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General Manager's Notes

As our General Manager, Mr. McNicol is on annual leave at the time of going to press, there will be no General Manager's Notes in this issue.

We hope he enjoys his well earned rest and will be looking forward to reading his notes in next month's magazine.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

This is the time of year to look back over the happenings of the past year and on to the future to try to guess what the next twelve months have in store for us.

Looking back over the past year we see both good and bad with, on the credit side, the excellent production figures achieved by all departments, the excellent safety record of the Marulan boys and of course one of the highlights being the No. 5 kiln light-up in May.

On the debit side we see the big disappointment in Berrima's safety record as for the first time for quite a few years the number of lost time accidents has grown. Looking at the broader picture, the worst aspect of 1964 was the appalling figure of over 1,000 people killed on the roads in New South Wales and quite a few of these were in our own district.

What do we have to look forward to in the coming year? The experts tell us that sales are booming thus production figures should be bigger and brighter than ever and all departments are starting with a clean sheet safety-wise so we should all do our share to keep it this way. Let us make as one of our New Year's Resolutions that we do our own particular job as safely as we possibly can so that the whole of S.P.C. can go through 1965 without a single lost time accident.

On the roads we can also do our part towards reducing the road toll. Let us remember every time we get behind the wheel of a car that the lives of others, as well as our own, are in our hands.

The best resolution we can make for the coming year is to remember our slogan SAFETY EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME.

Yours until next month,

THE EDITOR

Safety News — Marulan

With two lost time injuries in 1964, the quarry has proved that the safety first campaign is paying rich dividends. All hands are co-operating and we are hoping that 1965 will be free of L.T.I.'s. Group runs at the end of December were: Group 1 (Maintenance) 403;

Group 2, (drivers, shovel crews, drillers) 850; Group 3, (Jackhammermen, powdermen) 417; Group 4 (Plantmen, clerks, labourers) 485; Group 5 (Fettlers, bins crews) 148; Group 6 (Apprentices) 630; and the Plant 149.



Group 3 Leader Cec Cluney and some members of his group who have reached a year without a L.T.I.



Members of Group 1 who are now aiming for their second year without a L.T.I. Group Leader Tony Cosgrove is seventh from the right.

Plant Jottings

The accompanying photo shows a further stage in the erection of the new silos. Of interest is the crane which the contractors are using during the construction, which is a tower crane with a 60 feet jib and the whole crane can be raised as the job progresses. At present the cab is about 50 feet from the ground and can be raised to a maximum height of 190 feet. It is the first time a crane of this type has been used on the Works.



Safety News — Berrima

Another year has passed and safety-wise it was not a good one for the Berrima plant.

Let us now greet the New Year with a resolution to work as safely as possible everywhere at all times. That way everyone will benefit accordingly.

Do you know that this year without a lost time accident on the plant each employee with

service from the beginning of the year would receive 204 bonus coupons? Think what that would be worth and what a nice Christmas box at the end of the year. Also, wouldn't it be good to see our safety flag flying again with 300 days on it and to know that no employee had been disabled or suffered pain from an injury.

The Grass Speaks

BY B. CRESWICK

Surprising though it may seem — hardly credible in fact, the dawning of spring has given the first opportunity of the year for many people to walk on new grass. Stone pavements out of doors and hardwood floors within have been their daily portion for months, to the utter neglect of one of life's many blessings.

Few of these are greater than the blessing of grass, few have greater significance. We may feast our eyes on the paddock when we leave the bricks and mortar behind, and we may tread smooth lawns in our leisure hours when the sun shines or make a cool resting place on the green hillside to rest during a walk, but our understanding of what is the most ubiquitous feature in the country landscape is usually as insufficient as that of writer Walt Whitman in his youth and more romantic poetry; "When a child said; 'What is the grass?' fetching it to me with full hands, how could I answer the child? I do not know what it is any more than he."

True, Whitman hazarded a description of it as the "handkerchief of the Lord, a scented gift and rembracer, designed dropt." And that is how many of us might wish to explain it if we were poets.

Without grass the universal life as we know it would surely perish. Indeed, humanity might never have had a place in creation at all but

for the existence of grass, on whose simple basis the whole Titanic structure of civilisation has been built.

Little wonder the "good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Without them and without cattle mankind would not have prospered — and the flocks and herds are conditioned by grass, all pervading and persistent as the ocean.

And like the ocean, it destroys and renews as well as builds. In this is a further blessing. Subtly the grass hides man's faults, cancels the ugliness with which humanity has temporarily outraged and disfigured the earth.

In a few years time, if grass has the freedom to grow, the worst abomination will be buried under a green wilderness. Carl Sandburg, a later American poet, has an impressive poem in which the grass speaks. "Pile the bodes high in battle," it says "shovel them under and let them work. I am the grass. I cover all."

Two years, 10 years, 20 years, tourists to Kokoda, the Western Desert, Flanders and Greece ask: "What place is this? Where was the battle? Where are the relics now?"

"I am the grass," is the reply,
"I cover all."

Thus may grass become more than a picturesque green handkerchief.

S.P.C. Employee's Welfare Sick & Accident Fund

Your Committee takes this opportunity to wish all employees a happy, prosperous and healthy 1965.

Of interest to all our members are the following figures for the first six months of the financial year, July to December inclusive.

We have dealt with 53 separate sick-pay claims, totalling an amount of £1,360 which compares favourably with £1,376/10/0 for the same period last year.

There can be no doubt about the value of this fund, which can provide amounts as above to those unfortunate enough to lose wages whilst sick. In addition, if you add the Commonwealth Sickness benefits to these claims it

will be found that only a small amount is lost in wages and in some cases nothing is lost.

IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO CLAIM THESE BENEFITS

It will be seen that it is really a 'MUST' to be a member of this fund and all should encourage new starters to join immediately. A full membership is envisaged in the New Year so help us to help all.

To assist you we had a full reprint of the Rules of the above fund in last August's issue of the S.P.C. Newsletter.

F. S. BONNAR,
Chairman.

Apprentice News

On 9th December the prize winning apprentices for 1964, accompanied by Apprentice Training Foreman Bill Saker and Barney Creswick from Marulan, journeyed to Warragamba Dam for an inspection of this latest addition to Sydney's water supply.

It was of special interest to the boys as most of the cement used in the construction of the dam came from S.P.C. The accompanying

photo shows the group in front of one of the notice boards at the dam.

The working model of No. 5 kiln, which the boys are making, is rapidly taking shape and is indeed a credit to them. Hardly a day passes without a visitor coming to inspect the progress being made and it will no doubt attract quite a lot of interest when it is exhibited at the Berrima District Show later this year.



Refinery in the North

BY G. WAGHORN (formerly of S.P.C.)

Copper Refineries Pty. Ltd., is situated at Stuart some eight miles south of Townsville, employs 510, and undertakes to process all the copper produced by Mount Isa Mines Ltd.

The company, formed in 1956, commissioned in 1959, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mt. Isa Mines Ltd., of which the American Smelting and Refining Company of New York have major interests.

In the casting house, blister copper, received from Mt. Isa is melted in a hearth furnace, of

420 short tons capacity, and is then cast every 24 hours into moulds known as "anodes." These are transported by fork lift trucks to the tank house for refining. Anodes are refined by placing in lead lined electrolytic tanks, containing an acid copper sulphate solution to which a heavy direct current is passed. This causes the anode to be dissolved and the pure copper, which is almost 100 per cent. pure, is deposited onto a second electrode termed a "cathode."

Most of the impurities, lead, gold and silver are deposited on the bottom of the tank and form a black sludge. The remaining impurities are carried off into solution. Pure copper cathodes, after removal from the tanks are washed and melted either in another hearth furnace to be cast into wirebars or in an electric induction furnace to be cast into cakes (slabs) or billets (rounds). The majority of wirebars produced here at the refinery at Townsville are sold to wire manufacturers in various parts of the world, while remaining wirebars are rolled into copper rod and extruded into wire here in the company's own rod mill.

Cakes and billets are sold locally and overseas, the cakes being rolled into sheet and strip while the billets are extruded into tubes and other shapes. The rod mill is a Krupp semi-automatic type suitable for rolling wirebar up to 300lb. and is capable of producing $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter black copper rod in 18 passes. The wire drawing equipment available is capable of redrawing to 0.020 in. diameter wire. A substantial amount of drawn wire is stranded into bare copper cable and sold to telephone and

electrical authorities in Australia.

Refined copper produced after commissioning in 1959-60 amounted to 28,000 tons. This figure increased to 68,000 tons for 1963-64. Expansion in the immediate future will lift production to 85,000 tons annually.

Safety here is given quite a deal of attention and is considered to be an important factor for the successful functioning of the organisation. Regular safety meetings, discussions, films and lectures are held.

Posters and safety equipment are displayed at vantage points within the works area. An inter-works safety competition is conducted, the results being displayed on a large notice board at the main entrance.

The expansion programme will increase the casting house capacity considerably. This will in turn cause the Tank House to be further extended to meet demand. All these extensions are scheduled for completion within three years.

The position I hold with the company is Project Engineer. This covers all construction work, civil, mechanical and electrical within the refinery.

In Italy with Margaret Ellis

In the March and June issues of the Newsletter we reported on Margaret's trip to England and some of her tours around England and the Netherlands, now Reg Ellis has kindly let us have a loan of Margaret's latest letter on her recent trip to Italy.

Leaving London she travelled by train and boat across France and Switzerland to Lake Como in Northern Italy from where she travelled by motor coach through the scenic spots of Italy. Her first stop was at Verona where, the legends say, Romeo and Juliet lived and you can see their famous balcony. Verona was also the first of many cities surrounded by a stone wall with gateways leading to the city itself.

From Verona she journeyed to Venice and its famed canals and gondolas. This city can not be entered by road as it is built on 112 islands with the canals the only means of access. Here she saw the first of many cathedrals for which Italy is noted. After passing through a countryside dotted with vineyards her next stop was Florence where the farmers still use the methods of agriculture handed down from generations past. Florence is also noted for its cathedral and the many statues in its squares.

Another walled city, Assisi, was the next stop and this was the home of the patron saint of animals, St. Francis, who is buried in one of its cathedrals. The highlight of the trip was the visit to Rome, the dome of St. Peters being visible for a great distance. During a tour of the Vatican City she saw the famous paintings of Michael Angelo on the walls of the many chapels. Around Rome are many beautiful villas with their gardens and fountains making a scene which is difficult to describe.

She also sampled the night life of the city including a visit to the Opera and some of the many night clubs and of course a tour of Rome would not be complete without a visit to the ancient Roman buildings one of which is the Colosseum.

Leaving Rome she once again visited Naples where she first landed on European soil on her journey from Australia. This time she had a better opportunity to see some of its famous sights including Mount Vesuvius and the excavations at Pompeii. Whilst at Naples she saw the island of Capri with its many beautiful villas along the shore and the Blue Grotto

where the sea sparkles like jewels. Here she had her first swim in the Mediterranean Sea but was not impressed with the cobbled beaches.

The next stop was Pisa to see the Leaning Tower and the cathedrals and from here she travelled along the Italian Riviera where hotels abound the waterfront to accommodate the many holiday makers who come there. Then to the port of Genoa which is the home port of Christopher Columbus and a beautiful mem-

orial is erected there in his honour.

From Genoa she travelled to Milan which is famous for its La Scala opera house and also the painting "The Last Supper" which is in the cathedral. The journey back to Lake Como completed her tour of Italy and she was soon back on the train for London.

Once again thank you Reg for letting us see Margaret's letter to allow us to enjoy her travels with you. We will be looking forward to hearing more from her in the future.

Little Known Copper Mine

A little known, yet reputedly rich copper deposit is situated a few miles along the Shoalhaven River from Marulan South Quarry. The mine, known as Talwong, is located almost beside the river and access is by a bush track from the tableland. It was prospected to some extent before and after the war, but because of its inaccessibility has not been a commercial proposition.

