yours Truly how wrong I can be. On the 19th January Charlie, playing in really champion style, spreadeagled the field to win the Ampol Cup at Bowral with 43 Stableford points. The following Sunday he again won the B Grade Stableford competition with 35 points. Congratulations Charlie and keep up the good work.

TENNIS

Both Berrima teams are having mixed luck at the moment, winning some and losing some. It is the feeling of some critics that the form talk in the corner of the local is doing no good and those concerned are advised to save their form until the Saturday afternoon.

We thought Mrs. Parsons would have work to do looking after Wally but she has now joined the willing workers

supervising the children's tennis matches in Moss Vale during their school holidays.

CRICKET — with Geoff Larsen

Bright cricket was the order of most matches with only one day provided for round seven of the cricket competition.

Our S.P.C. team finally notched a first innings win due to solid batting by John Coupe 21, Chris Boyd 21 and Robert Vincent 29 which included six boundaries.

Col Moore bowled his side, Burrawang, into a winning position with the outstanding figures of 6 for 4 which included the hat trick in their match against Bowral Ramblers. Bowral could only manage 19 runs and Burrawang replied with 3 decl. for 85. Ian Gilby showed out well with the bat, making 49 and the Stockhouse has produced another cricketer in Bill Baker who made 28 not out. When sent in again Bowral did a little better with 35.

I collected my second hat trick in the one day match against Mittagong finishing with 5 for 62 and former S.P.C. player Keith Larsen scored 62 in 50 minutes in this match showing his best form of the season.

In Moss Vale "Waratahs" match against Bowral "Blues" Bill Poland scored 18, which included 4 fours and set his team mates in the right mood to go for the runs.

Lloyd Veal, former S.P.C. skipper, is squeezing in an occasional game with "Waratahs" and after an innings or two he produced 43 runs in good style against Robertson. Bill Poland also scored 45 in this match.

Moss Vale "Rovers" played Bowral "Blues" on the S.P.C. ground in the last match in one of the best and brightest games of the season. "Blues" when sent in to bat took to the bowling in great style with Graeme Beattie hitting boundaries almost at will. "Blues" total was 129 and "Rovers" in their weakest batting display, made only 88.

With 15 minutes play remaining on the first day "Blues" started their sec-

ond innings and 30 runs were hit off three overs with Graeme Beattie again in great form. On the second Saturday "Blues" were out for 130, I took 4 wickets for 29, set 172 runs to win in 125 minutes. "Rovers" took up the challenge. Opening the innings for the first time this year I faced seventeen deliveries and scored 43 runs then left in haste for my brother's wedding. The following batsmen carried on in similar fashion and despite half an hour lost due to rain the runs were made with three minutes to spare.

Bright play was the order of the day in this match and on the fielding angle Alan Parker stood out with fine catch in slips and some brilliant saves in the outfield.



A Reply to the Engineer's Lament

WHAT IS AN ENGINEER?

An engineer is a person who poses as being an exacting expert on the basis of being able to turn out (with prolific fortitude) strings of incomprehensible formulae, calculated with micrometric precision, from vague assumptions which are based on debat-

able figures taken from inconclusive experiments carried out with instruments and slide rules, of problematical accuracy by persons of doubtful reliability, for the avowed purpose of annoying and confounding hopeless chimerical groups of fanatics, referred to all too frequently as "ENGINEERS."

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



I have picked out a good caravan park on Lake Eucumbene and will give the trout a try at Easter if circumstances permit. Probably all the fishing I do will be off the bank. According to the leaflet I have from the Cooma Information Centre, aluminium toppers may be hired at the rate of £35 per week for 14 footers and £25 per week for 12 footers! Of course, this includes a 10 h.p. engine and free fuel! They did not mention free fish!

Eddie Johns and Bill Rutter had a try in the Abercrombie River, but were not too successful. I feel there is good trout fishing in the Fitzroy Falls area but, as I said some issues ago, the area is pretty inaccessible and requires the proper clothing and a careful watch for snakes and leeches. I remember fishing a stream at Wildes Meadow some years ago standing in a foot of

water but I did not stay there long as those leeches give one a nasty feeling stuck all over ones legs!

Bill Brooks' son bagged a few nice fish with Stan Street at Currarong — groper, pig and rainbows. The fishing spot was a bit inaccessible but it was worth it.

Col. Pickering and Nev. Gilby boated off the Bombo for some nice Groper to 4 lbs. and various rock varieties, in all about 40 lbs between them. Is the moon up yet Col? You know it has been said that "the moon affects the tide and the untide" — and more to the point for Robertson anglers — "where moonshine comes from is a secret still!"

No doubt after some of the mountain dew you would be hunting the scorpions at Shoalhaven Heads with an Owen gun! Or worse still using a helicopter to clear the air of these dreadful dragon flies! But seriously, I had scant luck during my recent long week-end at Shoalhaven Heads. However, the chap and his wife next to me bagged 33 whiting in two hours, about 1 lb. The recipe was worms of course. Needless to say I was equipped with prawn bait as worms were off. The A.F.A. members down there had good bags of whiting up to 70.

Mention prawns to the Lab. boys! We were at Lake Illawarra recently and worked for two hours for 3 lbs. of prawns each. They were small but very tasty and the mob will descend on the same place with gusto (and nets) next time the time and tide are suitable.

Protect yourselves from sandflies by using repellent, and don't forget this is the shark season so do not get wading into murky shallows.



Watch out for DIPLAX ELISA!



Were you born under Scorpio? This is it!



FLOWERS:

Sow: Alyssum, Anemone, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Candytuft, Canterbury Bells, Carnation, Cornflower, Delphinium, Digitalis, Gaillardia, Linaria, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Primula, Ranunculus, Stock, Sweet Pea (Early Flowering), Wallflower.

Plant: Anemone (Seedlings or Corms), Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Canterbury Bells, Carnation, Delphinium, Gaillardia, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Primula, Ranunculus (Seedlings or Corms), Stock, Wallflower, Spring-Flowering Bulbs such as Jonquils, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Freesias, Tulips.

VEGETABLES:

Sow: Beetroot, Beans (French), Carrot, Parsnip, Parsley, Peas, Spinach, Swede Turnip, White Turnip, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Savoy Cabbage, Endive, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish.

Plant: Brussels Sprouts, Lettuce, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery.

Plant Spring-flowering Bulbs such as Jonquils, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Tulips this month.

Disbud the Dahlias and remove dead blooms. Watch the Shows for new varieties and try one or two of the new colours available next season.

Keep the vegetable garden cultivated to prevent weeds setting seed and give lawns a dressing of Sulphat of Ammonia this month and also keep them mown to prevent weed growth.

Stocks like lime, so work some into the soil when planting the seedlings into the garden. The warm, sunny weather we have had this Summer is helping to keep fungous diseases under control and any sign of these should be treated immediately with a fungicide.

Watch for Autumn broods of caterpillars from this month onwards and spray with "Bug-geta" to kill them.

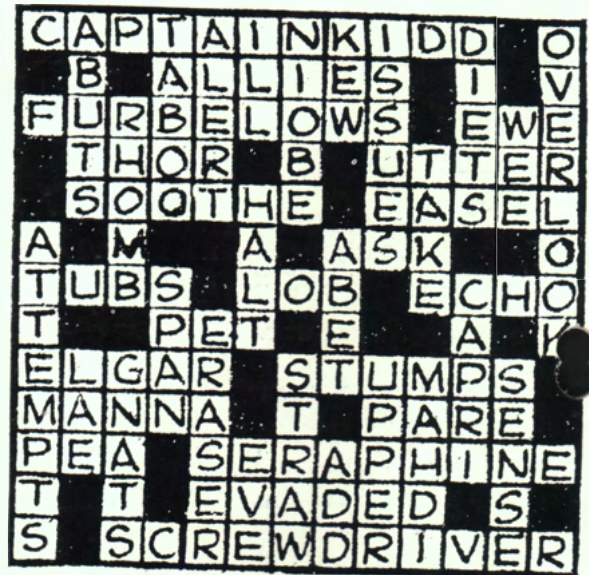
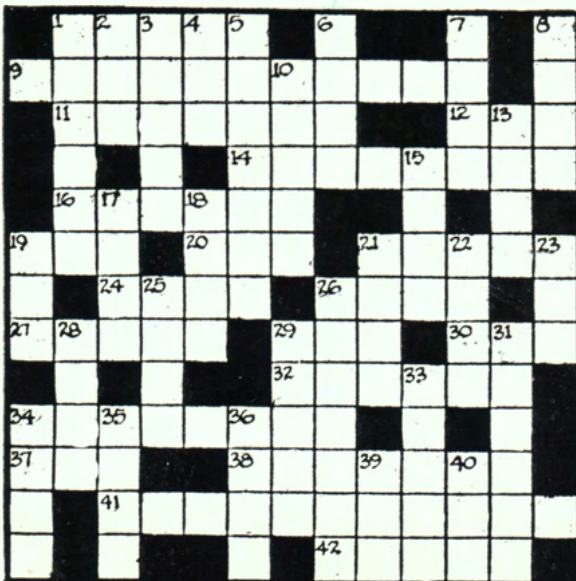
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Congratulations to Mr. Eric Johnson of Burrawang, who is the winner of Problem No. 59. Maybe we are making them too easy as we needed another draw from the hat.

PROBLEM No. 60

Across

1. Soaks through
9. Regular
11. Made by children
12. Grow old
14. Idle show
16. Weights
19. Sick
20. One (Fr.)
21. Celtic people
24. Want
26. Composer
27. Writer of "Ode to a Grecian Urn"
29. "— and Superman"
30. Attach
32. Type of rabbit
34. Pool
37. Greek letter
38. Beginning
41. Terrific
42. Despatches



Down

1. Sign
2. Bird
3. German warship
4. Vigour
5. Allowance
6. Small bunch
7. Level
8. Victim
10. Employ again
13. Determination
15. Heroic
17. Arm bone
18. Catchwords
19. Annoy
21. Pain
22. Burn
23. Unhappy
25. Engrave
26. Robbers
28. Departure
29. Spiritual nourishment
31. City of Texas
33. Constellation
34. Stumbled
35. Belt
36. French river
39. Fasten
40. Conjunction

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
MARULAN - BERRIMA - MEDWAY - SYDNEY

General Manager's Notes

Early this month I attended a meeting of Council of the Cement and Concrete Association held in Melbourne and it was satisfying to learn of the high consumption of cement all over Australia, which is a sure sign of a strong and prosperous economy.

The Geelong Works of Australian Cement Limited last year installed a new kiln, nearly as big as our No. 5, and two cement mills and this plant is now running to capacity. A new cement plant, Victoria Portland Cement Co. Pty. Limited, will start making cement this month at Waurin Ponds and will get away to a good start with high cement sales in that State.

A new kiln and mills are due to start up in Western Australia later this year, whilst in Queensland a new cement kiln is proposed for Rockhampton where, at the present time, Queensland Cement and Lime Co. Limited grind clinker sent up from Darra.

At the present time we are unable to supply all our customers following record tonnages over the past few months. However, when No. 5 kiln comes into operation next month we should have surplus capacity for a short while.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

As reported in the Marulan section of our Personal Pars, Bert Barnfield had a lucky escape from serious injury when a rifle he was carrying discharged accidentally.

This brings to mind quite a few similar incidents reported in the press in recent months when others were not so lucky. A young lad fatally wounded himself attempting to club a rabbit to death with his .22 rifle butt and a father killed his son with a shotgun blast whilst shooting at cats under his house.

By observing a few simple safety precautions all these accidents could have been avoided so the next time you pick up your own rifle or shotgun try to keep the following rules in mind:

OPEN THE BREECH OF A WEAPON AS SOON AS YOU
PICK IT UP.

DON'T LOAD UNTIL YOU ARE ABOUT TO FIRE.

NEVER POINT A WEAPON AT ANYONE IN JEST.

DON'T CARRY A LOADED WEAPON IN A CAR —
UNLOAD IT FIRST.

DON'T CLIMB THROUGH A FENCE AND PULL YOUR
GUN AFTER YOU. PUT THE GUN OVER THE FENCE
FIRST.

AFTER YOUR DAY'S SHOOTING, CHECK THAT YOUR
GUN IS UNLOADED BEFORE PUTTING IT AWAY
AND THEN PLACE THE AMMUNITION ON A HIGH
SHELF OR IN A LOCKED CUPBOARD WHERE
CHILDREN CAN'T GET IT.

Remember our Works' motto — SAFETY EVERYWHERE ALL
THE TIME — applies just as much off the job as on it.

Yours until next issue,

THE EDITOR.

New Apprentices - 1964



Pictured above are the eight apprentices who started with the Company this year. The photo on the left shows the boys at Berrima, who are from left to right—

BACK ROW — Robert Millard, Jim Manning, George Mulready and Roger King.

FRONT ROW — Ken Coates, Grahame Morris and Kevin Wortz.

The right hand photo shows our Marulan apprentice Clifford Clack.

Welcome to S.P.C. Boys.

Safety — Berrima

Two lost time injuries occurred during the month of February. This has been a very poor start in 1964 as, at the beginning of the year, we all looked forward to achieving at least twelve months — if not fifteen months — which would mean a million man-hours accident-free.

One of the injuries which occurred broke a continuous run of 2,041 days — five years and seven months — for a production group which had achieved a record run of accident-free days at S.P.C.

We must all do our share towards preventing accidents. **THEY CAN BE PREVENTED.**

Peter Lewis, apprentice electrician, returned

to work at the beginning of March after being off work three months as a result of his injury.

New employees who recently commenced at Berrima, are:—

Peter Andrew — Stockhouse.

Col Ready — Yard.

Archie Browne—Power House.

Ray Smith — Machine Shop.

Bill O'Neill — Yard.

Frank Hammerschmidt — Yard.

Barry Carey — Yard.

Fred Ruming — Yard.

Grahame Waghorn — Drawing Office.

From Australia to England via The Suez Canal

As reported in the February issue of our Newsletter, Margaret Ellis, daughter of Reg (Painter), recently arrived in England on the s.s. Oriana on a working holiday.

Reg has kindly given us a loan of the letters and postcards that Margaret sent whilst on the trip and her impressions of the various ports of call make very interesting reading.

Margaret writes — "Colombo is a very hot city, the majority of the people are very poor and the city itself is very dirty. We went ashore from Oriana in launches as we had to anchor in the bay. As soon as we landed we were met by the Kandyain dancers and a guide to take us around. There were beggars everywhere and lots of black-market dives. We soon got tired of Colombo and hired a taxi to take us into the country. Ceylon is mostly jungle with rubber and tea its main produce. The people are mainly Buddhists so our visit was not complete without a visit to one of their temples. We had to remove our shoes to enter and incense was burning around the Buddha and the people were offering flowers and gifts. Later the Kandyain dancers came on board the ship and danced for us. A snake charmer also came aboard and I had my photo taken with the snake around my neck. (We will be looking forward to seeing it, Margaret.—Ed.). We were not sorry to leave the sights and smells of Colombo.

"Aden is still very hot but a lot cleaner than Colombo. Electrical goods and cameras are very cheap. The language is Arabic and English. Apart from Aden itself there is very little to see, so our stay of six hours was long enough."

Arriving in Egypt, Margaret left the ship at Port Suez and continues: "We then took coaches to Cairo, 100 miles away across the desert. Nothing to see on the way but flat barren sand with little settlements by oases along the way. We were taken on a tour around Cairo and the Nile River and from there to the pyramids which are very high and made of thousands of stones. We went up inside one to a tomb of a princess. We then saw the Sphinx and had a ride on a camel. Cairo is a modern city with huge mosques. Central Cairo is very rich and

luxurious, but the outer fringes are slums with congested bazaars and markets and dwellings packed close together. The temperature was a cool 50 degrees all day, which was a pleasant change from the 80 degrees of Aden. We rejoined Oriana at Port Said at 3 a.m. next day."

From Egypt Margaret travelled to Italy where Oriana docked at Naples. Margaret writes of Naples: "Naples is gorgeous and we loved it. Lots of fascinating little shops and cheap goods. Had a ride on the Funicular railway, which goes up on cables inside a mountain from where we could see all of Naples and also Mount Vesuvius and the Isle of Capri. The weather was freezing with very cold winds."

From Naples Oriana and Margaret then went to Gibraltar where the boat only docked for an hour and the weather was very cold and wet with a very rough sea.

After Gibraltar Oriana sailed by the Bay of Biscay to England and Margaret writes of London: "Weather here is cold and damp; I think I'll hibernate until Spring."

Thank you Reg for lending us these letters and postcards. I am sure all our readers will enjoy reading them and we will be interested to hear more of Margaret's travels and experiences at a later date.



The above photo is a reproduction of a beautiful postcard Margaret sent home of the Sphinx and Pyramids.

Plant Jottings

☆ A major step forward was achieved last month on our No. 5 kiln project with the commissioning of the transmission lines and sub-stations installed for the supplying of power to the kiln area.

The transmission lines with their impressive steel towers have been built for some time and work has steadily progressed over the past few months on the new Works sub-station and the No. 5 kiln sub. All of the work in the kiln sub-station and much of it in the Works has been carried out by our own Electrical Department and it was very pleasing to find that the commissioning of these major items proceeded without a hitch.

It is expected that power generated in our own station will be used to drive No. 5 kiln and its auxiliaries. This power, generated at 2.3 kV is stepped up to 33 kV in the new Works sub and transmitted at this voltage to the kiln sub where it is stepped down again to 2.3 kV. A nine unit 2.3 kV distribution board is situated in No. 4 kiln base from which power is reticulated to the larger drive motors and to two 1000 kVA, 2.3kV/415V transformers located at the kiln control building. The main low tension load control centre is situated adjacent to these transformers and distribution of power at 415V to all auxiliaries is made from this centre.

Both the new Works sub and the transmission lines have been designed with an eye to future expansion. Extensions to the sub-station can be readily made and the capacity of the transmission line system is sufficient to supply power to a battery of kilns similar to No. 5 and all associated raw and cement mills.



☆ The above photo shows a general view of the new substation.

Holiday on the Barrier Reef

(By Jim Feltham and Ted Thompson)

After leaving Sydney at 6.50 p.m. on Saturday, December 21 last year, we travelled by train to Brisbane, arriving at noon on Sunday, where we changed trains after a six hour wait. We boarded the Sunshine Express for Proserpine. This was the worst part of our journey as Jim slept on the floor between seats whilst others were more fortunate and slept sitting up. We arrived at Proserpine at 11.15 p.m. on Monday and were taken by taxi to the Avalon Motel, where we slept overnight. No one will realise what a good night's sleep is like after travelling two nights and two days over a distance of 1540 miles.

After breakfast the following morning we left by bus for Shute Harbour, 15 miles away, where we boarded the MV Viking, which is the island's own boat. Travelling between a network of islands we soon came to the Whitsunday Passage, from where we could see South Molle Island, our home for the next two weeks.

After landing with more than 30 others, we were taken to our "beachcomber" by the hostess. This is a room with four beds, ample wardrobes, cupboards and self-contained shower and toilet. The dining room had accommodation for 150 guests — the meals were excellent.

The beaches on the island were shocking — being mostly coral to the edge of the water. The sand on the beaches is all transported from Whitehaven Beach which is five miles away. We went for a cruise to this beach on another boat, the Crest, which is also part of the South Molle Island set-up. There is no jetty at this beach, the captain heads the boat straight to the sand where there is a small boat waiting for the passengers.

There were several cruises organised including one to Hayman Island. Our opinion of this island is that it is good for honeymooners or elderly people, but not for the younger holiday-makers. We also visited Lindermann Island. Here again guests were transported by small boat as the bay is very

shallow. This island is very small but boasts an aerodrome.

The night life on South Molle is fantastic, lasting throughout the night and the girls — plentiful and beautiful.

A trip to the outer reef on Crest proved very exciting. We travelled 40 miles out to sea and the reef is under water most of the time, while at low tide a large section of it is out of water. The visitors are taken to the reef in a small glass-bottomed boat. We were warned not to wander too far away because when the tide comes in the unsuspecting ones can be trapped.

The specimens were magnificent and we picked as many as possible in the time available. As the tide started to come in, we scrambled into the boat, and by the time all were in the tide was waist high.

The temperature on the island varies between 90 and 95 degrees. The island has some beautiful walks with tracks leading to some magnificent scenes of adjacent bays and islands.

Christmas and New Year are celebrated very gaily by people from the mainland and closer islands. The spirit of the season can be understood when it is realised that drinks are available for the 24 hours a day.

After such a wonderful holiday, we did not look forward to the return train journey. But, as usual after such a holiday, the exchequer was not very healthy and the train was the best we could afford.

On reaching Sydney at 6.30 a.m. on Friday, 10th January, we brushed up for the wedding of a friend, Reno, who accompanied us on the trip. This was the climax to an experience new to us and the opening of many new doors of friendship.

Fogs can be Different

(By Barney Creswick)

Fogs, like many other things are not what they used to be. But as long as moisture of some sort lingers on in the air, it is inevitable that the baffling curtain with which most people are all too concerned will be lowered and lifted with disconcerting frequency whenever winter comes.

The plaguish kind that Marulan South folk are dreading to see outside their bedroom windows when they get up in the winter is only one of several; there are also rain fogs and frost fogs, and none can honestly deny the fascination of these, especially when great hulking trees lean with monstrous exaggeration over the suddenly looming and lapsing citizens, or when, for those travelling to work, tall trees move like shadowy ghosts across the white night of noonday.

Even the earth seems vague in a delightful fashion, and without form. But, fascinated though we may find ourselves by such wintry characteristics, we had best be careful before we grant them virtue, even that more aloof of the aesthetic type.

Nevertheless, we cannot very well withhold

from winter's vaporous states the right to be regarded in some degree as virtuous, considering that such an authority on elemental things as a famous poet has granted it.

At a season like this, we may recall an essay in which he describes how, during his seafaring days, he and his sailor comrades could not see three feet ahead of them.

"All the river was hidden in a coat of grey . . . unseen sirens hooted mournfully, bell signals and voices came from nowhere in particular, men hailed each other from invisible bridges, a confused noise of many screws, beating irregularly, drifted over ruffled waters," he wrote.

In the poet's vision, the seafarers were eternal beings, moving through space on some unfathomable errand. We at Marulan South will soon again experience this feeling as we drive through the denseness of the fogs.

Is there any other way than being enveloped in a sight smothering, sound-deadening fog of understanding than what was meant by the old Biblical writer who described the beginning of things as without form and void?

Let's Laugh

Announcer (at village concert): "Miss Screecher will now sing 'Had I the Wings of a Dove I'd Flee'."

Johnnie (nudging father): "Dad, what kind of an insect is a dove-eyed flea?"

A little light is shed on the family budget when you realise that you can wear last year's suit but you can't eat last year's beef.

After the doctor checked the patient over, he asked: "Have you been leading a normal life?"
"Yes, doctor."

"Well, you are going to have to cut it out for a while."

You don't realise how much the human voice can change until you hear a woman stop scolding the children to answer the phone.

Household hint: If you entertain, buy a grand piano instead of a T.V. set.

It holds more glasses.

A car was travelling along the road one night. It veered off the road, shot down an embankment, flipped over twice and cracked into a tree, finally winding up upside down.

The driver had just crawled from the wreck when a policeman arrived on the scene. Surveying the wreck, the policeman asked the driver if he had been drinking.

Indignantly, the driver replied: "Certainly — you don't think I drive like this all the time, do you?"

A pat on the back develops character, if administered young enough, often enough and low enough.

Credit Union News

MONTHLY REPORT BY C. WHEELER — Financial Secretary

Members as at end February, 1964

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Berrima — Works and Office | 98 |
| Marulan | 46 |
| Colliery | 32 |
| Sydney Office and Stores | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 177 |
| | <hr/> |
| Loans made to date | 14 |
| Prospective loans | 6 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 20 |
| | <hr/> |

TOTAL SAVINGS are well in excess of £2,800 and it is all working. WE HAVE NO IDLE MONEY.

Our first member filled in his application for membership on the 21st November, 1963, so in just three months the Credit Union has grown beyond expectations.

The Future?

My prediction is that by the 30th June, 1965—

- (a) Members — 400.
- (b) Savings — £10,000.
- (c) Loan Limit — £500 at least with immediate availability.

Your Credit Union is designed to help you financially and every transaction is strictly confidential.

SO — SUPPORT YOUR CREDIT UNION — USE YOUR CREDIT UNION — GET TO KNOW YOUR CREDIT UNION — AFTER ALL, IT BELONGS TO YOU.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

Berrima

Bobby Friend, Power House, is back in hospital undergoing treatment for an old complaint. Look after yourself Bob and we all hope to see you back on the job again very soon.



One of our crossword experts, Bert McShosh, Drawing Office, has scored again. Bert submitted an entry in a crossword competition run by Atlas Copco Limited and was informed recently that his entry had won him a transistor radio.



The above photo shows Bert being presented with his prize by Bob Whiter, of Atlas Copco.



Snakes appear to be very numerous this season — on top of Pop Wrightson's episode reported last month's Newsletter, Ernie Willis, Store, reports disposing of a 3' 4" black snake within a few feet of his house. It would appear that we will all have to watch our step for the next few weeks.

On Friday, 27th February, Ted Hincenbergs, Carpenter, retired after more than 10 years of service with S.P.C. His workmates gave him and his wife a dinner at the Grand Hotel, Bowral.

During the course of the evening his foreman, Jim Colquhoun, on behalf of his workmates, presented Ted with a cut glass whisky decanter and glasses as a memento of his time at S.P.C.



Ted clocks off for the last time.



Joan Thorpe, General Office, has returned from annual holidays spent at Narrabeen Lakes and reports having a marvellous time. From the collection of males around her desk on her first day back her return was indeed welcome.



Received a letter from Alf Ware, who retired some time ago, in which he states how much he enjoys reading the Newsletter each month. His old workmates will be sorry to hear he has had a spell in hospital recently.

Bob D'Adam returned to work on 2nd March after a long spell of sickness.



Another one to return to the fold after a spell in hospital is electrical apprentice, Peter Lewis who, as you will recall, suffered a very painful injury on the coal crane last year.



Marulan

Marulan apprentices on 26/2/64 reached 365 days without a lost time accident. During that year, only five minor injuries were treated. Apprentice Carpenter John Hardgrave, now in his fourth year, has not reported any injury since he started in January, 1961. Congratulations to the boys for their fine effort.



The cricket season ended with both Marulan teams down the ladder. Third grade did better than the firsts. However, all players agreed that it was the game that mattered more than top honours.



John Diemar has enrolled at Wagga Teachers' College and his brother Mick is now with BHP, Newcastle, in the Geology Dept. They are sons of Alf, the local school teacher, and Mrs. Diemar.



The decision by members of the Maintenance Section and the Superintendent to give up smoking still stands. Ash trays have been stored away in Tony Cosgrove's office and Kevin's are for visitors only.



Ian Jones, on loan from Berrima, has started his Certificate Course at Wollongong Technical College.

Bert Barnfield has returned to work after a near miss in a shooting accident. He set out to destroy an injured pet and somehow the rifle he was carrying discharged. The bullet penetrated his left shoulder, missing bones and vital nerves.



The number interested in the S.P.C. Credit Union is steadily growing. Stan Bell and Trevor Pearson, Marulan directors, are spreading tidings of the benefits to be gained from membership.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ron McGarvey on the birth of a daughter.



Don Creighton and family, who spent annual leave at Sussex Inlet, tell of good fishing during the stay. One day Don and a couple of mates went out beyond the breakers and caught 80 sizeable fish in two hours.



Ian Cluney, son of General Quarry Foreman, Cecil, is one of the new Prefects at Goulburn High School.



Welder "Snowy" Karpuik, and family intend spending annual holidays at Sydney and Canberra.



Les O'Brien is away in the Snowy country on annual leave. He also intends travelling along some of the less frequented parts of the Victorian border. Earlier, he had intended visiting Ayers Rock in Central Australia, reports of dry weather in that area caused him to postpone these plans until next year.



Cricket by Geoff Larsen

With all rounds completed in the Cricket competition and the finalists sorted out, grim battles are predicted to top off the 1963-64 season.

John Townsend, a Moss Vale Central player, is having an excellent season in reserve grade, his scores being 34, 35 and 24 in the last three innings, and his solid bowling performances must push him into "A" grade reckoning for next season.

Col Ready has returned to S.P.C. and his cricket with Bowral first grade this season has been full of merit. Col made 65 against Mittagong and 37 run-out against "Rovers" and his fielding was of a high standard throughout.

Burrawang players Ian Gilby and Bill Baker continue to make their 30's and Col Moore, with a recent effort of 5/13 against Moss Vale Central, is still the top bowler in the reserve grade.

Veteran Tom Waide, the "Waratah's" skipper, hit up 92 for his team against Mittagong and, although clean bowled first ball by Yours Truly next match, he led his team to victory over "Rovers" who were previously unbeaten. Peter Mott also starred against Mittagong with 65 runs and his recent fielding efforts have been first class.

Ian Mackie, who fits his cricket in between his shifts at work, made a match winning 62 for Burrawang against Bundanoon. This stylish batsman was also amongst the runs in his last match with 26 not out the first Saturday.

"Waratahs" called on Lloyd Veal for the match against "Rovers" and, although being dropped in the covers, Lloyd cracked four boundaries in the score of 23.

I have had luck on my side in recent games scoring 101 not out against Bowral and taking 6 for 57 against "Waratahs." I was also fortunate to represent Illawarra in a Council

match against the Hawkesbury District on the 16th February.

Golf

S.P.C. golfers have been to the fore during the last few weeks at Moss Vale Club. Jim Dray and Cecil Condon combined well to win the foursomes event on 29th February with a net-69, whilst Kevin Howard and Bert McIntosh were runners-up with a net 70.

The previous week Ron Budden and Bert McIntosh were runners-up when they came in with a 6 up in a fourball - par event.

Earlier this month Kevin Howard had a net 61 in a stroke event and was promptly cut down two strokes by the handicapper.

At Bowral Country Club recently the S.P.C. players have collected their share of prizes. On 25th January Don Moore was amongst the prizewinners in the A grade comp., playing off 17/13 handicap Don came in with 37 points. In the Twilight Competition on 26th February Don was once more amongst the leaders with 23 points over 9 holes. Cyril Condon also scored well in this event, coming home with 20 points.

On Saturday, 29th February, Norm Austin collected the Leroy Trophy, playing off 19/14 and bringing in a score of 6 up. Congratulations Norm!

Bowls

Things are very quiet at this time of the year. All pennant matches have been completed and all clubs are marking time until the start of the winter season.

Marulan

Marulan is expected to field two Rugby League teams this season. The soccer men are also expected to field at least one team.

Training has started and Marulan is looking for matches, so interested club secretaries should contact Bill Rowley at the Quarry.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



On Saturday afternoon, 28th February, the great fishing competition was held at the Lake in Mittagong. The prize for the most fish went to a bag of 24. The largest fish caught was 3 ounces! Anyhow, the kids had fun with their rods!

According to the Daily Telegraph, Jack Brown is keeping up his reputation at The Entrance by helping to spin a bag of 40 tailor.

Bob Friend, using his famous new "Sputnik" sinker, fished Comerong Island for 13 bream and two flathead to 2½ lbs. Yes, and who is the expert at the Power House who takes two keys to open a tin of kippers?

Bert Garbutt fished the Kangaroo River for some perch, which were a bit on the small side. Terry Parmenter and Harry Stephen

were at St. George's Basin and landed some nice bream and also had fun with a 5½ lb. salmon.

Speaking of salmon, Sam Marshall caught the family a fish feed nearly every day during his stay at Merry Beach, but the highlight of the holiday was the 8 lb. salmon that gave him a great fight.

From what Ernie Willis tells me a larger boat will be required for subsequent fishing expeditions off Gerringong. They had a great catch of mowies, squire, flathead, bream and various rock varieties. A banana case full! Wacko!

Eric Johnson (Machine Shop) did not have much success whilst holidaying at Bateman's Bay and no doubt he wishes he had been Eric Johnson (Kiln floor) who spent a holiday at Delegate on the Snowy River. He had great success with the trout and can't wait to get back to that area again.

It would appear that the only bloke who did no good was myself. I fished the Canal for a whole day with scant success, whilst down the way at Culburra a bloke pulled in a 8½ lb. snapper. I should have concentrated on prawning; one can at least sneak up on them with that beaut net and, gotcha! (No knowledge of golf required either).

Anyhow, old fishermen never die, they only smell that way.



Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for March

Flowers:

SOW: Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Canterbury Bells, Candytuft, Carnation, Delphinium, Digitalis, Eschscholtzia, "Forget-me-not", Gailardia, Gypsophila, Iceland Poppy, Larkspur, Linaria, Lupin, Mignonette, Nigella, Primula, Pansy, Stock, Sweet Pea, Wallflower, Viola.

PLANT: Bulbs such as Daffodils, Freesias, Hyacinths, Ixias, Jonquils, Nerines, Watsonias, Anemones, Ranunculus, Tulips, Sparaxis, etc. Plants of Iceland Poppy, Primula, Pansy, Stock, Viola, Wallflower.

Vegetables:

SOW: Broad Beans, Endive, Lettuce, Carrots, Parsnips, Peas, Silver Beet, White Turnip, Savoy Cabbage, Cauliflower, Leek, Onion.

PLANT: Lettuce, Eschalot, Tree Onion, Brussels Sprout, Cabbage.

This month the main planting of spring-flowering annuals must be carried out.

Take out all summer annuals which have finished blooming and dig over and manure the beds before replanting.

Keep in mind that Primulas, Lobelia, Viola, Pansy and Wallflower do best in the sheltered spots in the garden, while Stocks, Linaria, Antirrhinum, Calendula, Iceland Poppy and Carnation do best in an open, sunny position.

Dig over any weak areas in English grass lawns and re-sow them. The seed will germinate rapidly while the soil is still warm.

Gladiolus corms should be lifted six weeks after flowering, with all growths attached. When thoroughly dry, clean off the dead outer skin and store on a dry shelf or on trays. Inspect these every few weeks to see that they are not rotting or being attacked by snails or insects.

Remove all vegetable plants which have finished, and if disease-free, add them to the compost heap.

Pick up and either burn or bury very deeply, any fallen fruit including crab-apples and fruit of flowering peaches and plums. This will help to prevent the spread of fruit fly and Codlin moth.

With the very dry spell which we are experiencing at the moment, see that all plants receive a good soaking at least once a week, preferably in the evening.

Try some of the new water-proof snail-killing pellets which are now on the market. These are more economical to use and can be scattered about the garden in inaccessible spots. Spray with Rogor to control Black Aphids on the buds of Camellias.

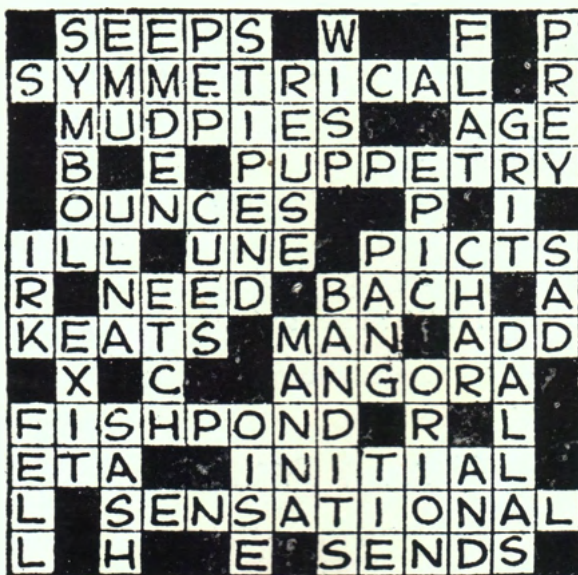
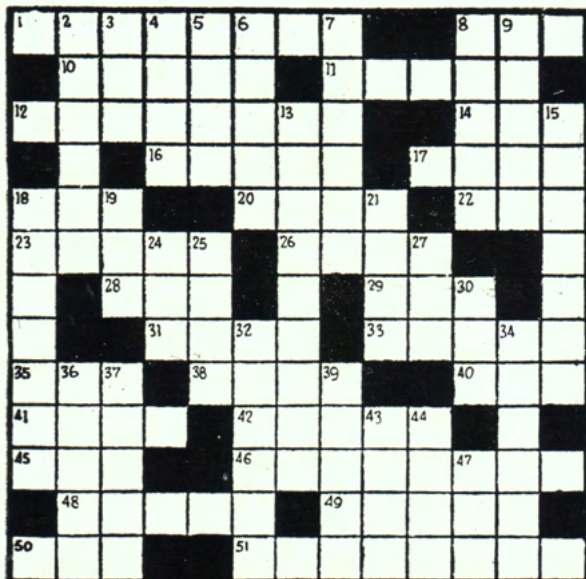
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Once again a draw from the hat was necessary to decide the winner of last month's crossword. The lucky winner was Mrs. R. Chambers, Ber-rima.

Problem No. 61

ACROSS

1. Famous diamond
8. Reservoir
10. Provide food
11. Shakespearian forest
12. Recall
14. Cover
16. Watered silk
17. Island of Malay Archipelago
18. Component of electrolyte
20. Story
22. Word of assent
23. Endure
26. Stains
28. Genus of snakes
29. Statute
31. Round plate
33. Malice
35. Boring instrucent
38. Fish
40. Endeavour
41. Rip
42. Particles of matter
45. Tree
46. Murder of a king
48. Resign



49. River in Europe
50. Donkey
51. Uniform

DOWN

2. Tropical American animal
3. Salted meat
4. Particular
5. Nobody
6. Planetary path
7. Hardly ever
8. Defer
9. Imbecile
13. Destroy
15. Neglect
18. Place in a detached position
19. Grab
21. Fishes
24. Incline
25. Platform
27. Plant "blood"
30. Humour
32. Divides
34. One engaged in commerce
36. Springs
37. Cripples
39. Principle
43. Bearing
44. Run before the wind
47. Queensland mount

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MARULAN - BERRIMA - MEDWAY - SYDNEY

General Manager's Notes

APRIL, 1964.

For the first three months of this year to the 31st March, Marulan's safety figures are better than those at Berrima, which is the first time since we have been paying particular attention to this aspect of our operations.

The relative figures are:—

| | MARULAN | BERRIMA |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Frequency Rate | 11.4 | 11.1 |
| Severity Rate | 22.9 | 244.6 |
| F.R. x S.R. | 261.1 | 2,715.1 |

It is extremely gratifying to see the quarry doing so well and congratulations are in order to all at Marulan South.

The other performance of note during March was the effort of the power house in making a record generation of 4,809,400 K.W. hours of electricity which compares with the theoretical maximum output of the power house at 100% load factor of 5,022,000 units.

The average load factor sustained by the power house was therefore 95.8%. Congratulations to the power house operators.

No records were broken on the erection of No. 5 kiln due to industrial trouble with the boilermakers and ironworkers. However, the electrical and plumbing contractors put on a good show, so, with a little luck, we may still get No. 5 kiln before the end of April as scheduled.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Have you noticed that extra nip in the air each night and first thing each morning?

Have you noticed the evenings drawing in and the sun rising those few minutes later each morning?

Have you noticed the wood merchants plying their trade around the towns and the chain saws growling in the bush?

There is no need to tell you what all these things mean, our old friend Winter will soon be back with us in full force, and no matter what we do we cannot stop its return.

Whilst we can't stop its return, and there are a lot of things about it we do not like, such as getting out of bed on cold frosty mornings, or paddling through rain and mud to get to work, or working in a howling westerly wind, there are a lot of things which can make Winter a pleasant time of the year. We do not have to get the mower out every week-end to try to keep the lawn looking as if someone owned it. We get a respite from the battle against the weeds in the garden, and what could be more pleasant than sitting in front of a nice warm fire watching T.V. with the wind and rain howling outside.?

I often wonder if we should take a leaf from Nature's book as during Winter all Nature sleeps, the grass and bushes stop growing and most wild animals hibernate at least to some extent. It is as though Nature were resting and gathering strength for the coming Spring and Summer so it can continue to grow with renewed vigour.

Much as we would like to do so, none of us can go into hibernation for the Winter, as we still have a job to do and we still have to eat, but in lots of ways we can slow down and get away from the rat-race of modern living. If we could slow down to take things easy for some period each year we would have to spend less money on medicine to keep the ulcers and nerves in check and there would be less cranky husbands and bad tempered wives with whom to contend.

It's worth thinking about.

Yours,

THE EDITOR.

Safety News

Marulan

The quarry safety figures at the end of March were—

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| Group 1 | 145 | Group 2 | 600 |
| 3 | 170 | 4 | 219 |
| 5 | 60 | 6 | 386 |
| Plant — 64 | | | |

For the first three months of 1964 there was one lost time injury and for the first time quarry L.T.I.'s are fewer than the Works which has had two L.T.I.'s for this year.

For the corresponding period of last year the quarry recorded four lost time injuries.

Berrima

Last month was free from any lost time injuries and no employee suffered an injury requiring medical treatment. This is very heartening and it is hoped that the trend will continue.

After all the Works are still in third place in the Cement and Concrete Association's Safety Competition with a frequency rate of 11.1 and a severity rate of 244.6, but if we are to retain the Shield it will be necessary for every employee to be alert safetywise and co-operate to the fullest in helping to reduce our frequency and severity rate of accidents.

New Employees

The following men recently joined the Company—

Barry Carey

Peter Hinton

Ivan Pacnik.

To each we say WELCOME!



Apprentice News



During March the Marulan Apprentices' Safety Group, pictured above, completed 365 days without a lost time injury.