An official report in a N.S.W. Govt. Mining Journal in 1907 by Inspector D. Milne stated: "On the Shoalhaven River, about 15 miles from Sassafras, a party discovered a copper lode showing on the south side of the gorge. The formation can be seen for a distance of about 500 ft., cutting diagonally across the face of the gorge, varying in thickness from one to 10 feet, consisting of bands of ore composed of copper pyrites, galena zinchblende, iron

pyrites and slate rock. Owing to the almost inaccessible position, it will require a very heavy outlay to remove the ore to a suitable site for treatment."

Marulan businessman Len Isdale and the late Harry Weston were among the more recent men to explore the mine with a view to exploitation. But they found that lifting the ore for such a height presented major problems and these made the proposition uneconomical.

Earlier attempts were made by means of a primitive winch to raise the ore, but it was found impracticable.

A mine and the possibility of prospecting and striking it rich will never lose its appeal and bush walkers from many parts descend the rugged terrain to see the mine and admire the magnificent scenery along the banks of the Shoalhaven.



Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine



BERRIMA

Some time ago we reported that Berrima storeman Ernie Willis was in the process of building himself a boat. Well it is now finished and is indeed a credit to him.

It is a sixteen foot cruiser powered by a 40 h.p. outboard motor. Ernie tells us that he has tried it out and at its maximum speed of 20-22 knots it handles very well. Ernie is at present giving it a thorough test during his holidays on the South Coast.

Congratulations to Peter Watson who was married to Miss Wendy Turland on the 5th December.

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Les Heyhorn is progressing satisfactorily following his accident last month. He was able to have Christmas dinner at home with his family but had to return to hospital for further treatment.

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The Newsletter extends its sympathies to Bob and Ernie Boyd and their families on the death of their mother recently.

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We hear Gary Poland, Carpenter, is on the mend following his car accident and expects to be back at work soon.

Another one on the sick list is Charlie Wheeler, General Office, who is in hospital for medical treatment.

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Congratulations to Terry and Mrs. Snowden who had an addition to their family recently.

There has been a general exodus of Berrima-ites from the district on leave over the past few weeks. Charlie Blackie is enjoying long service leave and some of the others include Eugene Liu in Hong Kong, Norm Edmanson in New Guinea and of course many at our North and South Coast resorts.

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Congratulations to Welder Bill Kay and Heather Luff who have announced their engagement.

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COLLIERY

News from the Colliery has been scarce this month as the miners are enjoying their annual leave. The only item of news we have to hand is that Glyn Jones announced his engagement during December. Congratulations Glyn.

MARULAN

We regret to record the deaths of Mrs. W. Shepherd, aged 88, mother of gardener Tom and grandmother of crane driver, Cliff; and of Welder Stan Bell's mother, who died at Emmaville. Our sympathy is offered to both families.

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Carol Pearson has joined the office staff as Telephoniste and Junior Clerk. Carol is the daughter of Trevor and Lena.

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Driver Len Pole is recovering after a slight heart attack. He was with friends fishing on the Murrumbidgee River when he became ill.

Far away places were chosen by many holidaymakers from the quarry. The Fred Westons went to the Blue Mountains and the north coast; Myles Creswick, to Brisbane; Bill McCallums, Riverina; Joe Blackmores, Coolangatta; Martin Vinkovic, Melbourne; Stan Murphys, Sydney; John Beaumont, Dubbo. Rex Armstrong, during his next holidays, plans a cruise to Samoa.

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A note from Graham and Joanna Waghorn indicates that they have settled in at Townsville, but have been concerned about the Mt. Isa Mines dispute. They send greetings to friends at Marulan and Berrima.

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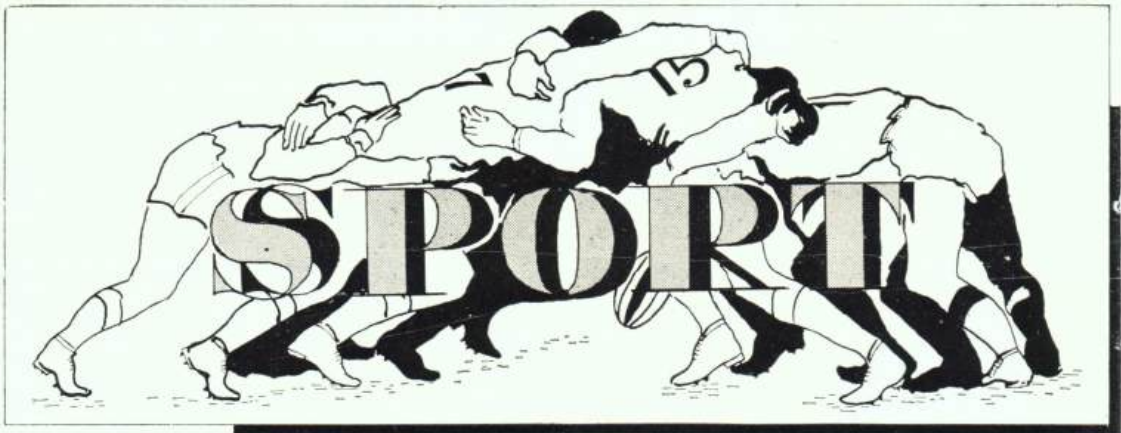
Home for Christmas was Kevin Bailey, former dozer driver at the quarry, and lately working with earthmoving contractors Eric Newham on a big dam project in Central Queensland.

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After residing at Marulan South for 21 years, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Cosgrove, senior, have moved to live in Marulan.

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Many have shown interest in a proposal by the Housing Commission to build homes at Marulan South. More than a dozen have applied and are now anxiously waiting the next move by the Commission.



CRICKET

The match against Moss Vale High School proved to be the same old story — a shortage of players. Resuming on the second day S.P.C. scored 112 in their second innings, which included a fine knock of 78 by L. Veal, and left the High School 124 to make to avoid an outright defeat. This they proceeded to do by picking the many gaps in S.P.C.'s fielding for the loss of only three wickets.

The return match against Moss Vale Colts proved to be a much different story. With a full team on both days they proved too good for the opposition and registered their first outright win of the season. In their first innings the top scorer was again L. Veal with 38 whilst G. Allen's 15 and J. Clarke and J. Byfield's 12 helped the score along to 108. A fine bowling spell by J. Clarke of 5 for 16 was mainly responsible for Moss Vale's dismissal for 78. S.P.C.'s second innings produced 122 runs including 58 to L. Veal and 13 each to J. Clarke and N. Wallis. This left Moss Vale 152 to get to avoid an outright defeat, a task which proved to be beyond them.

Chief wicket takers for S.P.C. were J. Clarke (3 for 47) and L. Veal (3 for 22) whilst newcomers to the team, J. Byfield and M. Carroll captured three wickets between them. If this team can stay together for the remainder of the season they will be hard to beat.

BOWLS

Not much serious bowls have been played in the past month, most of the time being given over to social games. The only S.P.C. bowler to win a competition game was Sid Hurst who won his round of the Minor Singles. However S.P.C. players have won their share of social games. Works Manager, Len Knight, took out the poultry prize in three consecutive games whilst Bill Foodey also managed to collect his share of the spoils.

GOLF

S.P.C. Golfers must have had too much Christmas cheer over the holidays as they have been very quiet on the links lately. At Bowral, Tom Chalmers, was the only one to get into the prize list with a win in the A grade par event on 27th December with a plus 1. Tom plays off 11 handicap.

At Moss Vale on Boxing Day, Alan Parker beat Ernie Radnidge on a count back and on 2nd January Kev. Howard won the Monthly Medal with a nett 66.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



It should not be long before the prawns are worth going after down there. Generally catches have been poor from as far north as Evans Head to Tuross Heads in the south. Some lesser known fish are the SERGEANT BAKER, which looks to me very like a flying flathead! GURNARD, or the flying fish, is very prettily marked and is like a flying tailor with a squashed-in nose! These fish used to be one of the most numerous landed by the trawlers 40 years ago but are seldom seen now.

A fish that appears mainly in the deeper parts of Sydney Harbour is the NANNYGAI, or red fish, which is an ugly looking variety and of the red bream shape. They give quite a pull when caught but on surfacing one is very disappointed to find a half-pounder.

Another nasty looking fellow is the JOHN DORY. He is like a leather jacket that has run into a brick wall and looks very sad on that account. He has long wavy dorsal fins and a black patch on his side.

Bill Brooks seems very enthusiastic about his recent trip to Perth. The much despised catfish is much sought after over there and he tells me that, when a youngster, he trapped them in large quantities. They used to lay a wire trap in the river at high tide and by the time the tide had fallen to low the traps were full of these catfish. Also he had great fun spearing them.

I think perhaps the only reason that they are not eaten here is the look of them, however, skinned and grilled it eats better than flathead.

It would appear that Fred Natoli is not only an expert on the fork lift — he swings the lead to! At Lake Illawarra he boated 40 lbs. of bream, whiting and flathead.

The name WALTON has been connected with fishing for a long time according to my authority which lists him thus—

WALTON, Izaak: (1593-1683), one of the most lovable of English writers, the famous author of "The Complete Angler," or "The Contemplative Man's Recreation." Up to the age of 50 he was a London draper.

Reading through the Australians Who Hold World Records I notice that the Bob Dyers' names occupy about half the section! HAPPY FISHING CUSTOMERS!

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



January

SOW: Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Anemone, Bellis perennis, Carnation, Digitalis, Delphinium, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Marigold (English), Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula, Salpiglossis, Stock, Early Sweet Pea, Wallflower.

PLANT: Gladioli, Nerine, Hippeastrum, Stock, Wallflower, Pansy, Viola.

Vegetables:

SOW: Beet, Beans (Dwarf, Butter and Climbing), Carrot, Parsnip, Parsley, Silver Beet, Sweet Corn, Swede Turnip, White Turnip, Peas, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Cucumber, Rock Melon, Water Melon, Squash, Marrow, Pumpkin, Endive, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish.

PLANT: Lettuce, Tomato, Cabbage.

1965! A New Year ahead to plan and plant all those new Flowers and Vegetables you have been wanting to try for so long! Your Seedsman will have a list of new varieties and will be able to help you.

January is one of our hottest months, and as we have had so much wind during the past few weeks, soil moisture is rapidly drying out. Two good waterings a week are necessary to keep the plants growing. This is a better practice than a light watering every day.

The surface of the soil should be disturbed frequently to keep down weeds. Lawn clippings or strawy manure can be spread on the surface between plants to act as a mulch.

Stake all Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and other tall-growing plants. Prepare beds for bulbs this month, adding a light sprinkling of a good complete fertiliser, so that they will be ready for planting next month.

Make sure that Tomatoes are well staked and that trellises are erected for climbing peas and beans.

A Successful Gardening Year to All!

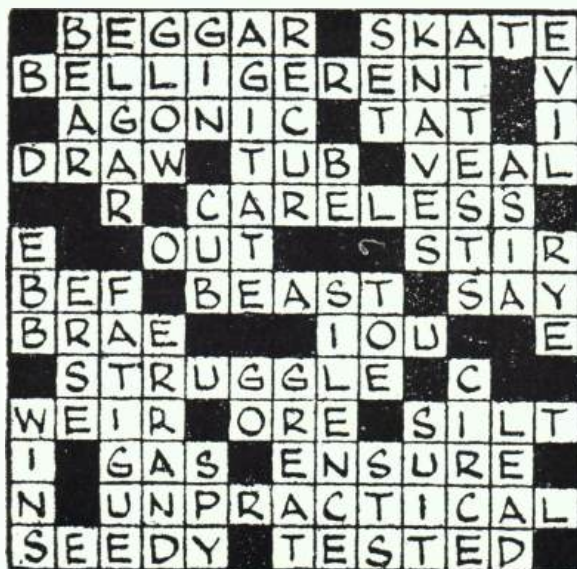
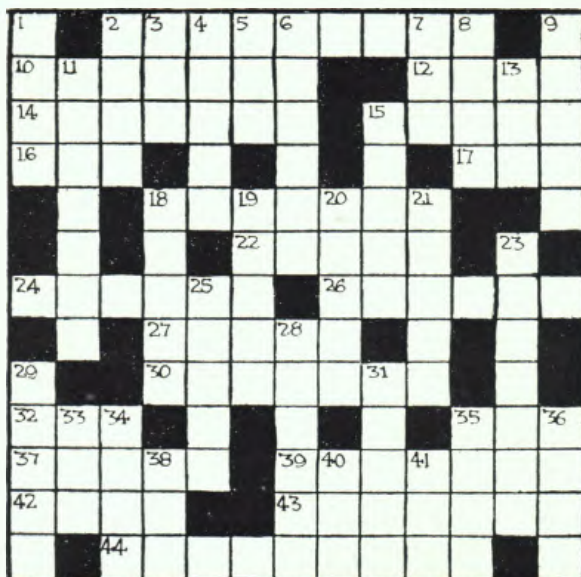
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The winner of Problem No. 70 is Mrs. Reg Smith of Berrima — congratulations Mrs. Smith.

PROBLEM No. 71

ACROSS

2. Pardon
10. Raise
12. Rub
14. Artfulness
15. Border
16. Add
17. Grain
18. Maintains
22. Perfect
24. View
26. Calm
27. Relative
30. Exonerate
32. Beast
33. Membranous pouch
37. Restricted
39. Superiority
42. Box
43. Means
44. Unwilling



DOWN

1. Skilful
2. Tear
3. Night before
4. Poles
5. Neuter pronoun
6. Appeared
7. Be indebted
8. Roman emperor
9. Island belonging to Greece
11. Pay great attention to socially
13. Turkish commander
15. Alive
18. Sporting enclosure
19. Positions
20. Drive back
21. Servant
23. Reject
25. Welsh onion
28. Harmonious
29. Counterfeit
31. Roman goddess
33. Soak
34. Mark
35. Despatched
36. Growth
38. Auxiliary verb
40. Insect
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General Manager's Notes

Nineteen sixty-five started on a high note with record limestone production at Marulan South and record clinker production at Berrima.

Sales also were the highest ever for the month of January which is always lower than average, being the holiday period for the building trades.

Congratulations to all concerned on this fine effort which we expect will be repeated many times before the end of 1965.

At its meeting in January our Board of Directors approved the purchase of a new 27 ton capacity Euclid truck to assist mullock removal at the quarry, also the purchase of a Caterpillar Model 966 "B" End Loader for materials handling at Berrima.

The Colliery too received its share of largesse in the form of a new Baldwin Diesel locomotive for underground haulage.

J. F. McNICOL,

General Manager.

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Well another month has passed and with it quite a few events both on the international and home fronts which could make quite a difference to our lives in the future.

Overseas we read of the passing of that great wartime leader, Sir Winston Churchill, and I believe the world will be poorer for his passing. Also we heard the announcement by our Prime Minister of the one million pounds Churchill Memorial Scholarship Fund which is a worthwhile memorial to a great man and also something that could benefit quite a lot of deserving people in many walks of life. Who knows, someone from S.P.C. may one day benefit from it, and I would therefore ask you to give it your full support when the doorknock appeal is made later this month.

Still overseas we read of riots and civil war in Vietnam and tension building up between Malaysia and Indonesia, and of Australian troops being sent to Borneo. We can't help but wonder where it will all end.

On the home front our young men have registered for National Service training, including quite a few from S.P.C., and we wonder how many of them will be called up for training and whether they will, in time, join other Australian troops in the jungle of South East Asia.

Closer to home we had Marulan's fine Safety record come to a sudden end when a Euclid truck took a nose-dive over a bank. It will be a long haul for the Quarry boys to regain the Safety figures of December but they are a hardy crew and it will take more than one accident to make them drop their bundles.

At Berrima and the Colliery things have been progressing at a good pace. The miners have been sending a steady stream of coal to the Works and Big Bertha has been burning it as fast as it arrives and at the same time churning out a good flow of clinker as the heap under the gantry shows.

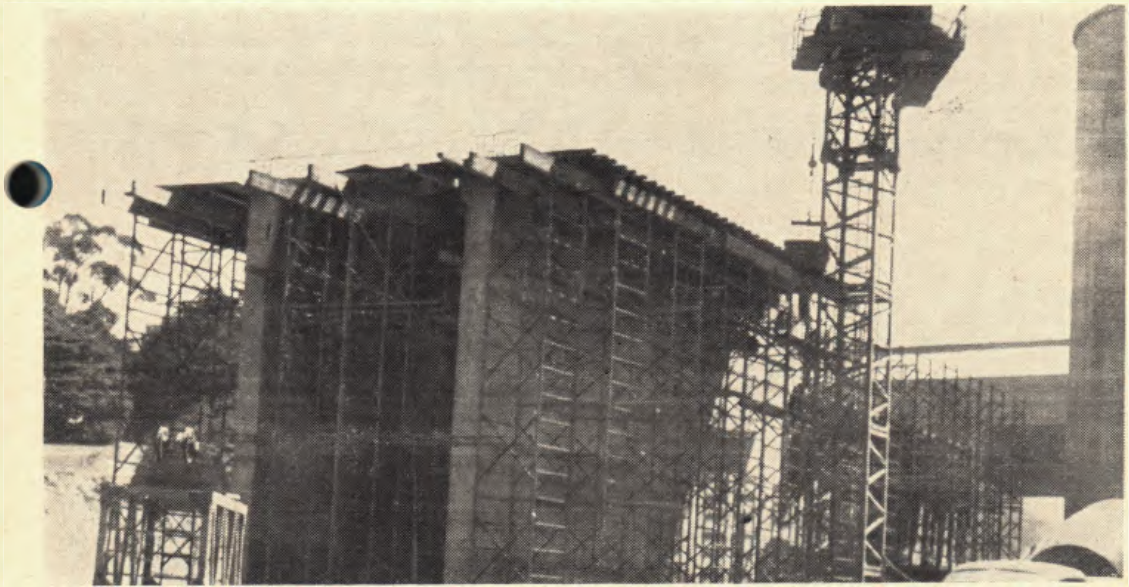
The Stockhouse crew are working flat out loading and orders are coming in at a good rate, so on the home front at least it looks as though we have good times ahead for us.

Yours till next month,

THE EDITOR.

Plant Jottings

The accompanying photo shows a further stage in the constructions of the silos with half the supporting walls raised to the height of the base platform whilst the remaining half is rapidly approaching this height. The next stage will be the pouring of the base platform on which the silos themselves will be erected.



This photo shows an area which will be very much changed during the next few months. It is the site of No. 5 Cement Mill where so far the preliminary surveys have been carried out and some of the holes pegged out. In the next few weeks excavations should begin on the site for the mill and building.



Apprentice News

During January we welcomed nine new apprentices to S.P.C. with three at Marulan and six at Berrima. They comprise five fitting and turning, three electrical and for the first time at S.P.C. a boilermaker apprentice.

The model of No. 5 kiln continues to take shape and is now nearing completion with only a few minor parts to be made and installed. Members of the Berrima Show Committee visited the Works recently to inspect the model and discuss how it will be set up at the Show.



The above photo shows the new apprentices who started recently. They are from left to right—

Richard Bryant, fitting and turning, Marulan; Ken Bell, fitting and turning, Berrima; Charles Baker, electrical, Berrima; Kerry

Jervis, fitting and turning, Berrima; Frank Arts, fitting and turning, Berrima; Peter Knowles, fitting and turning, Marulan; Tom Jones, electrical, Berrima; Russel Thompson, electrical, Marulan; Malcolm Fraser, boilermaking, Berrima.

Safety = Berrima

With no lost-time injuries and few minor ones reported during January, the Plant has started the new year well. It is confidently expected that all employees will co-operate to the fullest in making 1965 a year free of any lost time injury.

The reward is worth striving for and the goal accomplished will be to the benefit of all.

SAFETY GROUPS

The position of each Group at the end of January and number of employees in each is shown below:—

	Accident Free Days	Number of Employees
Apprentice Group	423	37
Production "A"	467	43
"B"	294	42
"C"	57	35
"D"	488	50
Maintenance	207	43
Electrical	705)	
Power House	849)	43
Stockhouse	130	39
General Office)		
Works Office)	1,446	56
Laboratory)		

New Employees

We welcome the following new employees who have recently commenced duty at the Berrima Works:

Ron Spence	Arthur Jeffrey
George Orford	James Forbes
Eric Wickham	Ken Noble
Graham Handley	APPRENTICES
Philip Brown	Kerry Jervis
Ron McKeown	Hank Arts
Ross Willis	Malcolm Fraser
Ken Lamb	Charles Baker
Garry Newman	Ken Bell
Robert Beattie	Tom Jones
Max Levett	William Limond
Geoff Reardon	Ian Fergus
Laurie Frost	Barry Armitt
Alf Vincent	Lindsay Breen

Safety = Marulan

The accident on January 18th in which Euclid Driver Tony Madden drove over a cliff with a load of limestone ended the magnificent run of Group 2 with 866 days on the board.

Tony was lucky to escape with a few cuts and a nasty shaking.

The Plant run was 166 days — five short of the previous record. The road back to pass those figures will be a hard one, but everyone is co-operating and we hope to set a new record for 1965.

Woes of the Editor

Getting out this publication is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we stick close to the office, we ought to be out visiting the population more.

If we go out, we ought to be in the office improving our editing.

If we reject some contributed material, we do not appreciate genius.

If we do, the paper is filled with trivial matter.

If we edit the contributed articles, we're too critical.

If we don't, we're asleep.

If we give much news to officials, the employees say we are seeking favour.

If we devote the entire issue to employees, we're neglecting public relations.

If we carry material reporting other factories, we are neglecting our own.

If we comment on controversial issues, we should be objective.

If we don't, we're dodging the issue.

If we reprint from other papers, we are too lazy to solicit our own material.

If we don't we are stuck with our own horrible stuff.

Now, likely as not, someone will say we stole this from some other paper.

WELL, WE DID! . . . from The Telescope of Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

THE OLD and the NEW

The accompanying photographs indicate the changes which have taken place over the years at the Marulan limestone quarry.

The first photo shows the area south-east of the jaw crusher about 1929 soon after the quarry commenced operations. In this photo the original Ruston shovel can be seen loading stone into solid rubber tyred motor lorries

whilst other stone is loaded by hand into horse drawn drays.

The second photo shows approximately the same area about 1961 with the original hill almost completely gone and the quarry extending over the hill far to the south. On the road in the foreground is one of the modern Euclid trucks and a Menck shovel in the distance on top of the hill. A far cry from the methods of winning of 30 years ago!



Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Congratulations to Bob Scullin (General Office) who married Miss Margaret Elphick on 30th January.

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John Portus from Sydney Office has been spending a few weeks at the General Office to further his knowledge of the Works and its workings.

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Welcome to Judy Lock and John Adams who commenced at the General Office during January.

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Congratulations to Lynette Larsen, daughter of Reg (Electrical Shop), who recently announced her engagement to Roy Hindmarsh, of Moss Vale.

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Congratulations also to Bruce and Mrs. Fraser (Electrical) on the birth of a daughter on 12th January.

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Ken Noble started back in the Electrical Shop after a spell with the Berrima County Council. Welcome back Ken.

—o—

Two electrical apprentices, Noel Steffensen, of Marulan and Bob Strode, of Berrima, have swapped places recently, Noel coming to Berrima and Bob going to Marulan in order to gain a wider experience at the Works and Quarry.

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Another Marulan apprentice, Miles Creswick, transferred to Berrima to further his studies and will undertake the Certificate Course whilst working at Berrima.

Alan Parker (Drawing Office) has taken two weeks annual leave to try out the fishing spots around Sussex Inlet.

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Quite a few are still on annual leave from the Works, amongst them being Boy North, Doug Donaldson and Stan Kennedy from the Power House. There are so many coming and going at this time of year that the Time-keeping section have their work cut out keeping track of them.