From left to right they are — Joe Kopec, John Hardgrave, Grahame Tilley, Stan Kopec, Wayne Percival, Barney Creswick (Group

Leader), Cliff Clack, John Beaumont, Roy McCallum and Noel Steffensen.

Keep up the good work boys and let us hope that in April, 1965, Newsletter we can report you as reaching 730 days without an accident.

The accompanying photos are of the six apprentices who passed in their Trades Final exams at the end of last year.

In the fitting and machining course Max King gained an A pass and Ian Jones, Brian Woodhouse and Merv Henderson each received a B pass.

In the electrical trades course Bruce Fraser and John Sabidussi each came through with a B pass.

Congratulations boys!



M. Henderson and I. Jones



J. Sabidussi



Bruce Fraser, Brian Woodhouse, Max King

Credit Union News

Monthly Report

Members as at the end of March, 1964—

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Berrima — Works and Office | 113 |
| Marulan | 51 |
| Colliery | 36 |
| Sydney Office and Stores | 2 |
| | 202 |

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|--------------------------|----|
| Loans made to date | 30 |
| Prospective Loans | 12 |
| | 42 |

Total loans to date — £4,415 0 0.
We need more investors and more money to lend.

S.P.C. NEWSLETTER — APRIL, 1964.

During the month we received 28 new members and lost 3 members due to resignations.

REMEMBER Your Credit Union serves only its members. It is not out to compete with banks or other financial institutions. It is a group of people helping each other in the spirit of neighbourliness. As a close organisation it can give better service at low cost. It can treat its members' problems with understanding and sympathy.

YOU CAN GET OUT OF DEBT AND STAY OUT.

Just bring all your money problems to the Credit Union — after all, it belongs to you.

C. M. WHEELER,

Financial Secretary.

Berrima Village Trust



Pictured above is the Surveyor-General Hotel as it is to-day.

On Saturday, 21st March, in the Berrima Court House, a large and distinguished gathering was shown films and slides on restoration work which has been carried out on historic buildings and sites in England and the United States.

It is the aim of the Berrima Village Trust to restore the historic buildings in Berrima to their original condition and preserve them as part of our National Heritage. The first building to be restored is the Surveyor-General Hotel and it is hoped that, within a few

months, this building will again look the same as it did to our grandfathers.

After the Surveyor-General is restored it is then the Trust's aim to restore the Court House, and as many of the privately-owned buildings as possible, to their original condition.

Included amongst the gathering at the film evening were Mrs. Battle, wife of the Ambassador for the United States of America, Mr. Tom Lewis, M.L.A. for Wollondilly, and several prominent members of the judiciary.

The Quietest Room in Town

They are ready for you. They expect you. You will never know about it so I will fill you in on the details before the evening starts.

The beginning for you will be when you stagger happily to your car. The beginning for them will be when the police radio announces the spot where you piled up your car.

You won't hear the sirens coming.

The ambulance and police car will arrive together.

They will check you over and pronounce you dead. A few curious people will stop their cars and walk back to gaze at your torn and dirty remains. Some of them will be sick.

The ambulance driver will roll a leather-covered stretcher to your side. The attendant will stuff your hands under your belt and then grab you under the arms. The driver will take your legs and they will put you on the stretcher and cover you with a sheet.

They will drive you to the morgue and there an attendant will wheel you to a big scale. He will remove the sheet. You will be weighed and measured. He will make a note of any scars or other marks. He will cover you again and take you to a small room with walls of white tile.

They have hoses in the room to give you a bath. Traffic victims are always bloody. They will clean you up and embalm you. You couldn't get better care in a mortuary.

Next you will be moved to a long hall with many stretchers lined along its green walls. There are 41 crypts. If things are dull you will have a stretcher and a crypt all to yourself. But if it is like most week-ends, you will have company. They will leave you here in the quietest room in town.

In an hour or so they will come back and move you again. This time they will take away the white sheet and cover you with a blanket. You will be placed behind a large glass window so that someone can look at you. Your wife, your husband, your parents — someone has to identify you. Don't worry, though, you won't be able to hear their cries.

Yes, they are waiting for you — the police, the ambulance crews, the officials at the morgue, the morticians. They are expecting you. Remember that tonight when you toss down that "one for the road" and climb behind the steering wheel.

(Published in the interests of Road Safety)

N.R.M.A. Motoring Notes

Television in Cars

Mass production of small portable TV receivers, some of which can be mounted on the back of the front seat in a car and plugged into the dashboard cigarette lighter socket, has given rise to U.S.A. legislation on this subject.

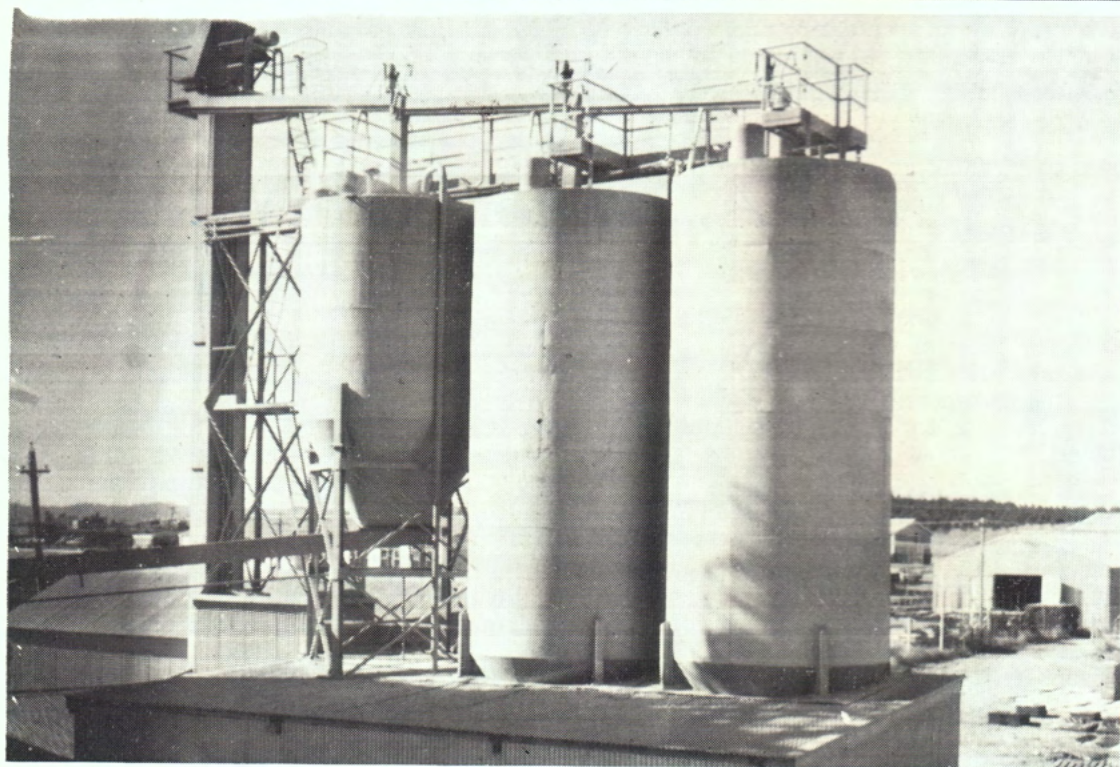
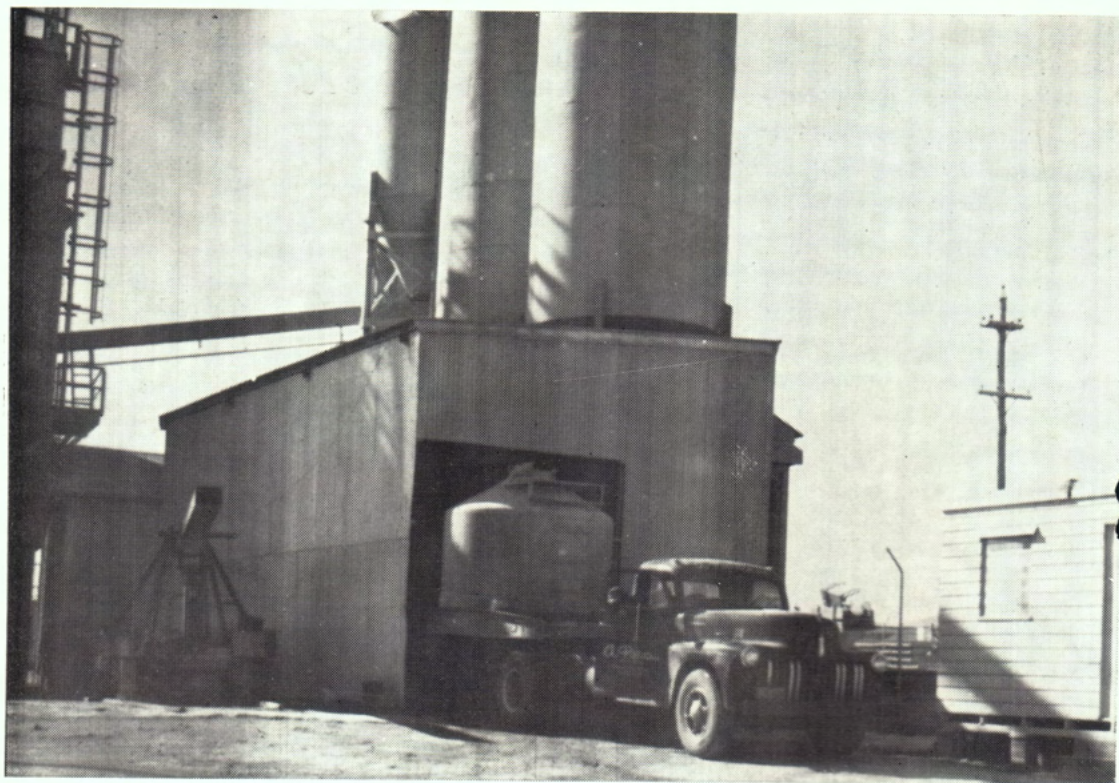
The majority of State laws generally prohibit operation of any motor vehicle equipped with a television set (or any other means of visually receiving a TV broadcast) which is visible to the driver.

Five States prohibit installation of a TV set at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat. One State requires the owner of a motor vehicle to obtain a permit before installing TV. Two States, however, prohibit installation or use of TV anywhere in the motor vehicle.

The N.R.M.A. says that in N.S.W. the law stipulates that any TV set shall be installed in a motor vehicle so that the screen or any part of it is not directly and indirectly visible to the driver from the driving position; so that such screen or any part of it will not distract the attention of the driver of any other motor vehicle; and so that its controls, other than the sound volume control and the main switch, are not within the driver's reach.

Radar Speed Checks

Invited by the British Road Research Laboratory to give their views on the subject of police radar speed checks, motorists using a road on which checks were operating were divided as follows: 55 per cent. approved, 10 per cent. approved with reservations, 23 per cent. disapproved (unfair, un-British, etc.), and 10 per cent. expressed no opinion.



Plant Jottings

BULK CEMENT DISTRIBUTION

The last five years has seen a marked change in the marketing of ordinary cement. The ready mixed concrete trade and other large users of cement have recognised the cost advantages to be gained from using bulk cement and to meet their requirements it has been necessary for us to instal bulk handling plants in the major distribution centres.

At present we have four such plants located at Villawood, Fyshwick, Wyee and Albury respectively.

Our distribution point for bulk cement in the metropolitan area is adjacent to the Villawood railway station and, being located in the residential portion of the suburb, it has been architecturally designed and constructed to blend with the surrounding buildings. Concrete block construction has been used throughout and lawns, trees and shrubs planted to beautify the area. Great care has also been taken to make the plant dust free.

There are two storage bins at the Villawood plant, each of 130 tons capacity. Unloading facilities consist of a 40-ton capacity undertrack hopper with screw conveyors to a 70 tons per hour elevator and thence to storage bins. Each bin has two discharge points each fitted with rotary valves and aeration pads for the loading of bulk cement road lorries. Two large bag filter dust collectors ensure dust free operations. A 35-ton capacity road weighbridge with office attached ensures efficient service to customers. Increased storage capacity is planned for our Villawood bulk depot and construction should soon begin on an additional bin of 573 tons capacity. The addition of this bin will make it possible to handle more types of cement at the plant and will provide the necessary capacity for the rapid loading of road trucks at the peak periods of demand.

From our Wyee plant we distribute bulk cement to the large power station sites at Vales Point and Munmorah, to Newcastle and Gosford and their hinterlands. Three storage bins, each of 130 ton capacity, enable us to readily handle three types of cement. Unloading facilities consist of a 5-ton capacity under track hopper with inclined screw conveyor to a 40 tons per hour capacity bucket elevator thence by air slide to storage bins. Shifting of the wagons to spot successive doors over the hopper is necessary during unloading. Our Wyee depot is also equipped with its own 40-ton capacity weighbridge and office, and the loading and weighing of road trucks can be effected with a minimum of delay.

The Canberra district is serviced with bulk cement from our plant at Fyshwick. This depot is located beside the batching plant operated by Ready Mixed Concrete (Canberra) Limited and cement can be delivered by air slide from a 50-ton capacity bin directly to their mixer. Two additional storage bins, each of 100 tons capacity, are available for the distribution of bulk cement by road trucks to other customers. Unloading facilities include a 40-ton capacity undertrack hopper with air slides to a 30-tons per hour capacity bucket elevators, then by air slide to the three storage bins. For the loading of road lorries air slide extractors are installed under the bins each giving a loading rate of 100 tons per hour.

The most recently installed bulk depot is at Albury where we have three storage bins each of 45-ton capacity. An undertrack hopper of 30-ton capacity is used for unloading, this being fitted with air slides feeding to a 35-tons per hour capacity elevator. Air slides are used from the elevator discharge to distribute cement to the three bins. As at Fyshwick air slide extractors are used for loading road trucks.

More and more cement users are converting their plants to enable them to use bulk cement and the installation and operation of efficient bulk handling depots is becoming a feature of the customer service provided by our industry.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

Berrima

Berrima is collecting its share of cars in Art Unions recently. Following on Sylvia and Barry Groot's win of a few weeks back, Mrs. P. O'Neil, wife of shunter Paddy, collected a Mini Minor as 5th prize in the Polio Art Union.

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Errol Chalker, Laboratory, suffered a painful injury to his knee when his car was involved in an accident recently. We all hope this will not keep you out of circulation for very long, Errol, and you will soon be back at work.

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Another one on the injured list is Neville Dillon, apprentice carpenter, who had the misfortune to have his nose broken whilst playing hockey recently. It is usual to stop the ball with your stick and not your nose, Nev.

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Helen Douglas, daughter of Jack (Ambulance Room), was home over the Easter holidays and wishes to be remembered to all at S.P.C. You may recall that Helen left our Berrima General Office to join the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps last October and is now posted to Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

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Mr. Knight, our Works Manager, was invited to address the Institute of Engineers at Newcastle on 3rd April and decided to speak on the construction of No. 5 kiln. For the previous few weeks he was busy collecting colour slides from all and sundry to illustrate his talk and George Vass, site engineer for our consulting engineers, then burnt the midnight oil for a number of nights getting the slides into a sequence for the talk.

Marulan

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd, of Joanama Creek, via Marulan, who have been 60 years married. Their son, Tom, is the gardener at the Quarry and a grandson, Cliff, is the mobile crane driver.

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Drilling machine operator Gordon Bryant is striking it rich in a small way by fossicking for gold in the hills near Windellama. In earlier days, a considerable amount of gold was sold from the area between Bungonia and Braidwood. In the Marulan district, several prospectors in the pre-war days found payable deposits. One is Mr. Selby Guymer, who still lives in retirement at Marulan South.

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Congratulations to John Jervis and Venita Shepherd, who have announced their engagement. John left us last month to become maintenance electrician at the Goulburn Abattoirs.

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The converted mess room is nearly ready for use. Some years ago it was used as the community hall, then adapted for use as a cottage for Allan Gutzke and his family. Considerable improvements have been made to provide two reading rooms, a TV room, dining room and kitchen with modern appliances.

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Mrs. Johansen has returned after a holiday in Sydney.

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Albert and Mrs. Quail have had Mrs. Quail, senr., of Newcastle, staying with them.

Loco Fireman Colin Weston and Cecilia Elaine Jamieson were married at Bungonia on March 28. Congratulations and good luck to you both.

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Eric and Mrs. Fort are proud parents of a daughter. She weighed 11lb. at birth. Congratulations.

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Mike Lorkovic has joined his brother, Drago, at the Quarry. He arrived from his native Yugoslavia about two months ago.

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At least one home gardener in Marulan hopes to grow king size tulips and other flowers following the recent visit of a circus. He carted home several bags of elephant manure for use in his garden.

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Friends of Mrs. Selby Wells, wife of one of the Euclid drivers, hope she is now well on the way to recovery. She has been laid up for several months with a broken leg.

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Merv. Henderson finished his apprenticeship on March 18th. The earlier part of his career was spent at the Lake George Mines at Capin's Flat. But when that company ceased operations he obtained a transfer of his indentures to S.P.C. at Marulan South. He obtained a "B" class pass in his trade final last year.

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We are pleased to learn that Fitter Eddie Cooper is progressing favourably following an operation on his back in Sydney.

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John Bensley, relief shovel driver, has returned to work after an operation in Goulburn.

Apprentices Graham Tilley and Noel Steffensen were among others who visited industrial firms in Sydney late last month.

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Ray and Don McCallum have again both won consistency awards in their cycling careers for the last season.

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Graham, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cosgrove, is improving following an accident in which he broke an arm.

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Cec Cluney has been in hospital receiving treatment for a muscular condition of the back. We hope he is soon well again.

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Nurse Marcia Cluney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cec Cluney, is an entrant in the Miss Australia Quest.

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Carpentry Apprentice Ray McCallum fell and broke his right collarbone in an exciting cycling championship finish in Goulburn on 21st March. He was away from work for a few weeks.

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Storeman Paddy Byrne has been away from work with a slight heart condition.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Len Munday who were married in Goulburn last month. The bride was Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, of Marulan South.

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We welcome to the quarry staff Graham Waghorn, who will be Mr. Howard's Technical Assistant. Graham worked for four years with A.I.S. at Port Kembla.

Old Jokes Linger On

(By B. Creswick)

Old jokes, like old soldiers, never die; they simply fade away, often taking an unconscionable time in the process. There is generally some fairly obvious reason for their gradual disappearance.

Tastes, fashions and conversations change. The gas mask, the new look, Oxford Bag trousers, good manner and courtesy, the Beatles — phenomena like these are either forgotten or else accepted into the humdrum background of our lives, losing their humour with their novelty.

Superior to those are the regulars — the mother-in-law, the newly-weds, the drunk, the two people on a desert island, the young curate and several others. These form a hard core of near immortals, an old guard on whom generations of humorists have confidently and successfully relied.

Occasionally a casualty occurs among the more enduring jokes for which no obvious explanation offers itself. What, for instance, has become of the absent-minded professor? At one time we could hardly open a comic strip paper without meeting him trotting down the street without trousers, perpetrating in the lecture room some amnesiac solecism; but now

he seems to have vanished.

Why? He is certainly a very old joke — far older, for instance, than the missionary being eaten by cannibals. It must be some time now since the last evangelist suffered at the hands of his dusky brethren this grievous and terrible indignity. Yet we still find the whole idea irresistibly funny.

Perhaps the fact that education is compulsory has enhanced our respect for learning. Perhaps, the fear the atom bomb inspires in has created a new-found respect for a class of person to which so many of its inventors belong.

Perhaps we are all becoming so absent-minded ourselves that we do not care to contemplate the effects wrought by this weakness on intellects more massive than our own.

Whatever the cause, there seems to be no doubt that the absent-minded professor has lost much of his capacity to provoke mirth. It may be that as a joke he lacked that preservative streak of cruelty which helps to keep eternally fresh mothers-in-law and dentists and banana skins and missionaries en casserole.

His penchant for forgetting was, it seems, allied with a capacity for being forgotten; and now he is fading away.

Let's Laugh

Bill was sitting in a dim corner with his girl.

"Give me a kiss" he pleaded.

There was no answer.

"Won't you give me a kiss?"

Still no answer.

"Are you deaf?" he shouted.

"No, are you paralyzed?"

Our neighbour says that the feminine touch is just an outstretched hand every other Thursday night.

If all the cars in Australia were placed bumper to bumper some nut would pull out and try to pass them.

Worried Wife: "My husband thinks he is a horse."

Psychiatrist: "He can be cured, but it will take a lot of money."

Wife: "Oh money is no object — he just won the Melbourne Cup."

Sergeant: "What is the first thing you do before you clean your rifle?"

Recruit: "Look at the number."

Sergeant: "Why?"

Recruit: "So I won't clean someone else's rifle by mistake."



Cricket by Geoff Larsen

The 1963-64 cricket has drawn to a close with the following results in A Reserve and B grades: Moss Vale "Rovers" a crushing win over Moss Vale "Waratahs" in A grade. Bundanoon pipped Burrawang at the post in a very close game and Mittagong Juniors had a comfortable win over Moss Vale Central Juniors in B grade.

Several S.P.C. players rose to great heights in the semi-finals and finals of this year's competition. Burrawang, with its many S.P.C. men, rattled up 308 runs in the semi against Bowral and the best performance was from Bill Baker with 53 runs. Vince Maloney batted well for 43 whilst the consistent Ian Gilby made 29.

Vince Maloney followed up his semi-final effort with a brilliant 80 in the final against Bundanoon and Bill Baker's 33 was full of merit. Top reserve grade bowler, Col Moore, took 2 for 32 and despite the efforts of these players Bundanoon came from behind to snatch victory with their last batsman at the wicket.

Star player for Bundanoon in the semi-final was Peter Watson with 127 not out — an excellent score against the strong Moss Vale Central team. Ricky Acton gave good support in this match with 59 runs to his credit, following up with 18 runs in a very tense final.

Moss Vale "Waratahs" made 156 in the semi-final against Bowral "Blues" with skipper Tom Waide top scoring with 40. "Blues" set

sail in fine attacking style and at stumps were 0 for 76 with Graeme Beattie 51 not out, but the second Saturday proved disastrous for "Blues" when they were all out for 120 and the "Waratah" bowlers were right on top.

Mittagong, sent in to bat by "Rovers", could manage only 106 runs in the semi at Bradman Oval. Keith Larsen and myself, being the only bowlers called on, collected all the wickets — Keith 2/44 and my figures 7/51. Rovers replied with 5 down for 134.

"Rovers" and "Waratahs" took the field for the finals with "Rovers" winning the toss and electing to bat. The pressure was on and "Waratahs" collected a wicket with the first ball of the match — a wonderful lift for a team in a final. This rocked "Rovers" a little and the following batsmen struggled for runs throughout the afternoon and were all out for 132 which was not a good score for any match much less a final. "Waratahs" fielding was first class with Peter Mott outstanding in this department.

"Waratahs" innings started in quite a different manner with four runs cracked off the first ball and from here on it was anybody's guess.

Keith Larsen collected a wicket in his second over and two wickets in his third over and from there on "Rovers" turned it on with their best fielding performance of the season. Every catch hit near a fieldsman was taken and many good strokes were cut off in fine fashion. Wickets tumbled steadily with Keith bowling his best for the season and finishing with 7/35. I picked up another three for 29 runs. "Waratahs" total was only 65 with one batsman reaching double figures.

Bowls

S.P.C. players were prominent in the recent Singles Championship at Moss Vale Bowling Club. In the first semi-finals Bill Edmonds (Colliery)) defeated Doug Crowe (Machine Shop) whilst in the second semi-finals Johnny D'Adam (Stockhouse) defeated Jack Mott (Machine Shop) so the finals will be an all-S.P.C. affair with Bill Edmonds playing Johnny D'Adam.

A new member, seen on Moss Vale green in the last few weeks, is Bob Magnus (Machine Shop), so it probably won't be long before Bob is taking his place amongst the competition players and, we hope, bringing home his share of trophies.

The annual match S.P.C. v The Rest will be played at Moss Vale later this year, probably in July, and it will be under the same conditions as in previous years with the losers paying for the chicken dinner.

Newcastle District bowlers visited the district over the Easter week-end and on Easter Sunday Mr. Knight escorted them on an inspection of the plant. To show their appreciation the Newcastle President, Mr. Frank Brent, at a high tea at Moss Vale Club that night presented Len with a Newcastle District badge.

The men have not had it all their own way when it comes to collecting trophies as Mrs. Jack Brown, recognised as one of the best leads Moss Vale has produced for a long time, took out the ladies' Minor Singles trophy recently.

At Bowral our Ambulance man, Jack Douglas, collected a couple of runner-up prizes over Easter. Keep up the good work Jack and you will be soon bringing home the big ones as well.

Football

The football season is once again getting under way with a few trial games being played and clubs sorting out players for the coming season.

Peter Watson (general office) was one of the promising players chosen to attend a coaching school at Campbelltown recently and we hope to see great things from you this season, Peter.

Golf

Since our last issue S.P.C. golfers at Moss Vale have managed to keep their names in the news.

Cyril Condon played very steadily under dismal conditions to win the Southern Tablelands Cup handicap section with a sound 130, whilst on the previous day Bert McIntosh managed a runner-up in the morning event which was played in steady rain.

In the March monthly medal, Ron Budden got up to win the long markers trophy and in the April monthly medal Alan Parker won the long markers trophy. Cyril Condon was unlucky to be beaten for the Gold Medal played in conjunction with this event.

During March a social Golf Day was held between Apex Belting and S.P.C. and the outstanding player of the day was Kevin Howard who was able to bring in 42 stableford points. None of the other scores were in any way outstanding.

At Bowral Country Club Norm Austin and Don Moore once again figured amongst the prizewinners. In the Stableford competition on 14th March, Don came home with 39 points to collect a ball and on the following Sunday Norm Austin won the A grade competition and a ball with a card of 38 points.

Over Easter S.P.C. golfers had a lean time as not one of them figured amongst the prizewinners in the various competitions held.

Marulan

Marulan Rugby League team will play its first match in the competition on April 26th. The team has been practicing twice weekly at Marulan South with some members coming from Goulburn. Teams in the competition are Marulan, Bigga, Gunning, Taralga, Abattoirs and Public Service. There is some doubt whether veteran Mick Cosgrove will turn out this season. He was injured at practice early in the season. Mick has played 18 seasons of Rugby and friends think he should hang up his boots.

The team has settled down to good team work and should give a good account of itself during the next few months.

By Caravan to Adelaide

(By Jim Galloway)

During my annual leave and part of my long service leave recently, we decided that we would go by caravan to Adelaide. So a week-end was spent in Sydney selecting a suitable caravan and many long hours fitting it out before we considered it ready for the journey.

After leaving Marulan, we travelled over the mountains through Katoomba and Bathurst onto Cowra on the Lachlan River where we spent our first night. Cowra is an attractive and prosperous looking town with its cannery and many small farms growing asparagus and other crops for canning.

Next day we moved through Grenfell-West Wyalong-Rankin Springs to Griffith in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. While in Griffith we inspected the C.S.I.R.O. laboratories which deal with problems associated with irrigation. We found the study extremely interesting. We also had a look over a local vineyard, but as the grapes had not started there was little to see there.

Generally, we were a little disappointed with the Irrigation Area as there seemed to be more long grass than anything else.

From Griffith we moved on down through Leeton to Narrandera, which I think is one of the prettiest towns we saw on the whole trip. From here we started across the plains to Hay where we stopped over night. This area was flat, dry and very hot with little grass and a lot of saltbush. After seeing this area, one realises why properties out there have to be so large to carry the necessary number of sheep for a living.

We left at 6 a.m. to miss some of the heat and headed across the plains towards Mildura. The road is flat for 100 miles and not a tree is seen, only a few windmill towers.

We reached Mildura at 1 p.m. and spent the rest of the day in their beautiful baths. The Murray at Mildura is very picturesque with the old paddle steamers tied up alongside the banks and the locks which allowed them to travel up and down the river.

Left Mildura at 6.30 a.m. the following morning and passed through areas of vineyards and citrus orchards around Blanchetown and on down the hills into the Barossa Valley — a

very rich and beautiful valley with its old German-type houses and churches, thatched roofed farms. Barossa Valley is one of the main wine growing areas of the country. In the Valley, all the wine makers such as Penfolds, Seppelts, Orlando, have their own vineyards and wineries in towns like Nuriootpa-Tanunda.

Stopped overnight at Nuriootpa where we inspected a couple of wineries next day before moving onto Adelaide through the new satellite city of Elizabeth and onto the outskirts of Norwood.

I will give more impressions in the next issue.

Obituaries

We offer our sincere sympathy to Jim Rennie (stockhouse) and Mrs. Rennie on the tragic loss of their son Andrew in a car accident on Sunday, 22nd March. Andrew, until a few weeks ago, worked in the store and stockhouse and was very popular with everybody and will be missed by all his workmates.

We extend our sympathy to Ray South (Foreman's office) on the death of his father, Mr. A. A. South, on 30th March. Mr. South was a well-known businessman in Moss Vale, being in the grocery business for a considerable number of years and later he opened a service station in Moss Vale.

He saw service in Palestine during World War I. After the war he was a very active member of the R.S.L. and was for a time President of the Moss Vale branch.

During the period when Moss Vale was a municipality, Mr. South was Mayor of that town. He was also active on the Bowling Club and Show Societies.

S.P.C. Entertainment Fund

Income and Expenditure Account for Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1963.

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|-------------------------------|------|----|---|-------------------------|------|----|---|
| To Members' Subscriptions and | | | | By Expenses as Under— | | | |
| Donations | 490 | 17 | 0 | Prizes and Gifts | 250 | 6 | 4 |
| Interest | 10 | 4 | 1 | Food and Supplies | 125 | 13 | 0 |
| Loss transferred to Accumu- | | | | Hiring Charges | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| lated Funds | 1 | 9 | 3 | Insurance | 33 | 17 | 9 |
| | | | | Toy Train | 32 | 12 | 6 |
| | | | | P.A. Radio | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Petty Cash | 7 | 17 | |
| | | | | Printing | 6 | 3 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | £502 | 10 | 4 | | £502 | 10 | 4 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1963

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------|----|---|
| Accumulated funds balance | | | |
| 1st January, 1962 | 168 | 17 | 5 |
| Less loss for year | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| | £167 | 8 | 2 |

ASSETS

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------|---|---|
| Comm. Savings Bank | 167 | 8 | 2 |
| | £167 | 8 | 2 |

During March the Annual General Meeting of the Fund was held at the C.W.A. Rooms in Moss Vale and two important changes were agreed to at this meeting.

The first being that the 1964 picnic be held at Moss Vale Showground instead of Exeter and the date be the 29th November. The reason for the move is that there are more buildings available to hold the picnic indoors in the event of rain.

It was also decided to introduce an evening function as well as the picnic. Members will be invited, for the subscription of an additional sixpence per week, to attend a Dinner and Dance later in the year at a date to be fixed. Forms will be circulated shortly explaining the details of this additional function, and any further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. Ray South, or the President, Mr. Reg Ellis.

More Laughs

The hospital porter reached wearily for the ringing telephone.

"City General Hospital, can I help you?"

"I am enquiring about a Mr. Albert Smith."

"Ward number, sir?"

"I'm afraid I don't know his ward number."

"One moment, sir." The porter rustled his charts.

"Yes, we have a Mr. Albert Smith, sir. Ward C, third floor."

"Thank you, would you mind putting me through to the sister in charge?"

Two minutes later: "Floor sister speaking."

"Can you tell me how Mr. Smith of Ward C is getting along?"

"Certainly sir, Mr. Smith is doing very nicely and should be discharged next Wednesday. Are you a relative? May I have your name?"

"Actually it's Albert Smith speaking. In this hospital you can't find out a thing."

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



There was one thing outstanding about the Easter period — it was mighty good weather.

Of course, the fish all hide about Good Friday, I'm sure!

Sussex Inlet anglers hauled a few flathead to 2 lbs. whilst along near the Lighthouse (Currarong) a few nice snapper were caught from the rocks. Crookshaven Heads was poor except for a few flathead and bream.

Eddie Moule and Geoff White boated 14 fish off Shoalhaven Heads and included in their catch was a flying gurnard which are pretty fish when wet, but when dry go very drab. These red fish used to be trawled by the ton forty years ago, but they seem to have petered out now.

Incidentally, speaking of petering out, a well informed circle tells me that well informed circles are worried about the intensive trawling of flathead

spawning beds. They reckon that the continuance of existing trawling practices could lead to the complete extinction of flathead in this area within six years!

There are quite a park full of campers at Shoalhaven Heads, well behaved too. Most people were landing three or four flathead — $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. (and under!). One angler bagged a $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flathead in the tidal waters.

Although the bugler at one of the camps sounded "Travalle" each morning all I could boast was two flathead. One party fished eight nice bream — $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs — up the river opposite the canal.

Bill Brooks and party, however, did all right off Sussex Inlet with three boxes of fish.

John Tickner is aiming south with a super rod and reel so we hope he does all right in the Narooma area.

Sorry to say Bert Garbutt is still onto the little ones!

Fish Tails !!

An angler, fishing off the wreck at Stockton (Newcastle) breakwater, saw a large jewie swimming alongside. In great haste he changed from the darkie rig he was using and cast a bait for the large one. Having hooked the jewie he was unfortunate enough to have the line cut through on a breakwater rock.

He was talking to a fisherman a few days later who produced a hook and piece of line which turned out to belong to our original fisherman! His story was this: A few days ago he was fishing between the Stockton Wreck and Knobby's Lighthouse for darkies. In the boat with him were two boys aged eleven and twelve years. There was a great heave on his light rod and after playing the fish for a considerable time it was brought alongside. The two boys then lifted it into the boat and when weighing it at 60 lbs, it was noticed to have a hook and piece of line in its lip!

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for April

Flowers:

SOW: Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Candytuft, Eschscholtzia, Godetia, Larkspur, Linaria, Lupin, Mignonette, Nemophila, Pansy, Sweet Pea, Stock (Ten Weeks).

PLANT: Liliums, Spring-flowering bulbs, Carnations, Dianthus, Iceland Poppies, Pansies, Bellis Perennis, Stocks, Wallflowers.

Vegetables:

SOW: Broad Beans, Carrots, Cabbage, Lettuce, Endive, White Turnip, Onion.

PLANT: Culinary Herbs, Garlic, Rhubarb, Cabbage.

April now and Autumn! So far its a very dry one with patches of quick colour as green leaves change to Autumn tones and quickly fall!

This is the best time of the year to make changes in the garden. The ground is still warm and plants can re-establish themselves before the very cold weather commences.

English lawns can be sown this month where water is available to keep the soil damp enough to germinate the seed.

Evergreen shrubs can now be planted or moved to new locations. If shrubs are to be moved, see that the soil around them is saturated the day before, and that the new holes are ready for them. When the plants are placed in position, half-fill the holes with earth and then fill with water. Leave the water to soak in before filling in the remainder of the soil. Sprinkle the foliage with water several times a day for a week or two to keep the stems and foliage moist.

Decide what deciduous shrubs and trees you intend planting this Winter and get the holes or garden bed ready for them.

Order Roses and Fruit Trees now for Winter planting.

There is a big hatching of caterpillars this Autumn, so keep an eye out for holes in foliage and catch or kill these "leaf-eaters".

The Scarlet Robins are back with us once again, to remind us that Winter is not far away. Their cheerful songs are most noticeable during Winter days when many of our smaller birds have left for warmer regions.

More Laughs

WANT AD.: "Lovely kitten desires position as companion to little girl. Will also do light mouse work."

In a championship marble match, a little boy missed an easy shot and came out with some bad language.

"George!" cried his father from the sidelines, "What do little boys who swear when they play marbles turn into?"

"Golfers," came the prompt reply.

Wife to husband returning home after having too many:

"If it were the first time, I could forgive. But you came home in the same state April 21, 1939."

Jack: "What do you think of a woman who pads her figure here, falsifies it there, and camouflages it elsewhere?"

Joe: "It's a shame dame!"

"These rock formations," explained the guide, "were piled up here by the glaciers."

"And where are the glaciers?" asked the curious old lady.

"They've gone back, Madam, to get more rocks," said the guide.

"What's this fly doing in my soup?" inquired the businessman who was getting more irritated by the minute.

The waiter came behind the table, stood a minute looking into the soup bowl: "Looks like the back stroke to me."



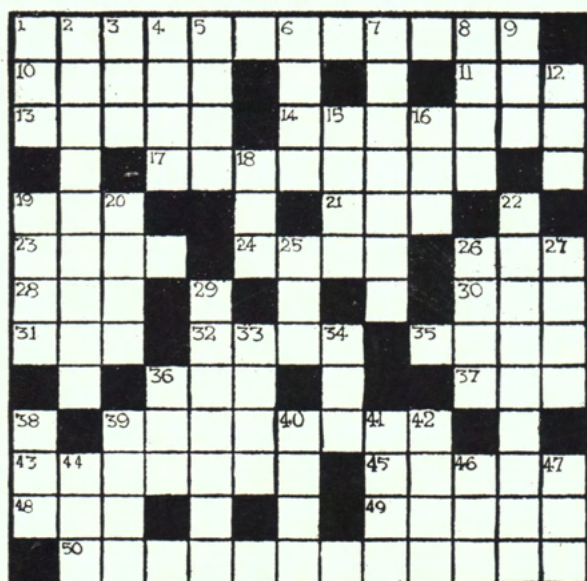
Problem Page

The lucky winner of this month's crossword was Eric Johnson of the Machine Shop.

Problem No. 62

ACROSS

1. Translate wrongly
10. Combine
11. Expire
13. Underground worker
14. Places for vehicles
17. Sameness of tone
19. Suitable
21. Ancient
23. Send by train
24. Match
26. Part of a circle
28. Devoured
30. Vegetable
31. Affirmative
32. Trees
35. Untruthful person
36. Back
37. Extend
39. Make smaller
43. Suggest
45. French city
48. Name
49. Lithe
50. Much



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General Manager's Notes

Last week I was reading through the January, 1964, edition of the magazine "Pit and Quarry" and I came upon a verse which rather appealed to me and, without comment it is reproduced hereunder.

WHICH ARE YOU ?

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town;
With a ho-heave-o and lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.
I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled
As the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave me a laugh and said, "No, indeed.
Just common labour is all I need,
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do!"
And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,
Content with the labour of tearing down?

J. F. McNICOL,
General Manager.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Well, the past month has been a mixed bag all round.

From a safety point of view we had a lost-time accident early in the month but have had a good run from then up to the present. I must congratulate the quarry on putting up such a good performance. Keep it up boys and show Berrima just how it is done.

During the month we also had the Premiere and first showings of our new safety film and if it contributes as much towards reducing the accident rate as the previous films everyone will be very happy.

The Safety Officer of A.I.S. visited us during the month and saw some of our films. He was so impressed that he has asked us to show them at the Steelworks and this will be done within the next few weeks.

For myself, it was also a mixed month with two weeks spent at the Works and two in the totally different atmosphere of an army camp. Even the camp was a mixture — one week of beautiful weather and the next week in the rain wading around in mud, flooded creeks and scrub.

Even the weather could not make up its mind and we have had the whole range from warm sunny days to cold wet ones.

One of the saddest events of the month was the retirement of Bill McDowall and Charlie McGregor who will both be missed by us all in the future. We sincerely hope you both have many long and happy years ahead of you in which to enjoy your well-earned spell.

Yours until next month,

THE EDITOR.

A Smile for Winter

(By Barney Creswick)

Only when civilisation has withdrawn terror from the elements does humanity, except for a few merry light-hearted visionaries of art, find anything in them to praise.

And how beautifully the artists have translated into terms of canvas and the printed page the winter landscape, which at this time of the year on the Southern Highlands is taking form. We ordinary mortals may feel inclined to salute the return of winter with a scowl and a shiver, but these others, especially the painters, share the small boy's glee at the sight of the first frost.

Never mind Shakespeare's well-known description of the season in verses about the icicles hanging by the wall, and the wind blowing, drowning out coughs and making the noses of friends appear red and raw.

Think instead of the painted pictures in which the drift of whiteness makes uncommonly vivid the brown spaces, the settled blue stream in the bushland of black branches, the glistening Southern Cross that hints at more forthright days before long.

The artist must be in love with the subject before he is inspired by it. And in spite of the dread of winter that remains in most people's bones, these landscape scenes have been as lovingly done as any that express a welcome of spring or glorify the high summer.

Every picture from the homely brushes of old Holland, Belgium, Constable and Australia's Hans Haysen and Sir Arthur Streeton is a rebuke to the disgruntled, an exhortation to us to make the best of things we do not care for.

The triumph of spirit that is to be observed in the painters is nevertheless not so common among the poets. The transformed landscape is mostly described in sombre word colours and some poets have actually shown their dislike.

On the other hand, others tell of the beauty which on a winter's morning may greet the city worker as he steps into the street. So much the happier for the city worker, too, if, instead of shivering and scowling at the winter, he can return the greeting with a smile.

Safety-Berrima New Employees

So far this year three lost-time injuries have occurred which means that the Frequency Rate has risen to 12.2 and the Severity Rate to 192.3 per million hours worked. These figures are far from good but we look forward to the rest of the year being free from any lost-time injury and if this occurs our Frequency and Severity Rates will correspondingly fall.

The happiest part of it will be the knowledge that no employee has suffered pain or lost time and money through being off work as a result of a disabling injury.

Here is a good slogan to remember —
DON'T LEARN SAFETY BY ACCIDENT.

Past month we welcomed—
Bert Goward — Production.
John Moore — Production
Colin Moule — Production.

Joe Bizjak also returned to S.P.C. after a sojourn at the Snowy Mountains.

Safety-Marulan

SAFETY RECORD BROKEN

The quarry continued its accident-free run with 88 days on the board at the end of April. The plant passed the previous record of 76 days on 15th April. Group figures were: Group 1, 168; Group 2, 623; Group 3, 192; Group 4, 241; Group 5, 82; and Group 6, 408.

Everyone is now really trying hard to make the quarry a place where lost time injuries do not occur.



A Euclid dumps its load into the jaw crusher.



Plant Jottings

MARULAN DUMP STOP

The accompanying photo shows another first for S.P.C. It is a stop placed at the edge of the mullock dump, on to which the trucks back to tip their loads of mullock into the gully below. As far as we know it is the only one of its kind in use in Australia.

The original idea was supplied to the Quarry Superintendent, Kevin Howard, by the Department of Mines and Kevin passed it on to the Berrima Drawing Office where Bert McIntosh modified it to come up with the drawing of the present stop.

The drawing was then given to the Quarry Foreman Fitter, Tony Cosgrove who, together with his staff, manufactured the stop from the drawing. It has been in service for some months now and has proved to be a great success.

The principle of the stop is very simple. It consists of a heavy pipe frame with a flat plate welded over it onto which the truck backs until the tyres come in contact with the rollers on the back of the stop. If the truck is driven back hard against the rollers the wheels tend to lift off the plate and roll against the rollers and the truck loses traction and any further rearward movement is prevented.

EUCLID'S HUGE TONNAGES

The Quarry Euclid fleet has an impressive record of huge tonnages and reliability since they were introduced to replace the Macks in 1957.

In all kinds of weather, some of it the most foul one could imagine, they have, for three shifts, six days a week, transported millions of tons of limestone and mullock.

Take No. 1, the first Euclid to go into service. She has clocked about 15,000 engine hours and has carted more than 1,750,000 tons of material. No. 3 has 14,000 hours up and has carted 1,850,000 tons; No. 4 has clocked 13,400 hours and has handled 1,860,000 tons. There are three others of the above 20-ton type; the newest addition to the fleet is the 30-tonner which has 5,000 engine hours recorded and has carted 750,000 tons of material. One of its biggest months was last August when it carted 82,301 tons.

Retirements

Friday, 1st May, was a sad day for all of the Berrima Works when we said farewell to two of the original members of S.P.C. staff.

Both Bill and Charlie started with the Company in the construction days of the plant and between them they have a total of over 70 years service with the Works.

Bill McDowall's first job with the Company was to transfer, from Mandemarr to the Works site, the saw mill which was used to cut all the timber used in the construction of the Works. Bullock teams were used to haul the plant into its site just below where the Works Office now stands. Bill was employed on rigging and construction work right through his service with the Company, and most of the heavy machinery in the plant now was erected, or dismantled, at some time or other by Bill and his team of riggers. When the next lift is made on the plant quite a few of the people will be wishing Bill was around to give them some advice.

Charlie McGregor started soon after Bill McDowall and when the Works went into

operation Charlie was put on the production side of things and finally worked his way up to shift foreman, which position he held until his retirement.

Charlie's first residence was a bush timber affair in what was locally known as "Bag Town", being a collection of huts and humpies just outside the western boundary fence of the Works. When the subdivision at New Berrima was completed he moved his family into the house at the end of Argyle Street which he still occupies.

At lunchtime on Friday, Tom Aitkin, on behalf of his workmates, presented to Bill and Charlie a large sum of money as a token of their appreciation of the two old hands.

At a Dinner at Bowral on Friday night members of the staff gathered to say farewell to their two workmates. Liol Bush and Len Knight made presentations to them on behalf of their fellow staff members and Mr. J. McNicol presented them both with cheques on behalf of the Company.



Bill replies after the lunchtime presentation while Charlie looks on.



Charlie McGregor and Bill McDowall pictured with Liol Bush and Mr. Len Knight at their farewell dinner.

How Low Can You Get?

One night in the last few weeks some low character helped himself to some of the parts from the loco which the Entertainment Fund Committee is building to pull the kiddies' train at our next Works Picnic.

The fact that the Committee had put long hours of their spare time into building the loco did not seem to worry him, or the fact that the loco was for the entertainment and

enjoyment of hundreds of children from the district.

Such a person can have no conscience at all — perhaps it was the same person who threw the respirator on the floor recently and helped himself to the glass jar container, in which case he deserves our sympathy, as much as our condemnation, because no-one could sink much lower than this.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

Berrima

Congratulations to Tom and Mrs. Lymbery on the birth of a daughter, Gail Dianne, at Wingecarribee Hospital, Moss Vale, on the 9th April.

Recently quite a few of the Power House lads have taken their holidays. Bert Mulready has just returned from a vacation in Melbourne whilst Fred Robjant chose Sydney in which to spend his annual leave.

Tony Vermeulen was not quite so lucky as his wife has been in poor health and Tony had to spend his holidays at Penrose looking after their home. We hope you are soon back to your old self, Mrs. Vermeulen.

It appears that we can boast of an absent-minded professor on the plant. The professor decided to heat his lunch one morning and when the 12 o'clock whistle blew he opened the heater to get his nice hot lunch and inside was a nice hot mug whilst a nice cold lunch was still in his bag.

Bob Friend tired of seeing his mates eating tinned herrings and kippers at dinner time whilst he munched stale sandwiches, so he decided to go one better. Bob now enjoys a nice fresh bream or flathead straight from the Canal and many envious glances are cast his way as, apart from being a delicacy, it doesn't take two men to get it opened either.

Bob Hartley (Machine Shop) has had a spell in hospital recently — nothing serious we hope — and has now taken his holidays to recuperate.

Quite a few other Machine Shop identities have taken their holidays also. These include Doug Crowe, Alec Donaldson, Joe Pawlak and Phil Carey.

Brian Woodhouse also had a holiday in the last few weeks but not of his own choosing. Brian hurt his shoulder playing football and the doctor put him off work for a spell.

Cpl. Eddie Johns (Drawing Office) and Ptes. David Edmonds (Painters), John Clarke (Electrical) and Joe Ward (Colliery) have had time off to attend the annual C.M.F. camp at Holdsworthy. Whilst there they took part in the biggest march since the war through the streets of Sydney with the C.M.F. troops.

Marulan



Rex Armstrong is a boating enthusiast and here you see him boating on the Hawkesbury.



Allan Chaplin (right) shown during his recent trip to South Australia, with two friends after the morning's catch. Ann, Allan's wife, came home with a jewfish which she caught on the beach.



Myles Creswick is a surfer — here he is on the beach near Wollongong.

Congratulations to Kevin and Mrs. Howard on the birth of a son, their first child. The new baby was named Mark.

Quarry Superintendent Kevin Howard is in South Australia (Whyalla mainly) on a study tour.

Max King has taken the place of Ian Jones on exchange duty at the quarry.

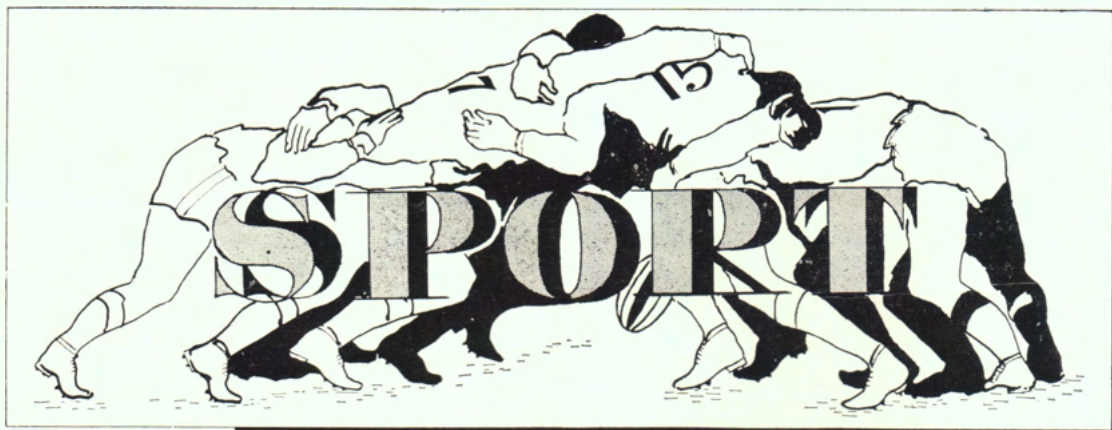
Electrician Jim Galloway, who has been ill with pneumonia, has returned to work.

Congratulations to Jim Feltham and Goulburn girl, Gail Moore, who have announced their engagement.

We hope that Euclid Driver Rex Izzard's mother, who lives at Macksville, is enjoying good health now after a sudden illness in April.

Frank Bulger, senior, has been on the sick list for several weeks. We hope that he will soon be back at work operating one of the drilling machines.

A system of time clocks has been introduced and has been in operation since the beginning of May. Its introduction is an extension of the present system of time keeping and in line with modern business methods.



Bowls

At Moss Vale green the Minor Singles were fought out between Johnny D'Adam and Bill Edmonds with Bill, after a hard fought match, finally coming out the victor by 23 to 31.

Next year, when Johnny will be upgraded, we hope to see him do even better in the Singles Championships.

Some of the Moss Vale bowlers visited Fairy Meadow Club recently for a social game and after the game a raffle was run. The ticket drawn from the hat was the one purchased by Bill Townsend and he was duly presented with his prize — a very large turkey gobbler complete with feathers and a very bad temper. His mates are still laughing at the trouble Bill had getting his prize from Fairy Meadow back to Moss Vale.

Bob Magnus had his first serious game recently, ably assisted by Bill Rutter and, whilst he did not break any records, Bill says that he shows quite a bit of promise and after some more practice will make a good bowler.

Tennis

Berrima players featured prominently in most Finals of the 1964 Berrima District Championships.

"Yanna" held off all comers to take the Finals in the A Reserve I competition and "Hillside" proved themselves the best district team in A Reserve II.

In the individual Championships Berrima players nearly scooped the pool. Jack Dickson and A. Evans (Yanna) took out the A Reserve I Men's Doubles and Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Burton (Yanna) reached the Finals of the Ladies' A Reserve I Doubles.

In A Reserve II Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Kennedy (Hillside) won the Ladies' Doubles, Mrs. Martin and Jim Middleton took out the Mixed Doubles and Barry Moore and Mr. Martin came out on top in the Men's Doubles.

We extend our congratulations to all these players, but the best effort of all was that put up by our switchgirl, Marcia Middleton.

Marcia entered the A Reserve I Ladies' Singles Championship, and even though she was not a seeded player, she won her way through to the final. In the final she was not given much of a chance against her more experienced opponent, and when she was down 1-4 in the first set everyone thought it was all over bar the shouting. However, Marcia had other ideas on the subject, she fought back, evened the score at 5-all, and took out the set 7-5. She went on to win the final by taking the second set 6-2.

If Marcia continues to improve at this rate Margaret Smith will have to look to her laurels in a few seasons time. Keep up the good work, Marcia!

Golf

S.P.C. golfers at Moss Vale have been lagging in recent events. Alan Parker is continuing in good form and was runner-up in the May Medal event with a 67, one stroke behind the winner. It is inadvisable to ask Alan what happened at one hole which cost him the event.

During the Club Championships, Cyril Condon showed that he is still improving when he qualified for the "B" grade. Alan Parker was also good enough to qualify for "C" grade.

At Bowral, S.P.C. golfers put on a better showing than their Moss Vale counterparts have over the past month. On 18th April, Chas Blackie picked up a ball in the comp., not off the fairway either, and next day Len Howe won the par event with a plus 3, also collecting a couple of balls.

In the qualifying rounds for the Club Championships on 3rd May, Norm Austin and Don Moore both qualified for the "B" grade. Norm came in with a score of 88/86 whilst Don had an 80/86. In the "C" grade Len Howe again showed out and brought in a score of 97/101 to qualify.

Rifle Shooting — Marulan

With the year coming to an end we can see a little pick-up in the Rifle Club activities. A few figures from the Secretary show you the yearly progress by the members leading in the yearly Off-Rifle aggregate, the yearly

aggregate with handicap and the Champion of Champions.

THE OFF-RIFLE AGGREGATE

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| F. Bell | 3.333 |
| B. Barnfield | 2.901 |
| T. Pearson | 2.763 |
| D. Taylor | 2.716 |
| S. Bell | 2.708 |

AGGREGATE WITH HANDICAP

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| F. Bell | 3.634 |
| B. Barnfield | 3.159 |
| D. Taylor | 3.082 |
| T. Pearson | 3.071 |
| S. Bell | 2.882 |

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

| | |
|------------|-------|
| F. Bell | 1.599 |
| D. Taylor | 1.595 |
| T. Pearson | 1.432 |

If it can be arranged the quarry are anxious to have a match against the Cement Works.

Wally Sutton Retires

Plant Greaser Wally Sutton retired last month after nearly five years at the quarry. He will spend his time on his small Penrose farm, which he had developed for the time when he would retire.

Alec McMurtrie, one of the men with the longest service at the quarry (nearly 35 years), who himself will retire in less than a year, has watched many others go before him. During his service he has met a host of different characters and watched situations through the years when he worked as one of the quarry boys to the present time as shift foreman.

Mac recently recalled some of his reminiscences of the new chum from England who was asked by a local farmer to grease the dray before setting out for a load of firewood. The farmer thought the boy was a long time getting ready and when he went to hurry him along found that he had greased the dray — underneath the body and sideboards.

Another time a person from Bungonia rode to the quarry and asked for a job. Mac did not ask many questions and told the new-

comer to start next morning. However, after a few hours Mac was told that the new "boy" on the jackhammer was, in fact, a girl and red-faced Mac had to terminate her services.

Another time, General Quarry Foreman Cec. Cluney engaged a likely looking young chap as a labourer, ignoring the man's swarthy skin.

Next morning Cec. was waiting in the quarry to show the new hand what he had to do when he saw a small crowd of a dozen or so coming with him. The group included some women. The horrible thought hit Cec. that he had engaged a Gipsy and he'd brought all his relatives and friends along. However, Cec. intercepted the group before any fortunes could be told.

Memories such as these are part of the broad pattern of living, to be found in most of our experiences, and no doubt Wally will have a host of similar anecdotes collected in this country as well as his native Yorkshire upon which he will draw when friends visit him in his retirement.

Back from Adelaide

(By Jim Galloway)

Jim in the last issue told of his trip by caravan with his wife Jean, son Peter, from Marulan South to Adelaide.

He continues his narrative:

A week was spent in Adelaide looking over the sights of the city which was found to be very attractive, particularly the terraced gardens along the Torrens River. This is within a couple of hundred yards of the main parts of the city. We also found the tempo much slower than Sydney — and we did not see any more churches there than in any other city of comparative size.

During the week we took a run down the coast for 70 miles to see the limestone quarry at Rapid Bay. There we met Snowy Anderson, who at one time worked at Marulan South.

After leaving Adelaide we headed over the Mt. Lofty Ranges where we stopped to take some photographs looking back towards Adelaide. Then we drove towards the Murray where it empties into the ocean and along the Coorong which is an area of salt pans and salt bush. We stayed overnight at the crayfishing port of Kingston which we found to be a very bleak spot. The locals say the wind never stops blowing — and we believed them.

From here we travelled to Mt. Gambier and its Blue Lake which is possibly one of the most spectacular sights in Australia. The Lake is situated in the crater of an old volcano with three other lakes. But the Blue Lake is the only one that turns a vivid blue between November and February. The reason for the change in colour is unknown.

In the Mt. Gambier area all buildings are built from blocks of limestone cut by Hargon circular saws from old coral reefs in the district. We moved on through Warrnambool to the Great Ocean Road which is cut into the cliff face up to 300 feet over the sea.

Around Port Campbell we saw some really beautiful glimpses of coastline where the sandstone cliffs have been cut away into many different steps by the winds and the waves. From here to Lorne and Geelong we passed through some beautiful grazing country. Geelong is a thriving city with many industries, including a sizeable port. From here it was an easy run into Melbourne on the four-lane highway.

We spent a week in Melbourne — even had time to see Chloe in Young and Jacksons — before we went through the Dandenongs to Phillip Island. This was found very interesting where there were colonies of koalas and at dusk we watched hundreds of penguins coming ashore to feed before going to their burrows in the sandhills. They were interesting little fellows but very noisy. We also watched seals on the rocks.

From here we travelled through Gippsland to Yallourn where the huge brown coal deposits of the Latrobe Valley are located.

The next part of the trip was through Sale and Orbost and Lakes Entrance which we found to be such an attractive holiday spot that instead of staying overnight we stayed four days.

Most unwillingly we moved on towards the N.S.W. border along the Princes Highway, which within 12 months will be a first class sealed road. Eden, the next stop, is a quiet little town with good fishing offering, even to an amateur such as myself. We inspected the Tuna Cannery while there and watched the Tuna boats coming in.

From Eden we followed the coast, stopping at Bateman's Bay where, as Russ would say, "we fished around the channel and managed a few flathead." From here we made our way home through Wollongong.

This, our first caravan trip, we thoroughly enjoyed and at present are making plans for our next trip — to Cairns.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



Beach just about rocked me. The Moss Vale man who caught them is a very casual fisherman, but how lucky can you be!

The beach yielded no fish for me, but at the Canal I got a nice bag of school jewies averaging about 2 lbs.

A nice 3 lb. flathead and 2 lb. flounder were landed by Ed. Moule at Comerong Point.

Although I can't do much at the beach, Bobby Friend bagged fifteen bream and two schoolies. Oh, and I may as well add the rest, one toad and one catfish! and the week before five bream, three flathead and two jewies, all off the beach.

Shoalhaven beach yielded 150 bream in one bag for six men. Boy, are they on there when they are on!

There have been a few pretty fair catches during the month.

Bill Strong, who has been holidaying at Narooma, caught good fish from the bridge at the entrance to the town. The time for catching is limited to the turn of the tides as the water runs out fairly quickly there. Incidentally, the area from the bridge to the town proper is quite an area, but I have seen it so closely packed with tents and caravans at holiday periods that one can't walk through the area without tripping on a rope.

I can tell you right here, boys, that the half sugar bag of 2-2½ lb. bream that I saw with my own eyes caught on Comerong

Fish Tails

Whilst staying at Shoalhaven Heads recently I got talking to an old timer fisherman (not professional) and he made me drool by showing me a photo of sixty 5 lb. flathead in a heap at St. George's Basin. He said one couldn't give them away, but they overcame the difficulty by erecting a smoke house because they had no refrigeration there 40 YEARS AGO!

N.R.M.A. Motoring Notes

Clearing Up Confusion on Traffic Lanes

Judged by the number of enquiries received by N.R.M.A.'s legal branch some confusion appears to exist among motorists about traffic regulations governing the use of marked lanes on busy roadways.

The modern technique of channelling moving traffic into lanes in places where congestion is heavy provides for the marking of the lanes by broken or unbroken single lines.

While there seems to be general recognition by motorists of broken lines — which may be crossed at any time where it is safe to do so — some drivers are still puzzled by the role of the single UNBROKEN line.

The N.R.M.A.'s legal department has prepared a brief summary of the Traffic Regulations in respect to both lines which may be helpful to motorists still in doubt.

The lane drill outlined by the legal department is:

UNBROKEN single lines — Any vehicle in a lane marked by unbroken lines *must continue in that lane* unless:

- Any sign, light or directional arrow indicates that crossing is permissible.
- The driver is turning right or left at an intersection.
- The driver is making a right hand turn to leave a street — for example when entering his driveway or other private entrance. In this case the driver must

leave by the shortest route, normally straight across the roadway, when it is safe.

The regulation also forbids "U" turns in a street where these unbroken lane lines are provided.

Where there are traffic lanes at intersections left-hand turns must be made from the lane nearest to the left boundary or from a lane carrying a notice or directional arrow indicating a turn may be made.

BROKEN lines, on the other hand, can be crossed at any time, but only "with safety to the public."

In thoroughfares where lanes are marked it is lawful for drivers to overtake on the left-hand side of vehicles travelling in the same direction.

Safety Belt Anchorages

Safety belt hold-down points should be checked regularly for tightness, N.R.M.A. engineers suggest.

Anchor belts have rattled loose, due mainly to absence of spring washers. In an emergency the loose bolts would probably shear off.

Flashing Lights

N.R.M.A. engineers say that a sudden increase in the flashing rate of the turn indicator warning light is usually a sign that one globe is not operating. This can be proved quickly by operating the lever and checking front and rear lights visually.

Gardening Notes
By Mrs. C. Crowe



for May

Flowers:

SOW: Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Calendula (English Marigold), Linaria
Lupin, Nemophila, Sweet Pea, Virginian Stock.

PLANT: Carnation, Stock, Calendula, Iceland Poppy, Dianthus, Pansy,
Polyanthus, Viola, Anemone and Ranunculus.

Vegetables:

SOW: Broad Beans, Onion, Peas, Parsley, White Turnip.

PLANT: Asparagus, Rhubarb, Onion, Bush Fruits such as Currants, and
Gooseberries, Strawberry Plants.

Poplars, Liquidambars, Maples, Flowering Cherries and Ash Trees, as
well as many of the smaller trees and shrubs, are showing beautiful
colour this month. Choose some of these now for Winter planting.

The recent good rains, after a very dry Summer, have given all gardeners
the urge to dig and plant once again, before the cold Winter weather comes along.

The dry period has helped to clean up many of the moulds and mildews
which have accumulated over the past few years. A good Winter and early
Spring spraying with a fungicide should set the fruit trees off to a fresh, clean
Spring start next September.

Cut back the Dahlias to about 12" as soon as the stems turn yellow and
lift and store them in boxes of dry sand.

Remove dead flower heads and seeds from perennial plants to tidy them
up ready for cutting back to ground level at the end of June or July.

Keep the ground cultivated to control weeds and dig out and burn any
diseased flower or vegetable plants.

Let's Laugh

Nearsighted Professor: "Young man in the back of the room, when was the Munroe Doctrine signed?"

"I dunno."

Professor: "Who was Thomas Paine?"

"I dunno."

Professor: "I assigned these subjects last Thursday. What were you doing last night?"

"Drinking beer with some of the boys."

Professor: "You mean to stand there and tell me that? How do you expect to pass?"

"I dunno mate, I just came in to fix the plumbing."

—O—

Junkman: "Any rags, paper, scrap metal?"

Head of the household: "No, my wife is away."

Junkman: "Any empty bottles?"

—O—

Blonde: "I can't understand that man over there. He was trying to flirt with me a few minutes ago, but now he won't even look at me."

Brunette: "Maybe he saw me come in. He's my husband."

—O—

"Did you get home from the party all right last night?"

"Fine thanks, except that as I was turning into my driveway, some idiot trod on my fingers."

A husband and wife were asleep. About 3 a.m. the wife dreamed of secretly meeting another man. Then she dreamed she saw her husband coming. In her sleep she shrieked, "Heavens, my husband!"

Her husband, waking suddenly, leaped out of the window.

—O—

Young man: "I've come to ask you for your daughter's hand."

Her Dad: "All right — take the one that's always in my pocket."

—O—

A mountaineer, seeing his first motorcycle on the road, raised his rifle and shot away.

"Did you get the varmint?" asked his wife.

"Hit it, but didn't kill it," he said. "I can still hear it growling — but I made it turn that man loose."

—O—

Her dress was like a barbed wire fence — enough to protect the property but not enough to spoil the view.

—O—

The advantage of telling the truth — it's much easier to remember what you said.

—O—

By the time the youngest children have learned to keep the house tidy, the oldest grandchildren are on hand to tear it to pieces again.

Problem Page

You would not read about it!

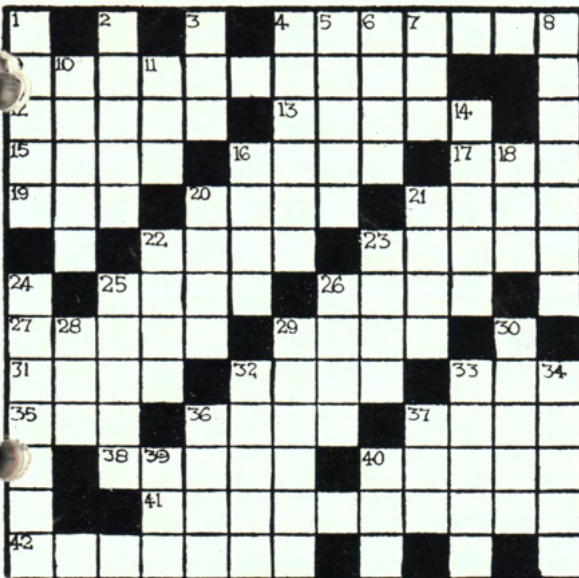
Last month Eric Johnson won problem No. 61 and guess who won this month's problem — his wife.

Congratulations Mrs. Johnson.

Problem No. 63

ACROSS

4. Containers
9. Punctuation mark
12. Go forth
13. Marshland grasses
15. Beseech
16. Flowerless plant
17. Machinery part
19. Mode of address
20. Italian coin
21. Handle roughly
22. Cavities
23. Contradict
25. Soap bubbles
26. Horse
27. Harvests
29. Quote
31. Jar
32. Parts of a circle
33. Remnant
35. Contend
36. Extent of surface
37. Biblical word
38. Queenly name
40. Coins
41. Speaks slightly
42. Parcels



DOWN

1. Pants
2. Back tooth
3. Pen
4. Termites
5. Musical drama
6. At that moment
7. Boy's name
8. Article of underclothing
10. Home of fashion
11. Crafty
14. Climb
16. Convulsive attacks
18. French affirmative
20. Coverings
21. Nothing but
22. Developmental stage of an insect
23. Used by cricketers
24. Adage
25. Town in Massachusetts, U.S.A.
26. Mineral
28. Biblical priest
29. Moves stealthily
30. Something ridiculous
32. Ascend
33. Rank
34. Birds
36. Seed covering
37. Beverage
39. Extend
40. Snoop

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General Manager's Notes

The highlight of May was the start-up of No. 5 kiln during the last week of the month

Mainly due to lack of experience in the operation of an integrated unit, comprising the kiln, air quench grate cooler and coal mill, there were delays which were very frustrating and here I would like to pay tribute to our Executives, Foremen, Tradesmen and Operators who put in many long hours throughout the night and day to make it go. Their enthusiasm and willingness made the task so much lighter.

There are still some construction items to be completed and a few bugs to be ironed out. However, to date we are all very pleased with the performance of the unit and expect it to exceed, without any difficulty, our earlier estimation of its capabilities.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

The biggest item of interest in the past month was the lighting-up of of No. 5 kiln. It must give all who had anything to do with its construction a feeling of satisfaction to see it rolling and the ever increasing pile of clinker under the gantry.

Of course it is not without its teething troubles, but very few people expected otherwise, and whilst a few minor adjustments have still to be made, the whole plant generally started up with a minimum of trouble.

It should also be a source of pride to all to know that the vast majority of its many components were manufactured in Australia as, if Australian workmanship and resources can turn out a job like this, we are indeed fortunate to be living in this country.

Everyone was disappointed to see our Berrima Safety Board showing zero again, denoting another lost-time accident. Let's hope that this one is the last for this year and longer.

Once again we had the sad task of saying goodbye to another of our workmates when Sandy Galloway retired from the Colliery during the month. There would be very few people throughout our organisation who did not know Sandy and I am sure that the Colliery staff will have some difficulty filling the gap left by his retirement. Best of luck Sandy in your newly acquired leisure and may you have many years of good health in which to enjoy it.

Congratulations to the Quarry team on their Safety Record. It is good to see you showing the rest of the S.P.C. how to work safely. I called them a team because that is what they must be to produce safety figures such as these. It takes teamwork to win anywhere, on the playing fields, at work or anywhere where two or more people must co-operate to achieve a goal.

Keep up the good work boys and let's hope the rest of S.P.C. will follow your good example.

Yours until next month,

THE EDITOR.

Retirement – Sandy Galloway

When he retired on Friday, 15th May, Sandy Galloway (Colliery) completed 46 years continuous service in the coal mining industry. His first four years in Scottish mines, the next six years on the New South Wales Western Coalfields and the last 36 years with S.P.C. neither employers or employees were as safety conscious as they are to-day.

Sandy's first job at the S.P.C. pit was as winch driver when the original tunnel was driven. He then became lamp man and bathroom attendant and in 1943 was appointed colliery clerk, which job he held until his retirement.

It is also interesting to note that in all this time Sandy has had only one compensatable accident. This is a remarkable record in an industry that is not noted for safe working conditions and also during a period when

Another interesting fact, and one which must be a record for S.P.C., is that since 1928 Sandy and his family have given well over 80 years service to the Company. Besides his own 36 years, Sandy's sons, Jim (Marulan) and Roy (Colliery) have over 40 years service between them, whilst his daughter Pat (Mrs. Bob McGregor) worked in the General Office at Berrima for about five years. Is there another family working for the Company which can beat this record?

To mark his retirement Colliery Manager, Lew Griffiths, presented Sandy with a coffee percolator, a coffee set and an engraved silver tray on behalf of his workmates.



Lew Griffiths makes the Presentation to Sandy.

Safety — Berrima

At the end of May, four lost time injuries had been recorded since the beginning of the year and in addition many employees have had to receive medical attention for injuries which almost caused them to lose time from work.

Our Frequency Rate of 12.8 and Severity Rate of 198.8 are not at all satisfactory. With almost half of 1964 already passed, all

employees are urged to be on the alert at all times in the months ahead.

THINK when doing a job.

DON'T take a chance, because it may not be your lucky day.

REMEMBER that SAFE PRACTICES are SKILLS.

SHARPEN THEM AND USE THEM.

Safety — Marulan

The quarry safety first record continues to grow. We have passed the 120 days and each group is making an extra effort to win the quarry's section of the Cement and Concrete Association's competition.

Emergency Cold Water Treatment for Burns

It is recommended that when an employee is burned to any degree, and this burn is very painful, the pain can be relieved considerably by immersing the burned area in cold water, in fact as cold as possible. If ice blocks are available they may be added with advantage to the water. The burned area should be kept immersed until the pain ceases. It is stressed that this simple measure is only to relieve pain and does not remove the necessity to seek prompt first aid or medical treatment.

Where it is not practicable to immerse the burned area in the cold water, such as with body burns, cold compresses may be applied. It is also stressed that the burned part should not be held under a cold running tap, the cold water should be in a vessel.

This simple measure will considerably reduce the pain and will assist in the recovery of the burned part.

—Reprinted from the "Darra News Bulletin", May, 1964.

Apprenticeship News

At an Apprentice Meeting held at Berrima on Friday, 5th June, the prizewinners for Workshop Notebooks and Technical College prizewinners for 1963 were announced by Mr. Len Knight, Works Manager.

The Workshop Notebook prizewinners are as follows:

FITTING AND MACHINING

M. Creswick and R. Knapman—equal first.

ELECTRICAL FITTING

J. Kopec, first; H. Newman, second.

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

J. Hargraves, first; R. McCallum and N. Dillon, equal second.

Other apprentices to receive special mention for their notebooks were S. Kopec, J. Beaumont and J. Cupitt.

The Technical College prizewinners are as follows:

ELECTRICAL TRADES

Stage I: F. Ritchie, first; O. Field, H. Newman, equal second.

Stage II: J. Lewis, equal second.

Stage III: R. Strode, first.

FITTING AND MACHINING

Stage I: J. Beaumont, first; R. Knapman, second.

Stage II: D. Bourne, first.

Stage III: M. Creswick, first; T. Pratt, second.

Stage IV: M. King, first; I. Jones, second.

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

Stage I: N. Dillon, first.

Stage III: J. Hardgraves, equal first.

Several interesting facts came out of the prize list over the last few years when in 1960 seven S.P.C. apprentices collected prizes, in 1961 eight, 1962 nine and in 1963 we had fourteen prizewinners.

It is also interesting to note that Bob Strode, Miles Creswick and Max King have topped their classes in each year at the College whilst John Hardgraves has had two equal firsts and a second in his three stages.

Congratulations! Keep up the good work, boys! In this highly technical age we need more and more tradesmen and technicians to build and maintain the specialised equipment which is appearing in our factories to-day.



Miles Creswick, Equal First, Fitting and Turning.



Richard Knapmann, Equal First, Fitting and Turning.



*John Hardgraves, Marulan, First Prize
Carpentry and Joinery.*



*Nevil Dillon, Equal Second, Carpentry and
Joinery.*

In England with Margaret Ellis

In our March issue we reported on Margaret's trip to England and this month, thanks to Reg kindly lending us some more letters, we are able to give you some of her experiences and impressions of England and Holland.

Margaret's first trip was through Southern England visiting Brighton, Southampton, Portsmouth and into Wiltshire to see the ancient ruins at Stonehenge. A night was spent in a pretty thatched village named Shrewton which, in reality, is as pretty as the English villages seen on postcards.

Continuing her trip, Margaret saw Exeter and the Devon countryside, which is very beautiful with its small fields and hedges, and the southernmost tip of England at Lands End in Cornwall. From here she went to Bristol and Bath to see the old ruins and after a look at Oxford made her way back

to London, getting caught in very heavy traffic in the process.

The next trip taken was a half-hour flight across the Channel to Ostend Airport, then a motor coach through Antwerp and Ghent in Belgium and across the Dutch border to Rotterdam. Her most vivid memory of Holland is the acres of blossoming tulips, some with petals up to eight inches long, of every colour imaginable.

From the tulip fields on to Amsterdam and a boat ride on the canals and on the flight back to England from Ostend a very pretty sunset was seen over the Channel.

In the next few weeks Margaret plans to visit Manchester and the northern half of England and we will be looking forward to her impressions of these places.

Railway Historical Society Visits S.P.C.

On Saturday, 23rd May, an unusual sight was seen around Berrima and Marulan when two passenger trains were hauled through the Works to the Colliery at Medway and the Quarry at Marulan. The trains carried some 300 members of the Australian Railway Historical Society on one of their outings to places of interest in Australia.

They arrived at Moss Vale station as one unit being hauled by two 35 class locos and here they divided with one half of the train going on to the Quarry whilst the other half came to Berrima Junction where it was taken over by our own crew and hired loco.

It was then hauled at slow speed to the Works, so that the members could have a good look at our countryside, and halted briefly on arrival at the Works to allow the members to take photos of the Works and train. The party then proceeded to the Colliery to see the gullies and general views in that area.

Leaving the Colliery the train was hauled

back to Berrima Junction, where it was again taken over by a Railways loco, and proceeded along the main line to Medway Junction for a visit to the Quarry. At Wingello, on its way back to Berrima to look at the Works and Colliery, the train that had proceeded direct to the Quarry passed the other on its way to Marulan.

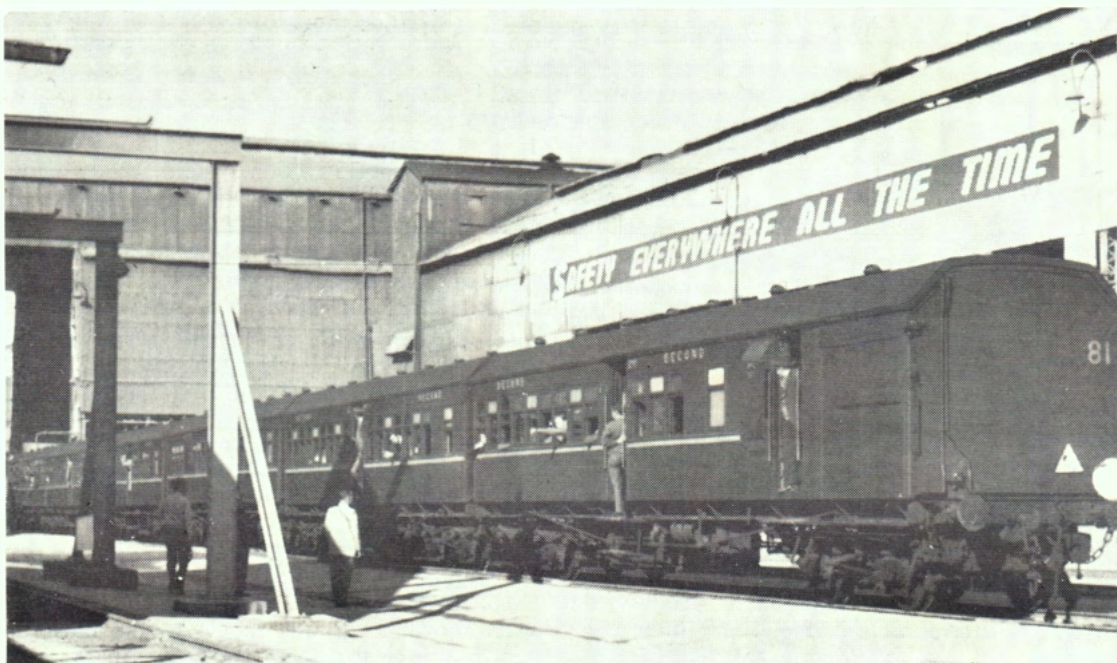
Unfortunately by the time the second train reached the Quarry time was getting short and the passengers only had a brief look at the Quarry itself whilst our Marulan loco crew were shunting the train for the return journey.

Back at Moss Vale the two trains again amalgamated and were taken to Sydney by the original two locos.

All members were very interested in the sights shown as it was the first time most of them had seen a cement works or quarry and all expressed their appreciation to the Company for allowing the use of our private lines and for the opportunity to see cement manufactured at first hand.



The Train at Marulan.



The Train at The Works



The Train at The Colliery

In the Kelly Country

(By B. Creswick)

The legend of the Kelly country south of the border between Beechworth and Wangaratta has attracted many visitors since Ned was hanged in Melbourne in 1884. Wild and rugged, the scenery is superb and despite closer settlement, the impact of two world wars and the influx of thousands of new settlers, the original stage setting for the bush-rangers seems to have been well preserved.

There are still residents who remember their fathers and uncles tell of the escapades of the Kellys; and there is to be found to-day a resentment on the part of some of the older families towards strangers who try to make too many inquiries about the history of the gang. It seems almost like an uncanny loyalty to this family. This is the impression I gained when I visited the same district about 13 years ago to write for another journal.

However, the merits and demerits of the case for and against the Kelly family versus the police have been written and re-written, but one fact emerges to the casual tourist. Ned and his brothers and associates in crime were superb horsemen and bushmen and there is little doubt that they made fools of the police in that fascinating northern part of Victoria.

These were some impressions and reflections on my recent 1,900 mile trip to the western part of the State, through the Riverina and home via the Snowy Mountains. Other impressions included:

ROADS: Considerable work is being carried out along all roads, such as widening and deviations. Generally they are good with the exception of parts of the Snowy where a few points of rain or a light fall of snow can make the roads really hazardous.

ABORIGINES: Many of these people of varying shades draw a Government allowance in Lake Cargelligo and other smaller areas in the western part of the State. Work is available for those willing to do so, and many do work. It seems that to-day's generation, with a variety of help, tolerance and encouragement, is trying to make amends for the harsh treatment given these people by the pioneers.

SNOWY SCHEME: It will take several generations to fully assess and appreciate the vastness of the scheme. One can readily understand why it is claimed to be the biggest of its kind in the world.

M.I.A.: This area — Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area — is a picturesque "salad bowl" and where semi-desert conditions once prevailed, hundreds of farmers are now living comfortably off from 40 to 60 acres. In the Western Land Leases areas, a "living area" was at one time regarded as a minimum of 18,000 acres.

The westerners are nothing like the slick TV scriptwriters depict — with big hats, fancy boots and so forth. They are a kindly down-to-earth people, tolerant to the city dweller, generally well enlightened on current affairs with a ready sense of humour.

For example, they will tell the story of the cunning of crows in that area. If the birds see a boundary rider taking an after lunch nap under a tree, they'll fly to it and drop twigs to the man below. If he moves they'll fly off. But if he doesn't, they hop down for the feast.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

COLLIERY

Congratulations to Garnett and Mrs. Whitby on the birth of a daughter, Karen Edith, on the 23rd April.

John Talbert has the laugh on his workmates who are shivering on their way to work these cold mornings as he is sleeping late whilst on long service leave.

Congratulations to Col and Mrs. Steward on the birth of a daughter, Sandra Marie, on the 19th May.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Mrs. Jack King and Clive Spence (Stockhouse) on the death of their brother Alan at Wollongong on 16th May.

An ex-employee, Charlie Thompson, spent a week of his holidays renewing old friendships, and playing bowls, during his stay with Sandy Galloway.

Eric Carey had a hand in bringing home a bowls trophy from Campbelltown on 24th May.

Some of our Colliery workmates have been on the sick list lately. Lew Wilson, Barry Murchie and Sid Hurst have returned after a spell away, but Charlie Murchie is in hospital. Hurry and get well Charlie, we need that extra coal.

Congratulations to Lui and Mrs. Perrisini on the birth of a daughter on the 26th May.

Bill Beaton's daughter June has taken a position in Sydney.

BERRIMA

Congratulations to Bob and Mrs. Hartley on the birth of a son, Craig Robert, at the Winge-caribee Hospital recently.

Two Berrimaitees, Bill Saker and Reg Ellis, had a spell in hospital during the month and we hope they will soon be back on deck again.

A new starter is Robert Delamont who joined as a clerk in the General Office.

Congratulations to Marcia Middleton and Herb Moule on their engagement. Marcia is our switchboard operator.

Paying a visit to the Quarry, Colliery and Cement Works and Stores were Don Millhouse, John Agnew and Les Stimpson. No doubt their visit proved to be an eye-opener.

John Portus spent a week at Canberra Store experiencing some of those cold frosty mornings.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to Den Vidulich whose father passed away recently.