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Following her success in the final examinations at Teachers' College, Bronwyn Kyngdon, daughter of George (Machine Shop) takes up a teaching position at Gunnedah High School.

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COLLIERY

Congratulations to Ted Deacon who was married on 19th December.

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Bill Deacon has had a busy time during the past few weeks, his son was married on 19th January and shortly after his daughter, Jeanette, had her appendix removed.

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Congratulations also to Keith Carey who was married to Miss Gloria Roffe at Mittagong on 16th January.

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Our sympathy goes to Jack O'Brien on the death of his sister during January.

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Two members of S.P.C. are on their way to New Zealand on a working holiday. They are Ken Jeffries (Colliery) and Trevor Mott (Machine Shop). They expect to be away for about twelve months.

MARULAN

New apprentices are Dick Bryant (Marulan South, fitting and machining); Peter Knowles (Goulburn, fitting and machining) and Russell Thompson (Marulan, electrical fitter).

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New starters at the quarry were Pat Snelson, Garry Wilesmith, Malcolm McCauley, John Bulger and Kevin Bailey.

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Successful candidates from the quarry in the trades final examinations were Noel Stefensen (electrical fitter), who has gone to Berrima on six months exchange duty; Myles Creswick (fitting and machining), who has transferred to Berrima to do a certificate course at Wollongong Technical College; and John Hardgrave, who this year starts a Clerk of Works Certificate course at Goulburn Technical College.

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Joe Soldo has recovered after a recent car accident.

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Congratulations to Ian Cluney, who gained a high pass in the Leaving Certificate. He has started a two-year course under the auspices of the Department of Territories in Sydney before being posted to Papua or New Guinea.

—o—

Blacksmith Noel Newman is recovering after two operations — one in Sydney and the other in Goulburn. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to hear the blast of his forge again soon.

Congratulations to Cliff and Heather Shepherd with the arrival of a daughter — Jennifer Mary ;and also to Bill and Kay Murray, also a daughter. While on the subject, we send our best wishes to Bill and Mrs. Lander on the birth of twin boys. Bill was formerly a shift fitter at the Quarry.

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Friends of Mrs. Bert Richards, who lived in the village up until a couple of years ago, will regret to hear of her death in Sydney at Christmas time.

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Les Noble, who worked at the quarry before the war, called on old friends at Christmas time. He is now domiciled in the Newcastle area. He is the late Arthur Noble's son and after leaving Marulan South spent some time in the Port Kembla area. He has a son in the R.A.A.F. stationed at Wagga.

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Robert Strode and Trevor Pratt, Berrima apprentices, are with the Quarry maintenance crew for a tour of duty.

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Vince Cosgrove and family are spending part of their annual holidays on a tour, including Bathurst district.

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Lake George has been a popular fishing spot for quarry fishermen. Stan Bell, Tony Cosgrove and Eddie Cooper were among those who brought back redfin weighing up to 3lb.

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Eddie Cooper spent his holidays fishing the Bogan River near Nyngan and a sight-seeing tour of Victoria.



CRICKET

During the past month S.P.C. have acquired points the easy way as in the first round after the Christmas break they had a bye which gave them 10 points, and in the next round they had a forfeit from Chevalier giving them a further 10 points. They are now up with the leaders and the result of the next match against Bundanoon will probably decide how they will finish in the competition.

Players from S.P.C. have been making their presence felt amongst some of the other district teams also. In the first grade competition, playing for "Moss Vale Waratahs", Tom Waide knocked up a respectable 45 against "Bowral Blues" whilst in the same innings Bill Poland scored 13 but Robert Waide was dismissed without scoring. In the same match, playing for "Bowral Blues", Grahame Beattie knocked up a solid 58.

Geoff Larsen, playing for "Moss Vale Rovers" against Bowral, was one of the chief destroyers taking 5 wickets for 30 runs off 8 overs and with the bat knocked up a handy 25. In Bowral's second innings Geoff took a further three wickets for 20 runs off 8 overs.

BOWLS

S.P.C. Players are still winning their share of matches on the local greens. Bill Rutter beat his Picton opponent in the No. 1 Pennant

match at Moss Vale whilst Len Knight and his partner are still in the Wallis pairs beating their last opponents 22-16.

During the carnival held on the Australia Day week-end the team including Johnny D'Adams and Len Knight gave a good account of themselves with three wins.

On the social side, Sandy and Mrs. Galloway's names continue to appear at regular intervals in the various week-day events.

Jim Dray and Jack Brown had to buy some lottery tickets recently as a result of a challenge game against Jim's father Bill, who incidentally is 80, and Jim Goode, which only goes to show that it is not only at Randwick that the long shots come home.

GOLF

Kevin Howard continued his run of fine golf with a win in the B Grade Stableford event early in the month with 40 points.

In the par event held on the 23rd January Bert McIntosh collected the B grade two up from Alan Parker who finished square.

At Bowral no S.P.C. players got into the prize money although all turned in good scores; better luck next time boys.

N.R.M.A. Notes

SCALDS FROM THE RADIATOR

Motorists can be badly scalded if they lift the pressure cap off a hot radiator without taking safety precautions, the N.R.M.A. warns.

The N.R.M.A. recently has received a number of reports of this type of roadside accident.

Generally manufacturers' handbooks state that pressure caps should be removed slowly.

The N.R.M.A.'s Technical Department says that what happens is this: The cooling systems of most modern cars are pressurised up to 14lb. per square inch and more so that the motor will run more efficiently. Pressurisation, however, means that the boiling point of the cooling water is raised at the same time.

Under these conditions, while the cooling system may not appear to be boiling, the water may be well above the normal 212 deg. F. But once the cap is undone and the pressure released the water immediately boils and

gushes out, and severe burns to the hands, chest and even the face are likely.

The caps of pressurised radiators have two release positions. The first allows pressure to escape down the overflow, and the second allows the cap to come off. To remove the cap, motorists should wait a few minutes at the first release position to allow the pressure to escape before making the final turn.

Anyone who has doubts about the efficiency of the radiator cap on their car should let the motor cool down before releasing the cap.

Allied to these reports has come advice that some drivers are pouring cold water into motors that are on or near the boil.

Time should be allowed for the engine to cool before refilling it with water. The metal in a hot motor will cool as the cold water hits it, and the resulting stresses caused by contraction could easily cause expensive fractures in the head and block.

EMERGENCY BATTERY LEADS

A flat battery is the plague of any automatic car owner.

To overcome this a number of motorists have begun carrying a pair of long, heavy leads for hooking up to another car's battery to get their own motor started. These leads are similar to the type carried by N.R.M.A. patrols to help in similar emergencies.

However, if the car is equipped with an alternator, N.R.M.A. Technical Engineers say these rules must be followed to prevent costly damage:

- The positive pole of one battery must be connected to the positive pole of the other, and similarly with the negative poles.

- Only six-volt batteries should be connected to six-volt batteries, and similarly 12-volt batteries must only be connected together.

- Don't disconnect any battery leads from either car's battery.

- Don't allow the heavy leads to short circuit on to either vehicle at any time, as a short circuit could quickly burn through the car's body metal.

Fishing Notes

By Rus Greaves



Maybe it is caused by the number of fishermen on holidays, or perhaps the fish are more plentiful, but quite a number of succesful reports are to hand.

If you are after a fish meal the best man to try would be Ern Radnidge, who has just returned from Forster with 20 lbs. or so of fish fillets. He says that although the fish were patchy, he managed to bag about 90, consisting of blackfish in the main to 2-2½ lbs. and flathead to 1-1½ lbs. All the black fish were of good size, but the same old story—one MUST have the right weed. He uses fish bait for the flathead.

Bill Rutter and Bob D'Adam netted a few prawns at Lake Illawarra. A good dark night

when they are running here can net one 30 lbs. a person. This could be about now.

According to Bert Garbutt, mutton birds are being washed ashore in hundreds. This could indicate a lack of surface small fry, which would account for the patchy fishing at Ulladulla. However, he was able to get on to a few flathead and mowong outside.

Watching some fishermen at the Nowra Co-op. Wharf recently Charlie Wheeler watched quite a few nice flathead landed in quick time. It is a long time since I've seen a catch at this particular place.

Fishing off Bateman's Bay bridge, which incidentally is quite a comfortable place, Bill Strong bagged 60 school jewies to 3 lbs.

Nev Gilby, now sporting his 10 h.p. Evinrude, boated 12 flathead to 1-1½ lbs. off shore at Kiama.

The punt at Comerong was hard pressed with its recent load — Sam Marshall and son Robert lugging a cornsack of tailor, landed off Comerong Beach.

You Can Never Catch Fish This Way

By Arthur Blizzard

Fishing on the Shoalhaven I cast with a float using a grasshopper as bait. After some time with no results I hauled in and to my surprise found the grasshopper perched up on top of the float! Wrong Perch!



FLOWERS:

SOW: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Candytuft, Canterbury Bells, Carnation, Cornflower, Delphinium, Gaillardia, Larkspur, Linaria, Mignonette, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Ranunculus, Stock, Sweet Pea (early), Wallflower.

PLANT: Carnation, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Stock, Viola, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Beet, Beans (French and Butter), Carrot, Parsnip, Parsley, Peas, Silver Beet, Swede Turnip, White Turnip, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Savoy Cabbage, Lettuce, Onion, Radish.

PLANT: Lettuce, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts.

January has been an exceptionally dry month, with great variations in temperature and at times "a hint of Autumn in the air."

This month we shall have to be prepared for much the same kind of weather and hope for a good fall of rain to help push growth along.

While this dry weather lasts, make sure that any shrubs in dry places are well soaked. This can be accomplished by digging a shallow, saucer-shaped ditch, around the shrub and filling it with water at least twice a week.

The first plantings of spring-flowering bulbs, such as Daffodils, Jonquils, Hyacinths, Freesias, Tulips, etc., should be made this month, also any transplanting of bulbs should be done immediately as they will be rooting by the end of February.

Summer prune Roses this month. This is a light pruning to help produce good autumn blooms.

Keep the vegetable garden well watered and loosen the soil between rows to keep down weeds.

Give leafy vegetables an application of Sulphate of Ammonia between the rows to hasten maturity.

Pick up and boil, burn or bury any fallen fruit every few days. This will help to eradicate Fruit Fly and Codlin Moth.

AROUND THE QUARRY

"GEORGE ROWLEY"



"THE COME OF PARTY
PARTY 8.00"



GEORGE IS EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY AS A TRUCK DRIVER. HE SPENDS MOST OF HIS SPARE TIME WORKING ON HIS HOME AT TALLONG. HE ALSO IS A VERY KEEN FISHERMAN

"PETER (OLD SON) COOPER"

PETE IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR MEN AT THE QUARRY, BESIDES MESS ROOM DUTIES HE IS CHIEF MESSENGER BOY, TOGETHER WITH HIS THIRTY MODEL DODGE, HE'S VERY HANDY TO HAVE AROUND.



"HOW ARE YA
OLD SON?"



THE
STAGE
COACH

"A.M. MURTRIE SR"

"THAT'S NOT ME
YA DRAWING IS
IT SON?"



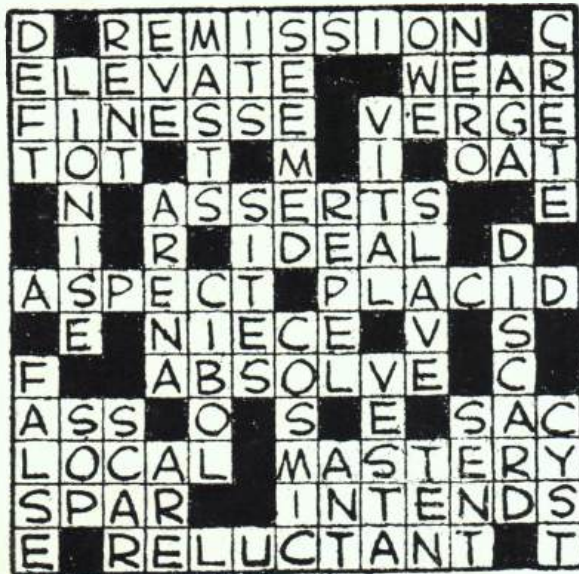
MAC IS ONE OF THE OLD HANDS. HE STARTED WORKING AT S.P.C. OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO. MOST OF THIS TIME HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SHOVEL DRIVER, BUT FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS HAS BEEN A SHIFT FOREMAN



"I DONT KNOW THIS CHAP'S NAME BUT HE'S AROUND THE QUARRY EVERY YEAR!"