MARULAN

Jim Galloway spent a few days early this month studying weighbridge technical equipment at Philips', Sydney.

Congratulations to Barry and Margaret Keller on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to Max Johansen, who has been appointed to the staff. He has served in the store for some years and is the son of the late Charlie, one time blacksmith.

Eddie Cooper, who in February underwent a major operation for a back injury, is improving and hopes to be available for work in a few months' time.

Marulan apprentices early this month visited Berrima to be shown the new No. 5 kiln. They were: N. Steffensen, G. Tilley, J. Kopeck, J. Beaumont, S. Kopeck, W. Percival, C. Clack, J. Hardgrave, R. McCallum and Max King (on loan from Berrima).

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Keith Graham's father was taken suddenly ill at the end of last month. She made a quick trip to Narrandera to be with him and other members of the family.

Many friends were saddened when they learned of the death of Marulan storekeeper Reg Baldock, who died suddenly late last month. He had been in business for more than 30 years and was prominent in a variety of local affairs. He was a returned man from the First War and was a foundation member of the Marulan Rifle Club.



BOWLS

There has been very little activity on the greens in the past month mainly due to the inclement weather and consequently news from this source has been very limited.

However, we would remind all S.P.C. bowlers that the Annual S.P.C. v. The Rest series will be played during the next few weeks on the Moss Vale greens.

GOLF

At Bowral, Norm Austin and Don Moore both won their second round matches in the Club Championships with Norm defeating J. Churchill 2 and 1 and Don defeating C. Steward also by 2 and 1. The next round will test Norm's skill to the limit as he meets the leading qualifier in the B grade. Good luck to both you boys!

Charlie Blackie also reached the prize list on 16th May when he was runner-up in the Captain's Trophy with 36 stableford points. This effort also won him a ball in the ball competition.

The Moss Vale Club Championships entered the quarter finals on 24th May and S.P.C. still has three representatives with Cyril Condon in B Grade and Alan Parker and Peter Giddings in C Grade.

When we listed the qualifiers in our May issue, due to an oversight, we inadvertently failed to mention Peter. Hope you were not upset Peter.

On 23rd May Peter really hit the ball and came in 5 up in a par event, the nearest player in his grade being 2 down. Although Peter is still playing in the C Grade Championships the handicapper will have pruned him for that effort and he will be in B Grade for the Championship next year.

GO KART OUTING

Thirty five drivers competed in the recent Marulan Go Kart Club's outing and some of the best drivers in the State helped to make the meeting a success.

Jack Greenerger, driving twin McCulloch 40's mounted on a Tri-mec., broke the existing track record by recording a 15.1 second lap for the tight 280 yard track.

Drivers and their friends started arriving at the track early in the morning and made a picnic affair of it. Club members provided hot water and their hospitality was much appreciated.

Results were:

A Class (under 100 c.c.): 1st N. Watt (Yalla), 110 points; 2nd G. Cooper (Marulan), 86 points; 3rd E. Parmenter (Yalla), 72 points.

B Class (100-125 c.c.): 1st S. Stuart (Marulan), 120 points; 2nd K. Death (Parramatta), 100 points; 3rd R. Delatore (Yalla), 95 points.

C Class (125-150 c.c.): 1st J. Coates (Camden), 150 points; 2nd G. Wallace (Nowra), 130 points; 3rd B. Parsons (Sydney), 66 points.

D Class (150-200 c.c.): 1st J. Craddock (Nowra), 135 points; 2nd J. Greenerger (Parramatta), 110 points; 3rd P. Flynn (Cooma), 90 points.

Ladies (A & B Class): 1st E. Death (Parramatta), 132 points; 2nd J. Black (Sydney), 94 points. C & D Class: 1st T. Craddock (Nowra), 130 points.

Butchers' Picnic: Event 1, 1st N. Watt; Event 2, 1st J. Greenerger.

Ladies and Gents' Relay: 1st Toots and Jim Craddock.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



With the trout season closed until September, most trout fishermen will no doubt be at the seaside for a few months. The exception, of course, is Lake Eucumbene, which does not close at all.

I was interested in an article on trout fishing which answers a question I have never been too clear on, that is, the way to fish trout. The only legal method is by a rod held in the hand, with a net or gaff for landing, no bait may be used other than natural flies or insects, or the larvae thereof, or worms, or artificial flies, minnows or insects or spoons or flashes. I am blown if I know what else one could use — of course there is jelly!

Fishing at Broughton Creek recently, all I could hook were eels! Slippery things them eels! Quite a lot of research went on until the life cycle was firmly established and not so long ago it was thought that all eels pro-

pagated from the Saragossa Sea, situated in the Atlantic Ocean. This was a firmly established fact, but it has now been learned that not all eels go there to breed. The Australian and West Coast American eels hatch in a portion of the Pacific Ocean just north of the Gilbert Islands.

The Japanese eels hatch in a spot much further north towards the Aleutians, thus have three breeding grounds in the world as far as is known. A puzzle still is the Mediterranean eel!

Anyhow, when the elvas (little eels) hatch in these spots, the prevailing ocean currents carry them past the coastlines where they enter the various rivers — an eel has a system that enables it to adapt itself to fresh water or vice-versa. After growing to adult size he comes down the rivers, enters the sea and, without eating any more, heads instinctively for the closest breeding ground where, after propagating the species, he dies and the cycle is repeated.

Incidentally these various breeding spots are the only places where the optimum conditions exist for incubation of the eggs.

Slippery things them eels!

FISH TAILS

A chap strolled down the Co-op. Wharf at Nowra and there he was invited to accompany four men who were going fishing in a boat. Explaining that he was only out for a stroll and therefore had no fishing gear, a lemonade bottle was placed in his hand with about 40 yards of No. 40 on it. He threw out, with no sinker, off Horlick's and hooked a nice fish which really took the line off the bottle. Everyone held their breath to see if it was securely tied, but it held and, after being towed 1½ miles downstream, they landed a 60 lb. jewie!

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for June

Flowers:

SOW: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Dianthus, Godetia, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Nemophila.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Calendula, Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Viola.

Vegetables:

SOW: Broad Beans, Onion, Peas, Parsley, White Turnip.

PLANT: Asparagus, Eschalots, Rhubarb, Deciduous Fruit Trees and Berry Fruits such as Gooseberry, Currant, Raspberry, Loganberry.

Plant Roses and Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs and Trees this month.

We have had a number of quite heavy frosts recently and many of the sappy weeds have been "cut" as a result, so it is a good time to turn over any empty garden beds to allow aeration and sweetening of the soil to take place.

Pruning can be begun this month, but leave pruning of the roses until late July.

Remember to have all pruning tools sharp and keep some disinfectant handy to clean them after pruning any diseased plant. Decay is easily transferred from one plant to another by means of dirty pruning tools.

If pruning cuts are large, cover over with a paste of Bordeaux Powder and water, and when this is dry, cover again with a water-proof dressing such as ordinary paint, or grafting wax.

Now is the time to plan your vegetable garden planting for next Spring.

It should be possible to grow all those luscious, leafy vegetables now, without that dull grey, gritty coating which they have had for some years, so include these in your list, also a few of the more unusual vegetables such as Kohl Rabi, Broccoli, Egg Plant and Okra.

Spray shrubs and trees with winter strength Bordeaux solution now to control fungous diseases.

Problem Page

Problem No. 63 must have been a bit harder than the others as there were quite a few incorrect entries submitted.

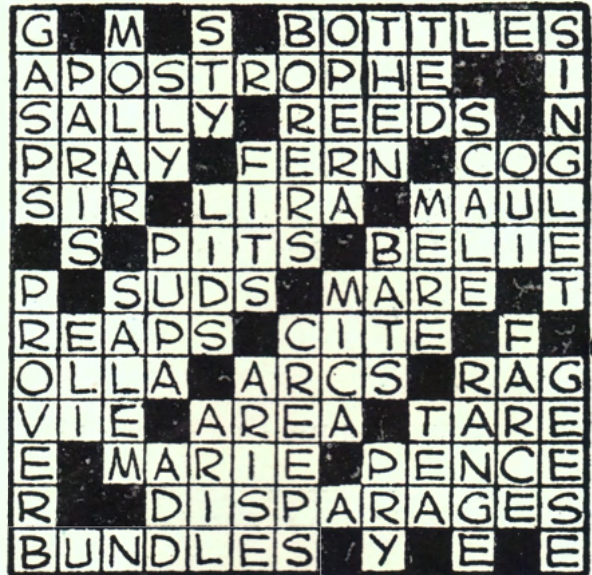
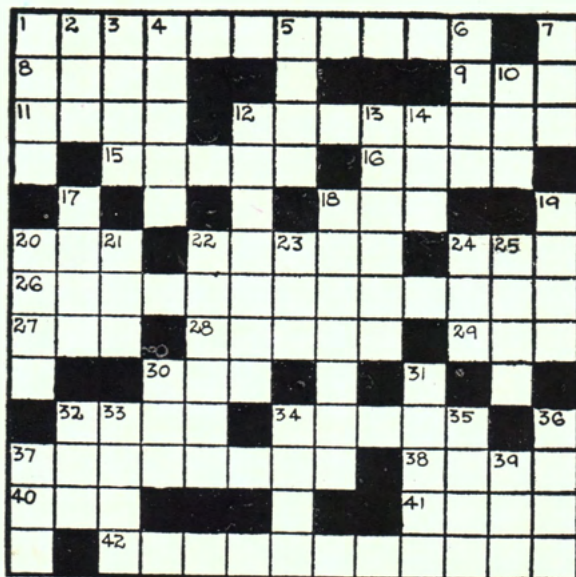
This month's winner was Mrs. L. Croese, wife of Shift Foreman Bob Croese.

Congratulations Mrs. Croese.

Problem No. 64

ACROSS

1. Half-hearted
8. Shakespearian character
9. Fall ill
11. Otherwise
12. Tartness
15. Oriental governor
16. Scrape together
18. Conflict
20. Cut
22. Sign of the zodiac
24. Askew
26. Copy
27. Terminate
28. Noblemen
29. Digit
30. Garden plot
32. Heroic
34. Deluge
37. Adulation
38. Part of a ladder
40. Unwell
41. Turkish official
42. Incapable of being divided



DOWN

1. Entreaty
2. Fish
3. Reckless
4. Malformation
5. Intimate companion
6. Jerk
7. Work at steadily
10. Frost a cake
12. Perforated
13. Comprehends
14. Organ
17. Admonish
18. Uncanny
19. English River
20. Boil slowly
21. Bundle
22. Outlook
23. Rage
24. Intellect
25. Land-measure
30. Fragment
31. Peninsula in E. Asia
32. Measure of length
33. Sacred language of India
34. Lash
35. Mute
36. Demon
37. Part of a fish
39. Nothing

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General Manager's Notes

During June a Parliamentary Joint Committee of members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, appointed to enquire into certain aspects of the coal mining industry, visited the Berrima district.

After looking at the Bowral Gasworks, the Committee, the Chairman of which is the Honorable J. B. Simpson, Minister for Mines, inspected our Berrima Colliery.

After an inspection of the surface and a look at the plan of the underground workings, which was explained by Mr. L. Griffiths, the Colliery Manager, the party, now including Mr. Hartnell, the Chairman of the Joint Coal Board, Mr. K. Whybrow, Secretary of the N.S.W. Combined Colliery Proprietors' Association, Mines Department Inspectors and others, went underground for an inspection of the workings.

The previous pit visited by the Committee was Nebo on the South Coast which is highly mechanised and Berrima provided the maximum of contrast with the use of hand winning methods and horses for face wheeling.

After leaving the Colliery, the Works was then visited for a look at No. 5 kiln where they saw coal being consumed in large quantities.

After lunch at the Hostel a visit was made to the Southern Colliery at Canyonleigh.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

In recent weeks we have seen much increased activity at Berrima with the commissioning of No. 5 kiln, together with the operation of the old kilns, the conversion of No. 2 coal mill to a cement mill and the commencement of earth-works for the new silos and No. 5 cement mill.

The commissioning of No. 5 kiln with many of the automatic controls and refinements not in operation, enabled operators to quickly gain a greater knowledge of the kiln and its ancillary equipment than would otherwise have been the case, but of course, added to their trials and tribulations.

Marulan, after a comparatively quiet time, is now being asked for maximum production following Berrima's increased requirements, and the completion of bricking of No. 4 blast furnace at Port Kembla.

The stock house has shared in the increased activity with some particularly good daily tonnages, and further demands will be placed on this section before the new silos are completed.

During periods of increased activity we must not lose sight of the need to work safely at all times and remember:—

“Don't hurt yourself, don't hurt your mate,
Before you act, just hesitate
And think, is everything okay,
Or could there be a safer way?”

EDITOR INCOGNITO.

Safety News

BERRIMA

Our current safety film is a repeat showing of Allis-Chalmers' excellent "Safety Everywhere All the Time." It is two years since it was first shown at the Works, and all who saw it agreed it was a film with a message for everyone, at home, at work, at play or driving along the highway.

We thought it would be appropriate to screen this film again at the completion of No. 5 kiln supplied by Allis-Chalmers. The film will be of interest to all new employees over the past two years, and perhaps some of the older employees did not see it before.

This film will be screened during July and August, so make sure you do not miss it.

At the end of the month our frequency

rate was 10.6 with a severity rate of 130.0 per million man hours.

Marulan Quarry are showing very good figures with a frequency rate of 6.0 and a severity rate of 12.0.

MARULAN

The Quarry continued its record run without lost time injuries in June. At the end of the month it had 141 days up. Individual group runs are:—

Group 1: 224 days; Group 2: 671 days;
Group 3: 237 days; Group 4: 299 days;
Group 5: 131 days; Group 6: 455 days.

Since the beginning of January about 5,000 safety first bonus coupons have been exchanged for a wide variety of useful goods.

New Employees

AT BERRIMA

Recent new arrivals at the Works were:—

Peter Davis — Laboratory.

Eric Burke — Production.

Bernard Poland — Maintenance.

Paul Humphreys — Production.

We extend a welcome to each of you.

AT MARULAN

New starters at the quarry were:—

Marko Stilinvic.

Valdo Drazenovic.

Bell Kay.

Mick Flynn.

Doug McNamara.

Stuart Eldridge.

Harold Costello.

Barry Weston.

Arthur Sebestyen.

George and John Spathis.

To each we say WELCOME!

Guadalcanal Twenty Years Ago

By Rex Armstrong

Highlight of a recent cruise through the South West Pacific areas was a visit to Guadalcanal in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Discovered in 1567 by the Spanish navigator Alvaro de Mendana de Neyra, the island of Guadalcanal is approximately 95 miles long and 30 miles wide.

On the northern coast, foothills descend from the mountains to a coastal plain of varying width, but on the southern coast precipitous cliffs fall sheer for hundreds of feet to the ocean beneath. Inland, the island's peaks rise to 8,000 ft. at their highest point, and are often hidden by mist and rain. On the lower slopes, small villages perch precariously on hills, connected by razor-backed ridges. Communication between villages is by foot trails.

The natives of Guadalcanal are a happy smiling and uninhibited race. They are rather small, but with a good physique and are a mixture of Polynesian, Melanesian and Negrito types. These people were the Kanakas who were "blackbirded" to the Queensland canefields during one of the darker periods of our history. Like many other Pacific island people, they are accustomed to a system of shifting cultivation, clearing jungle growth to make their gardens, and moving on after a few years to clear new ground and allow the old gardens to revert to jungle. The vegetables, coconuts and fruit which they grow supports them, with the addition of domestic fowl, wild birds and in the coastal areas fish and turtles. Crocodiles, wild pig and opossums are also eaten.

Guadalcanal is a name that to many stirs memories of World War II. It was here that the Japanese met one of their first defeats in land fighting and where one of the great battles of the war was fought from August 1942 to February 1943 (concurrently with the Australian victory at Milne Bay and the epic Kokoda Trail action). U.S. Marines landed on the beach to the eastward of Honiara, the capital, in August 1942 and soon afterwards there was a heavy concentration of troops, planes and naval units on Guadalcanal.

Solomon Islanders and Fijians, led by British officers, acted as scouts, guides and independent patrols during the campaign. After the Japanese had been defeated, the American Forces built roads, airfields, jetties, camps and supply depots, and the island became a base from which attacks were launched on other Japanese occupied islands. Two of the airfields (including the famous Henderson field) are still used today and so are many of the roads.

All around the coastline one sees wreck after wreck rising above the water. Ships bearing such names as "Yamazuki Maru," "Kinngawa Maru" and "Kyusyu Maru". Rust encrusted Japanese steel helmets litter the beaches and elsewhere wrecked jeeps and light artillery show part of the price the Americans had to pay for their victory. In Honiara itself, the wrecked Dakota, the Japanese commando training course and the P.O.W. camp on the banks of the Manatiko River all tell their story.

Things were not always so peaceful in this quiet, sun-drenched little copra port.

Another S.P.C. Record

With the grand total of 114 years employment with S.P.C. this certainly is a record. No — not by one single man but a family affair — the Wrightson family of Berrima.

The following are the names of each member together with their years of employment.

Frank Wrightson Snr.: 22 years.

Tarn Wrightson: 27 years.

Pop Wrightson: 34 years.

Darrell Wrightson: 12 years.

Gordon Wrightson: 3 years.

Jann Wrightson: 1 year.

John Wrightson: 1 year.

Bon Wrightson: 3 years.

Trevor Wrightson: 6 years.

Vernon Wrightson: 5 years.

and we still have three of this family carrying on the good work.

Plant Jottings

Now that the production boys are cutting their teeth, with the customary few painful moments, on the first of our big units, No. 5 Kiln, the attention of the engineering department is focussed on the next phases of our expansion programme.

Design work is well advanced on two current projects — cement storage silos and a new cement mill installation. Both of these projects envisage units considerably larger than those at present in use.

Three new cement silos, each of 2000 tons capacity are scheduled to be built within the next six months. These silos will be of reinforced concrete construction and are to be located near the south-eastern corner of the bank of existing silos. They will be elevated well above ground level and will have a rail siding directly beneath them to facilitate the rapid loading of bulk cement trucks. A 55 ft. long weighbridge of 100 tons capacity is to be installed under the rail track with a control room containing the dial indicator unit and ticket printing mechanism situated at bulk truck walkway level, 12'-10" above the rails. The designed loading rate of 500 tons per hour is to be controlled by means of air feeders under each silo and pneumatically operated rotary cut off valves.

The silos are designed for full aeration of the cement and should be self emptying. Aeration is to be achieved by a system of air slides in the silo bottoms with control of the air supply to each individual slide.

Particular attention is being given to dust collection and two bag filters will be installed on the top of the silos. One will handle the air from the Fuller Kinyon pump lines and the silo aeration air while the other will withdraw and filter the dust laden air from the loading operations. A one ton capacity lift is being provided to service the machinery on the silo top, 125' above ground level.

The new cement mill, a more detailed description of which will appear in a future issue of the Newsletter, is expected to go into operation towards the end of 1965. It is to be a big unit also, the first of a proposed new milling section, and will be located on the north side of No. 5 kiln. The mill will measure 11' 0" diameter by 34' 0" long and will absorb 2000 h.p. in producing 50 tons of cement an hour.

Some features, foreign to our existing mills are to be incorporated. The mill is to be carried on large S.K.F. double row self aligning roller bearings. It is to be girth gear driven, the pinion being direct coupled to a slow speed, 200 r.p.m., synchronous motor.

The mill will operate in closed circuit using an 18' 0" diameter air separator. Internal water spray cooling will be included and this, together with the cooling effect from the circulating load will obviate the necessity of using cooling water on the mill shell.

Clinker and gypsum feed to the mill will be accurately weighed and cement coolers incorporated to ensure that we can meet all customer requirements.

Design work on this milling installation is proceeding and already orders have been placed for the supply of the mill, the mill motor, cement coolers and other items of relatively long delivery.

Welfare, Sick & Accident Fund

May I appeal to all members of this fund to attend our 3rd Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday, 24th July at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Moss Vale. This year we are making sure that the room is warm and comfortable.

The business to be dealt with:—

Receive Balance Sheet & Committee Report.

Deal with several notices of motions.

To elect the Committee for 1964/65.

General business.

To encourage us to carry on this very necessary service to you chaps, a good representative gathering from both here and from Marulan will be appreciated.

FRED BONNAR,
Chairman.

Credit Union News

We have come to the end of our financial year and at the General Meeting to be held later, nominations will be required for the positions of directors to replace the four retiring directors, namely:—

Mr. S. Bell, Marulan.

Mr. D. Berry, Berrima.

Mr. F. Bonnar, Berrima.

Mr. G. Morrison, Berrima.

Applications will close on the 15th July, so please have your nominations in early.

Our membership is growing slowly and we hope that when figures are released for publication there will be a rush for membership. The balance sheet for our first seven months'

trading should be available for distribution to members by the end of July.

You will notice that no duty stamps appear on receipts for cash payments made during the last month. The Government has waived duty for Credit Unions' receipts and withdrawals over £2, thus placing all Credit Unions on the same footings as banks. However we still have to pay the required duty on loans.

I would again point out to members requiring loans to get your applications in early as we have a long list ahead of us.

Income Tax refund cheques will be coming along soon, so don't waste that money. Put it into your Credit Union and make it work for you, and remember, we guarantee to pay at least 5 per cent. interest on your savings.

Let's Laugh

The small daughter of a newly elected mayor was very proud of her position and mentioned the fact at every opportunity. "Darling," advised her mother, "you mustn't keep telling everybody that you're the daughter of the mayor. Just tell them your name, that's all." Later, while in the park, someone came over and asked, "Aren't you the mayor's daughter?"

"Well," replied the child, "I thought I was, but Mother says not."

Giving feminine names to hurricanes is highly appropriate. Most of them run around in circles trying to make up their minds which course to take.

"Isn't it hard to keep a budget straight?" wailed a housewife to her neighbour. "My dear, it's terrible," agreed the neighbour, "this month I had to put in four mistakes to make mine balance."

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Our Editor, Terry Saker, is spending his long service leave on tour. Terry plans to go by road to Adelaide via Wagga and Mildura, then up through Central Australia to Alice Springs and on to Darwin. From Darwin back across Queensland to Townsville, calling in at Rockhampton to see Mark Hauber, then back down the coast home.

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We were all pleased to see Fred Bonnar looking hale and hearty after spending a month in hospital, and so he should with the attention he received from the nursing staff. Fred loves it! !

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A near lost-time accident occurred when Allen Parker, of Drawing Office, fell off No. 5 Return Fines Screw Conveyor. Although badly bruised, Allen soon recovered.

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Ron Gibson, of Noyes Bros., also had a narrow escape when his station waggon skidded and rolled coming up Razor Back.

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We wish Mrs. Appy Van der Molen a speedy recovery after her recent hospitalisation.

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Mark Jones who is one of our oldest employees seems to suffer from a complaint known "can't give up smoking." It is common knowledge that since his entry into the local hospital his intake of these fags has been forcibly eliminated. We are looking forward to seeing you back at your desk in the near future minus the ash trays that have been there for so long!

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David Parker and Clive Harwood, both of General Office, went south for their holidays. Clive went to Melbourne and David spend his holiday touring Victoria.

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Glenn Smith of General Office was the recipient of a gas cigarette lighter at his farewell. Best wishes to you Glenn, but a word of warning, be careful of that cigarette lighter.

The machine shop, the most understaffed department in the Works, had an increase of four during the month. I hear the four juniors are very well looked after by the boys and their mother.

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On Wednesday, 24th June, members of the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council & Legislative Assembly upon The Coal Industry made an inspection tour of Medway Colliery. The Hon. J. B. Simpson, M.L.A., Chairman of the Committee together with members then visited the works and after a brief inspection of No. 5 kiln were entertained at lunch.

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Enjoying their holidays are I. Mackey and T. Parmenter. J. Doyle and R. D'Adams have resumed work after their holidays. Very few have taken their holidays during June.

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With several terminations, quite a few faces will be missed round the Works.

John Tickner finished up during the month to go into the trucking business.

Jack Mott has taken up duties at Berrima District Abattoir as Assistant Engineer.

Harley O'Brien left to join the Merchant Navy and is now at sea on his way to Europe, while Robert Jeffries is doing a course at Newcastle prior to going into the Merchant Navy.

Off to Newcastle also went David Boyd, to commence working in the district.

Our best wishes go to each of you in your chosen fields.

COLLIERY

Wedding bells for Miss Pat Woods and Barry Stafford on the 20th June. Congratulations Pat and Barry!

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Bobby Jones has been appointed Colliery 1st Aid Attendant, so boys at the Colliery work "safely" for your own sakes!

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The following have been on the sick list and in hospital: Bill Hilton, Lew Wilson, Viv Jones and Wilf Napper (retired). We hope you all are feeling better and will soon be on the mend.

Our sympathy to Slim and Mrs. Bell on the death of Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. Doyle.

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We had two terminations during the month at the Colliery. Bill Edmond plans to have a holiday before going to Newcastle and Tommy Winner has been accepted into the R.A.N. Best of luck to you Tom from the boys.

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This is not quite the usual par but has anyone thought of the nicknames of their workmates. At the Colliery we have almost a zoo or some might say a circus. We have a cat, two birds (young and old), worm, cricket, stork, wombat, donkey, wallaby, fox, sparrow, bugs bunny, flamingo, tiger, a cocky, stag, yoggy bear, a wog(gy), koala, rooster, frog and seal. The latest addition is a genuine English beetle. You might now ask do they all eat weet-bix or soupbones? Can any other department better this?

MARULAN

Congratulations to Brian and Patsy Bell on the birth of a daughter.

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Railway maintenance foreman Albert Quail has returned to work after being on the sick list.

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Face Foreman Trevor Pearson this month attended a week's Civil Defence course at Mt. Macedon in Victoria.

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Electrician Allan McGovern is in hospital recovering from surgery for the removal of a knee cartilage.

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We hope that Mrs. Cec. Cluney's father who is 99 makes a speedy recovery. He was recently taken ill while gardening. The same hope applies to her mother who has also been ill.

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Congratulations Darcy and Mrs. Hadlow on the birth of a son.

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Drilling machine operator Frank Bulger is still on the sick list. His work mates hope he will soon be back for his next shift.

Marulan South Carpet Bowls Club has started a winter singles and doubles competition. Winners will be announced in due course.

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Our best wishes to Ted Thompson and Clare Hart, of Braidwood, who have announced their engagement.

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Apprentice Max King will return to Berrima this month after three months with the maintenance section.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, of Katoomba, last month visited their daughter and son-in-law Jean and Jim Galloway and grandson Peter.

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Robert, son of Allan and Barbara Gutzke, is well again after a brief stay in hospital. Christine Murphy, daughter of Storeman Angus, is also well again after an appendix operation.

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Latest to join Marulan golfing enthusiasts is Stan Murphy.

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Mr. Oliver of Australian Portland Cement Geelong, Victoria, was a visitor to the Quarry on June 29. He was the guest of the General Manager and was shown round by the Quarry Superintendent.

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Recent visitors to Marulan as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Shepherd were Heather's uncles — Messrs. Bill, Jim and Andrew McWhirter who were on a short visit to Australia. Bill came from New York, Andrew from Winnipeg, and Jim from Quebec. They also stayed with another brother Dave McWhirter of Greenwich Park.

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Marton Vinkovic who has been at the Quarry for some two years was, before he left his native Croatia, a champion cyclist. In his neatly kept cubicle are displayed photographs and also one of him as the Station Master at the main city. His S.M.'s uniform was quite an impressive affair and one of his workmates commented that he was decked out like a ruddy admiral.



GOLF

At Bowral, playing in the June Monthly Medal, Norm Austin won a ball in the ball competition with a nett 71. The following week Norm was runner-up in a stableford event with 36 points.

Sam Marshall, after a spell away from the game was the longest drive in the Legacy Day event.

The finals of the Club Championships have been played and Don Moore went down 5 and 4 which is no disgrace as the final is over 36 holes.

Moss Vale Club Championships reached the semi-final stage and Cyril Condon and Allan Parker were eliminated. However S.P.C. still has a representative in Peter Giddings who will be in the C Grade final on July 12th.

Keven Howard was runner-up in the June Monthly Medal with a nett 70 after his putter went sour on him.

Allan Parker teamed with a club member in Canadian Foursomes and collected a runner-up trophy.

In the July monthly medal, Bill Poland came good after a period in the doldrums and won with a fine nett 70.

FOOTBALL

As we go to press our "Football Fan" has given me the following news on district football.

In 1st Grade, Moss Vale lead, Bowral, Mittagong and Camden, second, followed by Picton, Robertson and Campbelltown.

Oakdale are coming first in the 2nd Graders, followed by Campbelltown, Mittagong, Moss Vale, Warragamba, Thirlmere, Bowral and Camden.

Heading the Under 18's is Mittagong 1st, Picton 2nd, Campbelltown and Bowral 3rd, then Robertson and Oakdale.

Mittagong is leading the Club Championships, with Moss Vale 2nd, and Bowral 3rd.

Our F.B.F. has promised to try and obtain more information on individual S.P.C.ites competing. So here's hoping he comes up with something interesting next month!

RUGBY LEAGUE — MARULAN

Marulan is fielding a much improved side in the Marulan-Taralga competition. They won their last four matches, the last being against competition leaders Taralga 8-5. The competition is a very keen one since several leading players from Goulburn's Group 8 have joined the smaller clubs.

A great deal more support is coming from local people and gate takings have been most satisfactory.

Leader in the best and fairest award is Geoff Cosgrove, while others close behind are Ted McIntyre, Brian Garbutt and Graham Waghorn, a newcomer to the district. In his first game Waghorn scored points.

Marulan trains twice a week and this programme combined with better team work is expected to earn the hoped for dividend in the final round.

The Junior team, with John Beaumont the captain, is unbeaten. Here again good team work and a healthy club spirit has paid off.

MARULAN RIFLE CLUB

The final shoot of the year was won by Stan Bell from 500 yards. The year just ended showed an average of nine shooters each week, while trophies were shared fairly evenly among them. Winners of the 44 trophies were Frank Bell 16, Stan Bell 8, Trevor Pearson 5, Doug Taylor 2, Barry Barnfield 5, Noel Shepherd

1, E. McIntyre 2, Jack Archer 1, J. Ryan 1, Lorraine Bell 1, H. Fenson 1 and C. Hoare 1.

The yearly aggregates are as follows:—

Champion of Champions: Frank Bell 1905; Doug Taylor 1882; Trevor Pearson 1719.

Off rifle aggregate: Frank Bell 4.058; Doug Taylor 3.386; Barry Barnfield 3.385.

Aggregate with handicap: Frank Bell 3.822; Doug Taylor 3.817.

The club will revert to Sunday shooting during the winter months. More are expected to attend for the 38 trophies to be shot for before the annual dinner.

N.R.M.A. Motoring Notes

WHITE CANE PASSPORT FOR THE BLIND

The Royal Blind Society of N.S.W. has asked the N.R.M.A. to request its members, as drivers, to show particular consideration to people carrying a white cane.

The Society says that a white cane signifies that its owner is either totally or partially blind and is frequently the only indication a driver may receive that the person concerned has defective vision.

The Society also urges all blind people to take advantage of the free issue of white walking sticks available from its Braille Library in William Street, Sydney.

The white cane is also a signal to pedestrians, giving them the opportunity to help blind persons find a marked crossing and to escort them across. When doing so, the temporary guide should ask the blind person to show the white cane clearly by holding it parallel to the ground, giving the motorist a chance to see it and act accordingly.

The Society says that all pedestrians and motorists should regard the white cane or walking stick as a "passport to safety" for its blind user.

STUART PARK CLOSED TO CAMPERS

The N.R.M.A. Touring Department has been advised that as from Wednesday, 1st July, 1964, Stuart Park, North Wollongong, has been closed to campers and caravanners. The Greater Wollongong City Council has decided to develop this park as a picnic and recreation area.

The Council is endeavouring to notify all persons who have booked sites for the 1964-65 season. It suggests as an alternative the Council area at Windang, where a new amenities block has been erected at a cost of £8,500 and further improvements, such as paved access road and provision of power outlets, are envisaged.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



No doubt you have seen many a man eating shark. I would like to say that due to the death of the usual so-called piscatorial delicacy, you will see one any meal time at my place also a woman eating shark! The only complaint I have is that they are difficult to skin.

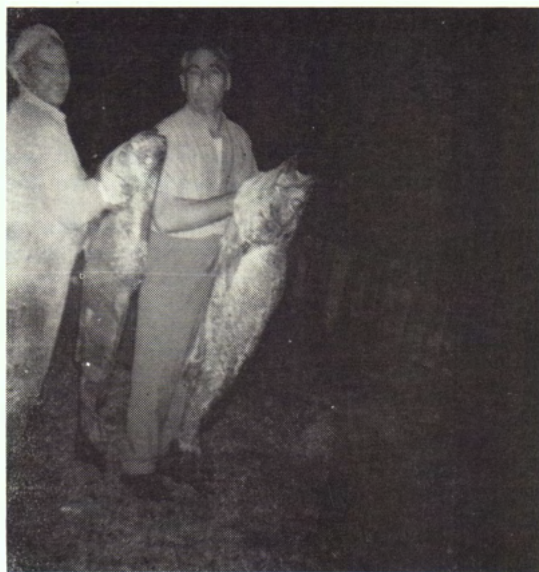
Unlike Bobby Friend, who recently pulled out a very nice bag of bream to $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. off the centre at Comerong Island, I haven't been so lucky, one bream - 1 lb. I caught quite a number of cockney bream opposite Jerry Bailey off "The Island," but none of them were worth keeping. I'd say a bream isn't worth cleaning under a pound, but I have seen quite sensible looking men bag $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. fish that would horrify any genuine angler!

Now if you want any quantity of decent fish, you want to accompany Brian Elliott on a trip out from Huskisson. Last trip out, amongst other not so large ones he landed

two jewies that aggregated 105 lbs. As a rod man, I would hazard a guess his fingers were not too good after $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour's handling!

A few good fish have been landed on our part of the coast, but from the look of the very large hauls of prawns by the local trawlers, there could be too many good prawns about, for the fish to worry about our old stale ones.

No doubt many saw Bob Dyers' film of Tuna Fishing off Eden recently. It was particularly interesting and well filmed, but oh boy — how's your weary back? Those men really land the tuna when they get started!



Brian's 40 and 60 lb. jewies.

FISH TAILS

Did you know that during the whaling times at Twofold Bay, local whalers were assisted in the capture of whales by killer whales. These whales acted just like dogs, herding sheep. They generally received their reward, which was the tongue of the captured whale. Some of these killers had been about for many years and were known individually by name!

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for July

Flowers:

SOW: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Centaurea, Calendula, Godetia, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Sweet Pea.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Carnation, Calendula, Dianthus, Pansy, Viola, Polyanthus.

Vegetables:

SOW: Broad Beans, Onions, Parsley, Peas, Spinach, White Turnip, Kohl Rabi.

PLANT: Asparagus, Garlic, Eschalots, Rhubarb.

July is a very busy month for gardeners and is the time to begin carrying out the planting schemes you have been planning for Spring and Summer.

We have had torrential rain during the past month, so check all shrubs and trees and see that their roots are not exposed and straighten and tie any which are being blown over by the strong winds. At the same time see that any newly planted shrubs and trees do not dry out.

Plant Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs and Trees and Climbing Plants now, also Roses and Bush Fruits such as Currants. Japanese Iris, Flag Iris, Tuberose, and Gladioli bulbs should also be planted now.

Prune and Spray Fruit Trees and Roses this month, also Deciduous Hibiscus, Crepe Myrtle, Buddleia, Ceratostigma and Abutilon this month, but *DO NOT* prune Spring-flowering shrubs such as Lilac.

Prune any Hydrangeas which have not been pruned earlier in the year, remembering to cut out some of the old wood. Give Iris, Delphiniums and Larkspurs a good dressing of Lime. Cut back the herbaceous perennials and divide and replant where necessary. A good complete fertiliser can be added to the soil for these now.

Early Flowering Cherries and Flowering Apricots are now in blossom and these will be followed by the Flowering Almonds and Early Flowering Peaches.

Dig deeply any beds in the Vegetable Garden and add fertiliser ready for Spring Planting.

Don't forget to scatter those snail bait pellets around rockeries and other inaccessible places to catch the "early slugs."

Problem Page

There were several correct answers to Problem No. 64.

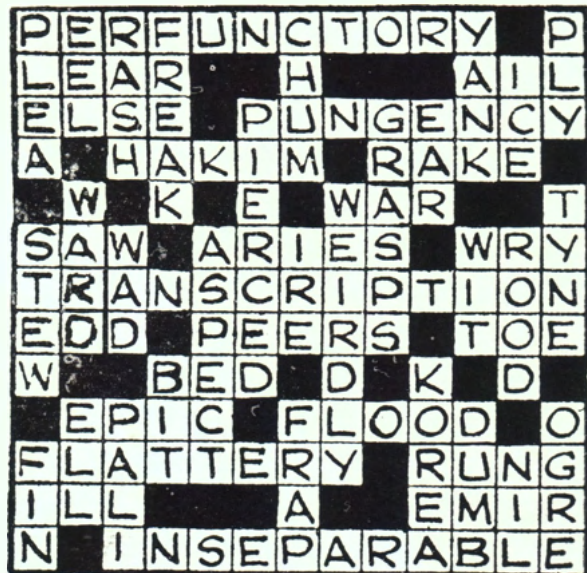
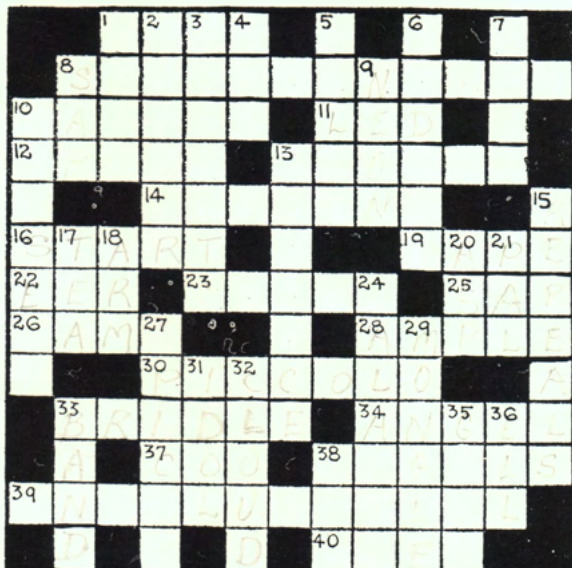
The winner was Carolyn Johnson, of Burrawang, daughter of Burner Eric Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

Congratulations Carolyn.

Problem No. 65

ACROSS

1. Rhythmical song
8. Surpassing others
10. Disappear
11. Guided
12. Eat into
13. Shuns
14. Caustic drug
16. Begin
19. Leather binding
22. Contraction of ever
23. Muscular contraction
25. Undermine
26. Buddhist priest
28. Plenty
30. Small flute
33. Curb
34. Heavenly being
37. Dove sound
38. Musical instruments
39. Unhealthy
40. Plaything



DOWN

1. River of Italy
2. Attacker
3. Puts in
4. Tree
5. Dig
6. Singularity
7. Insects
8. Substance from pines
9. Atmospheric gas
10. Ships
13. Make progress
15. Requests
17. Beverage
18. Limb
20. Serpent
21. Mate
24. Disease
27. Relating to the top
29. Inhabitant of North China
31. Heathen image
32. Darken
33. Body of musicians
35. Roman name for France
36. Printers' measurements
38. Sphere

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
MARULAN - BERRIMA - MEDWAY - SYDNEY

General Manager's Notes

Over the last few months cement sales have risen throughout Australia to a point where nearly all cement manufacturers are operating at peak production. In New South Wales the shortage of locally made cement is being assisted by importations from Victoria, South Australia and Queensland, but there is a good deal of customer resistance because the Interstate cements have different characteristics from those to which they are accustomed, especially in colour.

Now that No. 5 kiln has settled down to a steady 1,100 tons per day, which will be increased gradually, and No. 1 coal mill has been converted to cement grinding, we will be able to make a more substantial contribution to construction work in this State than we have in the past.

Other methods of increasing our output are also under consideration to tide us over until No. 5 cement mill is in operation towards the end of 1965.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

The publicity given to Education Week, which was held in the first week of this month, prompted some thoughts on the growing inter-relation between education and industry.

More and more industry is finding it necessary to employ trained personnel in all fields of its operations, whether they be technical, operational or commercial, in order to keep pace with modern developments in these fields. Our No. 5 kiln is a good example of this trend with a large and complicated array of electrical and mechanical devices designed to assist in the production of high quality product, but all needing special skills to maintain and operate.

Similarly industry is being called upon to aid in education and we see close circuit television used in schools to enable large numbers of pupils to view simultaneously microscopic studies and scientific experiments which previously could only be seen by one or few students at a time.

This growing mutual dependence between the schools and industry must hasten progress in both spheres.

THE AUGUST EDITOR.

Safety News

Berrima

Our accident graph is looking very poor to date with five lost-time injuries recorded so far. Have you noticed how that red line is creeping up very close to last year's figure of seven, which indicates that we are not working safely enough. As mentioned in a previous issue of the Newsletter more "near misses" have been recorded this year to date than for the same period last year.

Marulan

The Quarry's record run of 171 days without a lost-time injury was shattered at the end of July when a brakesman had the misfortune to receive injuries to his foot. A wheel

of a rail truck passed over it. This is the Quarry's second lost-time injury this year. However, congratulations on your best effort to date and whatever you do, continue with the good work and don't be discouraged by this setback. That 171 days record was only made to be broken, so go to it!

Safety First Competition

Shown below is the latest report from the Cement and Concrete Association, which gives the figures of the various cement companies to the end of June.

We congratulate Cockburn Cement Company on their effort this year and trust their success will continue.

CUMULATIVE RESULTS TO 30th JUNE, 1964

| | Frequency Result | Severity Result | Cumulative Product |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| WORKS SECTION | | | |
| Cockburn Cement Pty. Limited | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Southern Portland Cement Limited | 10.59 | 129.82 | 1,374.79 |
| North Australian Cement Limited | 36.80 | 147.21 | 5,417.33 |
| Goliath Portland Cement Co. Limited | 49.69 | 659.49 | 32,770.16 |
| Queensland Cement and Lime Co. Limited | 71.49 | 721.23 | 51,560.73 |
| Gippsland Cement Limited | 71.54 | 1,115.88 | 79,830.06 |
| Australian Cement Limited | 110.96 | 987.93 | 109,620.71 |
| Standard Portland Cement Co. Limited | 96.44 | 1,182.01 | 112,993.04 |
| Adelaide Cement Co. Limited | 104.71 | 1,660.29 | 173,848.97 |
| Kandos Cement Co. Limited | 96.24 | 1,813.75 | 174,554.70 |
| Swan Portland Cement Limited | 175.80 | 1,500.16 | 263,728.13 |
| Metropolitan Portland Cement Co. Limited | 34.70 | 92.54 | 3,211.14 x |
| South Australian Portland Cement Co. | 78.82 | 377.23 | 29,733.27 x |
| Commonwealth Portland Cement Co. Limited | 79.40 | 29,350.36 | 2,330,418.58 x |

X—Results to end of May only.

QUARRY SECTION

| | | | |
|--|--------|----------|----------------|
| Cockburn Cement Pty. Limited | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Southern Portland Cement Limited | 6.00 | 11.99 | 71.94 |
| Kandos Cement Co. Limited | 26.93 | 107.73 | 2,901.17 |
| Goliath Portland Cement Co. Limited | 33.92 | 203.55 | 6,904.42 |
| Standard Portland Cement Co. Limited | 61.48 | 368.88 | 22,658.74 |
| Australian Cement Limited | 84.66 | 737.76 | 62,457.76 |
| Adelaide Cement Co. Limited | 48.20 | 1,687.07 | 81,316.07 |
| North Australian Cement Limited | 218.09 | 3,489.44 | 761,011.97 |
| Metropolitan Portland Cement Co. Limited | NIL | NIL | NIL x |
| Commonwealth Portland Cement Co. Limited | 139.27 | 2,460.42 | 342,622.69 x |
| South Australian Portland Cement Company | 328.76 | 3,862.91 | 1,269,970.29 x |

X—Results to end of May only.

Plant Jottings

PROGRESS OR No. 5 KILN

As readers are already aware, No. 5 Kiln commenced production last May. Since then it has passed through a settling down period during which the usual number of minor teething troubles were corrected. At the same time operators and maintenance men gained much valuable "know how" concerning their respective jobs.

During the first weeks of operation we had the assistance of commissioning engineers from both Allis Chalmers and Polysius and there can be no doubt that this made our task very much easier.

Due to stoppages, attributable to engineering problems and to lack of experience of the operating teams on this type of integrated unit, the brick life of the kiln was comparatively short and on July 4th the kiln was taken off for repairs to part of the burning zone.

This gave everyone the opportunity to carry out those modifications which could not be effected during production.

One very noticeable improvement from the operator's point of view was the dust proofing of the coal feeder system which has now provided a completely dust free coal handling section.

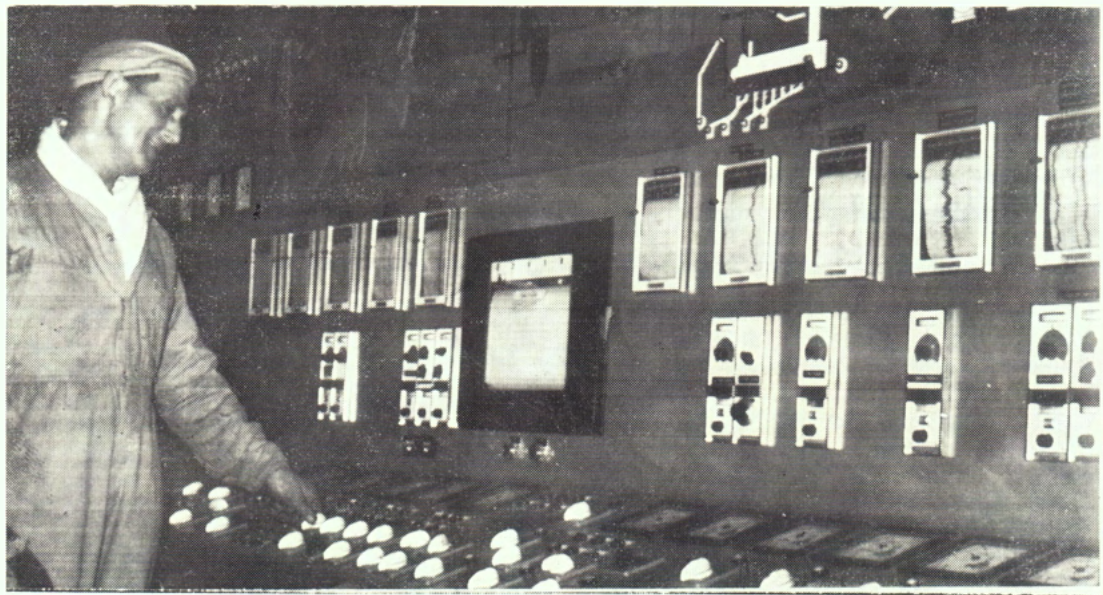
When the kiln was again started up the precipitators and dust return system were brought into operation and all dust returned to the kiln. Local residents will no doubt greatly appreciate the efficiency of this system, as a glance at the stack is no longer an indication of whether the kiln is operating or not.

The control panel with its comprehensive instrumentation and automatic controls was not complete at the time of kiln commissioning. Contractors have continued installation and the panel is nearing completion. The information provided on kiln operating variables is proving valuable to the operating staff.

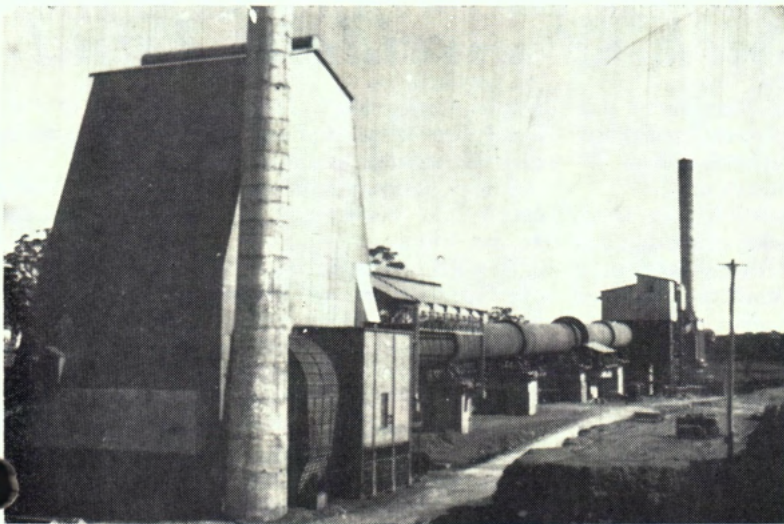
The unit is now receiving finishing touches with painters working on trunnions, hand rails, etc., while large areas of ground levels are being concreted.

At the time of writing No. 5 is gradually approaching expected production. This augurs well for the future operation of the kiln.

Operating crews and all connected with this unit are now looking forward to many months of high production and relatively trouble-free operation.



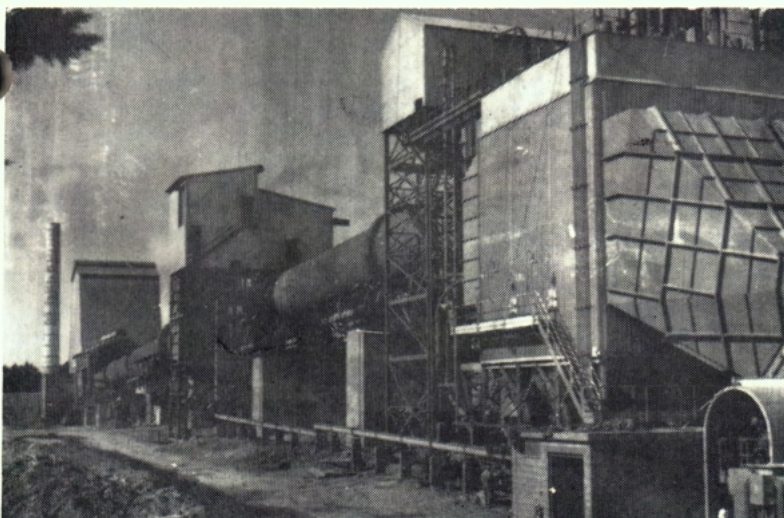
No. 5 Kiln Instrumentation Panel.



Kiln viewed from firing
end.

Photo shows the Jaques
shovel commencing the
cutting for the rail tracks
to the new silos.

Two tracks will lead off
below the existing stock-
house tracks and will form
a single line before pass-
ing underneath the three
new sites to be construc-
ted on the south eastern
corner of the present silos.



Kiln viewed from Feed
end.

Welfare, Sick & Accident Fund

The Third Annual General Meeting of this fund was held in the C.W.A. Rooms on Friday, 24th July, there being an attendance of 28 members and 4 committee members.

An apology was received from Mr. L. Bush who is on annual leave, but he expressed his willingness to be nominated for re-election.

The Chairman's Report and the Balance Sheet were unanimously received by those present and many interesting aspects of the Fund were discussed. A number of notices of motion were dealt with, but the only one approved concerned the eligibility of a member to further benefits after receiving the maximum benefit of 25 weeks in any year.

Another alteration approved was that a day or two days off which were covered by a Doctor's Certificate could be credited against the seven days required to be off before receipt of sick pay from the Fund. Members are therefore informed that it is their responsibility to see that any Doctor's Certificate is sighted

by the appropriate officers at Marulan or the Fund Secretary at Berrima so that a credit may be entered on their card.

The Chairman conveyed the Works Manager's best wishes and his continued interest in the Fund.

A vote of thanks was then carried to show our appreciation of assistance given by the Management and clerical officers.

Six nominations were received for the five positions on the Committee and the ballot returned the same Committee for the fourth successive term.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank members for their continued confidence in the administration of the Fund.

The Balance Sheet and a reprint of the amended rules follow.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous twelve months.

F. S. BONNAR, Chairman.

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LIMITED EMPLOYEES' WELFARE SICK AND ACCIDENT FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for Period Ended 30th June, 1964

| RECEIPTS | | | EXPENDITURE | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Balance at 30/6/63 | 2628 | 18 7 | Benefits Paid | 2839 | 15 0 |
| Subscription & Donations | 3114 | 3 0 | Administration and Sundry Ex- | | |
| Bank Interest to 30/6/64 | 67 | 10 2 | penses | 72 | 5 0 |
| Interest on Investment (est. on | | | Surplus Transferred to Mem- | | |
| minimum rate of 5%) | 10 | 8 4 | bers' Fund Account | 2909 | 0 1 |
| | <u>£5821</u> | <u>0 1</u> | | <u>£5821</u> | <u>0 1</u> |

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1964

| LIABILITIES | | ASSETS | |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Members' Funds | 2909 0 1 | Investments S.P.C. Employees' | |
| | | Credit Union | 1000 0 0 |
| | | Cash at Bank | 1894 9 11 |
| | | Accrued Interest | 14 10 2 |
| | <u>£2909 0 1</u> | | <u>£2909 0 1</u> |

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure give a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Fund, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Fund.

D. D. BERRY.

RULES OF EMPLOYEES' WELFARE SICK AND ACCIDENT FUND

- 1 This is not a registered Friendly Society and is not bound by any act applying to Friendly Societies, and is to be governed by the Committee duly elected by the financial members of the Fund, from time to time as contained in these rules.
- 2(a) The Committee of five members shall be elected at every Annual General Meeting and shall act in an honorary capacity and shall be allowed full discretionary powers, and whose decisions shall be final, on any matters relating to payments from the funds.
- (b) The Committee shall on the requisition of not less than one-fifth of the total number of members forthwith proceed to convene a special general meeting of the fund and any resolution at such meeting must be carried by a two-third majority of those present.
- 3 The fund shall remain at all time the sole property of the financial members, and shall be used only for the alleviation of distress caused through sickness or accident or death.
- 4(a) Funds shall be raised by a subscription of 3/- per week per member, deductible from each pay by Southern Portland Cement Limited and paid by them to the Fund account at the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Moss Vale.
- (b) **NO CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS BY COMMITTEE OR MEMBERS AS PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.**
- (c) No refund of any subscriptions will be made by fund on termination of employment or retirement from S.P.C. Limited.
- 5(a) No member shall have this 3/- per week deducted whilst receiving sick benefit from this fund, or whilst in receipt of Compensation, in other words, whilst not receiving pay from the Company.
- (b) **MEMBERS WILL NOT BE EXEMPT AS ABOVE WHILST ON ANNUAL LEAVE OR LONG SERVICE LEAVE OR SICK PAY FROM S.P.C. LIMITED.**
- 6 The Fund will commence being as such as from the 27th July, 1961, when the first subscriptions shall be deducted from members' pay and shall be the date on which the existing Sick and Accident Fund shall cease to exist, and their funds taken over by the above S.P.C. Employees' Welfare Sick and Accident Fund, and administered for the first twelve months by the Committee, i.e., F. S. Bonnar (Chairman), A. Knapman and H. Garbutt (retiring members of the old fund), L. Humphries (Employment Officer) and L. Bush, all duly elected by the accredited Union Shop Stewards at a meeting held on the 19th June, 1961.
- 7 The financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June and an Annual General Meeting, presentation of Balance Sheet and Election of Officers shall be called within two months after 30th June of each year. The elected Committee will then elect their own Chairman and Secretary.
- 8(a) All members or intending members by the signing of the Authority to deduct subscriptions from their pay, will by so doing, automatically accept all the rules as set out herein, and accept the discretionary decision of their committee.
- (b) Provided, however, that the benefit shall not be payable if, in the opinion of the Committee, the member has concealed any disease or bodily infirmity with which he was afflicted at the time of his admission registration or re-admission, or whose declaration then made shall have been wilfully false in any respect.
- 9(a) Any new member accepted to the Fund is subject to one month qualifying period from the receipt of his first pay deduction.
- (b) **MEMBERS MAY BE EXPELLED FROM THE FUND BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE BUT MAY APPEAL AGAINST SUCH DECISION.**
- 10 Seven days must elapse from "signing on" period accompanied by Doctor's Certificate or documentary evidence be-

fore a member becomes eligible for Benefit from the Fund, any waiting period preceding any further periods of sickness in any twelve months, will be considered on its merits by the Governing Committee at their discretion.

10(a) AMENDED 1964

This Committee may credit a member with day or days off if a Doctor's Certificate is produced, towards the said seven days, as no benefit is payable for less than five consecutive working days off, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and paid public holidays.

11 BENEFITS

- (a) To pay each member not more than £10 per week or portion thereof being pro rata on a five day working week, subject to foregoing clauses, for a period of not more than 25 weeks in any twelve months, or longer at the discretion of Committee.

AMENDMENT 1964

That person having received full benefit of 25 weeks in any year must return to work on full duties and serve a qualifying period of one month, as set out in Rule 9, before further benefits are paid by fund.

- (b) To assist in the alleviation of any distress caused by sickness, accident or death.

- (c) ALL PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY COMMITTEE BY BANK CHEQUE ONLY SIGNED BY ANY TWO MEMBERS OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE.

12 EXCEPTIONS TO CLAUSE 11.

No benefits will be payable to members being a recipient of Workers' Compensation from S.P.C. Limited.

- 13 If and when the accumulated funds reach a figure of £3,000 revealed in any Annual Balance Sheet, that Annual General Meeting shall consider and decide future Policy and direct the Governing Committee accordingly.

- 14 THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE MAY DRAW CHEQUES TO COVER EXPENSES ONLY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS FUND.

APPENDIX

Any reference used in these rules such as:—

"Committee" shall mean the elected governing committee.

"Fund" shall mean S.P.C. Limited Employees' Sick and Accident Fund.

"S.P.C. or S.P.C. Limited" shall mean Southern Portland Cement Limited.

New Employees

We extend a welcome to new starters at Berrima and Marulan during the month.

BERRIMA

Robert Croese commenced in the Laboratory and Jan Dombrovskis started with the Maintenance Shop. The following joined the Production side: Paul Relic, Eric Heyhorn, Russ Fisher, Paul Vaughan, David Jones, Colin Cooksley, David Keogh, Arthur Henshaw, Jack Abbott, John Holder and Jim Humjpries.

MARULAN

At the quarry: Lloyd Russell, Graeme Craig, Bob Hogan and Brian Garbutt commenced.

Credit Union News

Charlie Wheeler, our Secretary, has been in hospital over the past few weeks and we are looking forward to his early return to health and work.

Because of Mr. Wheeler's hospitalisation and the absence of Mr. Peter Berry on annual leave, our book work has fallen behind. However, Mr. Berry is endeavouring to present a balance sheet which we hope will be to the satisfaction of all.

We also expect to hold the first Annual General Meeting late in August.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

Berrima

Browsing through the 28th July Berrima District Post we were amazed to read under the title "More expansion planned for S.P.C. factory", that funds were being raised. Well, perhaps the donation of wood will help to keep No. 5 Kiln burning!

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Congratulations to Joe and Mrs. Pawlak, of Maintenance Shop; Jan and Mrs. Kelian, and Ken and Mrs. Martin on their becoming Naturalised Australians. Jan and Ken are with the production gang.

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Mrs. Bill Smith enjoyed a few days on the "Gold Coast" during the month, and was not very happy coming back to the "Cold Coast."

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Helen, daughter of Jack Douglas, our Ambulance Attendant, announced her engagement to David Bradley, of Melbourne, during the month. Helen, who is with the W.R.A.A.C., is doing a six months' course at Mount Martha, Melbourne, and David is attached to the Engineering Section of the army round Sydney. Congratulations to you both.

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After spending a few months in New Zealand on a working holiday, Dawn Geddes, formerly of Sydney Office, has returned home. Dawn has taken up a position with Laurence and Hanson in Sydney.

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Don Millhouse has returned to Sydney Office after spending a fortnight at Berrima. Don spent one week in the laboratory and one week with the sales department boys.

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We are sorry to learn that Charlie Wheeler is still in hospital. We hope that you will soon be well and up and about again Charlie. Looks like we have another one to join the ranks of "non-smokers!"

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Eddie Johns has been using his singing voice to advantage and gained second place in a district talent quest recently. Congratulations Eddie!

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Bill Saker, Apprenticeship Foreman, and

Bob Friend, from the Powerhouse, are at present enjoying a shooting holiday in the Cobar area.

Also from the Powerhouse enjoying annual leave is Stuart McDonnell, while Bill Brooks is looking forward to his holidays later this month. Bill plans to take the family to Perth. Happy motoring, Bill!

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Item of Interest — according to one of our staff of long standing, the place where the Marion shovel has been working in front of the laboratory was where the first shovel for S.P.C. was unloaded.

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Messrs. Len Knight, Jim Colquhoun, Ern Radnidge, Lloyd Veal, Wal Parsons and David McLaren attended a Man Management Conference week-end of the 25th. The conference was conducted by the President, Mr. J. Weickhardt. Guest speakers were Professor F. J. Willett, of the University of Melbourne, and Mr. A. G. Moyes, Managing Director, I.B.M. A very interesting week-end discussing management problems eventuated.

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Colliery

Congratulations to Max and Mrs. Thorpe on the birth of their son, Michael Andrew, born on the 15th July.

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Allen Talbert has been off work for three weeks with a badly sprained ankle which he received while playing hockey.

Viv Jones retired on the 17th July after 35 years employment with the Colliery. All the best in your retirement Viv!

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Our sympathy to Wilf and Mrs. Napper on the death of Wilf's sister on the 21st July. Wilf, who has been in hospital for eight weeks, has now returned home.

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After a great burst of safety of 21 days without a lost time accident (probably due to the effects of First Aid Attendant Bobby Jones) the Colliery had five lost time accidents in a row. Unfortunately one was very serious, resulting in the hospitalisation of Michael Henshaw. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Marulan

Storeman Angus Murphy has spent a couple of weeks in the warmer climate of Coff's Harbour. The back injury he received three years ago deteriorated in the bitter Marulan winter and he was advised to have a spell where there is more sunshine.

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Myles Creswick, fourth-year apprentice fitter, has returned from Berrima after six months exchange duty with the maintenance section. Berrima will not be sending another apprentice to take Max King's place until the new year.

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Well-known Marulan identity Mr. Joe Ward is improving after a spell in hospital. He is Jack Feltham's father-in-law and Jimmy's grandfather.

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One time quarry blacksmith Terry O'Brien, who completed a welding course after leaving Marulan, has opened his own business in Bowral.

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Mr. and Mrs. Noel Newman's daughter Judith has returned home after three weeks in hospital.

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Five mothers from the Marulan area are showing a true interest in Goulburn High School P. & C. tuckshop. They are Mesdames Galloway, Phillips, Diemar, Manton and Martin., who travel each month on a roster system to do voluntary work at the canteen. It is interesting to note that the shop is netting around £100 a year, which is used to buy extras for the school.

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The Keith Graham household was in a panic recently when the family pet rabbit was savaged by a stray dog. Not daunted, Keith tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but unfortunately something went wrong and the pet died. Still, there was no harm in trying, Keith.

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There is more than usual interest in the Leaving Certificate this year because of the high number of candidates from the Marulan and Marulan South area. They are Ian Cluney, Wendy Phillips, Wally Bucknell and Peter Diemar.

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Driver Len Pole, Vera and son John are taking their annual holidays in the Nyngan area where Len hopes to land a few fish and shoot some wild pigs.

Mr. Mick Cosgrove, senior, is home again after a minor operation in Goulburn Hospital.

Frank Bulger, junior, has been off work with measles.

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Storeman Max Johansen was also away from work for a while sick, and is now on leave. His offsider Paddy Byrnes reckons he is as busy as one of Cole's branch store managers during his absence.

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David Cooper, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Cooper, is well again after a brief stay in hospital. Apart from his malady and its discomfort, the hospitalisation shielded him from the bitter winds and frosts on the property.

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Wally Spring, who has been a drilling Machine operator for a couple of years, has resigned to become a ranger with the Southern Highlands Bushfire Prevention Committee. His headquarters will be at Mittagong. The area covers six shires stretching from Oberon to the coast with a patrol of 900 miles of fire trails. His work will include surveys and mapping, lectures to organisations and liaison with councils, the Water Board, Forestry Commission and the C.S.I.R.O. We'll miss Wally. He was always pleasant and a good workmate.

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This Happens to you

YOUR—

Hands? Better than any set of automatic grappling hooks.

Feet? Better than any half-track.

Heart? No pump as perfect, if you don't abuse it.

Eyes? No camera can match them for registering observation.

Nose, Lungs, Skin? There isn't a ventilating system as wonderful.

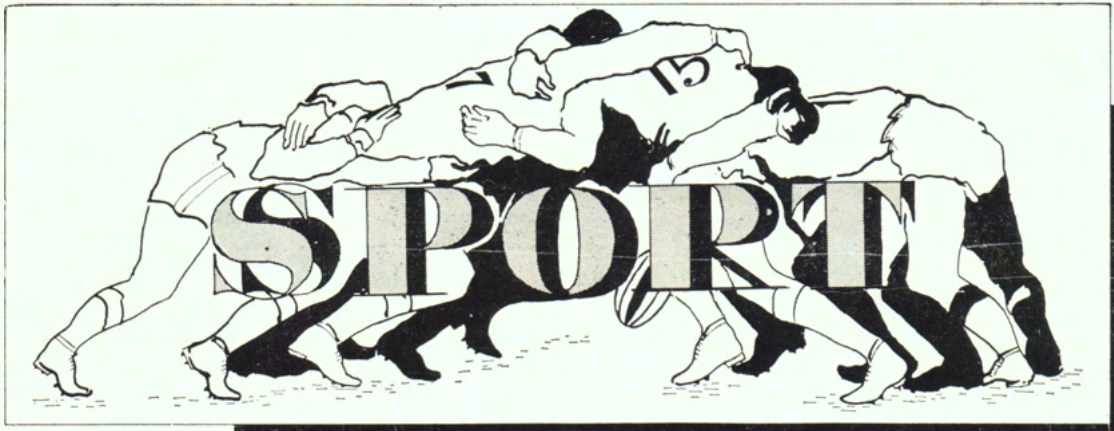
Nervous System? No telegraph hook-up equal to it.

Voice and Ears? Better than a microwave receiver.

Spinal Cord? More complicated than a switchboard, yet gives instantaneous information.

Keep this remarkable and complicated mechanism working in good order. It's you—and you are your own best protective device. (Extract from Stevedores' Guide for Members and Supervisors — San Francisco,

February, 1964).



Bowls

After a very close go, Jim Dray and partner fought out a battle to be defeated in the finals of the Wallis Pairs. Better luck next time.

Congratulations to John d'Adam for winning the finals of the minor singles. John is now champion of the Minor Singles for the Club.

Doug Crowe and old friend, Jack Mott, had another victory and look like making an interesting finish for the Pairs Competition.

Bill Foodey and Jack Brown have teamed up for the Pairs Competition and will be a strength to be reckoned with.

The Annual Event "S.P.C. v The Rest" (Chicken Dinner) has been postponed by our Works Manager. Wisely we think, so that the S.P.C. strength can be brought up to standard after all the back shift work.

Golf

Bowral Country Club gained the membership of Tom Chalmers, Resident Engineer for Crooks Michell & Peacock on No. 5 kiln site, and who commenced on a handicap of 14.

Allan Parker's wife Betty is to be congratulated on her recent golfing success in winning the Barrington Cup at Moss Vale. In doing so Betty reduced her handicap by 4 strokes and she was also successful in qualifying for the Cherrywood Bowl. This makes her eligible to play in the finals in Sydney later in the year.

Peter Giddings from the Lab. was the ultimate winner in the C Grade Championship played at Moss Vale on the 12th July. Congratulations Peter.

Despite the handicap of an injured leg,

Bill Poland disposed of his opponent in the Quarter Finals of the Whitley Cup with a very good margin of 6 and 5. Good going Bill!

Eddie Johns has become a member of the Mittagong Golf Club and we expect to hear shortly details of his excursions into the rough.

The silence maintained by S.P.C. golfers from all clubs would indicate that they have not been anywhere near the winning scores lately.

Football

Congratulations to Bob Waide, Fitting Apprentice, gaining a position with Moss Vale 1st Grade Football Team. Unfortunately Bill Poland (Fitter) and Peter Watson (Lab.) both suffered foot injuries (but not by kicking the ball) which put them out for a couple of games.

Terry Irwin, of General Office, and John Cupitt, Apprentice Fitter, both play with Mittagong under 18 team which at present leads the competition. Also promoted to 1st Grade during the month was Brian Woodhouse, Apprentice Fitter, of Mittagong. Congratulations Brian!

MARULAN SPORT

Basketball

Marulan Fellowship team have been graded to B in this winter competition in the Goulburn District Association. This should give the boys a great deal of encouragement as they were outplayed in A grade in the autumn competition.

So far in B grade they have had mixed luck with one win and one game lost. They have

also been disappointed on two occasions when they were to play the last game of the night and when ready found that the opposing team were unable to field the required number. Young apprentice John Beaumont is showing just how willing he is with some very good defending in his first season of basketball.

Cycling

Ray and Don McCallum did well against State-wide competition in the recent State Championships in Sydney. Ray was eighth and Don fifth. Ray is training hard for the annual Goulburn-Moss Vale in September. He has his sights on the classic Goulburn-Sydney in a couple of years.

Soccer

Marulan Soccer team has so far had a very successful season. At the end of last month they were leaders and were to play Bowral in the semi-finals.

Boxing

A boxing tournament, the first in Marulan for many years, attracted a capacity house towards the end of last month and visitors came from Bowral, Goulburn, Canberra and Sydney.

The tournament was organised by Trevor Pearson in conjunction with Goulburn Youth Club.

Joe Kopec and Ian Newman fought gamely, while youngsters from the Murphy and Pearson households acquitted themselves well.



Pearson Family.

Rugby League

Marulan downed Taralga 7-5 in the last game at the Marulan Sportsground. The team had not played for a couple of Sundays and it was evident that several players were out of condition. They will need to train harder to lift themselves from second place in the competition to beat the leaders.

The junior team is still undefeated. They beat Taralga Juniors 14-2 in their last July game.

Let's Laugh

Homework Not Included

When a brilliant woman engineer asked her boss for a raise, he objected. "Your salary is already higher than the engineer's at the next desk," he said. "And he has five children." "Look here," she countered, "I thought we were paid for what we produced here — not for what we produced at home in our own time." She got her raise.

Unperturbed

Down our street is a small hamburger stall much patronised by passing travellers. One night a motorist pulled in, ordered a cup of coffee, and handed over, in joking payment, a cheque for £2,600/17/-. The stall owner, an imperturbable type, glanced at the amount, and calmly handed back the cheque with the laconic comment, "Sorry, mate, no silver!"

Proposed To

Standing at a street corner the other day a group was discussing an acquaintance. "You know," said one, "he is the most melancholy fellow I know." "I agree," spoke up another man. "He reminds me of the joker who proposed to a girl by asking how she would like to become his widow."

WHEN our local Lions' Club held their annual picnic, one bright Lion organised a rolling-pin throwing event for Lionesses. The winner, who threw the rolling-pin 47 feet 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, with, she declared, no previous practice, also won the woman's 50 yards handicap. Her husband was much sympathised with on his poor chance with such a wife. Another competing Lioness was even more dangerous; her vigorous throw struck the judge!

Civil Defence School

(By Trevor Pearson)

The importance of civil defence in peacetime was brought home to me recently when I attended the Staff and Control School of the Civil Defence Organisation at Macedon, Victoria, last month.

There were 27 at my course which lasted a week, starting at 9a.m. and finishing at 9.30 p.m. with time off for meal breaks.

Included in the class were doctors — one, Dr. Hanrahan, who is so interested in civil defence that he, at his own expense, visited Hiroshima in Japan after the war to study the effects of the atomic bomb — stipendiary magistrates, policemen, shire clerks and the Mayor of Tamworth.

The course included lectures on mapping, organisation and evacuation and the use of such instruments as the Dosimeter, which is carried in the pocket to check on the amount of atmospheric radiation. This is to warn the wearer of his personal amount of intake of radiation. Other instruments were to check on the amount of radiation on materials such as vehicles and buildings. Recordings were made of the condition of materials and a tape recording made to have it amplified on a tape recorder.

Lecturers were all Englishmen, mostly retired from the services, who had had personal

experience in the United Kingdom during the last war. It is interesting to note that the British system of civil defence is the pattern set for civil defence in all western countries and personnel from all parts of the world attend schools not far from London. The many costly mistakes from before the Battle of Britain onwards were learned and counters found. After a lot of study this information is now passed onto citizens such as myself in all parts of the world.

The large amount of information given during the term of the school will take some time to assimilate and the broad plan is for those who attended the school to pass on the information to others in their own areas. In my case, it is planned that I give at least one lecture to my own area — Marulan — as soon as practical.

Much of the pattern of civil defence against the atomic bomb can be used in such emergencies as floods and bush fires. The plans for evacuation, feeding displaced families and re-settlement can be usefully applied to peacetime disasters.

The messing arrangements and accommodation at Macedon were first class and I would strongly recommend to those who are able to, to attend such a course.

N.R.M.A. Motoring Notes

Snowy Roads Storm Warning

Heavy snow storms can now be expected in the Snowy Mountains, and many resorts may be affected.

Alpine Way, connecting Jindabyne with Khancoban via Thredbo and Dead Horse Gap, may not be cleared of snow regularly and may be closed between Thredbo and the Geehi Walls turn-off for indefinite periods.

The N.R.M.A. advises motorists proposing to use roads in the area to ascertain current conditions. Latest reports are available from the Snowy Mountains Authority at Cooma North or Khancoban, as well as the Visitors' Centre, Centennial Park Cooma. Inquiries may also be made at Jindabyne.

Putty Road Now Sealed

The Putty Road, between Windsor and Singleton, is now completely sealed and offers

good motoring conditions, advises the N.R.M.A. Touring Department.

This road is of special interest to motorists travelling north via New England Highway who wish to avoid both Gosford and Newcastle. The route is 10.1 miles shorter than via Newcastle, and could save a considerable amount of travelling time.

Hints for Motorists

N.R.M.A. Technical Engineers pass on the following hints:

WINDSCREEN MISTING: An inexpensive, satisfactory and simple method of preventing windscreens from misting is to wipe on a little soft soap as thinly as possible to the inside of the screen and polish with a dry cloth. This will make the glass mist-proof for about three weeks.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



At this time of the year the weather does not encourage one to go too near the sea. However, the occasions on which I have ventured out have proved to be quite enjoyable.

One day, looking at our near fishing spot, I am referring to the Shoalhaven, I thought what a large river it is at the bridge, also there is quite an expanse of water between Jerry Bailey and Comerong Island. However, I remember details of some rivers which really dwarf our local stream the Shoalhaven, which rises in the vicinity of Tallong, flows 65 miles as the crow flies and probably adds another 30 miles in winding.

Compare this with the mighty Nile, which rises in Central Africa and flows 4,145 miles to become the world's longest river, and the Amazon in South America, the second longest river at 3,900 miles, is nothing else but colossal! It is navigable for 2,300 miles right into Peru.

The Amazon rises high up on the glaciers of the Andes Mountains in the west of Peru only 70 miles from the Pacific Ocean. This tiny mountain stream is one of the world's most mighty rivers. It roars down through hundreds of miles of mountain gorges until it finally emerges in the jungle below and, as it passes through this wilderness, it is joined by hundreds of tributaries until it drains an estimated 2,700,000 square miles which is nearly half of South America.

The banks of this vast inland sea are miles apart in some places and the mainland is so wide one cannot see the far shore. Even after discharging into the Atlantic Ocean fresh water may be taken from the sea 100 miles off shore.

The jungle surrounding the river is terribly dense, 100 feet high and harbours the Anaconda, which is the largest snake in the Western Hemisphere and is capable of swallowing a whole deer. Fish from the river are large and one of these, the giant Catfish, six to nine feet long and weighing 200 lbs., is particularly ferocious and of course the electric eels are an old story, they can be shocking! There are also poisonous sting rays and the old James Bond fish the Piranha which, although only growing to a maximum size of 12 inches, has such bulldog-like jaws and sharp teeth that a body thrown to them would be reduced to a skeleton in a matter of minutes!

It really makes a Shoalhaven Forteqsue seem like a sardine — while old man river he just keeps rolling along.

Fish Tails !!

Nine or ten fish of the variety Coelacanth (See-la-kanth) have been caught from great depths over the past ten years. This fish, according to fossil survey, was supposed to have been extinct, yet it has now been proved that it has existed unchanged for at least sixty million years. The London "James" writes, "The capture of the Coelacanth, with which the name of Professor J. L. B. Smith will always be linked, has been rightly described as the most amazing event of the century in the realm of Natural History."

S.P.C. Records

Two Works' records have now been smashed.

First the Safety Record of no lost-time accidents of 132 days was broken by the Quarry with an outstanding run of 171 days.

The second record to go by the board for Berrima Works was the family employment record. The Bell family have accomplished the imposing total of 226 years of combined service at the Colliery, and we doubt whether another family can beat this.

For the two senior members of the family, Neil snr. and Archie sno., or "Baldy" as nicknamed, as far as can be gathered from old employees, they both had approximately five years service each. Following are the names of each member with their years of employment:—

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| Bobby | 30 years |
| Neil | 30 years |
| Jim | 35 years |
| Archie | 20 years |
| Fred | 27 years |
| Slim | 27 years |
| Joe | 22 years |
| Neil jun. | 12 years |
| Alex | 10 years |
| Noel | 3 years |

Jim, Slim and Fred are still working at the Colliery.

The three Wrightson boys still with the Works are pictured (right) — Pop, Darrell and Tarn.



Tarn, Darrell and Pop

More Laughs

The tramp knocked on the door of an English pub called "George and the Dragon."

"Can you spare a hungry man a bite to eat?" he asked the lady who answered.

"No!" and she slammed the door.

The tramp knocked again. "Now may I speak to George?"

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"Winter draws on," said the Harvard man as he tucked Muriel into an old-fashioned sleigh.

"Is that any of your business?" asked Muriel coldly.

A real gone Joe was ambling down Main Street when he spotted an organ grinder playing an old organ and holding a little monkey on a string. The Joe stopped and stared while the monkey begged for coins, danced and doffed his tiny cap.

"Man," said the Joe to the organ grinder, "I don't dig that music, but you sure got a crazy son."

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It has now been proven beyond doubt that smoking is the major cause of statistics.

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for August

Flowers:

SOW: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Carnation, Coreopsis, Cornflower, Dianthus, Godetia, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Mignonette, Nemophila, Phlox Drummondii, Rudbeckia, Sweet Sultan.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Carnation, Dianthus, Iceland Poppy, bulbs of Agapanthus, Calla, Gladioli, Lilium, Tigridia, Tuberose.

Vegetables

SOW: Broad Beans, Silver Beet, Carrot, Onion, Peas, Parsnip, Parsley, White Turnip, Cabbage, Leek, Lettuce.

PLANT: Asparagus, Garlic, Herbs, Artichoke, Rhubarb.

August reminds us that the 1st is Wattle Day. Although many of our local varieties are not yet in bloom, there is plenty of golden blossom around where the air is slightly warmer. Plant a wattle tree this month to provide a splash of colour in the years ahead.

The willows are showing green once again and the Magpies are nesting, so Spring is just around the corner, reminding us that there is lots to be done in the garden before the weather really begins to warm up.

Finish planting deciduous trees and shrubs this month, also roses, climbing plants, bush fruits, grape vine and deciduous fruit trees.

Manure garden beds in readiness for the main spring planting, and give a heavy dressing of lime to beds in which Gladioli are being planted.

Burn any rose prunings and general garden refuse to get rid of fungus spores which may be held on the tops of last year's plants.

Give rose bushes a spraying with White Oil after pruning, and work some well-decayed cow manure or complete fertiliser such as "Blood and Bone" into the soil around the roots.

Lift Dahlia tubers and store in a dry corner, being careful to watch that slugs and snails do not eat them.

Make sure that all the dry corners of the garden are kept well watered while the drying winds last.

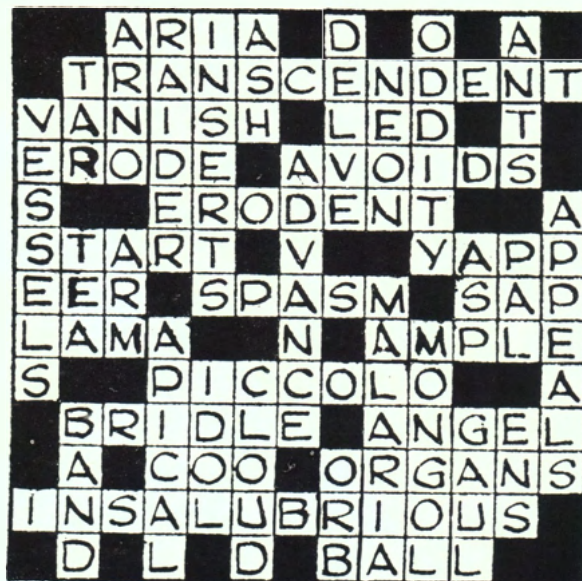
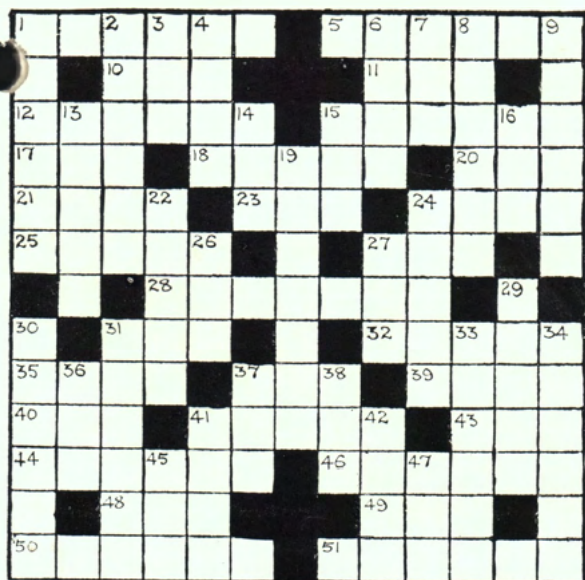
Problem Page

There were several correct answers to last crossword, No. 65, and the lucky winner drawn from a hat was Mr. H. B. Mulready, of the Power House.