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Problem Page



Problem No. 72

By Irene Sekula

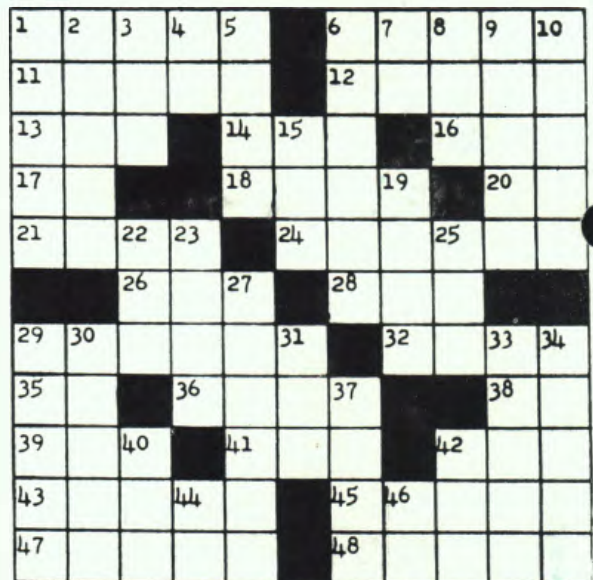
ACROSS

- 1 Not refined
- 6 Mailbag
- 11 Great Lake
- 12 Additional
- 13 Sea eagle
- 14 Stain with color
- 16 Ever (contr.)
- 17 Musical note
- 18 Undermines
- 20 Short for Edward
- 21 Slash
- 24 Tune
- 26 Gear tooth
- 28 Loud noise
- 29 Clips wool
- 32 Steak, e.g.
- 35 Compass point
- 36 Expensive
- 38 Behold!
- 39 Constellation
- 41 Fruit drink
- 42 Scatter seed
- 43 Loose garments
- 45 Backbone
- 47 Foe
- 48 Weary

Again a draw from the hat was necessary to decide the winner of Problem No. 71. The winner was one of our regular contributors Jim Dray. Congratulations Jim, the £1 will help to pay for those lottery tickets.

DOWN

- 1 Head cooks
- 2 Pert. to the country
- 3 Footed vase
- 4 Achieve
- 5 Terminates
- 6 Chirped
- 7 Steer
- 8 American Indian
- 9 Confession of faith
- 10 Robust
- 15 Sweet potato
- 19 Slender
- 22 Sherbet
- 23 Leaping amphibian
- 25 First number
- 27 Oily
- 29 Trap
- 30 Wading bird
- 31 Melancholy
- 33 Solitary
- 34 Pulled along by rope
- 37 Repose
- 40 Short for Abraham
- 42 Knight's title
- 44 Letter M
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD.
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General Manager's Notes

Our Board of Directors has recently approved the installation of clinker storage and raw materials handling equipment at Berrima.

The clinker handling facilities will consist of a large building in the shape of an inverted "V" extending from No. 5 kiln to the existing clinker gantry with a conveyor running in the apex of the building to distribute the clinker over the storage area. Clinker reclaim will be by means of a conveyor belt running in a gullet beneath the stockpile.

The raw materials handling facilities will consist of a dumping pit near No. 2 mixing basin with a conveyor belt carrying limestone to a hammermill near the wash mills and thence by another conveyor belt to the limestone storage area. Another conveyor belt from the dumping pit will convey gypsum to the present clinker storage area which will be used for gypsum when the new clinker storage is in operation.

This plant will be of considerable assistance to Berrima as the present facilities are quite inadequate to efficiently handle the volume of materials arriving at and leaving the works at the present rate of cement production.

*J. F. McNICOL,
General Manager.*

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GARDENING NOTES Mrs. C. CROWE, Berrima

Editorial

Dear Readers,

I had an editorial prepared for this issue, but in view of the disastrous fire which has swept the district in the past few weeks the accompanying photo taken at Wingello after the fire can tell a better story than I could ever hope to tell.

Please be careful with fires in the future or this could be your home.

Yours until next month,

THE EDITOR.



Plant Jottings

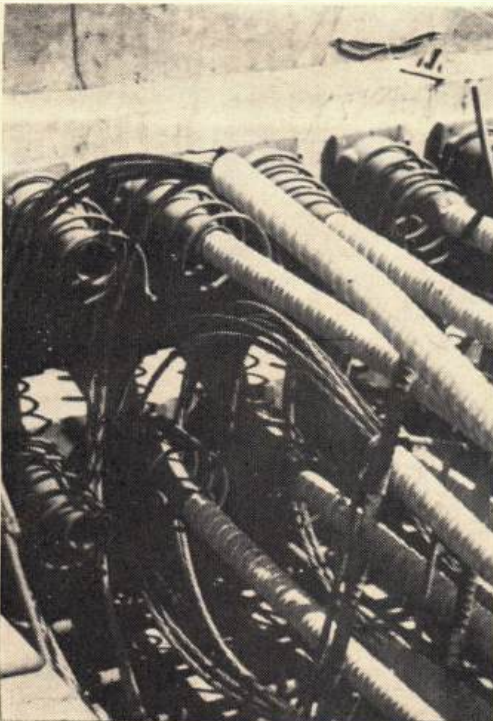
The new silos have reached an interesting stage in their construction. The main walls have been completed and work is now proceeding on the main slab which will support the silos themselves.

This slab is being constructed by a technique which is in common use in construction but has not been used before at S.P.C., that by pre-stressing. By using this means the thickness of the slab has been reduced from approximately 5 feet 6 inches thickness to 3 feet 4 inches resulting in a large saving in concrete, reinforcing steel and formwork.

The pre-stressing process is carried out by embedding in the concrete high tensile steel cables in a flexible conduit. When the con-

crete has set and shrinkage has finished, approximately fourteen days after the concrete has been poured, one end of the cable is anchored against the concrete and a jack is attached to the other end and a pull of approximately 60 tons is placed on the cable which is then tied off. When all the cables have been tensioned, and additional load has been placed on the slab which increases the carrying properties of concrete thus enabling a thinner slab to do the job which would normally require a much greater thickness.

The accompanying photographs show the cables in position before the concrete is poured and the cable ends protruding from the slab after the pour.



Cables in position before the pour.



Cables protruding from slab.



The Marion Shovel on the top bench in the background recently completed moving a hill. During the operation of about 6 months, it moved 1,129,770 tons. The rapid development and changing of quarry terrain can be judged from the photograph.

Medway Miners Annual Picnic

The Medway miners held their Annual Picnic at Mittagong on Monday, 1st February, and although the day was somewhat marred by overcast conditions the committee was pleased with the attendance and believe that, in spite of the weather conditions, the day was enjoyed by all.

Popular President, G. Fennamore, may have silenced some of his critics with a fine performance at throwing at wickets to win the event. R. Foodey took the 100 yards championship from L. Talbert and D. Kelly.

Detailed results of the race programme are:

Boys and Girls under 5: Ian Carey 1, Yvonne Adams 2.

Boys under 6: Phillip Allport 1, Jimmie Stewart 2.

Girls under 6: Michele Lenholm 1, Vicki Kelly 2.

Boys under 7: Wayne Carey 1, Ian Bailey 2.

Girls under 7: Robyn Ivens 1, Rosalyn Greigg 2.

Boys under 8: Phillip Ivens 1, Tim Allport 2.

Girls under 8: Anne Carey 1, Elizabeth Nicholson 2.

Boys 8 to 10: Dennis Berril 1, Phillip Talbert 2.

Girls 8 to 10: Debra Lee 1, Julie Berrill 2.

Boys 10 to 12: Terry Carey 1, Pat Ivens 2.

Girls 10 to 12: Denise Carey 1, Stephanie Allport 2.

Boys 12 to 13: Tommy Winner (only starter).

Girls 12 to 13: Coral Roelavink 1, Rosemary Ivens 2.

Boys 13 to 15: Ron Whelan 1, Max Lockwood 2.

Girls 13 to 15: Shirley Hollis 1, Roslyn Allen 2.

Single Women: Patricia Carey 1, Cheryl Brittle 2, Gael Frost 3.

Wheelers' Race: Les Talbert 1, Stan Adams 2.

Married Women under 40: Mrs. Winner 1, Mrs. Ivens 2, Mrs. Foodey 3.

Shiftmen's Race: H. Duncan 1, D. Kelly 2, Old Buffers: E. Winner 1, G. Hollis 2, A. Allport 3.

Miners' Race: R. Foodey 1, S. Talbert 2, N. Berrill 3.

Married Women over 40: Mrs. D. Talbert 1, Mrs. W. Foodey 2, Mrs. M. Bailey 3.

Medway Championship: R. Foodey 1, L. Talbert 2, D. Kelly 3.

Throwing Broom: Mrs. Todd 1, Mrs. Whitley 2, Mrs. Talbert 3.

Throwing at Wicket: G. Fennamore 1, G. Stokes 2.

Boys: C. Williamson 1, Ray 2.

Three-legged Race: Whelan 1, 2; Marilyn Adams 1, Denise Carey 2; Hollis 1, Allen 2; Patricia Carey 1, Gael Frost 2.

C. MURCHIE, Secretary.

S.P.C. Entertainment Fund

On the 22nd January, 1965 the first annual Dinner Dance of this Fund was held in the Berrima School of Arts and, judging by the many favourable comments from those present, it would seem assured of even greater successes in the future.

A vote of thanks goes to the organising committee, namely, Bill Hoffman, Bill Simons, Tommy Waide, Rick Mulready and Bill Strong.

The delicious buffet dinner was prepared by Mr. Hoffman and his willing helpers. The menu consisted of lobsters, prawns, chicken, ham and many other dishes too numerous to mention. Music was provided by Mr. Alan Ford and his "combo", assisted by Neville and Terry Parmenter, resulting in a varied and thoroughly entertaining evening.

Further entertainment came from the keenly contested Twist Competition, the winners of which were:—

Over 40: Bert Mulready and his partner

(the judges questioned this charming young lady's age status).

Over 20: Donny and Mrs. More.

Teenagers: John Clarke and partner.

Highlight of the evening was the drawing of the transistor radio, which resulted in a win for Miss Edwina Strong, of Mittagong, and Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Ellis won the Spot Competition, proving that although two may not live as cheaply as one they can certainly stand on an awfully small piece of paper.

A special vote of thanks must go to Mr. Bill Simons who provided several cakes which earned a goodly sum to supplement the rations.

To ensure the continued success of this function it is the committee's hope that you will all avail yourselves of a really good time by becoming a member, so act promptly and approach any one of those mentioned above who will be very pleased to help you.



The Mystery of Lake George

(By B. Creswick)

The "mystery" of Lake George, now so popular with Marulan South fishermen, has been the subject for speculation since it was discovered by Joseph Wild on 19th February, 1820. Two months later Lachlan Macquarie and Surveyor General Oxley made the journey and on the shores drank a toast to the success of the future settlers.

Mr. Stuart Hume, Goulburn historian, who gave me much valuable information, said the purity of the waters has often been in doubt. In fact, a notice along the Federal Highway advises tourists not to drink the water.

As rain had recently fallen when Macquarie and Oxley first visited the lake, Macquarie remarked that the waters were "quite fresh." However, Oxley thought they were "turbid" and more like water long confined than living water. Both Oxley and Wild agreed on the lake's dimensions of about 18 miles long by five miles wide — much the same as to-day. Its area fixed by survey is 38,500 acres.