Problem No. 66

ACROSS

1. Fish
5. Seats in a theatre
10. Lubricant
11. Native metal
12. Defames
15. Season
17. Biblical priest
18. Deep sleep
20. Employ
21. Term in trigonometry
23. Direction
24. Bird
25. One of the senses
27. Dance step
28. Animal on the British Coat of Arms
31. Unusual
32. Periods
35. Giant
37. Irritate
39. Small drop
40. French for king
41. Ancient country
43. Body of water
44. Pet lamb
46. Imprison
48. Not at home



49. Treat raw hides
50. Fourteen-line poem
51. They give warning

DOWN

1. Annoy
2. Birds
3. Untruth
4. Sickneses
6. Voyage
7. Limb
8. Small mammals
9. Calm
13. Greek poem
14. Disseminate
15. Kind of bean
16. Compass point
19. Mended
22. Musical exercise
24. Declined
26. Termination
27. Inspect slyly
29. Used by a hairdresser
30. Compels
31. Devotional prayer
33. First name of a French detective
34. Slaps
36. Baby word
37. Animal doctor
38. Twelve
41. Apportion
42. Prefix against
45. Heavenly body
47. Sailor

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SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
MARULAN - BERRIMA - MEDWAY - SYDNEY

General Manager's Notes

As most of you know from your bonus, operations at the Works were at a record high level during the month of August. The settling down of No. 5 kiln and the conversion of what was originally No. 1 coal mill to a cement mill, enabled both clinker and cement production to exceed 40,000 tons, which is a very substantial improvement on our previous records.

Power generation was also a record, the high utilisation resulting in a 98 per cent. load factor being achieved.

The tonnage of cement sold was another monthly record, though not at such a high level as to consume the cement ground. Up until last month the Sales Manager and his staff have been short of cement and letting everyone know. However, the boot is now on the Work's foot and being applied liberally.

Mr. Parish, our Chairman, and the Directors have extended to you their congratulations on the production records established and to these I add my personal thanks.

GENERAL MANAGER

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

After all my touring around during the past two months it is good to be back home and back on the job. There is a lot of truth in the old saying, "There is no place like home."

Whilst it is nice to move around and see new places and new sights, it is not long before your thoughts turn homewards to familiar faces and surroundings.

I was sorry to see that both Berrima and Marulan Safety figures had taken a turn for the worse. Marulan's 171 days was a grand effort, but the fact that it was finally broken just proves that it is not possible to relax for a minute as far as safety is concerned.

During my travels I visited several industrial plants and it was interesting to note the various attitudes towards Safety. These ranged from non-existent to very good and, I am pleased to say, S.P.C. compares very favourably with the best of them.

I met Mark Hauber in Rockhampton and I have pleasure in reporting that he is very happy in his new job. Of course he wanted to know all the news from S.P.C. and I was able to fill him in on happenings since he left. He asked me to give his regards to all his old workmates and if anyone from this area happens to be passing through Rockhampton he will be very pleased to see them.

Another familiar face is missing from the Works now that Sam Fleeton has retired. We always seem to be saying farewell to old friends lately, but I suppose we must all eventually reach that age where we have to stand aside for a younger chap.

Anyhow, best of luck in your retirement Sam.

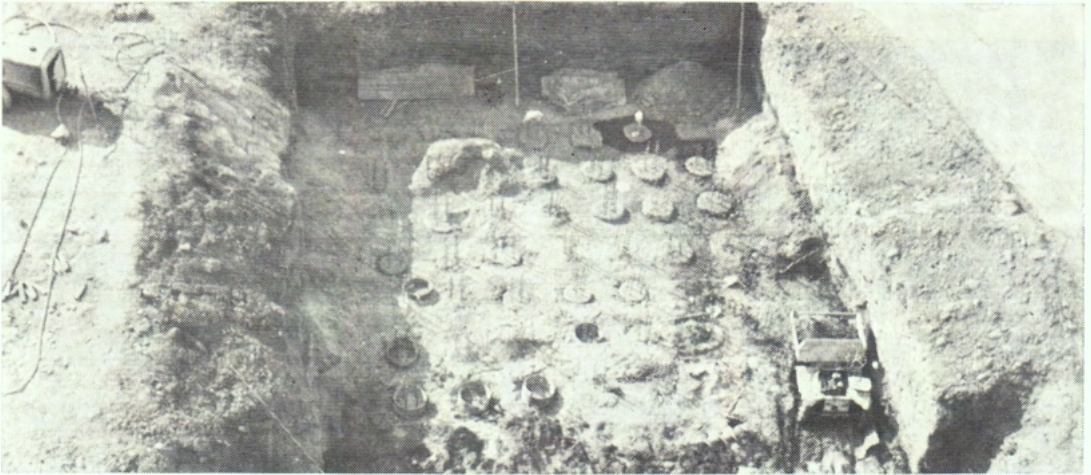
Yours till next issue,

THE EDITOR.

Plant Jottings

The excavations for the new railway line are well under way with the earthworks completed past the Laboratory and in the next few weeks we should see the ballast and some of the track being laid.

Construction of the new silos has started with the drilling and pouring of the piles under the foundations approximately half completed.



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE SILOS



EXCAVATIONS FOR THE RAILWAY LINE

Apprentice News

In the June issue of the Newsletter we announced the prizewinners for the Goulburn Technical College for 1963.

On 6th August these boys were presented with their prizes at the Annual Prize-giving at Goulburn.

The accompanying photos show some of our boys receiving their prizes. Unfortunately space does not permit us to show them all in this issue so we will show the remainder next month.



MAX KING



MYLES CRESWICK



BOB STRODE



NEVILLE DILLON



DAVID BOURNE



FRANK RITCHIE

Safety News

BERRIMA

August was a month free of any serious injuries and as a result gave our Accident Free Day Board a lift to over 60 days. Nice to see those four unit Coupons about again. We have not seen any since very early in the year. Let us hope we will soon see the 100 day green flag flying and when that happens then we can look forward to those high value coupons. They are worth the try!

At the end of last month it is interesting to note also that we had worked just over half a million hours which shows that it takes us sixteen months to work the million.

Why this talk about a million? Well, in the Australian Standard of Recording Industrial Accident we refer to standard CZ-6, which uses 1,000,000 man-hours exposure in the formulae for calculating accident frequency and severity rates.

Our frequency figure stands at 9.7 for five lost time injuries occurring in half a million man-hours worked or on present trends 10 lost time injuries for one million hours worked; which means to say we can expect another five lost time injuries within the next eight months!

Do not let this happen. Help keep our frequency and severity rates down by working safely all the time. That way we shall enjoy peace of mind that no man has suffered through an injury at work.

SAFETY FIRST — MARULAN

Congratulations to Group 2 (drivers, drill and shovel operators) who have passed the two-year mark without a lost time injury. The Quarry's record run of 171 days was broken at the end of July, but we are trying hard to climb back again to that figure. Group runs at the end of August were: Group 1, 286; Group 2, 733; Group 3, 300; Group 4, 361; Group 5, 32; and Group 6, 513.

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The Difference

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows—no good unless they are pushed.

Others are like kites — if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like kittens — more contented when petted.

Some are like footballs — you can't tell which way they will bounce next.

Some are like trailers — they have to be pulled along.

Some are like neon lights — they keep going on and off.

And (for which we thank the Lord), some are like good watches — open faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

The Return Of Old Faithful

As I rushed round getting ready for work this morning, it was with surprise and delight that I heard again the steam whistle throbbing over the countryside, a symbol the greater part of my life of a vigorous and prosperous industry.

For many it means the clocking on, the meal break, and the clocking off after a hard day's work.

For me of a morning, that extra spurt to get a move on. Even as a school child, the 8 o'clock whistle meant "if you don't get a move on, you'll be late for school." Now in later life as an S.P.C.-ite it is still the symbol to be on time — "if you don't, you'll miss the bus."

An authority on the subject says that the return to steam was made necessary because of the failure of the new electrical gadget to make itself heard. Well, as the saying goes, hot air still has its uses!!

Retirement

On his retirement on the 28th August, Sam Fleeton, Electrical Shop, ended a long association with S.P.C.

Sam worked for the Company on and off for the past 30-odd years and saw a lot of changes take place on the plant in that time.

One job in the early days, with which Sam was closely associated, was the travelling of the old Marion steam shovel from Berrima to Marulan Quarry. The shovel travelled under its own steam and the 35 miles journey took eleven days. Each day a truck would travel out to meet the shovel to replenish its supplies of coal and water.

Sam last joined the Company in February, 1949, and worked continuously in the Electrical Shop until his retirement. Sam's motto during his working years was to "always try to keep one jump ahead of your job", in other words, think about your work and plan ahead. In many cases a little time spent in planning a job can save a lot of unnecessary hard work later.

At lunch time on Friday, 28th August, Mr. Len Knight, Works Manager, made a presentation to Sam on behalf of his workmates and the Company and wished him a long and happy retirement.



Lets Laugh

THAT DID IT —

A sportsman went to a hunting lodge and, with the help of a dog called Salesman, bagged a record number of birds. The next year, the man wrote the lodge again for reservations, requesting that the same dog be loaned him. As soon as he arrived he asked the handler if Salesman was to hunt.

"Hount ain't no durn good now," the handler said. "What happened?" cried the man. "Was he injured?" "Nope! Some fool came down here and called him 'Sales Manager' all week. Now all he does is sit on his tail and bark."

To Darwin and Back

Moss Vale to Adelaide

(By TERRY SAKER)

During the past weeks I had the opportunity to travel through this vast country of ours and see some of the places most of us only read about or learn about in geography lessons whilst at school.

Our trip took us through five States and covered approximately 8,000 miles.

We left Moss Vale on the 22nd June and travelled south along the Hume Highway to Gundagai, passing through some of the richest grazing country in Australia. Leaving the Hume Highway just beyond Gundagai we turned west along the Sturt Highway through Wagga Wagga, which is a very busy city of 22,000 people, and travelled on to Narrandera where we spent our first night.

Leaving Narrandera next morning we entered the irrigation area which is mainly given to sheep grazing. The country is very flat, with little vegetation, and the trip from Hay to Balranald is extremely monotonous driving.

After leaving Hay we came into wheat country and saw mile after mile of ploughed paddocks showing a faint sheen of green wheat just breaking the ground. The wheat country is left behind after leaving Balranald and the Murray River is seen for the first time at Euston along with the first of many fruit inspection stations where officials examined our car for any fruit which might contain fruit fly.

We then followed the Murray for the next fifty miles to Mildura where we crossed the N.S.W.-Victorian State border. As Jim Galloway mentioned in his article in the April Newsletter, Mildura is a very pretty and very

prosperous town on the Murray and it was a pleasant sight to see vineyards and orchards after miles of flat wheat country.

Travelling on the next morning we again entered wheat country and also encountered large areas of undeveloped mallee scrub on the approach to the Victorian-South Australian border, where we set our watches back half an hour to conform with Central Australian time.

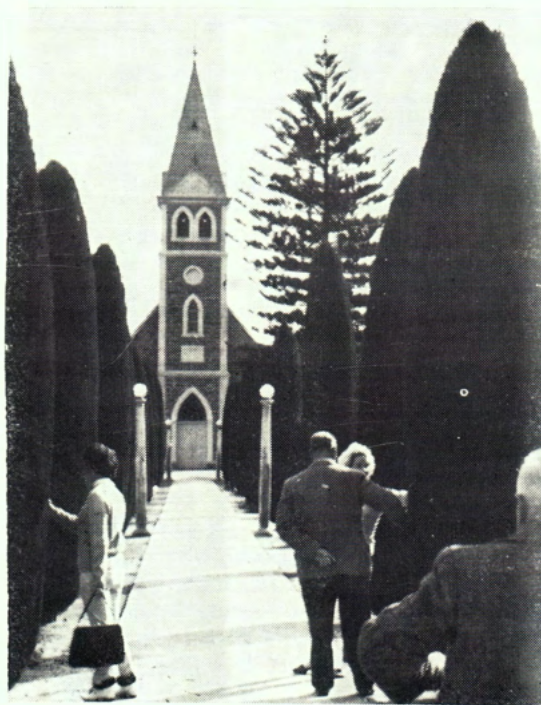
Shortly after crossing the border we again crossed the Murray on the outskirts of Renmark and after lunch we commenced the 160 miles trip to Adelaide and crossed the Murray twice more before finally leaving it.

The only point of interest on this section was the journey through the Barossa Valley where countless vineyards are seen, but I will not go into this part of the trip as Jim Galloway covered it nicely in his article.

After about a week spent sightseeing around Adelaide and its surrounds we moved north and next month I will continue with the part of our trip from Adelaide to Alice Springs and Ayers Rock.



Paddle Steamer on the Murray at Mildura



Lutheran Church in the Barossa Valley, S.A.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

Berrima

Ron Budden, Timekeeper, has returned from his annual leave which he spent in the Quirindi district.

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Quite a few members of the General Office staff have chosen this time of the year for their holidays, amongst whom were Mrs. Pat Scott, George Pribyl and Appy Van der Molen. Mr. Jack Scott, Works Secretary, has also taken annual leave to look for the sunshine up north.

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Bill Townsend, Frank O'Neil and Don Moore, three members of the Machine Shop crew, have taken their holidays in the past few weeks.

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Fred Bonnar's family increased or decreased, whichever way you look at it, on 22nd August when his eldest daughter Beverley was married. That makes two daughters married in one year and Fred is finding it an expensive proposition.

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Bill Brooks, Power House, has arrived in Perth after eating plenty of bull dust across the Nullabor. The only catch is that you will have to eat it all over again to get home, Bill!

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Good to see Charlie Wheeler back on the job after a spell of sickness.

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Our sympathies to Ernie Radnidge, Machine Shop, who lost a brother a few weeks ago and now has lost another brother in the last few days.

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Viv Caldwell and Brian Duff, both of the Power House, will be taking their holidays in the next few weeks and we understand that Brian intends taking the big plunge during his holidays.

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Mr. Knight received a letter recently from our ex-editor, Mark Hauber, who is now living in sunny Queensland. His main comment was on the low standard of safety in the Queensland plants. Mark is very busy in his army job and has over 1,100 cadets under his command.

Robert Delamont attended a tennis coaching school late last month. Keep up the good work Bob as, although we have a replacement for Margaret Smith, Roy Emerson will not last forever.

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Mark Jones, Despatches, has had his share of sickness lately. Let us hope you will soon be back on deck Mark, to sell all that cement for us.

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Colliery

Congratulations to John and Mrs. French on the arrival of their son, Ross Andrew, on the 9th August.

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Best wishes to Robyn Chapman who has taken up a new position in Sydney.

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There were two new starters at the Colliery during the month. Don Ray, our new Under-manager, hails from the coast and is disappointed that he cannot follow his sport very well up here as he is a sailor.

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Danny Casta returns as a deputy after spending a couple of years in the mining business on the coast.

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Bill Beaton's wife should be out of hospital by the time this issue is to hand and we hope she is much better in health.

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Ted Lancelot, our soccer player, was disappointed in the Bowral team when it missed out on the honours, being beaten by a Goulburn team in the Grand Final.

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George Rosetta has started his long service leave whilst Johnny Talbert is back at work after a three months' absence.

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Eric Winner's daughter, Adele, has had a brief stay in hospital during the month and we hope she has now recovered completely.

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Bill Meredith has had some success in the last few weeks with his pigeons, but Eric Carey's birds, although arriving home, are proving a little difficult to catch.

Marulan

Early in August, Maintenance Foremen Wal Gale and Warren Lynch from King Island Scheelite Company visited the quarry to inspect the Quarrymaster. They said the climate on King Island was much warmer than Marulan. There are about 3,000 living on the island; 140 work at the Scheelite plant and mixed farming is the only other industry there. The mineral tungsten is sent from the plant to the B.H.P. companies on the mainland, America, the United Kingdom, Singapore and some European countries. Wal said they were at present quarrying 50 feet below the sea level, but were not troubled with water seepage from the sea. There was some water which came from springs on the island.

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Drago Lorkovic, shovel driver, who has been at the quarry for some years, was naturalised at a private ceremony at the quarry on 12th August, 1964. Present were Mr. Kevin Howard, Superintendent, Mr. Les Cooper, Shire Clerk, Mr. Loseby, and Shire President, Ron Brewer.

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Captain of the junior Rugby team, John Beaumont, has been off with an injured knee, but is limping back to leadership of his team.

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Graham Waghorn, Technical Assistant to the Superintendent, has left the quarry to accept an appointment with a mining company at Townsville.

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Quarry Superintendent Kevin Howard spent one week of his holidays playing in the annual Country Week golf carnival.

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Carl Martens has been promoted to drilling machine operator following the resignation of Ally Spring.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell are now grandparents with the arrival of a daughter for their only daughter Frances. The little one has been named Sheryl Elizabeth.

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Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Read, of Tallong, has announced her engagement to Graham Knight, of Sydney. Margaret is secretary to Goulburn Base Hospital secretary Frank Jennings, and Graham is a wool buyer.

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Leading Hand Fitter Jack Read, with Mrs. Read, will spend his annual leave and part of his long service leave in southern Queensland.

Storeman Max Johansen is spending his annual holidays in Sydney.

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Dirk Kruk has been promoted to shift fitter. He has been at the quarry for seven years and before the war he trained in his native Holland as a telephone engineer.

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We were sorry to see the Bulger family leave Marulan South after their long residence. Frank has been off work for several months and he had lately been told that he would not work again. He and Mrs. Bulger have moved to Goulburn while nephew Frank, welder's assistant, will travel from their new home each day to work.

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Chief Clerk Ashley Cooper and family spent annual holidays on the South Coast.

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Mr. Rowell, General Manager Raw Materials and Exploration for the B.H.P., and Director of S.P.C. Ltd., accompanied by the General Manager, Mr. J. F. McNicol, inspected the quarry on August 18th.

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Postmistress Jean Riley is making excellent progress driving her recently purchased Holden. Happy motoring, Jean.

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Bob Fordham has recovered after a recent car accident. Apart from a severe shaking and the loss of some teeth, Bob is still smiling.

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After viewing the film Safety Everywhere All the Time, a Marulan man went home and over the afternoon cup of tea impressed on the family the importance of safety at home, on holiday, etc. Later he was cleaning the family car and not noticing Junior playing round, slammed the lid of the boot and nearly beheaded the lad. A little later he was fixing a billy can. Junior, again curious, came too close, the pliers slipped and struck him on the nose. Which shows that everyone must co-operate with the idea of safety.

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An extensive ornamental tree planting programme has been completed in the grounds of the quarry and the result should be excellent. About 70 trees of different species were planted and each one was carefully selected for the rigors of the Marulan climate. In addition lawns have been built up and sown down. Gardener Tom Shepherd is fully extended tending to the huge area which was only a few years ago a semi-wilderness. Storeman Bill McCallum has spent a lot of time planting flowers near the main storage shed. Last year his Dahlia and Stocks were admired by many.



Golf

The big highlight in the golfing world in the past month was the Annual Country Week championships played in Sydney.

Four S.P.C.-ites, Ern Radnidge, Bert McIntosh, Kevin Howard and Alan Parker went down from the local clubs.

Unfortunately, Bert was the only one who even went close to a win; on the Monday he handed in a card with 31 points, but 34 won the day. For the rest of the week the competition was too stiff for the locals and they were all well back in the field.

On the home front Ern Radnidge was runner-up in the T. F. McCarthy Cup at Moss Vale recently with a nett 68; this score won him the C grade competition on the same day.

Betty Parker continues in good form with a win in the ladies' competition on 29th August. Keep up the good work Betty!

At Bowral, Norm Austin was runner-up in the four ball on 30th August with a plus 6, while on 22nd August, Tom Chalmers won the four ball competition.

Football

The Moss Vale first and second grade teams, including Peter Watson, Bill and Garry Poland, were beaten in the semi-finals of the competition and can now hang up their boots until next season.

Mittagong Under 18, including Terry Irwin and John Cupitt, beat Campbelltown and now go straight into the grand final.

Bowral second grade, with Brian Woodhouse, are still in it, but still have the finals to play to win the competition.

Tennis

The Association Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd September to finalise details

for the coming summer competition.

No details are available to date, but doubt we will hear more in the next few weeks.

Cricket

S.P.C. Cricket Club held their Annual Meeting on 31st August and have decided to enter a team in the C grade competition.

Any players interested in playing this season are asked to contact Tarn Wrightson or Lloyd Veal.

The Association meeting is yet to be held as no information as to the start of the season is available as yet.

Play will commence in the new cricket season on September 26. Teams competing will be Marulan, Towrang, Collector, R.S.L., Colts, Workers, Kenmore and Criterions. Marulan will field a first and second grade team. The Quarry is well represented in both Marulan teams and it is hoped to arrange some matches with Berrima.

Basketball

Marulan Fellowship team is now placed third in the Goulburn competition. The team is regaining its old form after a number of setbacks and there is early indications that the finals will be closely contested.

Bowls

Since this is the in-between period no activity apart from social games have been played in the past few weeks.

In the next few weeks the new season starts and some 300 games have to be played by the end of September so there should be some news to report in our next issue.

Rugby League

Although they lost the last two matches, Marulan team is still second in the competition with one game to play before the semi-finals. Position of the teams is: Waratahs 19, Marulan 16, Abattoirs 14, Gunning and Taralga each 13. The semi-finals and final will be played at League Park Goulburn. Lately, the Marulan team has played on hard grounds and with the recent rain they should have a good chance of winning the competition because they are generally regarded as mud wallowers.

Carpet Bowls

The winter competition is now well advanced and some keen play has been watched lately. Those to reach the semi-final positions are:

Men: Tony Cosgrove, Stan Bell, Stan Murphy with Cec. Cluney and Jerry Matthews to play off for fourth position.

Ladies' singles: Mrs. Fred Weston, Mrs. K. Howard, Mrs. Johansen with Mrs. Stan Murphy and Mrs. M. Cosgrove, senior, to play for fourth position.

Mixed doubles: Stan Bell and Mrs. Johansen, Tony Cosgrove and Jean Riley, Stan and Melba Murphy.

There will be a play-off between Fred and Mrs. Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Matthews.

In a recent social game a ladies' team defeated the men by two matches.

Rifle Shooting

The annual meeting of Marulan Rifle Club elected the following office bearers: Patron, Mr. Hogg; captain, T. Pearson; vice-captain, Barry Barnfield; secretary - treasurer, Frank Bell.

During the year 78 trophies were donated, but of the 30 members there was an average of only eight weekly shooters. The secretary appealed to Berima riflemen to arrange a day for a match Quarry versus Works. The annual dinner this year will be in Marulan South Hall instead of the Marulan Memorial Hall.

Cycling

Apprentice Ray McCallum won the Junior Road Championship for the season with a fine ride at Goulburn recently.



A thrilling finish in which Apprentice Carpenter Ray McCallum (right) won the Goulburn District Junior Road Championship in Goulburn.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



With the approach of milder weather no doubt more anglers will be trying their luck and how pleasant the trying will be!

I feel that the odds against catching a good bag are increasing every year. The fish are there all right, as may be proved by deep

sea fishing. However, they are just the same as birds — yielding to encouragement but departing to other haunts when worried too much.

They have all kinds of hazards with which to contend as civilisation has put factory waste into the rivers where fish breed, they are disturbed by the power boating and skiing and further victimised by the spear fisherman and we may as well include the net fisherman too!

If you want a good bag I am afraid a boat is indicated and, speaking of boats, I am very anxious to see Charlie Barat's new one. Being very portable, it could be the answer to getting out on the water quickly and easily.

A few catches of large fish have been reported in the paper but generally speaking the local boys have had no luck.

The trout season is open now and those who intend having a go should remember the inland fisherman's licence. Also remember that the limit for trout is 10 inches and the daily bag per person is 10 fish.

I had a few nice four-pounders from Lake Eucumbene last year, but unfortunately I did not catch them myself.

Don't forget the information I gave recently about staying at Berridale, which allows the angler to work lots of places as it is very centrally located. This area has one pest in the summer months and that is blow flies, so you do venture into the Snowy Mountains area don't forget the safe!

More Laughs

When a brilliant woman engineer asked her boss for a rise, he objected, "Your salary is already higher than the engineer's at the next desk," he said. "And he has five children." "Look here," she countered, "I thought we were paid for what we produced here — not for what we produced at home in our own time." She got her raise.

Two cows were grazing alongside a highway when a tank-truck of milk on its way to the distributor happened to pass by. On one side of the truck in big red letters was a sign which read: "Pasteurised, homogenized, standardised, Vitamin A added." One cow turned to the other and remarked: "Makes you feel sort of inadequate, doesn't it?"

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for September

Flowers:

SOW: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Aster, Coreopsis, Celosia, Candytuft, Carnation, Delphinium, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Lobelia, Lupin, Nasturtium, Petunia, Phlox Drummondii, Salpiglossis, Statice, Schizanthus.

PLANT: Petunia, Phlox, Dianthus, Antirrhinum, Clarkia, Carnation, Godetia, Salpiglossis, Sweet William.

Vegetables:

SOW: Beet, Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Peas, Parsnip, Parsley, White Turnip, Tomato, Capsicum, Lettuce, Cress, Mustard, Radish.

Plant: Herbs, Rhubarb, Onion, Potato.

SEPTEMBER! SPRING! and DAFFODIL TIME!

"What price to you for daffodils? I'll give what price you please,
For light and love and memory lie leaf by leaf with these!"

From "Daffodils" by W. H. Ogilvie.

If you have forgotten to plant Daffodils in your garden, keep a place next Autumn and "pop" some in just for the joy of watching the petals unfold in the Spring. They give a very great return for a very little outlay.

There are many varieties and shades available, ranging from tiny "Hoop Petticoats" to very large "King Alfreds".

Prune Flowering Fruit Trees immediately they have finished blossoming.

Plant Gladioli corms every few weeks, for a succession of flowers.

Keep watch for aphids on young growers and spray with DDT or Rogor 40 to control these.

Lay bait for snails which are moving again now.

Get busy in the vegetable garden, digging over any weedy patches ready for planting.

Any Tomato seedlings planted in the garden beds will need to be covered each night until frosts have finished.

All weeds should be removed from the lawn and the first mowing made this month.

Two light top-dressings a month apart with sandy loam will improve the condition of the lawn.

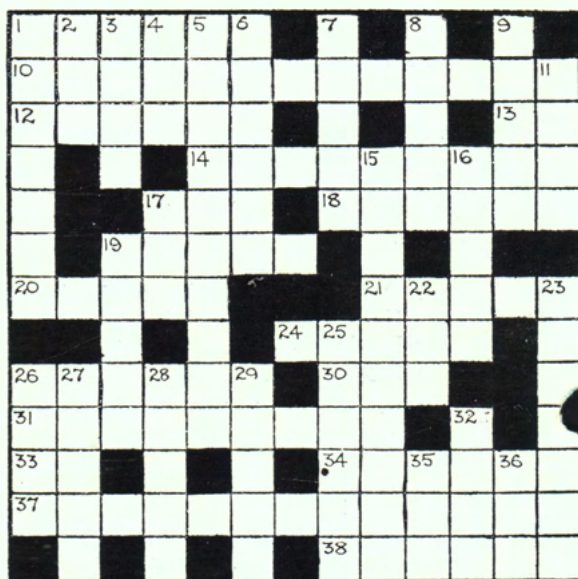
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The lucky winner of Problem No. 66 was Joan Dray, daughter of crane driver Jim. Congratulations Joan.

Problem No. 67

ACROSS

1. Male oxen
10. Mention individually
12. Consisting of opium
13. Postal note (Abbr.)
14. Unabashed
17. Rodent
18. Automobiles
19. Counterfeit
20. Material
21. Flowering shrub
24. Unlocks
26. Receives as one's own
30. Request
31. Remains of a plant
33. On account of (Abbr.)
34. Body of civil officers
37. Varied
38. Pelts



DOWN

1. Wipes down
2. Strike gently
3. North American lake
4. Greek letter
5. Those who practise ritualism
6. Perfumes
7. Rank
8. Fear
9. Poplar
11. Completes
15. The Dardanelles
16. Handles roughly
17. Sheep
19. Danish islands
22. Dark fluid
23. Reveal
25. Tall ornamental grass
26. Small particle.
27. Leak away gradually
28. State of quiet
29. Stagnant
32. Quadruped
35. Sign of the zodiac
36. Hint

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
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General Manager's Notes

September brought us another sales record — this time 39,000 tons, which was 3,000 tons higher than the previous record made in August. Despite being a record, sales were behind production capacity and we are looking forward to even higher sales tonnages.

At the quarterly meeting of the Cement and Concrete Association, held in Adelaide early in September, it was agreed by all manufacturing companies to establish divisional offices in each State to deal with the specific concrete problems of each State, for example, N.S.W. may decide that its best avenue for increasing cement consumption is in concrete roads whereas in Queensland it would be concrete homes. The manufacturers in each State will therefore have control over their promotional activities and the amount of money they wish to spend.

Divisional offices are therefore a logical development of what was purely a federal organisation allowing the States to carry out promotional activities at a local level with a federal office providing the necessary publications, films, photographs and other promotional material, together with the engineering data and specialised technical assistance, where required.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

With the approach of the warm weather it might be appropriate to again look at the facts on the Bush Fire Danger period which comes into force on 1st October and continues until 31st March each year.

We have been fortunate over the past few years that we have had no serious fires in this district but this should also be a warning to us to be extra careful in the future. The heavy rainfall over the past few years has resulted in an excessive build-up of inflammable undergrowth and grass and hot sun and winds could easily turn our district into a tinder box.

Motorists and campers are especially asked to use every care with cigarette butts and camp fires. Fires may only be lit in properly constructed fireplaces not less than fifteen feet from a tree, log or stump, and ground around the fire must be cleared for at least five feet.

This regulation applies during the danger period, but occasions will arise when fire danger becomes so extreme that a total ban on fires in the open will apply. These periods are always well advertised through press, radio and television.

Quite a number of readers will remember some of the disastrous fires which have swept through our district in past years and the death and destruction they left in their wake. Don't let us have a repeat of these disasters this year.

If we observe the regulations, which are only common sense after all, we will keep our district safe.

Remember, do not throw away a lighted cigarette or match and do not leave a camp fire without making sure that it is completely extinguished.

Yours till next month,

THE EDITOR.

*Apprentice
Week
Scenes*



Apprentice News

During Apprentice Week, 21st to 26th September, S.P.C. participated in two activities to mark the occasion.

On Friday, 25th, they visited the A.I.S. Apprentice training shops at Port Kembla where, on arrival, the forty apprentices, led by Mr. Bill Saker, Apprentice Training Foreman, were welcomed by Mr. Todd, A.I.S. Master of Apprentices. They were conducted over the three training shops, Fitting and Turning, Electrical, and Boilermaking, in which A.I.S. apprentices spend their first year of training.

Saturday, 26th, was Parents' Day, and the parents and friends of all apprentices were invited to the Works. Approximately 130 people gathered in the lunch room for morning tea and were welcomed by Mr. Knight, the Works Manager, who handed them over to Mr. J. Scott, Chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee, who outlined the training which the boys receive at S.P.C.

Mr. Knight then presented Merit Certificates to four 5th Year apprentices who will finish their training in the near future. To be eligible for one of these certificates an apprentice must qualify in several phases of his training, including a pass in all stages of his technical exams, good behaviour both on and off the job and the carrying out of high quality work.

The four apprentices to receive these awards were:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Ian Jones and Max King, | High Distinction |
| Brian Woodhouse | Distinction |
| Bruce Fraser | Credit |

After morning tea the apprentices guided their visitors on an inspection of No. 5 kiln to give them an idea of the type of equipment with which they have to work.

Entertainment Fund

Arrangements are well in hand for the 1964 Annual Picnic, to be held on Sunday, 29th November at Moss Vale Showground, which offers more shelter in the event of rain once again dampening the proceedings.

The train, which should create a lot of enjoyment for the kiddies, is in the final stages of construction and is a credit to those building it.

A meeting of the Ladies' Committee will be held later this month to organise the catering arrangements for the Picnic and a separate Committee has been formed to organise the Dinner and Dance section of the Fund, for which arrangements are being made.

The Guy to Watch

You watch the guy who drives ahead

And the guy who drives behind.

You watch to the right and you watch to the left,

You drive with a calm, clear mind.

But the guy you really have to watch

On the highway you will find,

Is the guy behind the guy ahead

And ahead of the guy behind.

Accident Round Table.

Plant Jottings

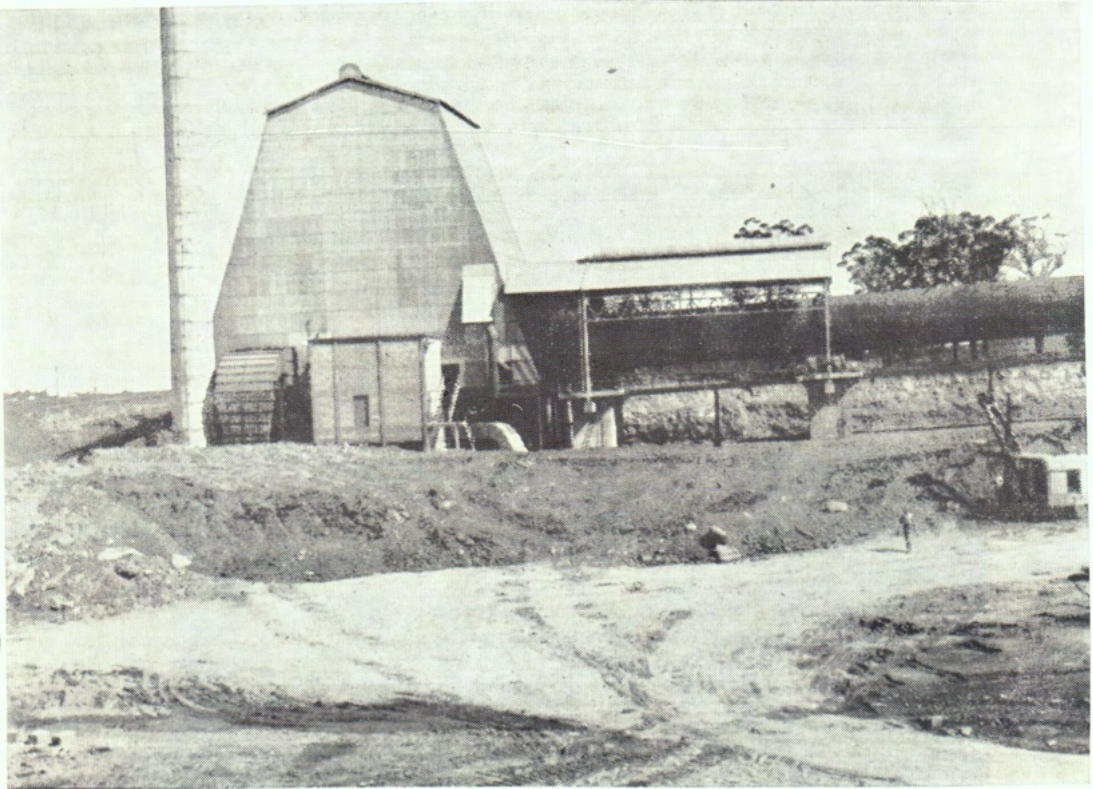
Excavations are well under way on the site of the new cement mill with the shovel, trucks and bulldozer working long hours each day to prepare the site.

The hill between the brick shed and the firing end of No. 5 kiln has to be reduced to the same level as the area near the brick shed before the holes for the various mill foundations can be excavated.

Due to the fear of disturbing the kiln foun-

dations, only minor use of explosives is possible and the tough blue shale must be ripped and dug by the bulldozer alone before it can be loaded by the shovel.

The accompanying photograph shows the progress that has been made in the past few weeks with approximately half of the hill removed, so it will not be long before the whole area has been levelled and work can begin on the mill itself.



Site of New Cement Mill with No. 5 Kiln in the background.

Let's Laugh

A contractor, undergoing a physical examination, held out his hands which were shaking visibly.

"Do you drink much?" asked the doctor.

"Not much," replied the contractor. "I spill most of it."

A man fell from the second storey of a building onto the sidewalk. A policeman pushed through the crowd that gathered and asked, "What happened?"

The man replied, "I don't know — I just got here."

Safety News

Some members of Group 2 (drivers and shovel crews) who passed the two year mark, without a lost time injury. Each man was presented with a beautiful silver tankard.



Marulan — Group 2.



Marulan — Group 2.

Safety News

Berrima

This month congratulations go to Production "D" safety group for reaching twelve months without a lost-time injury. Jimmy Colquhoun is the leader.

There are about 50 employees in this group, comprising loco crew, carpenters, brickies, painters, cleaners and general labourers of the yard gang. It is in the yard gang that most new employees commence duty with S.P.C. and learn to adapt themselves to the various jobs associated with the making of cement.

Undoubtedly, the example set by the older employees of working safely has paid off and the result, 10 unit coupons, are again in order.

The Stockhouse group broke a run of 438 days when a bagger received cement burns to the eyes when a bag burst on the machine.

The total lost-time injuries now stands at six for the year with a frequency rate of 10.4 and severity rate of 102.1.

At the end of September the position of each safety group without a lost-time injury was as follows:

| | DAYS |
|---|-------|
| Apprentice Group | 300 |
| Production "A" | 344 |
| "B" | 171 |
| "C" | 124 |
| "D" | 365 |
| Maintenance | 84 |
| Electrical | 582 |
| Power House | 726 |
| Stockhouse | 7 |
| General Office, Works Office, Laboratory | 1,323 |

Marulan

Early in September, Group 4 (Leader Allan Chaplin) reached a year without a lost time injury. Earlier, Group 2 passed the two year mark, while Group 1 (Tony Cosgrove) and Group 3 (Cec Cluney) and not far off the 364

days. Vince Cosgrove's Group 5 had 62 days at the end of September and the Apprentices Group 6 (B. Creswick) were carefully moving along with 543 days.

More Laughs

They tell us Lady Godiva put everything she had on a horse. She didn't win, she didn't place, but she sure SHOWED.

—x—

"I don't want any callers this afternoon," said the boss to his secretary.

"If they say their business is important, just tell them that's what they all say."

That afternoon, his wife called and insisted on seeing him. "I am his wife," she exclaimed.

"That's what they all say," replied the secretary.

Patient (at lunatic asylum): "We like you better than the last doctor we had."

New doctor: "Why do you say that?"

Patient: "Well, you seem more like one of us."

—x—

"Senator, your speech was superfluous, simply superfluous," a woman admirer said.

"I'm glad you liked it," he said, tongue in cheek. "I hope to have it published posthumously."

"Wonderful! Just wonderful," she replied. "I hope it will be soon!"

To Darwin and Back

Adelaide to The Alice

Leaving Adelaide we travelled North through flat country past the salt pans, around Port Wakefield and the smelters at Port Pirie and arrived at Port Augusta, which stands at the northern end of Spencers Gulf. It was very noticeable how the country changes in only 200 miles from green fertile paddocks near Adelaide to dry semi-desert around Port Augusta.

During our five-day stay at Port Augusta we had the opportunity to visit the B.H.P. iron ore quarry at Iron Knob and also the loading jetty at Whyalla.

Due to the extremely dry conditions in Central Australia, which has had very little rain for the past seven years, the road from Port Augusta to Alice Springs was in very bad condition and reports of broken springs and axles were frequent, so we decided to travel by rail for this part of the trip.

We loaded the car on to the train where it stayed, roped securely on a flat car, until we reached Alice Springs. The train left Port Augusta at 5 o'clock in the evening and in five hours completed the 217 miles to Maree, where we changed from the standard gauge railway to the 3' 6" gauge for the trip to Alice Springs.

When we awakened next morning we realised we really were in the dry part of Australia as the scene from the train was one of gibber plains, sand and salt bush.

The train arrived at Oodnadatta at 7 a.m. and this was to be the last civilisation we were to see for many miles. We also began to realise why Central Australia is known as the red heart of the Continent with its red sunrise, red sand, red gibber and only an occasional touch of green saltbush or coolibah tree.

We arrived at Alice Springs at 10 o'clock that night, to be greeted by a temperature of 30 degrees, equally as cold as Moss Vale.

Alice Springs is a very pretty town in the MacDonnell ranges and is the northern rail-head of the Central Australian Railway also the start of the bitumenised Stuart Highway to Darwin.

"The Alice", as it is commonly known, has a daytime temperature of 70 to 80 degrees in the winter and is ideal for those wishing to get away from the cooler southern States. It is also the centre of a fascinating and scenic country as around "The Alice" are such scenic attractions as Ayers Rock, Standley Chasm, Simpsons Gap, Palm Valley and many others.

During our stay at Alice Springs we flew to Ayers Rock for the most interesting three days of our whole trip. We flew over the MacDonnell ranges and such places as Palm Valley where grow Livingstone and Cycad Palms, which are believed to be one of the oldest forms of plant life in the world, also Hermannsburg Mission, which is conducted by the Lutheran Church as an aboriginal welfare centre.

Ayers Rock must be seen to be believed. It is the largest monolith in the world, over 1,100 feet high and five and one-half miles around its base, and rises out of the desert like a huge sleeping animal. It is sacred in aboriginal mythology, the many caves around its base contain aboriginal paintings hundreds of years old. Like the rest of the Centre, the colour of Ayers Rock is predominately red, ranging from a reddish brown in the full light of the sun to the most vivid red at sunrise and sunset.

Thirty miles to the west of Ayers Rock is another formation known as the Olgas. This is a series of rounded domes up to 1,600 feet high which are of a mud stone composition, with water-worn granite boulders embedded in it, showing that this part of our Continent was once the bed of a sea. Once again this area is steeped in aboriginal mythology and many legends have been told about its formation.

Due to the extremely dry conditions in the Centre, very little wild life was to be seen. Several emus near Mt. Olga were the only sign, but on the way back to Ayers Rock, whilst climbing a sand dune to take photos, we came across tracks of the same emus with the tracks

of a stalking dingo very close behind.

After a very pleasant three days we flew back to Alice Springs to prepare for our trip along "The Bitumen", as the Stuart Highway to Darwin is known.



Ayers Rock from the air with the Olgas in the background.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Received a letter from Jim Wilkins during the month. Jim is at present at the War Veterans' Home at Narrabeen and enjoys receiving the Newsletter each month to read about all our doings.

Mr. Knight, our Works Manager, is in Townsville to attend a Cement and Concrete Association meeting, at which he will show a film on the construction of No. 5 kiln. He also intends to visit Cairns to soak up some of the sunshine of the North while he has the opportunity.

Tarn Wrightson, Electrical, and Darryl, Stockhouse are off chasing the sunshine of the North. They hope to get as far as Cairns to see some of the wonders of the Barrier Reef.

Mark Jones, General Office, is still off work because of an illness which has forced him to spend a few weeks in Lewisham Hospital. Get well soon, Mark, we miss your smiling face around the Works.

Grahame Carey and Bob Hartley, both members of the machine shop staff, have been away on annual leave.

Alf Knapman, Power House foreman, is another one chasing the sun up North on his annual leave.

Grahame Barlow, who left us during the month to take up employment with a Melbourne firm, intends taking the big plunge in the next few weeks. Best of luck in both ventures, Grahame.

Bill Brooks, Power House, had an unfortunate experience during his recent stay in Perth. He was savaged by a dog and required quite a few stitches in his face because of the gashes sustained.

Bill Remington, Machine Shop, has had a spell in hospital recovering from pneumonia. Hope to see you back on the job soon, Bill.

The Picnic Committee tells me that the annual outing will be on 29th November this year and will be held at Moss Vale Showground. The Committee has been working very hard getting things organised for the big day and the train is just about ready to run with only a few minor finishing touches needed.

COLLIERY

Congratulations to Les and Mrs. Talbert on the birth of their daughter, Lisa Marie, on 28th August.

George Heathcote's eldest son, Kevin, was married to Robyn O'Toole of Braemar on 25th September. Congratulations to you both.

Sandy Galloway was seen heading North with his caravan in tow. No doubt looking for sunshine.

Wingecarribee Shire Council has appointed Bill Lightbody as deputy captain and Mrs. W. Napper as secretary of the Berrima West Bushfire Brigade.

Brian Townsend has announced his engagement to Helen Nichols of Mittagong. Congratulations, Brian.

Mrs. Col Steward has been admitted to hospital to undergo an operation.

Jack O'Brien has been anxiously awaiting the holiday week-end to try out his new launch and outboard.

The Colliery has had a share in nearly every premiership of winter sports played over the past few weeks.

Bill Verhaeghe, Wally Carey and John Southerden were in the Mittagong 1st grade premier league team which beat Bowral in the Grand Final. Jimmy Murchie was a member of the Bowral team.

Joe Ward was a member of the Under 18 Bowral team which was coached by John Allport and which took out the honours.

Bob Todd captained the Mittagong 1st grade hockey team which won the premiership while Ted Lancelot was a member of the Bowral soccer team which beat Goulburn Workers in the Alderman Howard knock-out competition.

MARULAN

We offer our sympathy to the Cluney family following the death of Mrs. Cluney's father, Mr. George Platt in his 99th year. He was an ardent gardener and was active up until a few months ago.

Congratulations to Colin and Mrs. Weston on the birth of a daughter; to John and Mrs. Bensley, a daughter; and to Eddie and Mrs. Read, also a daughter.

Quarry Face Foreman Trevor Pearson and family will soon take up residence at Marulan South. They have lived in Marulan since their marriage and will occupy Frank Bulger's cottage.

Ken Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kirk, of Wingello, reports high marks in his latest Technical College results as an apprentice with the N.S.W. Government Railways at Everleigh Workshops. He recently qualified as a driver with the C.M.F. at a special transport course.

Euclid Driver Darcy Hadlow is planning to build his home at Marulan South.

Sid Turner, a brakesman who lost a toe in an accident while loading trucks, is back in hospital for further surgery.

Ashley Cooper and family spent annual holidays at Bateman's Bay. Most of the time rain fell in sheets, the fish weren't biting and all Ashley caught was a cold.

And, talking of fishing, Apprentice Fitter Cliff Clack and a party scored well in the Goodradigbee River, near Yass. Cliff landed a three-pounder, while others were satisfied with their catches.

Len Pole also scored well while fishing in the Barwon River, way out near Nyngan. Apart from dozens of small ones, he caught a 40lb. Murray Cod and when he returned to Marulan had to get the local butcher to cut it for him.



New starters include Jim Smyth, Dick Ber-net, Kel Birch, Ron Murray, Monty Forrest, Bill Barrett and Ray Morris.

Geoff Bell and Carmen with daughter Vicki are spending annual leave at Crow's Nest, in Central Western Queensland.

Cliff Shepherd, Heather and son Greg are at Cronulla on holidays.

Painter Barry Barnfield spent his holidays competing in the Queen's Shoot in Sydney.

We were pleased to see Max Koschenow promoted to Electrical Fitter after several years as a linesman. Also to Shorty Kopec for his upgrading to Welder 2nd Class.

Mrs. Jack Read is improving after a stay in Hospital. Her illness was unfortunate as she and Jack had planned their annual leave and part of his long service leave in Queensland.

Keith Newman is back with the fettlers after receiving a serious injury while using a chain saw. He had 16 stitches inserted in a gash in the right leg. It was fortunate that he had Owen Vincent, of Berrima, with him at the time of the accident. The safety first view is, of course, that no one should operate a chain saw without a companion.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Geoff Bell's mother, Mrs. Charnock, of Crookwell.

The ball in aid of the Marulan Go-Kart Club at Marulan South was a huge success with a nett profit of £100. Debs. were Colleen Bryant, Lorraine Bell, Nola and Denise Cosgrove, Kay Quail, Christine Murphy, Wendy and Lesley Lewis and Jean Barlow.

Our sympathy is extended to Ted Blunt and family following the death, suddenly, of Mrs. Blunt at their Tallong home.

During the month we farewelled Dick Hayes, who has been at the quarry for more than nine years. He was one of the most ardent workers for a worthwhile cause and was prominent, in his quiet way, in assisting deserving cases. His workmates made a presentation of a gold wristlet watch before he left to reside in Sydney.



BERRIMA

Golf

The long week-end was a big day at Moss Vale Club and some S.P.Cites managed to get amongst the prize money. On Sunday, Bill Pol-and was runner-up in the four ball event whilst on Monday Cyril Condon won the "A" Grade handicap event and was runner-up in the four ball event.

Brian McIntosh won the golf in Australia event conducted over the week-end.

The previous Saturday Ernie Radnidge and Bert McIntosh teamed up to collect the Stableford with 47 points.

At Bowral, Sam Marshall has had a grand return to form taking out two trophies and being runner-up in a third. On 6th September he teamed up with Chris Carey to win the 36 holes foursomes with a score of 151.

On 3rd October he collected the monthly medal with a nett 67 and on the 5th was runner-up in the Stableford event with 40 points.

Cricket

S.P.C. won their first match of the season the easy way when they had a forfeit from Mittagong. Whilst this is an easy way to get points the team misses out on much needed match practice so you will have to spend some extra time at the nets boys to make up for this.

Bowls

The long awaited S.P.C. v. The Rest game was scheduled to be played on 27th September but rain washed out play for that day so everyone went indoors to play carpet bowls.

Some singles matches have been played but

no results are to hand so we will have wait until next month for the results.

Tennis

The competition commenced on Saturday, 10th October, and, whilst there are fewer teams entered this year than in previous years, the quality of play should be still of a high standard. No results of the first round matches are to hand at the time of going to press so we will have to wait until next issue for these details.

MARULAN

Bowls

Results of the Marulan South Winter Bowls Competition were: Singles, Cec Cluney and Mrs. Howard; doubles, Stan and Mrs. Murphy.

Cycling

Ray McCallum won the N.S.W. Southern Districts Junior Road Championship at Picton. He covered the 22 mile journey in 1 hour 10 mins. 32 secs.

Tennis

Marulan South Tennis Club had a successful year, during which tournaments were a feature of the club. The coming warmer months will mean more activity and the Club is anxious to arrange tennis days with their counterparts at Berrima.

Rugby League

Both Marulan teams were eliminated in the semi-finals. The seniors showed up poorly in their last match and several casualties weakened their dying efforts. The juniors went through the season undefeated to lose 5-3 in the final game.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



Harry Etheridge took his family down to the island one day recently. He did no good but one of his children landed a flathead, to his astonishment!

Discussing the fishing situation with a traveller from the North Coast it would appear that fishing is off at most places between our area and Tweed Heads! I did hear a whisper of some good trout being landed in the Moss Vale area but of course we would not know the exact location.

Most fishing reports state conditions as — water too clear, too much natural bait! On of that the weather was not the best.

However, Bill Townsend landed a few off the main Comerong Beach whilst Bill Rutter was getting some bait.

Bill Brooks has promised to give us some information in a later issue about his trip over to Perth. According to him the Westralians consider the old catfish a delicacy. As far as I am concerned it is too, if one has the patience to skin it. The flesh is very similar to flathead and much nicer.

I have tried for flathead round the island without landing one but reports are still about that they can be boated. All this at a time when Bob Friend is on the slips!!

Headlights in the Rain

Many motorists have probably noticed that their headlights do not seem to be nearly as bright as they should be when driving in the rain.

The trouble is due to the diffusion of raindrops that collect on the glass. Each one acts as a tiny lens and light rays are deflected from the road in front.

N.R.M.A. engineers recommend wiping the glass area of the headlights with a glycerine-soaked cloth which will cause the rain to spread evenly over the glass with little effect on the lights.

N.R.M.A. Notes

"Stop" Sign

When you come to a "Stop" sign, how long have you to stop before proceeding?

The N.R.M.A. Legal Department gives the following advice on this question:

There is no provision in the regulation requiring a driver to wait any period. However, a definite stop is necessary. The practice often seen of a car coming almost to a stop, but then being driven off without the wheels actually ceasing to revolve, is a breach of the law.

The car also must stop as near as practicable to the line marked on the road for the purpose. If there is no stop line, you must stop before reaching and as near as practicable to the intersection.

"Know your Car" Lectures

Lectures on "Know Your Car" will be given by N.R.M.A. engineers at Arncliffe and Sydney Y.M.C.A.s during October and November.

Instruction will be given on the function and care of various parts of a car and the most likely sources of trouble. The courses consist of eight lectures each. They are open to all, including women, and do not call for any previous mechanical knowledge.

Persons may enrol at the first lecture, or by telephoning the Y.M.C.A., 26-1062 (for details and registration form). Course fee is £2 for eight lectures.

Details are:—

ARNCLIFFE: Wednesdays, starting October 7, Coronation Hall, Barden Street, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

SYDNEY: Thursdays, starting October 8, Y.M.C.A., 325 Pitt Street, from 6.30 to 8 p.m.

Unusual Road Signs

The N.R.M.A. Touring Department says that unusual road signs reading "Cross Winds" will be placed on both ends of the new bridge at Blanchetown, on Sturt Highway, between Renmark and Adelaide.

The signs will warn motorists, particularly transport drivers, of the danger of strong winds which sweep along the river and strike vehicle side-on.

This is especially bad at the western end, where vehicles emerge from the shelter of a deep cutting, and where a sudden gust of wind could cause a vehicle to swing violently.

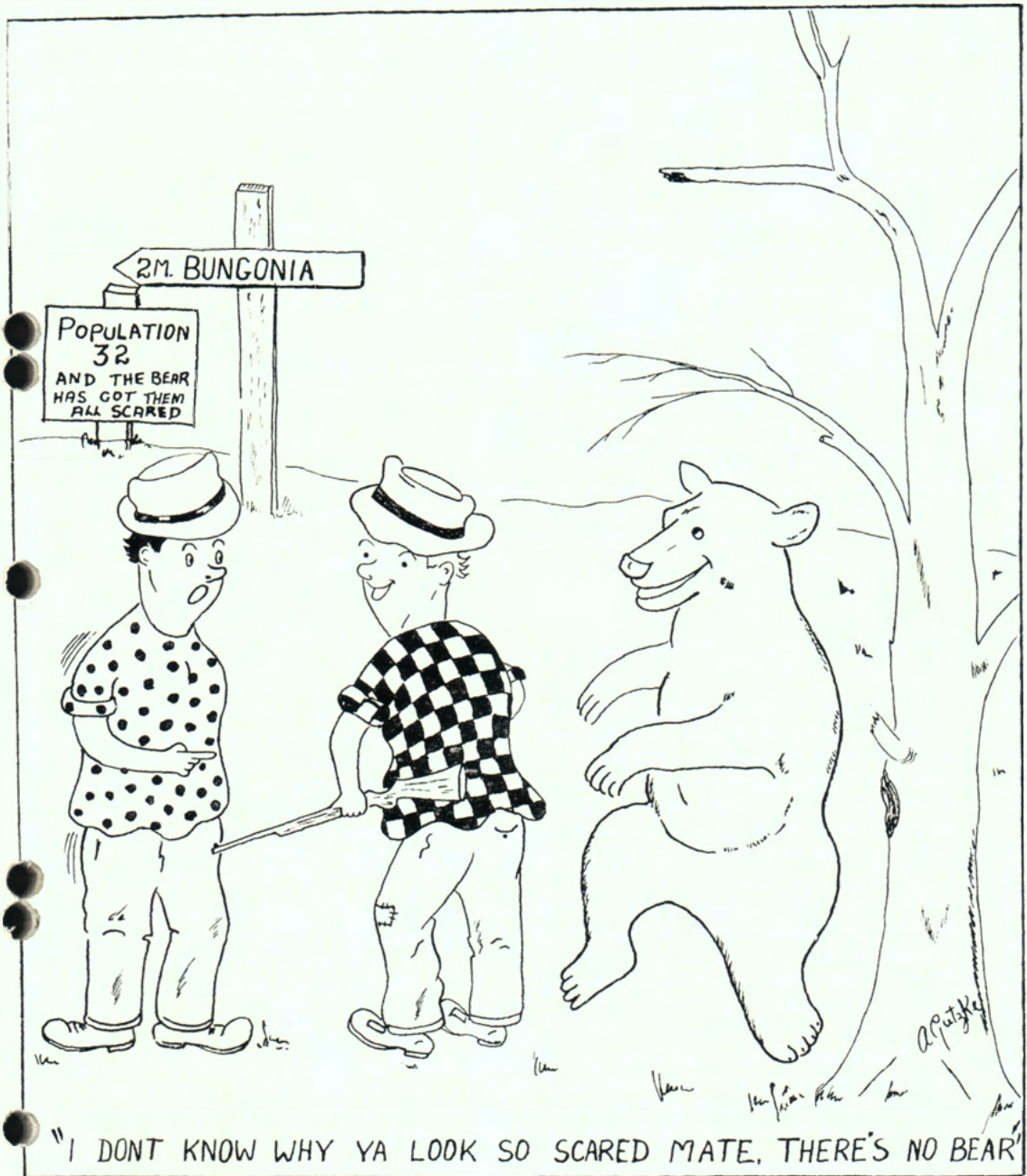
Screen Labels

A new regulation governing the affixing of registration labels to motor vehicles, in lieu of the former Reg. 47 (1) (a), was recently gazetted in N.S.W., advises the N.R.M.A. Legal Department.

The new regulation reads:—

"On any motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle or trailer) having a windscreen, the label shall be affixed on the inside or back surface of the windscreen or on the pivoted or hinged ventilation window on the left-hand side of and adjacent to the windscreen, in such a position that the centre of the label is not more than six inches from the bottom left-hand near-side corner of the windscreen or the window, as the case may be, and so that the front of the label faces towards the front of the near side of the motor vehicle."

The old regulation required the label to be fitted to the windscreen, and did not include the ventilation window.



"I DONT KNOW WHY YA LOOK SO SCARED MATE, THERE'S NO BEAR"

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for October

Flowers:

SOW- Amaranthus, Antirrhinum, Aster, Balsam, Coreopsis, Celosia, Dahlia, Carnation, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Marigold (French and African), Nasturtium, Phlox drummondii, Petunia, Portulaca, Rudbeckia, Salpiglossis, Salvia, Scabiosa, Sweet Pea, Zinnia.

PLANT- Antirrhinum, Aster, Dahlia, Carnation, Dianthus, Phlox drummondii and Compacta, Petunia, Salvia, Zinnia.

Vegetables:

SOW- Beet, Butter Beans, Carrot, Onion, Peas, Parsnip, Parsley, Swede Turnip, Cabbage, Celery, Egg Plant, Capsicum, Leek, Tomato, Cucumber, Melon, Pumpkin, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard, Radish.

PLANT- Tomato, Herbs, Potato.

Summer flowering annuals can be planted this month, but remember that Marigolds, Zinnias, Salvia, Dahlias and a few other varieties are subject to frost, so keep a careful watch, particularly after cold, windy days such as we have been experiencing recently. Cultivate carefully between young plants to keep the weeds down, as weeds always seem to grow much faster than plants. Finish planting herbaceous perennials such as Penstemons. Watch for Aphids on Roses and Camellias and spray with D.D.T. to destroy these.

Choose the warmest place in the vegetable garden to plant early tomatoes and be prepared to protect them from frost, if necessary. Sweet Corn may be planted at the end of this month in rows 3 to 4 feet apart, 10 to 12 inches between the plants, and 1½ inches deep. A good, sweet, deep, well-manured soil is best for this crop.

Many species of small birds are very busy in the garden just now, some nest-building, whilst others are busy searching for aphids, caterpillars, beetles and snails. Watch a Willy-Wagtail or a Silver-Eye collecting aphids from a Rose Bush and you will realise why they are called "gardeners' friends"!

This month our wild flowers are in full bloom. Take a walk in the "bush", learn the names of some of these and teach your children to admire and protect them for future generations!

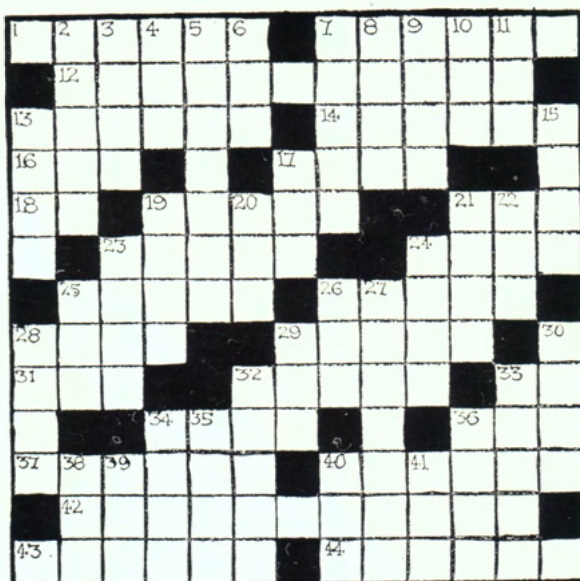
Problem Page

Whilst quite a few entries were received for this problem clue No. 29 down trapped quite a few people and narrowed the field down considerably. Even so a draw from the hat was still necessary to decide the winner — Bill Brooks of the Power House.

PROBLEM No. 68

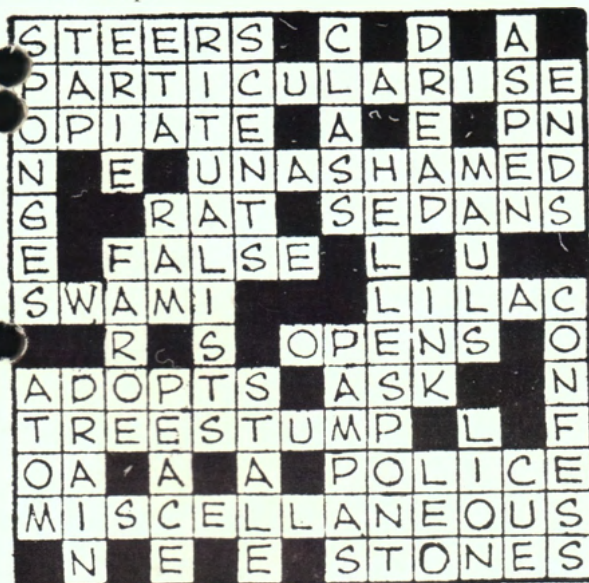
ACROSS

1. Shuns
7. Cake (Fr.)
12. The study of birds
13. Abundance
14. Statement
16. Fish
17. Periods
18. Since
19. Form
21. Anger
23. Birds
24. Instrument
25. Conflict
26. Once more
28. Objective
29. Species of Iris
31. Terminate
32. Plants
33. Commanding Officer (Abbr.)
34. Independent
36. Animal sound
37. Fixed allowance
40. Species of monkey
42. Unite into one
43. Bib
44. Rope



DOWN

2. Rodents
3. City in U.S.S.R.
4. Public house
5. Trenches
6. Pen of swine
7. Swallow greedily
8. Nautical term
9. Upper ends
10. Self
11. Scottish river
13. Used for fuel
15. Pour
17. Imitate
19. Confirm
20. Powdery residue
21. Flower
22. Move swiftly
23. Pleased
24. Raised floor
25. Study carefully
26. Exist
27. Weapon
28. Harness
29. Mineral
30. Benefit
32. Singer
33. A hail
34. Discover
35. Ascended
36. Insect
38. Card
39. Part of the foot
40. Morsel
41. Flat club



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
MARULAN - BERRIMA - MEDWAY - SYDNEY

General Manager's Notes

Over the past twelve months I have noticed a deterioration in the cleanliness of the plant, not so much in the areas where we walk everyday, but in the not so well frequented corners such as the feed ends of the mills, around the back of the limestone storage area and many other such positions.

I have been told that we have been very busy getting No. 5 kiln into operation and doing other work and that we are short of labour. However, if we all put our rubbish in the proper receptacles and cleaned up our own debris after doing a job, we would not need an army of labourers to clean up after us.

A concerted effort is required by all to keep the plant as tidy as we do our homes which makes it a much safer place to work as well as more pleasant.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Once again we are rapidly approaching the end of another year and how those weeks seem to fly as the end draws near! However, even though we are well into November, Old Man Winter seems reluctant to leave us alone and fires are still the order of the day in most homes. The old saying that in this district we have six months of winter and six months of cold weather seems to be proving true this year.

It is very disappointing to see our Safety figures at Berrima have taken a turn for the worse in the last month. The last three accidents have placed our total for the year as far back as we were two years ago. Let us try not to let it get any higher. The Marulan boys are again showing us the way with well over 90 days on the Board at the time of going to press. Congratulations boys and let us hope it is catching!

No doubt, with the approach of the festive season, most of us will be attending a round of parties in the next few weeks but please keep in mind the effect a few drinks have on our driving capabilities. The number of accidents on our roads is increasing year by year and statistics show that in most accidents alcohol was a contributing factor. I can think of no surer way to bring a family's happiness to an end than to have one or more of its members killed or injured in a road accident.

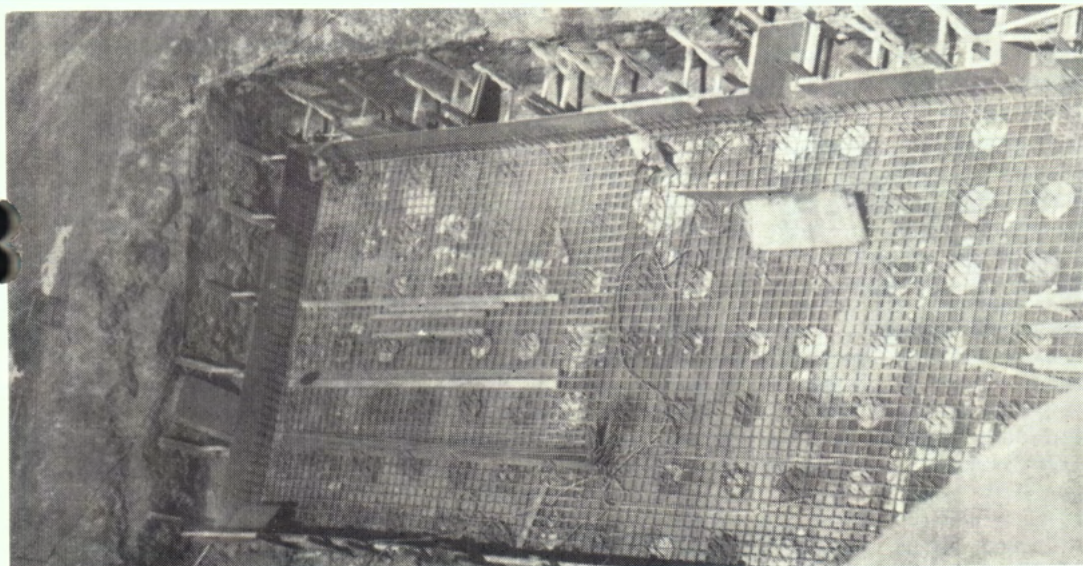
So just remember petrol and alcohol make a bad mixture and besides it tastes b awful.

Yours until next month,

THE EDITOR.

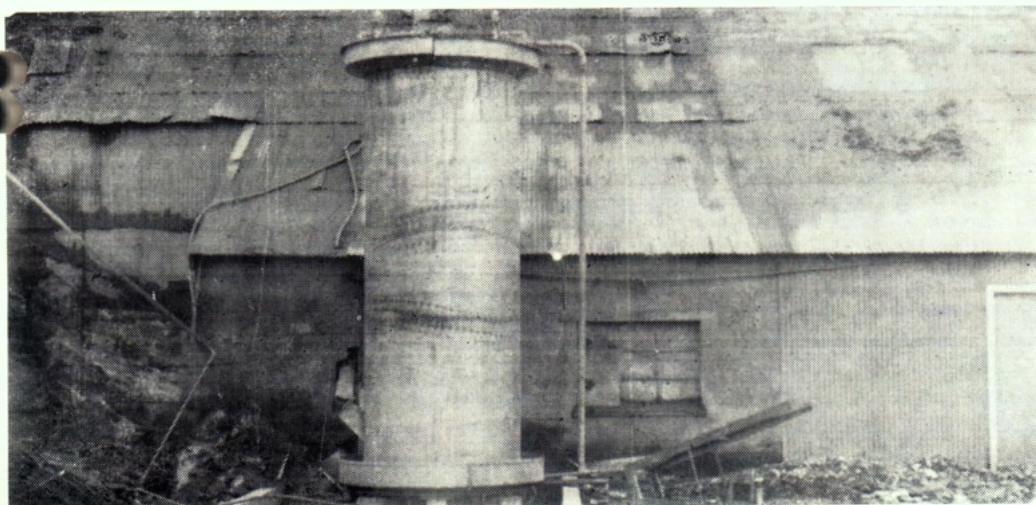
Plant Jottings

Work on the new cement silos is progressing at a good pace. The excavations have been completed and all the piles are now in place. The contractors are currently engaged in setting up the reinforcing steel for the foundation slab and we should see concrete being poured in this area in the next few weeks.



Cement Silos

Another extension at present under way is the installation of a cement cooler to cool the cement from Nos. 3 and 4 mills. When this equipment goes into operation it will result in much cooler cement going into the silos and subsequently to our customers.



Cement Cooler

SAFETY NEWS Berrima Works

October knocks us over — again.

How many employees remember when attending the weekly safety meetings last year, hearing the words "Okkertober knocked us over"? This was said in reference to the number of accidents which occurred in October, 1962, when six lost time injuries were recorded.

Last month three injuries were responsible for putting employees off work. Two of these were limestone unloaders who suffered similar injuries as a result of being struck by iron bars whilst unloading stone. The third was a navy driver who received an electric shock.

And so the number of lost time injuries this year has overtaken those of last year. Have you noticed our graph lately? It is pointing northwards again, for the first time since 1958. Have another look at it and make sure you will not cause it to go any higher.

The last series of Safety Meetings for this year has now commenced and the film being shown is titled "Don't be Strained", produced by the Department of Labour and Industry. Don't miss it.

At the end of October the position of the various Safety Groups was as follows:

Apprentices 331 days without a lost time injury.

Production 'A' 375 "

'B' 202 "

'C' 2 "

'D' 396 "

Maintenance 115 "

Electrical 613 "

Power House 757 "

Stockhouse 38 "

General Office, Works Office and Laboratory, 1,354 days.

Apprentice News

Berrima apprentices are currently engaged in a project which, when it is completed, should create quite a lot of interest in a good many circles. It is a scale working model of our No. 5 kiln.

All trades will have a hand in its manufacture and all work will be done by apprentices.

The carpenters are making the foundations and stacks and some of the other smaller

supports, the fitters and turners are making the shell and running gear, whilst the electricians are looking after the electrical components and the painters will put the finishing touches to the model.

Quite a lot of work has been done to date but still a lot has to be done before the model goes on display at the Berrima District Show.

Entertainment Fund

Members of the Entertainment Fund Committee have been busy over the past weeks putting the finishing touches to the loco which will be used to haul the train at the picnic on Sunday, 29th November.

Whilst the Fund has over 150 members, the bulk of the work has been carried out by a staunch few. On the day of the picnic there will be a lot of work to be done, so when

you are approached by the Committee to help out don't be afraid to "have a go." If everyone does his share it will be no effort, but if all the work is left to one or two then it becomes a lot of hard work for these members.

Remember the picnic is primarily for the children, but if everyone helps we can all enjoy the day.

To Darwin and Back

Alice Springs to Darwin to Mount Isa

Leaving Alice Springs we headed north along "The Bitumen" as the Stuart Highway from Alice to Darwin is known. This is a fine bitumen highway, 950 miles long, improved during the war to rush troops to Darwin to meet a threatened Japanese invasion and is named after John MacDonald Stuart, who was the first man to cross the continent from south to north.

● Around Alice the timber is very small and sparse but as you travel north it gradually thickens until you reach the dense tropical vegetation around Darwin. Near Alice there are also numerous small ant hills from six inches to a foot high which also increase in size as you go north and in the vicinity of Adelaide River they become the famous Magnetic Anthills up to twenty feet high.

The first day out from Alice we passed through quite a few small towns, Aileron, Ti-Tree Well, Barrow Creek and Wauchope and camped that night at Tennant Creek some 300 miles north of Alice. Along the side of the road can be seen Central Mount Stuart marking the approximate geographical centre of the continent and also the "Devil's Marbles", some 60 miles south of Tennant Creek, which is the centre of a rich gold mining area with quite a few mines to be seen in the hills surrounding the town.

● Next day we again headed north, passing the memorial to "Flynn of the Inland", at the junction of Stuart and Barkly Highways some 15 miles north of Tennant Creek. The Stuart Highway travels mainly along level country for hundreds of miles and through such towns and stations as Banka Banka, Elliott, Newcastle Waters, Daly Waters, Larrimah and Mataranka. We camped alongside the Katherine River just outside the town, having covered some 414 miles from Tennants Creek in ten hours. The further north we travelled the hotter the temperature became until, on reaching Katherine, we were able to enjoy a swim and a bath in the river at 9 o'clock at night. This was the first good stream we had encountered since leaving Adelaide, and it was

in the Katherine Gorge, some twenty miles from the town, that scenes were shot for the film "Jedda."

We left Katherine next morning with a run of 216 miles in front of us to Darwin. We soon left the level country and passed through some hilly stretches to Pine Creek, Hayes Creek and Adelaide River. From here there was plenty of evidence of the thousands of troops stationed in this area during the war. Remains of the old army camps and air strips are to be seen along the roadside and at Adelaide River itself is a very beautiful and well-kept War Cemetery where many of the men killed in this area are buried.

North of Adelaide River you pass the Uranium Mine at Rum Jungle and also the Mantam Dam which supplies water to Darwin. Nearer Darwin the hospital at Berrimah is passed and on entering Darwin itself such suburbs as Fannie Bay, Parap, Stuart Park, Nightcliffe and Temira are passed. The temperature in Darwin was in the low 90's with a fairly high humidity so it was possible to swim at any of the attractive beaches around the town. The surf on these beaches cannot compare with our local beaches, but a rise of twenty feet in the tides is not uncommon.

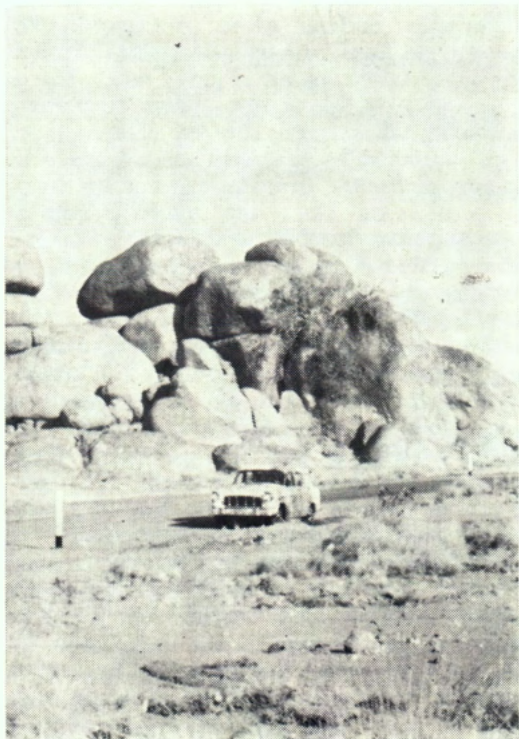
In the town many fine buildings have been erected to replace those destroyed in air raids during the war. The Post Office, several bank buildings and new churches are to be seen and at Bagot Road is a modern airport where planes on international air routes arrive and leave for overseas. After a pleasant stay in our northernmost capital we turned south for our return trip and had to retrace our steps the 625 miles to Tennant Creek to join the Barkly Highway to Mount Isa.

On the way back to Tennant Creek we camped at Katherine and Daly Waters and also enjoyed a very pleasant swim in the mineral springs at Mataranka. Arriving at Tennants Creek early in the afternoon of the third day from Darwin, we stocked up with supplies for the run across the Barkly Highway to Mount Isa. We camped that night at

Frewema some 80 miles along the road and next day set off on the 320 miles run to Mount Isa. The road across flat open plain with twenty miles or more without a curve.

Some of our biggest cattle stations are passed along this road, Brunette Downs and Avon Downs being the largest. The homestead at Avon Downs is a small township with its own police station, stores, stockmen's quarters and maintenance sheds. The run

from Avon Downs to Camooweal is across flat level plains with not a tree in sight, the only signs of life being the occasional stockman and grazing mobs of cattle. From Camooweal the country becomes undulating and finally hilly before Mt. Isa is encountered on the banks of the Leichhardt River. The town itself has a population of 15,000 with its main industry the copper mine which supplies a large percentage of the copper used in Australia.



The Devil's Marbles, Tennant Creek, N.T.



Adelaide River War Cemetery, N.T.

Let's Laugh

A gang of sharp city slickers had a go at counterfeiting. Somehow they found themselves with a large batch of £8 notes. After a long discussion they decided to pass them off on the "ignorant bushmen" out west.

At the first stop at a country store, one man made a purchase of £1/14/0 and handed over an £8 note. To his surprise he was handed his change promptly — two £3 notes and a 6/- coin.

A book salesman decided, after twenty years, to turn to selling vacuum cleaners. His first prospect was a sceptical housewife—

"Are you sure this machine will gather up every single bit of dirt?"

"Lady," said the salesman earnestly, "I ran this cleaner over a copy of 'Lady Chatterly's Lover' only yesterday and when I was finished it was Louisa Alcott's 'Little Women.'"

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

An item of interest which appeared in a recent issue of "Recreation", Stewarts & Lloyd's magazine, was the retirement on 22nd May of William Rutter.

"Bushy Bill" Rutter as he was better known to his workmates was a member of the stock-house crew for many years until he left S.P.C. in 1947 to work for S. & L. at Newcastle. He is a brother of Wilf Rutter, machine shop assistant foreman.

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At a meeting of the S.P.C. Entertainment Fund members it was decided to hold the Dinner Dance for those members who are subscribing to this function, at the Berrima School of Arts on 22nd January. Anyone wishing to have further particulars is asked to contact Reg Ellis, Bill Strong or any member of the committee.

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Reg and Mrs. Ellis had a pleasant surprise recently on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary when their daughter, Margaret, rang them from London to wish them happiness for the occasion.

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Bill Remington, Machine Shop, is back in the job after a month off sick.

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Congratulations to Bill Poland on his recent marriage.

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Three other members of the Machine Shop staff have taken their holidays recently; they are Tom Waide, J. Pawlak and A. Namavirs.

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Brian Duff, Power House, intends taking the plunge into the sea of matrimony on 21st of this month. All the best Brian.

It is good to see Cec Warner back on the job after nearly two years off through illness.

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Russ Greaves, Laboratory, our fishing correspondent, is off on holidays to the North Coast to try out some of the fishing spots up that way. We will be interested to hear how the north compares to our south coast for fishing.

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Mark Jones, General Office, is back home after a spell in a Sydney hospital. Let us hope it won't be long before you are back at work again, Mark.

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Mrs. Fraser, Works Office, has decided to take two weeks of her annual leave.

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J. Dombroski, Machine Shop, has had a week off work through illness.

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Joe Kennedy, Power House, is at present on annual leave. Rumour has it that Joe is spending his leave in sunny Welby.

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Jim Mitchell, Chief Engineer, is another one to take his leave at this time of the year. We understand several other members of the engineering staff applied for leave at the same time.

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COLLIERY

Congratulations to John and Mrs. Murchie on the birth of a daughter, Kerry Francis, on 1st October.

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Bill Beaton's daughter June has taken up the nursing profession. Best of luck in your new venture June.

MARULAN

The family and friends of Mrs. Mick Cosgrove, senior, gave her a surprise party recently to celebrate her birthday.

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We regret to record the death of Mrs. Keith Graham's father. He had been in ill-health for some months and died in Narrandera.

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Latest addition to the quarry equipment is a Caterpillar Loader 988 — a giant size end loader. It has a bucket capacity of more than six tons and with pneumatic tyres is capable of moving from one part of the quarry to the other end at high speed. An instance of its versatility can be gauged recently when one of the Menck shovels was out for repairs. The 988 loaded 1,000 tons of stone in the couple of hours — an amount which otherwise would have been lost.

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Claude Peachey and family spent a few days in Sydney during their recent holidays.

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Mrs. Cluney's mother recently returned to her Hornsby home after a holiday at Marulan South. She said she felt invigorated by the cool mountain air. Which proves a truism that one must be healthy to live through the Marulan South winters.

L.H. Powderman Roy Clack is back at work after a spell on the sick list.

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Alec McMurtrie, shift foreman, spent two weeks leave in the Coffs Harbour district. Mac retires in April after some 33 years at the quarry. Another who will sign off for the last time in April after some 27 years is Tom Sharkey.

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We are pleased to report that Mrs. Jack Read is improving after a recent operation.

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Congratulations to Jack Scahill and Robyn on the birth of a son. Also to Mick and Mrs. Pidgeon on the arrival of a son.

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Marulan South businessman Mr. Les Cooper attended the annual Local Government Association Conference in Albury late last month. Mr. Cooper has been a Mulwaree Shire Councillor continuously for more than 30 years during which period he has been several times President.

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Power cable recently dug up at the quarry after 37 years was revealed to be in a perfect state of preservation. Laid in 1927, it supplied power for the old bins. The fish oil on the copper wiring was hardly discoloured and close examination showed that the wires were as good as the day they left the factory.

MORE LAUGHS

Item in a Washington, D.C., gift shop — "For the Man Who Has Everything: A calendar to remind him when the payments are due."

Medical Student: "I want to change the death certificate I gave you yesterday."

Professor: "Why?"

Medical Student: "I signed my name in the space marked cause of death."



CRICKET

S.P.C. lost their second match of the season outright to Moss Vale Colts. They scored 94 and 102 in their innings whilst Moss Vale scored 177 and 2 for 25. Best scorers in the first innings were L. Veal with 57 and C. Boyd with 18. In their second dig J. Cupitt scored 47 and C. Boys 20. In the bowling J. Cupitt took the honours with 6 for 16 whilst L. Veal and R. Lewis took four wickets each.

At the end of the first day in their match against Bundanoon, S.P.C. was in a handy position with a score of 99 and having Bundanoon 6 down for 45. Top scorers for S.P.C. were J. Clarke with 21 and N. Wallis with 17 not out. B. Woodhouse was the destroyer in Bundanoon's innings taking 3 wickets for 24, whilst R. Vincent and J. Clarke took the remaining three.

S.P.C. have the makings of a competition winning team, on present form, but unless they field a full team for each match they cannot expect to win, so all players are urged to turn up for their matches and not let their mates down.

BOWLS

Quite a few S.P.C. bowlers have won their matches in both the pairs and singles rounds of the various competitions. Doug Crowe and Archie Brown beat Jim Dray and Col Davies in their round of the Wallis pairs whilst Fred Armstrong and partner won their round in the same competition.

In the club singles Harold Sheather, Bill Foodey, Doug Crowe and Johnny D'Adam all won their respective rounds whilst in the Marshall singles Bill Foodey won his round and Sid Hurst beat Bill Townsend.

GOLF

No S.P.C. player got into the winning list at Bowral Country Club in the past month, but at Moss Vale one or two managed to get a leg in. On 24th October Kev Howard won the par event one up from Bill Poland; the following day Bill was again runner-up in the stroke event.

Bert McIntosh and Ron Budden managed to collect a ball each in the recent ball comp. with scores of 68 and 67 respectively.

Tom Chalmers, of Crooks, Mitchell, Peacock and Stewart, won the Stableford event with 38 points in the Legacy Day golf.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Marulan Rifle Club's 57th annual dinner at Marulan South was an outstanding success. Visitors and guests came from many parts of the district, including as far away as Sydney and Canberra. It was agreed that the display of trophies was a tribute to the popularity of the club. More than 80 were presented. Catering arrangements were capably carried out by Marulan C.W.A. branch and everyone present voted it an excellent evening.