Macquarie's party on that historic occasion included Major Antill, whose family became well known as landholders and pioneers of the Picton district, and Dr. Throsby, a pioneer of the Moss Vale district. On the return journey near Lake Bathurst, a few miles east of Lake George, the party of about 40, including an old native named Nagaray, with his numerous wives and children, gathered under the governor's tent for the first Christian service on the Southern Tablelands.

Lake George was known to the natives as "Weereewaa", which was always a natural food reservoir. It was the meeting place for the tribes from many miles around. Local differences were forgotten as yabby, wild fowl, fish and marsupial were eaten.

It is impossible to mention Lake George without the historic village of Collector, the name a corruption of the abo. Kaligda, or possibly more correctly, Collegdor, for among the first settlers on the lake's capricious shores were the Murrays, father and son. The son, only 17 and comforted by a magnificent library, was to become Sir Terence Murray. He was to father two equally famous knights in Sir Hubert Murray, of Papua, and Sir Gilbert Murray, the great Greek scholar — Australian by birth (he was born at Winderradeen) and English by residence.

One of Sir Terence's happiest contributions to the welfare of his fellow men came their

way through Lake George. In a dry season, he brought Murray Cod in water carts from the shrinking Murrumbidgee and tipped them into Collector Creek where they became too fat to eat. A flood in the 1950's washed many into the lake and from then on right to the disastrous drought in 1902, the lake teemed with superb cod. As the lake dried up, cod became stranded and were carted away in dray loads for sale in neighbouring towns. The biggest cod ever taken is reputed to have come from Lake George — and it grows bigger each year!

One of the Lake's most colourful settlers was a member of a triumvirate that up until 1867 owned Currandooley, with its then 10-mile frontage on the eastern shores. This was the Marquis De Lauret, who had been A.D.C. to Charles X of France. De Lauret lived on the banks of the Wollondilly near Goulburn and rode regularly to Currandooley, a distance of nearly 40 miles each way. On his return home he never failed to give his steed a quart of the best claret to drink. The De Laurets have long since departed, and Currandooley has flourished for many years with the Osborne family.

With the consolation of their properties at the lake, settlers gave some leisure to a study of the lake itself. This was natural enough under ordinary circumstances, but it became an irresistible attraction for many since their water frontages advanced and retreated and at times disappeared altogether with a frequency that lead them to suspect that agencies other than evaporation were at work.

With the lake having a fall of only one inch to 10 chains in one direction, or eight inches to the mile, it is particularly susceptible to wind tides. Macquarie's party, for example, recorded a rise and fall of eight inches.

In the 1880's a steamer chugged from point to point engaged in meteorological work. One pioneer named Russell was of the opinion that there was no mystery attached to the lake and that its comings and goings were occasioned by periods of high and low tide and low rainfall. Mr. Hume is of the opinion that the average rainfall is insufficient to maintain the lake. Falls below average causes the lake to go dry with astonishing rapidity. Above average rainfall with one or two exceptional years produces a lake almost full.

In 1929, when the lake was nearly dry, Goulburn businessmen and licensee of the Collector Hotel, the late Leigh Hunt, wishing to publicise Collector, invited the late Sir Malcolm Campbell to attempt a new speed record on it in his Bluebird. He wisely declined because of the uncertainty of the dry bed. In the 1930's the then Minister for Lands, Mr. John Tully, was behind a scheme to open the dry lake for grazing purposes. Blocks were surveyed and many will remember sheep and cattle grazing, with some water visible in the distance at the Bungendore end.

The legend of the mystery of the lake is

still there to distract. The best time to view the lake is at the bewitching hour between the dawn and daylight, when the lake is incredibly still, at a time when the moon is almost full and high up so that it is reflected on the water.

Though "Weereewaa" is no longer used, it lives on, not so anglicised as Werriwa. This latter name has been given to an electorate, a parish, a regiment and many a street and homestead, quite a few bestowed without any knowledge of its origin.

NEXT MONTH: Some of the Lake's victims.

Retirement — Bill Hilton

On 19th February we once again had the sad task of saying farewell to one of our old employees from the Colliery, Bill Hilton.

Bill joined the staff of S.P.C. 25 years ago, on 2nd November, 1940, when he started at the *Colliery as a surveyor's clerk. From that position he worked his way up to Under-manager and during that period he saw quite a few Managers come and go including George Dewar, George Gawthrope, Len Hole, Lew Griffiths and now Jack Good.

At a farewell function at the Colliery on

Wednesday, 17th February, Jack Good presented Bill with a set of silver cutlery on behalf of his workmates. Also present at this function was Colliery's Inspector and ex-Manager, Lew Griffiths, who presented Bill with the miner's lamp which he had used for so many years at the mine. No doubt Bill will find quite a lot of use for his lamp, which is still in perfect working order, when he gets amongst the prawns in Lake Macquarie, as he intends spending his retirement on his old stamping grounds at Newcastle.



GENERAL MANAGER, Mr. McNICOL, makes a presentation to Bill at a Staff Function.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

As usual at this time of the year quite a few are taking advantage of the fine weather to enjoy their annual leave. From the power house Bruce Burgess is spending his leave studying rainmaking, whilst Fred Robjent and Tony Varmuelen are spending theirs around the coast.

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To ease the staff situation in the Power House, Alec Stevens has been brought back from the Yard to help out.

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Alf Knapman, Power House Foreman, has had a spell of bad health as a kidney complaint has forced him to take time off work. Hope to see you back on the job again soon Alf.

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Some of the boys have been getting drinking water from the Power House circulating water taps. With the dam at its present low level this water may not be the best for drinking, so you are advised to drink only Bundanoon water. If you are not sure which tap is the right one any member of the Power House staff will be only too pleased to show you.

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Quite a few of the Machine Shop crew are on holidays at present and these include Bob Hartley, George Blackie, Col Ready, Peter McCarty and Peter Turezynski.

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Also absent from the Machine Shop is Aussie Mead who is still on the sick list.

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Another member of S.P.C. is off on a trip overseas. This is John Sabidussi, who is off for a trip to England.

The sympathy of every man on the plant went out to David McLaren, Electrical Foreman, on the sudden death of his father Bill on the 17th February. Bill was well known both at S.P.C. and around the Berrima district. For quite a few years he was loco and shovel driver at S.P.C. and then took up the position of greenkeeper at Moss Vale Bowling Club.

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Congratulations to General Office Machine Operator, Nives Biasutti, who was married on 13th February. The General Office staff were able to drink a toast to her as she sent out two bottles of champagne from the reception.

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Judging by the number of new cars around the plant in the past few weeks, the bonus must have been pretty good lately. Some of the proud owners are Cec. Warner, Eugene Liu, David McLaren and Alan Parker.

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Congratulations to Safety Officer Les Humphries and his wife on the birth of their daughter on 19th February.

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Four Berrima apprentices finished their apprenticeships in the last few weeks and are now fully qualified tradesmen. They are fitters Brian Woodhouse, Ian Jones and Max King, and electrician Bruce Fraser.

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Bob Scullin from the Cost Department also took the plunge during February. Congratulations Bob.

COLLIERY

Congratulations to Bill and Daph Barnett on the birth of their second son, Stephen, on 16th November, 1965.

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Bon Blair has become a grandfather again. This makes five times, so you should be getting used to the idea by now, Bon.

MARULAN

A complete inspection of the quarry was made during the week-end February 20-21 by the Chief General Manager of the B.H.P., Sir Ian McLennan, the General Manager of the A.I. & S., Mr. A. A. Parish, our chairman, accompanied by the General Manager of S.P.C. Ltd., Mr. J. F. McNicol. The party stayed in the staff cottage at Marulan South and on Sunday left for the Colliery and the Cement Works.

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A party of nine from the Illawarra branch of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy visited the quarry on February 23. Their many queries were answered by the Superintendent, Mr. Howard.

Earlier in February a party of 16 honours students from Knox Grammar School, Sydney, accompanied by their Geology teacher, Mr. Geoff Sykes, spent some hours exploring the quarry faces.

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Congratulations to Frank Bulger and Beryl Larkham, of Windellama, who have announced their engagement.

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Allan Gutzke recently took time off to fish the Shoalhaven River, below the quarry. He returned with 16 sizeable fish.

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New starters include Frank Kelly and his son Lloyd, Malcolm McCauley, Hec Johnston, John Bulger and Kevin Fitzsimmons.

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All foremen and leading hands attended the one-day Safety First Instruction Course at Berrima. Instructor was Mr. Mac Macready, of the A.I. & S. Staff School, Port Kembla.

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Allan Chaplin and family are spending holidays at The Entrance.

John Poole, son of driver Len, and Vera, met with a serious accident on 21/2/65 when he dived into a shallow dam, injuring his spine. He is in Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, where he is expected to remain for some weeks. John is one of the most popular young men in the district, as well as being a fine sportsman, and we sincerely hope he will be back with us before long.

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Carpenter Alex Nekrasius has been laid up with a broken arm, sustained away from the job.

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George Ibbotson spent part of his holidays seeing friends on the South Coast. George was formerly employed at the A.I.S. works as a machinist.

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Storeman Bill McCallum heard a fuss in his aviary recently and found a 5ft. brown snake the centre of attraction. It was easy enough for the snake to crawl in, but harder to get out. After Bill had shot it, an autopsy revealed one plump quail and two mice in its stomach.

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Roger Johnston, son of Hec and Joan, of Tallong, leaves soon for the United States for a specialised seven months study of radar. He will then join one of the new destroyers being built in the States for the R.A.N.

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Congratulations to Col and Joy Ibbotson on the birth of a son — their first child.

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Powderman Jack Watterson and family spent their annual holidays at Lake Macquarie.



CRICKET

S.P.C. have had mixed fortunes in the last two rounds of the competition. In the match against competition leaders — Bundanoon — they were successful in obtaining an outright win. S.P.C. first innings produced 166 runs with chief scorer B. Woodhouse 66 not out, E. Wickham 23, M. Carrol and C. Boys 14 each. Bundanoon's first innings concluded for 83 runs, mainly due to the bowling of Clarke 3 for 27, Woodhouse 3 for 20, Veal 2 for 24. Bundanoon were forced to follow on and could only make 78, which was 5 runs short of S.P.C. total. Main wicket takers for S.P.C. were Veal 3 for 20, Clarke 3 for 30, Wortz 1 for none and Carrol 2 for 20. The match finished with an outright win for S.P.C. by an innings and 5 runs.

The next game against Moss Vale High was a different story. High won the toss and batted all the first day giving the S.P.C. team a lot of leather hunting in very hot conditions, at stumps High declaring with 6 for 338. On the second day S.P.C. were not equal to the task, and their first innings only produced 107 runs, including 32 for Veal, 30 for Boyd and 13 not out for Lewis. Forced to follow on still 231 short of High's total, S.P.C. could only put together 78 in their second innings including Byfield 24, Boyd 20 and Clarke 14. The match resulted in an outright win for High by an innings and 153 runs.

This was the last round of the competition and despite their bad start earlier in the season S.P.C. managed to finish second in the points score for the season. This means they now

go into the semi-finals. Their semi-final match is once again against Moss Vale High, so let us hope that their recent outright defeat by this team does not give them an inferiority complex for the semi-finals.

A social match between S.P.C. players under 23 and over 23 played on the S.P.C. ground recently showed that quite a few of the old hands have a lot of good cricket in them yet. The game resulted in a win for the old stagers by a considerable margin and some of their scores show why. Tarn Wrightson knocked up a handy 36 whilst Tom Waide had no trouble putting together 63 before he retired. Des Snowden also managed to knock up 60 before he was bowled. For the youngsters J. Geyer retired at 55 and Brian Woodhouse managed 22.