HOCKEY

Marulan women's hockey team finished third in the competition. They were defeated by All Golds (Goulburn) in the premiership after showing outstanding form in the semi-finals and the minor premiership rounds. Picture shows, *back row, left to right:* Kathleen Weston, Jeanette Daly, Christine Murphy, Jeanette Shepherd, Robyn Phillips, Christine Feltham, Carol Pearson. *Front:* Judy Sloane, Wendy Latham, Vicki Anderson, Jeanette Vaughan and Julie Martin.

WHYALLA - AN OASIS

(By B. Creswick)

An oasis of industry can well be ascribed to Whyalla, about 240 miles by road and 150 air miles from Adelaide. For it is the centre of the famous B.H.P. ship-building and steel making industry.

Rapid development of the city has taken place since 1958 and its population is now about 18,000 with an estimated increase to 25,000 by the 1970's. Local Government affairs are controlled by a Commission of seven members which was established in 1945. The chairman is principal executive officer and carries out the duties of mayor and town clerk. He is appointed by the South Australian Government. Three of the Commissioners are elected by ratepayers and three are appointed annually by the B.H.P.

Whyalla was proclaimed as a city in 1961 and has already 100 miles of named streets, which are being extended each year according to a detailed scheme. Sporting activities are well provided for, and in addition there is a beach where swimming is a favourite pastime, depending on the mood of the Spencer Gulf tides.

A major point of interest is the B.H.P. "Hematite" Dairy where part of the city's milk supply is produced. The herd consists of Friesian cattle which have adapted themselves well to the desert-like conditions. A yearling bull bred at "Hematite" received the championship award in its class at the 1963 Royal Adelaide Show, and was later sold at the show stud sales for a record price of 800 guineas. The dairy is open to visitors and each year hundreds see the model dairy.

Water is supplied by pipeline from the Murray and town gardeners are able to make a good show with their shrubs and trees. B.H.P. Nurseryman Frank Stirling, who at one time lived in the Mittagong district, has a most extensive and interesting variety of plants and trees. His citrus fruits are magnificent.

Water has made the nursery an institution in Whyalla and it supplies hundreds of trees each year for planting in the streets. And yet, once the city outskirts are left behind there are miles and miles of flat, desolate country covered by saltbush and stunted mulga scrub.

The road to Iron Knob, 34 miles away, was very rough when I was there in October. But a new road is being formed and sealing is expected to be completed early in the new year. Iron Knob rises like a sentinel from the flat uninteresting plain to a height of about 1,500 feet; farther to the north-west is Iron Baron which is being developed and the ore sent to Whyalla and Port Kembla. About a mile from the village to the north passes the main road between Adelaide and Perth—a thin ribbon of dust which fades into the saltbush and reappears only when a car hoves into sight. It is little wonder to the visitor that motorists describe this road as a horror stretch.

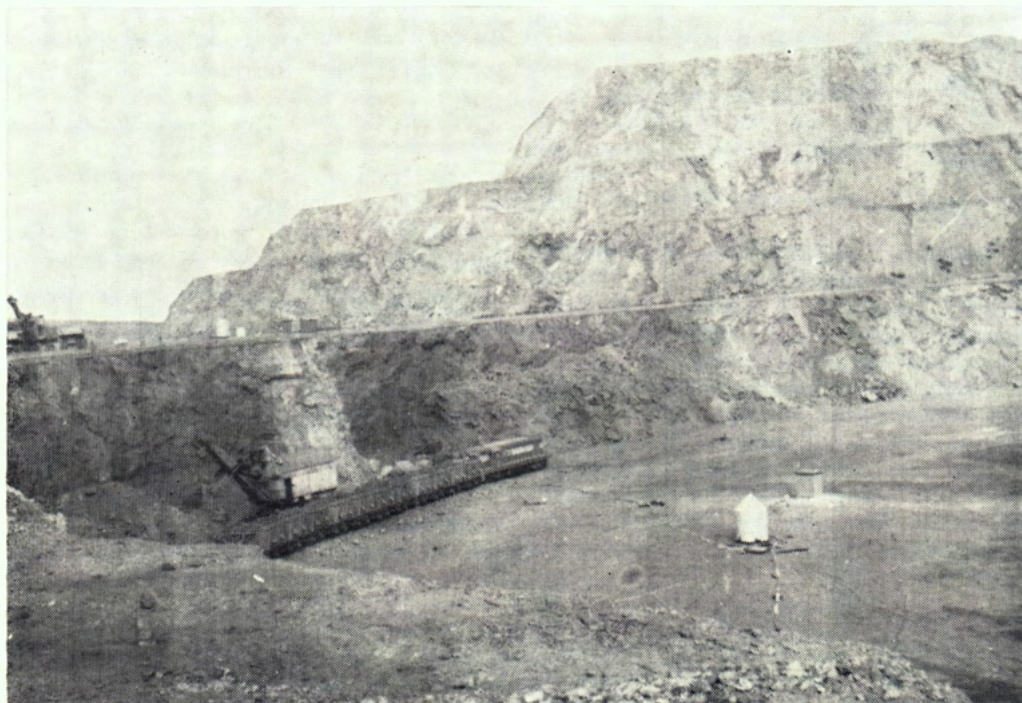
Iron Knob quarry is similar in many respects to our limestone quarry at Marulan—it has 50 ft. benches, three shifts a day, much the same daily routine with maintenance, etc., quarry transport and safety matters. Officer-in-Charge "Hogie" Carmichael said the daily output was 11,000 tons of iron ore and 8,000 of mullock or overburden. The ore is sent by fast diesel loco to Whyalla where it is used

in the local blast furnaces, or shipped to Port Kembla or Newcastle.

Mr. Carmichael said about 60 million tons of ore had been won from Iron Knob and an estimated 50 million tons remains. The work force is about the same as Marulan — 180 with staff. The settlement of Iron Knob has a population of 900, again an oasis in miniature with gardens, a fine swimming pool and flourishing trees. I was surprised to see the cattle and sheep in the area looking so well.

Mr. Carmichael said that six million gallons of water were used each month to wash ore before it is trucked to the seaboard. This water also is pumped from the Murray. The B.H.P. have a fine hostel in the village, company houses are rented for 15/- weekly while the South Australian Government Commission is building some. There is a miniature zoo and the people there are contented; they visit Whyalla for their shopping and there are sporting competitions.

Next month I will tell you some of my impressions of the shipyards and steelworks at Whyalla.



Iron Knob Quarry

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



It is only recently that the punt has been motorised. Prior to that the operator would the punt wire and winched it across and for many years Johnny toiled at this, but on numerous occasions the eager fishermen were only too happy to lend a hand on the winch. He had a large family of children and them, as well as their mother, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Hot off the press is Bobby Friend's information that the latest aid to frustrated fishermen is the electronic fish caller. I have not seen it yet, but it is lowered into the water where fishing is in progress and they just can't resist them — I bought one of each!

As far as I can determine no one has ventured to the usual fishing spots during the month. There are indications that some preparation is going on — especially in my case as I am just about ready for the far North Coast. The scouts say that the fishing business is very slack up there but a friend enclosed a magazine clipping to his last letter to me and this showed a chap hanging on to a fair-sized jewie! This was caught right on the spot I intend to try. However, time will tell.

Those fishermen who have patronised Comerong Island in the past will be sorry to learn of the recent death of the punt-master, John Collins, or "Johnny" to everyone, who was always on hand to transport the expectant fisherman across the canal.

The G.M. reports good fishing in Tantangara Dam on the upper reaches of the Murrumbidgee River. However, you needed be rugged up like a polar bear to withstand the cold weather. The trip was made early in the month with Messrs. Peacock, Lowe and Giddy of our Consulting Engineers. It rained all the way from Berrima to Tantangara and when the rain stopped it snowed, which made camping rather chilly.

Both brown and rainbow trout were biting well and it was noted that the small fish thrown back on a visit last year were now a good size, mostly from 1½ to 2 lbs.

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for November

FLOWERS:

SOW: Amaranthus, Antirrhinum, Aster, Balsam, Coreopsis, Celosia, Convolvulus, Cosmos, Dahlia, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Gomphrena, Helianthus, Marigold (African and French), Nasturtium, Phlox Drummondii, Portulaca, Salpignossis, Salvia, Scabiosa, Sweet Pea, Sweet Sultan, Zinnia.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Carnation, Phlox, Salvia, Zinnia.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Beet, Beans (French, Dwarf and Butter), Carrot, Okra, Parsley, Peas, Sweet Corn, Spinach, White Turnip, Cabbage, Capsicum, Egg Plant, Leek, Tomato, Cucumber, Melon (Rock and Water), Pumpkin, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Lettuce, Cress, Mustard, Onion, Radish.

PLANT: Lettuce, Beetroot, Tomato, Silver Beet.

This month sees the last of the late-flowering Crab Apples blooming. Flowering Cherries and Crab Apples have been particularly beautiful in the district this year, and have aroused the admiration of all who have seen them.

Lilacs, Weigelas and Brooms are now in bloom, as well as pink and red Flowering Hawthorns.

Remember, if you are not sure when to prune, ALWAYS prune after flowering! This enables the plants to make good growth, ready for the next flowering season.

Roses are at their best this month, so give them a sprinkling of Rose Food or Blood and Bone around the roots, scratching it into the soil. Remove all spent blooms and if possible give the plants a mulching of compost or manure before the really hot weather commences.

Watch for aphids! They are very bad this year! Spray with Rogor 40 to control these.

Plant out Dahlia tubers this month, planting single tubers with a good "eye" on each, in good rich soil.

Remove all Winter-flowering annuals such as Calendulas, Poppies, etc., from the garden, as soon as they have finished blooming. Burn these so that disease is not added to the compost heap. Pansies and Violas will continue flowering for some time yet, and will even flower right through the summer months, here.

Keep the vegetable garden well cultivated to keep down weeds, and add a dressing of liquid fertiliser to the soil, if leafy vegetables are slow in moving.

Potatoes can still be planted and most of the cucurbits (pumpkins, etc.) should be put in now.

Spread baits for slugs and snails.

To control Codlin Moth in Apples and Pears, the Plant Diseases Act requires that trees must be treated as follows:

1. At petal-fall spray with Arsenate of Lead or 0.1 per cent DDT.
2. Repeat first spraying every 21 days until fruit is harvested.
3. Collect all fallen and infested fruit at least once every seven days.
4. Destroy fallen and infested fruit by boiling for ten minutes or by burning.

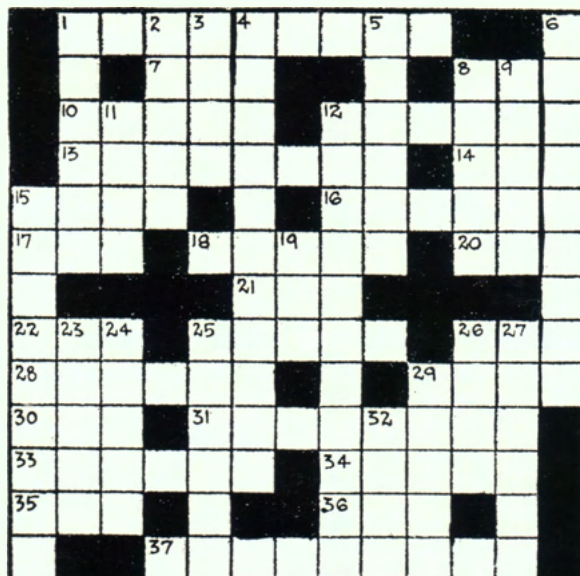
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Problem No. 68 must have been an easy one judging by the number of correct entries received and once again the hat had to be used. Jim Dray, crane driver, was the name to come out.

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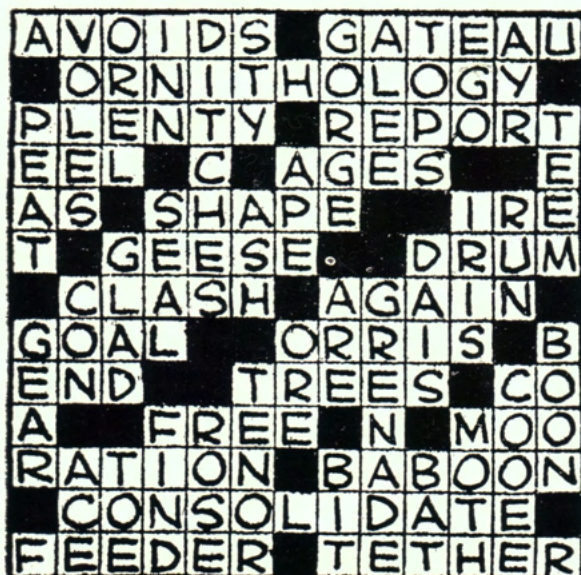
ACROSS

1. Make laws
7. Employ
8. Swallowed
10. Australian animal
12. Riches
13. Speculated
14. Imitate
15. Peruvian race
16. Gushing spring
17. Period of time
18. Dismal
20. Expanse of water
21. Friend
22. Used in fishing
25. Long-legged bird
26. Fasten
28. Shakespeare's King of the Fairies
29. Studies hard
30. Boy's name
31. Connected
33. Willows
34. Hoop
35. Precious jewel
36. Vex
37. Lasting



DOWN

1. Preference
2. Fruit from which jelly is made
3. Land surrounded by water
4. Monstrous ocean animals
5. Merchant
6. Produces
8. Gather
9. Hat
11. At one time
12. Form of insanity
15. Treatise on medicine
19. Aural organ
23. Fat
24. Cotton material
25. Rough in sound
26. Digits
27. Apprentice
29. Strangle
32. Preserve in salt



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✓ *General Manager's Notes*

The year 1964 has been our best ever both in terms of safety and production which has been brought about in no small measure by the loyalty and efforts of our employees whom I wish to thank for a job well done whilst expecting even better results in 1965.

The number of lost time accidents at Berrima and Marulan has fallen to twelve for the year largely due to a magnificent effort by the quarry personnel who are to be congratulated on a big improvement in their attitude to accident prevention.

At Berrima the commissioning of No. 5 kiln in May was the highlight of the year and this unit contributed materially to record production figures achieved from the Works. Here again 1965 looks as though it will be an even better year than 1964 and I, personally, am looking forward to it with keen anticipation.

On behalf of Mr. A. A. Parish, our Chairman, and his co-Directors I extend to you and your families best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

J. F. McNICOL,

General Manager.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

This issue marks the end of the sixth year of publication of the "S.P.C. Newsletter" and at this time it is appropriate to extend a vote of thanks to all the people who give their spare time to contribute to the Newsletter.

Firstly to Mrs. C. Crowe of Berrima whose gardening notes are a regular feature and a great help to all backyard gardeners who are always looking for information and advice to improve their gardens.

Secondly to all the S.P.C'ites whose contributions are gladly received, Rus Greaves for his fishing notes, Barney Creswick and his Marulan helpers, Alan Gutzke, our cartoonist, Ray Galloway for the Colliery news, and Bert Barbutt, Eric Johnson, Bert McIntosh, Les Humphries from Berrima. Also to all those, too numerous to name, who have given us news items from time to time throughout the year and to our typiste, Mrs. Pat Scott and the girls of the General Office who forward the copies to our outside readers.

I would like to also extend a special "thank you" to the people who compiled the editions of the Newsletter whilst I was on leave earlier in the year.

On behalf of all at S.P.C. I would like to extend to all our readers the compliments of the season, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Yours until next issue,

THE EDITOR.

Send off to L. Griffiths

On Monday, 9th November, a gathering of members of the Colliery staff said farewell to Lew Griffiths who has left us to take a position with the Department of Mines on the South Coast.

Lew started with S.P.C. in December, 1949 as Mine Surveyor from which position he was

promoted to Undermanager and on the retirement of Mr. Len Hole in June, 1962, was appointed Colliery Manager.

On behalf of his workmates Bill Hilton presented Lew with an electric coffee percolator as a memento of his time at S.P.C. Colliery.



Safety News

Strange isn't it that we can work safely for a period without any disabling injury and then suddenly, unexpectedly an accident occurs causing time lost from work. Perhaps one or several more disabling injuries occur, all within a short time, such as we experienced during October, then we worked through November safely — minor injuries only having been recorded.

Have you ever thought about this ?? or why a man may constantly require first-aid attention for minor injuries and yet his mate rarely hurts himself at all ??

Is it a state of mind ?? Is it the time of year ?? Or could it be that we do not think ??

Whatever the cause may be let us think a little more whether we are at work, driving along the road or enjoying our leisure. This way we will all enjoy the coming festive season.

SOME THOUGHTS ON SAFETY

Maybe you work in a dangerous location. Maybe you don't.

- If you don't, there's nothing to worry about.
- If you do, maybe you're careful, maybe you're not.
- If you're careful, there's nothing to worry about.
- If you're not maybe you'll have an accident, maybe you won't
- If you do, maybe it'll be serious, maybe it won't.
- If it's not serious, you'll only have a little to worry about.
- If it's serious, maybe you'll die, maybe you won't.
- If you don't die, maybe you'll be sent to hospital, maybe you won't.
- If you go to hospital or not, you'll have plenty of time to think about your carelessness and the trouble, loss of time and money you've caused all concerned.
- If you do die from the result of your carelessness in this world, here's hoping you don't cause any further trouble in the next.

To Darwin and Back

Mount Isa to Moss Vale

We spent a day looking over the mines and the township before setting out across the Western Queensland plains on the next leg of our journey to Townsville.

After travelling some sixteen miles from Mt. Isa we came on to the worst stretch of road encountered on the whole trip, a twenty-four mile detour through gullies and creeks which took us two hours to negotiate mostly in second gear. At Mary Kathleen we again came onto a bitumen road for forty miles to Cloncurry. This was to be the last bitumen we were to see for 400 miles. The road generally runs alongside the railway from Mt. Isa to Townsville and passes through the towns of Julia Creek, Richmond, Huhenden, Pentland and Charters Towers.

Between Pentland and Townsville the country undergoes a rapid change from the dry plains country to the lush tropical growth of the coast, from gum trees to coconut palms, paw paw and mango trees. Townsville is a flourishing city and one of the principal seaports of North Queensland with one of the main exports being sugar which is sent out in thousands of tons each year.

During our stay at Townsville we had a look at the sugar industry which included the largest sugar mill in Australia at Ingham. Here the sugar cane is crushed and the juice extracted and converted into raw sugar. It is not difficult to locate these sugar mills which are dotted up and down the coast from Cairns to the border as the smell of molasses can be noticed for quite some distance. We also took the opportunity to visit Magnetic Island, a popular holiday resort some five miles from Townsville, and here in the tropical setting of the many bays and inlets you can swim, fish or just laze on the sand.

After a pleasant week in Townsville we again set out down the coastal road which is

fully bitumenised but is rough and narrow in places. The stretch from Mackay to Rockhampton is known locally as the "Crystal Highway," and, from the numerous broken wind-screens alongside the road, it is not hard to guess why.

Nearly the whole of the coastal strip of Queensland is used to grow sugar cane and one sees thousands of acres of cane growing as well as trains loaded with cane and raw sugar going to and from the various mills.

At Rockhampton we stayed a few days with the Haubers who were pleased to see us and wanted to hear all the news from S.P.C. During our stay at Rockhampton we visited the Mt. Morgan copper mine and here we met another ex-S.P.C'ite — Fred Sandell who was our Works Accountant some years ago.

A few miles South of Rockhampton we crossed the Tropic of Capricorn for the second time on our trip, the first being a few miles north of Alice Springs on our way to Darwin, this was an indication that we were now on the last leg of our journey. Quite a lot of work has been carried out on the road recently and it was a pleasure to drive on after the sections further north. We stayed one night in Maryborough, the home of another ex-S.P.C'ite, Leon Izzard, but we were not able to see him.

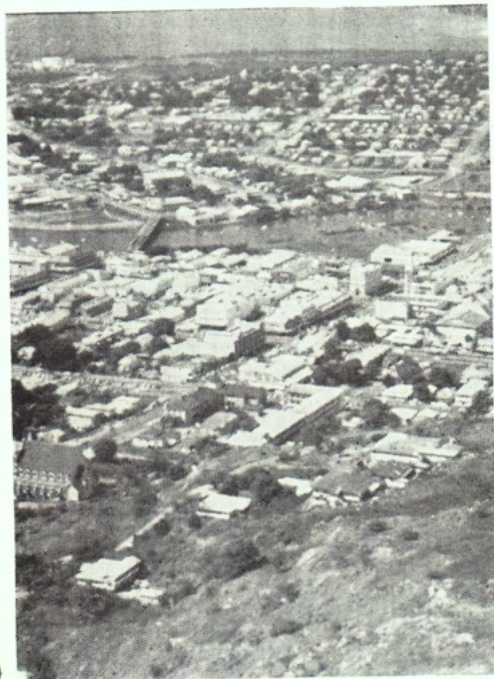
Next day we moved on again and at Nambour could not resist buying strawberries from a roadside stall at 2/6d per pound. We reached Brisbane to find all the shops shut for the Exhibition holiday and next morning woke up to the biggest frost we had seen since leaving home, and the coldest morning Brisbane has had for twenty years.

Our trip then took us through the Gold Coast and back into New South Wales at Tweed Heads. Sugar cane could still be seen growing alongside the road until we reached Grafton.

South of Grafton the cane gave way to banana farms on the hillsides and these in turn to the hardwood forests of our North Coast. After a few days spent with friends in Newcastle and Sydney we arrived back at Moss Vale on the 20th August.

Following are a few statistics of our trip which may prove interesting —

Mileage by car, 6,392; train, 753; air, 470. Total mileage 7,615. Petrol used, 227 gallons at a cost of £49/17/4. Average price for petrol, 4/4 per gallon. Total time for trip, 9 weeks.



Shipyards by the Shore

(By B. CRESWICK)

Whyalla shipyards are built on what was once a mudflat beside Spencer Gulf. The city of Whyalla is about a mile away and the steel-works about a mile in another direction. The organisation is well planned and fascinating to the visitor. Iron ore is quarried at Iron Knob 34 miles away, the ore is treated and the steel rolled nearby and much of the fabrication of the ships is carried out a couple of hundred yards away.

Although steel has been made from iron for many centuries, it is only 100 years since a way of mass producing steel was discovered; until then only small amounts were made. Steel is an alloyed form of the metal, iron. It is stronger and less brittle.

Australia is still a young nation, but she was far younger — only 60 years old — when the first iron was made here. In 1848 a group of pioneers built at Mittagong the Fitzroy Iron Works — Australia's first. It was operated on and off until 1886. Meanwhile, another iron-works had been established in 1875 at Lithgow. It also faced many difficulties and its blast furnace was stopped in 1882. However, the Lithgow works carried on to re-roll old iron rails, and in 1886 Will Sandford, who had been running the Fitzroy Iron Works, closed them down and became manager of the Lithgow Works.

Under his direction the works were steadily expanded. A landmark was reached in 1900, when the first steel ever made in Australia was produced in a small open hearth furnace.

In 1908, these works were purchased by C. and G. Hoskins, of Sydney, and eventually operations were transferred to Port Kembla in 1928. The first company to begin mass production of iron and steel in Australia was the B.H.P. Ltd., which became Australia's largest industrial enterprise. By constant attention to efficiency, Australia's manufacturing industries have been able to buy Australian steel for many years well below the cost of imported steel. The same degree of efficiency is to be seen at Whyalla steel works which is still under construction.

We were fortunate to be allowed to inspect the Musgrave Range, a cargo vessel which had its sea trials during the last two weeks in October. Nearby, another vessel of 47,000 tons is fast taking shape and it is hoped to launch her early in 1965. She will be the 48th ship built at Whyalla. About 3,000 are employed at the shipyard and steelworks and it takes about a year to build a ship from the laying of the keel to the launching ceremony. Fitting out is another phase. Most of the fittings are made at Whyalla in the most modern workshops.

The crew of 57 in Musgrave Range will live a life of comparative luxury, a far cry from conditions under which crews lived in trading vessels not so many years ago. Each crew member has his own cabin, which is carpeted, a shower is shared by two men; air conditioning, radio, etc., and the various galleys have all the latest cooking appliances, including espresso coffee bars.

Special passages in each side of the ship are provided for the inspection of cargo through an illuminated window. On earlier ships, crewmen suffered many hazards, including the risk of being washed overboard, when walking along the decks in bad weather.

The drawing office at Whyalla is an arrangement of a genius. Component parts are cut into the required shape by means of an electronically controlled cutting implement

from the office. As each part is cut, it is numbered and the thousands of pieces of what appears to be a jig-saw puzzle to the visitor becomes a ship.

Apprentices are trained in work schools in much the same system as at the A.I. and S., Port Kembla, and the Whyalla Technical College. The work of 1st year boilermakers, fitters, carpenters, painters and others appeared equal to the results of fully qualified tradesmen. The training policy is a credit to the organisation.

Safety plays a major role at Whyalla. Encouragement for safer working is emphasised in every possible way. Good housekeeping is a basic reason why the Frequency Rate of seven shillings is so low when it is considered that so many potential hazards exist during the construction of the steel works and the actual day to day work of quarrying, steel making and ship building.

The medical works centre has its own doctor, medical attendants and equipment includes a modern X-ray plant, pathological dept. and medical records section. The safety dept., comprising a Safety superintendent and several safety inspectors, and employment dept. are also located in this building. Superintendent is Keith Richards, who took a leading part in organising the recent B.H.P. Interworks Safety Conference which was the reason for my visit to Whyalla.

The shipyard has several security officers who constantly patrol the area and carefully watch the construction of each vessel. This necessity can be readily understood because of the risk of sabotage. Visitors are allowed to certain parts of the yard, but must be accompanied by a guide. Those who brave the monotonous 240 mile drive from Adelaide are amply rewarded when they see the vast industrial set-up at Whyalla, built on the fringe of some of the most desolate country I have visited, and by the warm hospitality of company officials and the friendly townspeople.

Safety News — Marulan

Safety groups at the quarry are boasting new records. At the end of November, the figures were: Group 1, 376; Group 2, 823; Group 3, 390; Group 4, 458; Group 5, 121;

Group 6, 603, with the plant run at 122 days without a lost time injury. During November Groups 1 and 3 reached a year without a L.T.I. and so far this year there have been two L.T.I.'s compared with 61 five years ago.



S.P.C. Annual Picnic

Sunday, 29th November, once again saw the S.P.C. Picnic under way but this time with a few changes. The biggest and most pleasant change was in the weather for the first time in quite a number of years the day remained fine even though the sun was a bit reluctant to shine.

Another change was in the location as this year the picnic was held at Moss Vale Show-ground instead of Exeter Park, which saved most people the extra travelling.

One of the most popular items with the kids — both large and small — was, without a doubt, the train. In addition to the carriage, which the Committee constructed for last year's picnic, the members had laboured throughout the year, giving many hours of their spare time, to build a loco to pull the carriage and it is indeed a credit to them. It is estimated that during the afternoon the train handled approximately 1,000 passengers both large and small.

Among the athletic events the main interest was, as usual, on the General Manager's Trophy events. For the past few years the Machine Shop have had a tight grip on these events but this year they could only make third place. The final point score in these events was as follows:

Yard, 12; Drawing Office, 8; Machine Shop, 7; Stockhouse 2.

The individual results were:

40 years and over — J. Mitchell (D.O.) 1, T. Waide (M.S.) 2, B. Croese (Yard) 3.

26 Years to 39 Years — M. Clarke (M.S.) 1, W. Hutchins (Yard) 2, L. Lowe (Stockhouse) 3.

Under 25 Years — B. Fletcher (Yard) 1, C. Boyd (M.S.) 2, I. Mackey (D.O.) 3.

Relay — Yard 1, Drawing Office 2, Stockhouse 3.

Tug-O-War — Yard 1, Drawing Office 2.

Of course none of the picnic would have been as successful as it was if it were not for the Committee President Reg Ellis and Secretary Ray South and their willing band of helpers. The hours of hard work, which they put into organising the whole thing, are a credit to them and we congratulate them on a job well done.

The pictures on the accompanying page show better than words can express how much everyone enjoyed themselves.

Let's Laugh

A patient, who was coming out of the ether in the ward after an operation exclaimed audibly: "Thank God that's over!"

"Don't be too sure," said the patient in the next bed. "They left a sponge in me and had to cut me open again."

Just then the surgeon who had performed the operation stuck his head in the door and called out: "Has anybody seen my hat?"

The first patient fainted.

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Doctor: "I can't quite diagnose your case. I think it must be drink."

Patient: "That's all right, Doc. I'll come back when you're sober."

A minister, returning from an early-morning sick call, noticed a parishioner staggering home from the local pub.

"Let me help you to the door," he told the man.

At the door, the tipsy man urged the reverend to come in, but the cleric begged off because of the hour.

"Please, revren, jusht for a minute," he asked. "I want my wife to see who I been out with to-night."

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Thin man: "You say you want to reduce? Why don't you try golf?"

Fat man: "I tried that once, but it's no good. When I put the ball where I can see it, I can't hit it, and when I put it where I can hit it, I can't see it."







Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Congratulations to Joe (Power House) and Mrs. Kennedy on the birth of a daughter a few weeks ago.

Our sympathy to Gary Poland, Carpenters, who was injured in a car accident near Bowral a few weeks ago. Let's hope we see you back on the job soon Gary.

Congratulations to Geoff and Margaret Larsen on the birth of their daughter, Margaret, on 7th November at Bowral Hosptial.

It was goo to see some of the Marulan faces at the S.P.C. picnic at Moss Vale. Keith Graham and Alan Gutzke and their families made the journey. We understand that there was more behind it than just a day's outing, as some of the Marulan folk are thinking of joining up for the 1965 outing.

Some of the Machine Shop crew are taking their holidays at this time of the year. J. Peake and P. Davis have just returned whilst at present enjoying leave is P. Bos.

COLLIERY

Congratulations to Neil and Mrs. Gundry on the birth of a daughter Robyn Dawn on the 25th October.

Bill Hilton has had a busy time during the past few weeks as on the 15th November his daughter, Marian, was married and less than a fortnight later his son, Brian, and his wife presented him with a grandson, Phillip Brian, born on the 27th.

Congratulations to Barry and Mrs. Stafford on the birth of a son, Mark John, on 25th November.

The stork also visited Bobby and Mrs. Ford on 28th November and presnted them with a daughter, Glenda Marie.

MARULAN

We regret to record that Mrs. Jack Read is again in hospital for further surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Fish are biting in the Shoalhaven-Kangaroo Valley junction area. George Rowley and his party recently returned with 16 in the haul some which weighed 1½ lb.

Marulan apprentices Myles Creswick, (Painter), John Hardgrave (Carpenter) and Noel Steffensen (Electrician) are anxiously awaiting the results of their final examination.

Congratulations to Marcia Cluney on passing her final nurse's examination. She is engaged to Alec Koschenow and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cec Cluney.

New starters include Russell Eirth, John Cotterill, Merv Eldridge and Greg Maher.

Maintenance Foreman Tony Cosgrove and family are spending annual holidays at Cronulla. Keith Graham, Peggy and children plan a camping holiday on the Northern Rivers and in Southwest Queensland; while the Jim Galloways are now somewhere between Marulan South and Cairns.

We regret to record the passing of Laurie Feltham, father-in-law of Lionel Clack and grandfather of apprentice Cliff. He worked at the Quarry many years ago before he went to Sydney to live.

Mrs. Trevor Pearson is recuperating after a brief stay in hospital.

Ian Cluney has been appointed to the Department of Territories as a cadet officer and will commence training in Sydney in February. At the end of his traineeship of two years, Ian will be apointed to Port Moresby, Rabaul or one of the other main centres in the islands. Congratulations Ian.

Alec McMurtrie, during his recent holiday — probably the last before he retires — visited Coffs Harbour and went west to the wheat growing country of the north-west. He also had time to view the cotton growing industry, which impressed him greatly.



CRICKET

The story of S.P.C. over the last month seems to be one of defeats caused mainly by a lack of players. In the match against Bundanoon, even with a lead of 35 on the first innings, they were beaten outright mainly through having to bat and field short on the second day, Bob Vincent's 31 being the only redeeming feature of S.P.C. second innings.

The match against Chevalier was the same story. Rain washed out play after only one over on the first day, and when only five players turned up on the second day, S.P.C. Captain J. Clarke was forced to forfeit the match.

At the time of going to press S.P.C. are in a good position against Moss Vale High. S.P.C. first innings produced 70 runs with L. Veal top scoring with 28. They then bundled Moss Vale High out for 58 with L. Veal the chief destroyer taking five wickets for 16. J. Clarke and B. Woodhouse shared the remaining wickets between them. At the close of play on the first day S.P.C. had 16 runs on the board in their second dig for the loss of one wicket.

GOLF

At Bowral Country Club Sam Marshall and Tom Chalmers were the only two to get in the winning list over the past month. In the Legion Cup Competition the No. 1 team of which Sam is a member came out on top whilst during the Ryde-Parramatta visit on the 15th November Sam teamed up with one of the visitors to collect the four ball best ball event with 44 points.

On 21st November Tom Chalmers and another club member were runner-up in the Wheeler Motors Trophy with 42 points.

At Moss Vale Ron Budden scored two wins in recent Stableford events with scores of

34 and 36 points. Kevin Howard and Alan Parker have added to their collection of balls through their efforts in ball competitions recently.

At Bowral Golf Club recently Bert McIntosh and Kev Howard helped Moss Vale to bring home the trophy with their win over their opponents.

TENNIS

New Berrima's Yanna 1 team has entered the second round of the Competition without being defeated. The team is an almost representative S.P.C. team consisting of Jack Dickson, Ian Jones, Alan Talbert, and Alan Jones from the Colliery and Alan Evans from the Training Centre. The ladies being Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Austin.

Yanna II are holding their own but have gone down to the two top teams on their own dry court whilst all the other matches were washed out on those two days. In "Wet" matches each team gains 1 point and a win means two points to the successful team, so they are the unlucky team. Their S.P.C. representative Jim Middleton is ON his game this year.

BOWLS

There are still a few S.P.C. players left in the competitions but most seem to have been eliminated. Amongst those still surviving Sid Hurst has won his round of the Marshall Singles and Tom Lafferty won his round of the minor singles.

Jim Dray and Bill Rutter were members of the team which was beaten in the semi-finals of the Moss Vale Trophy. They now play the losers of the other semi-final to see which teams fill 3rd and 4th places.

THE TIN HARE

The accompanying photo shows another piece of old S.P.C. history. Popularly known as the 'Tin Hare' it was built from one of the original one ton Chev. tipping trucks used in the construction days.

A study of the photo reveals that the original pneumatic tyres were removed and a set of flanged wheels substituted to allow it to run on the railway line. It was mainly used as a means of transportation between the Works and the Colliery and at times, when the roads were impassable, it was the only way to get in or out of the Colliery.

It was also employed to bring trucks from the Junction to the Works in an emergency and at one time hauled three S trucks loaded

with cement bags into the works. After many years of service the original 'tin hare' was replaced with another which was also made from a Chev. truck but the wooden spoked rear wheels were replaced with solid steel wheels.

The second 'tin hare' also gave many years of good service until one day it tried conclusions with the loco and came off second best. It was hauled into the Works and dumped in the paddock behind the wash mills where it remained until it was shifted during the excavations for No. 5 kiln.

It would be interesting to see whether a modern vehicle would stand up to this kind of service.



Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



The water was right, except that it was very cold. I think this was the main cause.

As far as I can gather from folks returning from as far up as Cairns, the same story — very poor fishing. As a matter of fact, I think the fishing in our own particular area is as good as anywhere at the moment. Notwithstanding the fact that Bob Friend gave "The Islands" a try for nought, Ed Tanas landed some nice niggers to 2 lbs. off the jetty at Port Kembla Harbour. He tells me he lost the biggest one. Had a head as big as a shark when seen a foot under the surface of the water. I do not know whether a shark would take a nigger hook but some mighty funny things happen in this fishing business.

Col Reedy landed some nice drummer at the Port also.

Eddie Johns landed two nice yellow belly at Wagga. One 3 lbs. and one 7 lbs. I know there are some good fish inland if one can get on to them. Fred Running landed some nice perch in the Kangaroo River.

I have fished trout at Brindabella, but compared with what is caught there in size today my efforts were very puny. Eddie Johns may give this a go at Christmas. He tells me of a fishing competition at Wagga. The grapevine said that the tagged fish were so well fed before release that no one actually had a chance of a large prize. Plenty of small ones were claimed.

If we can get some good rain now our area should provide good fishing and I wish all a Happy "Xmsh" fish dinner.

During my recent holidays at Crescent Head, which is twelve miles from Kempsey, and incidentally 400 miles from Moss Vale, I can honestly say that the Butcher was only visited once and that was only to vary the diet a bit! Unfortunately the fish caught were small, mainly whiting, however whiting fillets are not hard to take. One evening a neighbour in the Caravan Park fished the "back beach" for five schoolies and two Jewies of 30 lbs. each. Needless to say the word got around that they were on!!

So arming oneself with very large hooks and gaff and plenty of bait, we sallied forth on the following night. Result — not even a bite — not even a mosquito bite — not a sandfly!!

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for December

Flowers :

SOW - Antirrhinum, Aster, Amaranthus, Balsam, Celosia, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Gomphrena, Helianthus (Sunflower), Marigold (African & French), Portulaca, Phlox, Primula, Scabiosa, Salpiglossis, Sweet William, Verbena, Zinnia.

PLANT - Aster, Antirrhinum, Carnation, Petunia, Phlox, Zinnia, Chrysanthemum, Dahlia.

Vegetables :

SOW - Beet, Beans (French, Butter, Climbing), Carrot, Parsnip, Peas, Sweet Corn, White Turnip, Beetroot, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Marrow, Pumpkin, Squash, Water Melon, Rock Melon.

PLANT - Celery, Lettuce, Potato, Tomato,

We have had unusually hot weather and drying winds over the last few weeks, making it very difficult to keep the ground moist and the plants looking happy. Water the garden in the evening while the hot weather lasts, to allow the soil to absorb the moisture while the air is cool.

Plan your gardening this month, so that all the weeds are removed and the beds cultivated before Christmas, allowing time for relaxation over the holiday period.

Spring-flowering herbaceous plants which have finished blooming, may be cut back and manured.

Daffodil bulbs may be moved now, if necessary, and if the foliage has died back. Store these carefully away from snails and slugs. Lift hyacinths and tulip bulbs now, and store in dry sand to which has been added a small amount of a powdered fungicide. Keep green, leafy vegetables moving, with the addition of soluble fertilisers to the soil, every ten days.

Watch for green caterpillars on the cypress hedge and spray with "Bug-geta."

Don't forget to spray Fruit Trees with "Rogor 40" for Fruit Fly, four weeks before the fruit ripens and again three weeks before harvest.

A Merry Christmas to you all !!

GREETINGS PAGE

*Sincere Good Wishes
for a Safe Holiday
Season and a Prosperous
New Year*

L. C. KNIGHT — Works Manager



*Best Wishes for a
Happy Xmas and a Bright
New Year*

S.P.C. WELFARE CLUB



*Seasons Greetings
for Xmas
and the New Year*

S.P.C. CRICKET CLUB

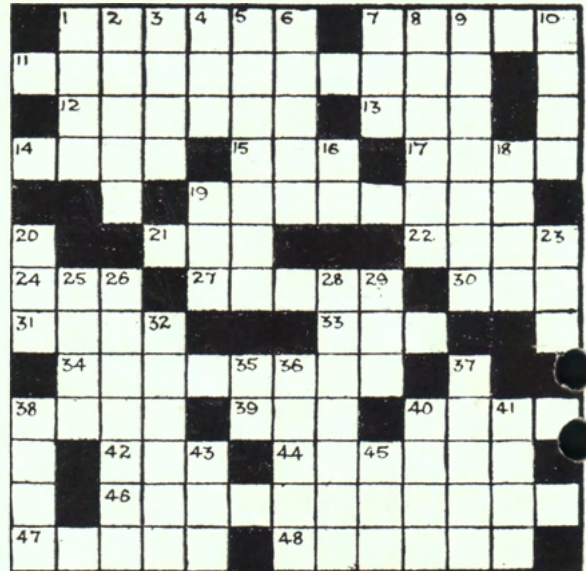


Problem Page

No. 69 must have been a bit harder than usual judging by the number of incorrect entries received. Anyhow a draw was still necessary to decide the winner — Mrs. Jack Feltham of Marulan.

PROBLEM No. 70 ACROSS

1. Poor Man
7. Fish
11. Warlike
12. Having no angle
13. Making and edging
14. Illustrate
15. Wooden vessel
17. Flesh of a calf
19. Neglectful
21. Absent
22. Mix
24. British Expeditionary Force (Abbr.).
27. Animal
30. State
31. Hillside
33. Acknowledgement of debt
34. Flight
38. Dam
39. Mineral
40. Sediment
42. Aeriform matter
44. Guarantee
46. Not applicable
47. Shabby
48. Experimented



DOWN

1. Support
2. English composer
3. Shrine
4. Drink
5. Vex
6. Happen repeatedly
7. Arrange
8. Rogues
9. Certifies as accurate
10. Sinful
16. Exist
18. Continent
19. Young fox
20. Recede
23. Grain
25. Scotch language
26. Tire
28. Quietness
29. Digit
32. Message
35. Depart
36. Splendid
37. Mythical enchantress
38. Succeeds
40. Become
41. Precede
43. Scout
45. Streets (Abbr.).