BOWLS

S.P.C. bowlers are still holding their own in games played around the district. Fred Armstrong has had mixed luck recently when he was beaten in the Club singles, but, teamed with another club member, he has had a win in the Wallis Pairs, beating Tom Lafferty and partner. Tom Penfold went down in a close game to ex-S.P.C.-ite Alf Tomlinson 26-23 in the Marshall singles.

In recent Pennant matches S.P.C. players have made their presence felt and the S.P.C. four, D. Crowe, S. Fleeton, F. Armstrong and W. Rutter are more than holding their own.

Bob Magnus was amongst the winners on Rotary day recently.

GOLF

At Bowral, S.P.C. golfers have not done so well in recent games. Tom Chalmers has been selected to play for Country Club in the district pennants, but on the first time out was rather soundly beaten by a Moss Vale player 5 and 4.

At their recent annual meeting, Sam Marshall was elected Vice-President and is also on the match and green committee, so he will have a busy time for the next year.

At Moss Vale during the past month S.P.C. golfers have managed to keep the flag flying even though the weather has been against them. Bert McIntosh was runner-up in the Rawson Cup which was played over two week-ends. Errol Chalker, who is a recent addition to the golfing ranks, has started to show his form. He came in square in a par event and has added to his stock of golf balls from various competitions. His first trophy came when he teamed up with Alan Parker to win a four ball event with 43 points.

N.R.M.A. Notes

BRAKES THAT FADE

What is brake fade? Many everyday motorists who read the car road tests that criticise "brake fade" in a certain model may never have experienced the condition and find the constant references to it puzzling.

The N.R.M.A.'s Technical Department engineers say that brake fade occurs when the heat generated in the brake after prolonged periods of use changes the physical properties of the linings and causes distortion of the drums.

The danger sign is the increasing pedal pressure needed for braking followed by an almost complete loss of braking ability.

Fade occurs generally when a car or truck is driven forcefully through hilly country, and is aggravated when the weather is hot.

Some modern cars have been developed from a basic model over the years and the growing increase in performance has outstripped the car's braking ability.

This is not always evident to the average owner in normal driving conditions when demands on the brakes generally are not very severe.

But when touring in hilly country, particularly if a caravan is attached, the effects of overheating of the brake linings can become disturbingly evident as fade sets in.

The N.R.M.A. Technical Department advises that when this happens, drivers should

pull off the road to allow the brakes to cool down, or reduce their cruising speed so that the need for braking becomes less.

Greater use of the car's gearbox to control speed also will reduce the demand on brakes.

The real remedy to fade lies in the re-designing of the brakes to provide a greater lining area and correspondingly bigger drum lining areas. These would combine to allow the brakes to disperse heat more quickly, thus resisting the onset of fade.

N.R.M.A. engineers say that sometimes the use of a different type of lining coupled with a pedal booster can improve the brakes' resistance to fade (but the addition of a booster by itself will not reduce fade or improve braking).

A number of manufacturers now are fitting disc brakes at least to the front wheels of their cars. Disc brakes do not fade because of the rapid dissipation of heat their design allows.

Large unventilated ornamental wheel discs contribute to many instances of brake fade; these choke off the cooling air supply through the wheels and around the drums.

Ornamental rear wheel mudguard spats or covers also can increase the incidence of fade by seriously curtailing the flow of air around the rear wheels.

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



Several of the locals have had some success lately, but the general picture has been for rather scant catches.

Sam Marshall, who has been holidaying on the far South Coast, was able to keep the table supplied with mixed fish, but generally speaking one had to work hard for a feed.

Jack Brown recently visited the Canal area and reports a very poor bag.

I understand that the blue nose whiting are available in some quantity on the ocean beach at Shoalhaven Heads.

It was very interesting to see a great array of fishermen at Lake George whilst passing on a visit to Canberra. Some had waded out waist deep, whilst others, more fortunate, took to a boat. Most were using spinners and catching redfin. Fishermen say they are very hard to scale, but have had no personal experience.

This would be a wonderful spot if stocked with the necessary fish. Of course, local conditions have to be favourable, otherwise they die out.

This lake was stocked with Murray Cod at some time, but they failed to materialise.

In the vicinity of Bendok, on the N.S.W.-Victorian border, Fred Running bagged about 90 trout during his stay there. The brown trout were up to 3lbs. in weight, and bit on natural bait and spinner. Needless to say the same old story — best in the early morning and late evening. He saw an 11lb. trout at Nimmitabel being cast for mounting. That's what I call a good one!

Bill Remington also had good fishing past the School at Nimmitabel with redfin, trout and black fish.

The boys still seem to be getting some big hooks straightened out at Bong Bong — if we wait long enough we should be able to pick them out by hand — the way the weather is behaving. And according to my weather graph we are in for some MIGHTY DRY weather!



FLOWERS:

SOW: Alyssum, Anemone, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Candytuft, Canterbury Bell, Carnation, Cornflower, Delphinium, Digitalis, Gaillardia, Larkspur, Linaria, Mignonette, Nemesis, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Primula, Ranunculus, Stock, Wallflower.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Bellis perennis, Calendula, Delphinium, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Primula, Ranunculus, Stock, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Beet, Dwarf Beans, Carrot, Parsnip, Parsley, Peas, White Turnip, Savoy Cabbage, Endive, Lettuce, Onion.

PLANT: Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Lettuce, Endive.

March is our last growing month and frosts can be expected by early April, so keep this in mind when planting.

Remove all summer-blooming annuals towards the end of this month, and prepare the ground for winter and spring flowers.

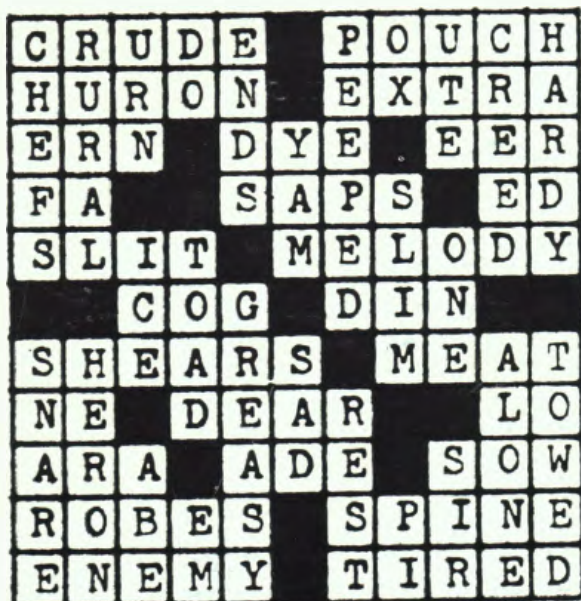
Disbud Dahlias and Chrysanthemums now for show standard blooms. Re-sow any areas of English lawn grasses which require attention. This seed will germinate before the cold weather begins.

Lift Gladiolus corms six weeks after flowering and hang up to dry with all growths attached. When dry, they should be stripped of the dead outer skin and stored on a dry shelf.

Remove any plants which have finished bearing from the vegetable garden and cultivate between the rows to keep down weeds.

Place orders for Roses and Fruit Trees this month, to make sure you obtain the varieties which you require.

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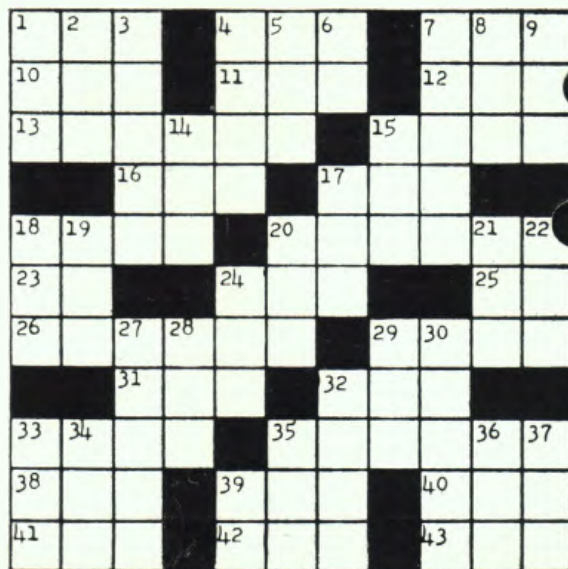
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- 20 Bind
- 21 Be in debt
- 22 Church bench
- 24 The whole of
- 27 At no time
- 28 Golf peg
- 29 Young bear
- 30 Rebuild
- 32 Performed
- 33 Mountain pass
- 34 Frozen water
- 35 Embrace
- 36 Mined material
- 37 Baseball club
- 39 Music note

Problem No. 72 must have been easier than usual judging by the number of correct entries received. The winner this month is Glenys O'Neil, of Moss Vale.

(By Henry Kroger)

ACROSS

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- 7 Shy
- 10 Undivided
- 11 Falsehood
- 12 Color
- 13 Simple song
- 15 Makes fast
- 16 Pull along
- 17 By the way of
- 18 Impartial
- 20 Of highest quality
- 23 Exist
- 24 Point
- 25 You and I
- 26 Tamed
- 29 Ship's company
- 31 Snake-like fish
- 32 Owing, as debt
- 33 Donate
- 35 Familiar chat
- 38 High card
- 39 Merriment
- 40 Historical period
- 41 Through
- 42 Become old
- 43 Rainy



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General Manager's Notes

March saw several new records achieved at the Works which are as follows:—

No. 5 Kiln clinker	38,140 tons
Cement Ground	41,736 tons
Cement Sales	39,619 tons

Congratulations to all concerned!

Whilst the dry weather is certainly helping production and sales it is having a calamitous effect on the agricultural and pastoral industry which, if it continues much longer, must have an effect on the cement industry. This is due to the decreasing income of the country making less money available for building.

It would appear that both dry and wet weather in moderation is essential to the welfare of the country as a whole and it is hoped that we get substantial rain soon even though it will mean some slight falling off in our level of production.

J. F. McNICOL,

General Manager.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Following the bad times which we have suffered over the past weeks, things appear to be at last on the improve.

The bush fires have been extinguished, and we have had some rain to ease the drought situation.

While on the subject of the fires, I would like to move a vote of thanks to all those people who gave so unstintingly of their time and labour during this crisis, to the fire fighters who battled the flames without a thought for their own safety, to the women who kept the fire fighters fed, collected and distributed food and clothing to the fire victims, to all those people and organisations both from within and outside our district who gave their services, also to all those people who moved back into the fire devastated areas to help the local residents salvage what they could of their homes and properties.

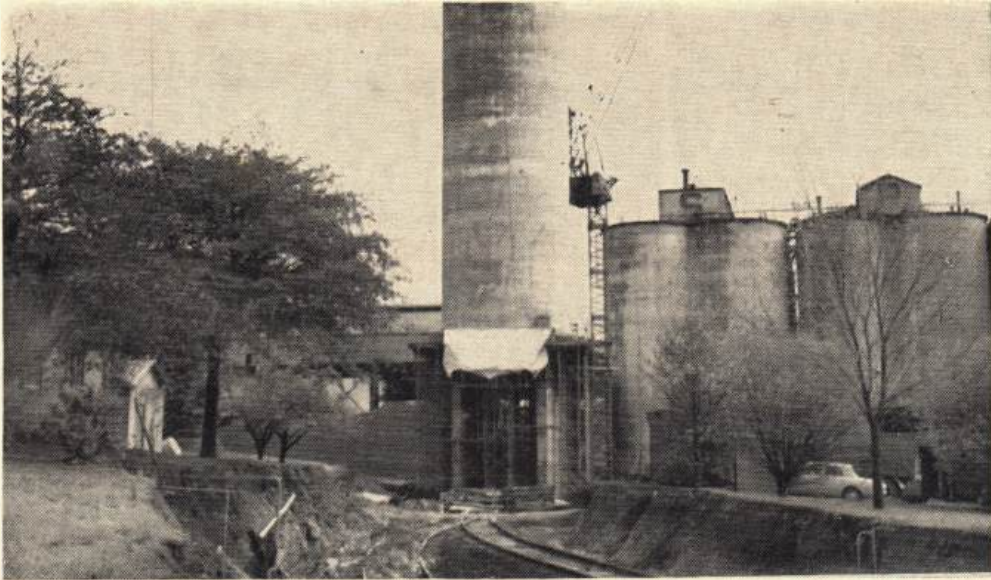
It is during times like this, that the true Australian spirit comes through, and makes me glad that I am an Australian.

On the home front things are also on the improve. Production continues to rise at Marulan, Colliery and at the Cement Works. The Safety figures are also on the improve, over 50 days on the board at the works and the Marulan boys steadily approaching the 100 day mark. As I predicted in an earlier issue, it will take a lot more than one accident to keep the Rockhoppers down and it will not be long before they pass their previous best figure and continue on to new records.

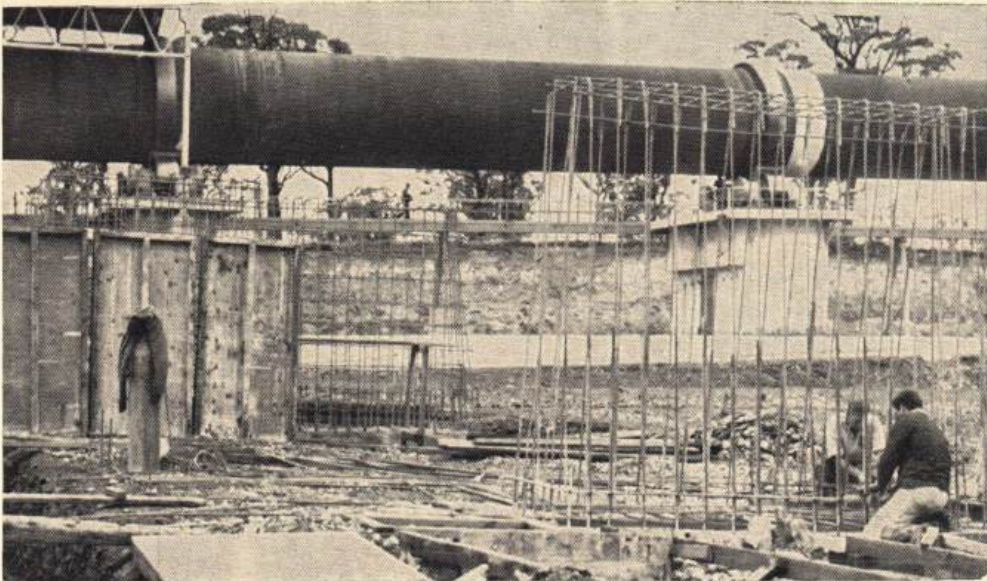
Yours till next month,

THE EDITOR.

Plant Jottings



The above photo shows how the new silos are changing the skyline around the stockhouse area. The first silo is nearing completion and the other two will not be far behind it. Being poured by the slip form method it does not take very long to complete each silo as pouring is continuous.



The new cement mill is beginning to take shape, following the pouring of some of the smaller foundations, work has commenced on the main foundations for the mill itself, and it should not be long before we see some of the steelwork start to rise on the site.

Apprentice News

The model of No. 5 kiln which was made by our apprentices over the past few months caused a great deal of interest at the Berrima District Show held at Moss Vale a few weeks ago. Judging by some of the questions asked by the public, from the apprentices on duty with the model, there are a lot of people in this district who have very little knowledge

of how cement is made and just what goes on inside the gates of S.P.C.

The model was on show at the Bowral High School Fete a few weeks later where the same type of interest in it was shown. It would appear that it will be exhibited in quite a few places in the months ahead, and so all those lads who helped in "Its" construction can feel very proud of themselves.



Safety—Berrima

We are now in the fourth month with one (1) lost time injury on the board. If we all make the effort it should be possible to go through the rest of the year without further lost time injuries.

Remember the prize! It's displayed on the notice board. It's worth striving for.

These are the positions of the Safety Groups:
Apprentice Group 490 days
Production "A" 534 "

Production "B"	365 "
Production "C"	125 "
Production "D"	555 "
Maintenance	275 "
Electrical	770 "
Power House	915 "
Stockhouse	45 "
General Office)	
Works Office)	1510 "
Laboratory)	

Marulan

Marulan apprentices this month will pass the two year mark without a lost time injury. The score at the end of March was:

Group 1, 491 days; Group 2, 70; Group 3, 501; Group 4, 568; Group 5, 231; Group 6, 716; and the Plant 71.

Praise The Living

(By B. Creswick)

When a wise man in Biblical times made his memorable exhortation: "Let us now praise famous men", he did not intend that they should be praised only when dead. But it became a fashion to defer our major tribute to a great man until he is a century dead. Much devotional energy is being spent on the long departed.

If the remembrance of anyone provides a sort of signpost to guide the reader among the confused riches of literature it is good. Indeed, it has always been good that men should give praise on stated occasions, such as the anniversaries of birth or death, and as the world goes on, and the heroic in everyday life grows less and less easy to recognise, so much that is meritorious and spuriously heroic having overlaid it, the importance of saluting the world's heroes on their own particular days becomes increasingly manifest.

The danger of centuries is that they develop into a fetish and then we find ourselves inclined to postpone our appreciation of a noteworthy man until the day that marks his appearance on earth on his departure.

Books are never meant to be read in accordance with rule-of-thumb arrangements, and if the work of a great man deserves to be preserved at all it is entitled to ampler reward than to be taken down from a dusty shelf at some stated time, and piously studied and discoursed upon — and then most probably relegated to the dusty shelf again.

The joy of appreciation lies far more in its spontaneity than in any ordered occasion. The happiest celebrant of centenaries is he who is able to join in the communal praise as a result of having taken no thought of anniversaries, but acquainted himself, understandably as well as enthusiastically, with the life of as many as possible of the world's benefactors throughout the ages and belonging to all countries and climes.

This kind of celebrant is also likely to be the most useful and helpful, because he may even be led to seek out the work of his contemporaries who seem to approach fame — in the prophets sense of nobility and gainhood — and praise them while they are still living.

Marulan Poultry Fancier

Les ("Tex") Cooper has had many successes as a poultry fancier in the last twelve (12) years. "Birds" he has shown have been Ancona large fowls, Black Leghorn, Australorp, Ancona Bantams and modern Pile Game.

His successes are:

Goulburn (1951 to 1964): First Prizes 25, Second 29, Third 9, Champion 15.

Wagga (1952 to 1956): First Prizes 9, Second Prizes 8, Champion 6, and one Silver Cup.

Australian Capital Territory (1953 to 1963): 1st Prizes 2, Second 4, Third 4.

Queanbeyan, since 1955: First Prizes 2, Second Prizes 3.

Yass (1952 to 1956): First Prizes 6, Second Prizes 2, 3 Champion Ribbons.

Nowra (1963): Second Prizes 1, Third Prize 1.

Nowra (1964): First Prize 1, Third Prize 1, Champion Ribbon 1.

Berrima District 78th Annual Show (1964): First Prize 1, Champion Prize 2, Ribbon for Best Leghorn in Show.

Taralga Show (1964): First Prizes 2, Second Prizes 2.

Crookwell Show (1964): First Prizes 2, Second Prize 1.

June Show (1964): First Prizes 4, Second Prizes 2.

In all he has obtained 54 First Prizes, 52 Second, 15 Third, 7 Champion Ribbons, one (1) Cup, and 22 Champions.

Lake George Claims Its Victims

(By B. Creswick)

Lake George, as a legendary lake, has claimed several victims in recent years and an unknown number during the last 138 years since it was discovered.

The worst tragedy was the drowning of four R.M.C. Duntroon cadets in the 50's. They were on exercise in a boat when a sudden squall blew up, tipping them into the water. Although strong swimmers, the cadets hadn't a chance against the treacherous waters. Many hours elapsed before the lake disgorged its victims.

Another tragedy occurred when a group of young people under the care of a Catholic priest were fishing. The boat overturned and one of the party was drowned, despite valiant efforts by the priest to save him.

No doubt the natives could tell of other mishaps and stories that have now been lost in the mist of legend and folklore. The natives, particularly the Narayol tribe in Lake George area, left a lovely nomenclature, fragments of which only remain.

Their Weereewaa — Lake George — was always a meeting place for feasts. However, these were but the hors d'oeuvres to the feasts of the Bogongs when this happy people moved off in a great giggle of gins, "Pics", and warriors to the Tumut district where the huge bobong moth bred in millions.

Their larvae, fried on hot rocks, gave a final polish to their ebony skins and everyone grew fat, sleek and glossy and many a boy became a man on the secret bora grounds of the Doomat (Tumut). It is well over a century since the last great trek from Weereewaa, and the mist wrapped Bogong peaks

looked down on the laughing, "honey-voiced" women, as they gathered the luscious bogongs; the spear that sought the perch on the Yarrangobilly and the Goobragabdra, has given way to the road that turns the alien trout.

In the late 1830's some 3,000 aborigines on their way to Lake George, held one of their last great corroborees on the site of Goulburn's railway station. In 1848, there were only 25 full-bloods in and around Goulburn and about 150 around Lake George. Only their nomenclature remains to remind and present all the usual problems to the interested, for each tribe seems to have contributed of the dialect. Weereewaa for the lake and Narrawa for the upper Lachlan have a common origin; but the abo's love for the musical "ong" and "tong" predominates. Buddong or Bundong for Lake Bathurst, the lovely Cobbadong, with its equally beautiful meaning "Moon on the water" for our Abercrombie, Ajamatong for Collector Creek, Jillamatong Hill and Creek at Braidwood are not so far away.

The Yass tribes gave us a whole string of euphonious names that are almost a song in themselves — Goonong (Gunning), then Oolong, Illalong, Binalong and Galong — and what weary train traveller has not seen these?

Natives from Goulburn seemed to favour "illy" and the long "ee". With Wollondilly, Mut-Mut-Billy, Mulwaree. On the way to Tumut you cross a Murrumbidgee and Goodrigbee and in the district itself, there's the Yarrangobilly, and a Buddong Falls above Talbingo.

Lets Laugh

While the cannibal chief's pot was being heated up good and ready for the victim, the chief was asking him about his past.

"What was your last job before we captured you?" he asked.

"I was sub-editor of our local newspaper," the victim replied.

"Well, cheer up," said the chief, "I'm going to promote you — you will soon be editor-in-chief."

Catching one of his men stealing wheat, an old farmer promptly dismissed him.

Presently along came the vicar to plead for the culprit.

"Remember what we are told," he said, "If a man smites thee on one cheek, turn him the other also."

"That's just what I did — he stole my wheat, so I gave him the sack," replied the farmer.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

There were a few faces missing from around the works during the past few weeks. They belonged to members of the local C.M.F. unit who were attending their annual 14 days' camp at Holdsworthy. They included Cpl. Eddie Johns, Drawing Office; Pte. David Edmonds, Painters; Pte. John Clarke, Electrical; Pte. Phill Elliott, Stockhouse and Pte. Bob Vincent, Machine Shop. The section commanded by Cpl. Johns and including Pte. Clarke was judged to be one of the best sections on the exercises. Pte. Dave Edmonds also distinguished himself by passing an N.C.O. coaching course which puts him well on the way towards his two stripes.

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Congratulations to Richard Dickson, Loco, who was married on 20th February.

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Another ex-S.P.C.-ite passed on during March. He was Eduards Tukdens, who died on the 8th March at Sydney. Eduards was employed in the Drawing Office for some years prior to his transfer to the Electricity Commission in 1956. Our sympathy to his family.

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Congratulations to John Sabidussi, Electrical, on his engagement to Janice Irving of Mittagong.

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There's a date for all fishermen to keep in mind, Sunday, 2nd May. It's the A.I.S. Blackfish Fishing Competition from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with prizes up to £12 in fishing gear. Entry forms are available from the Safety Officer.

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Alf Knapman, Power House Foreman, found a new way of checking the depth of water in the dam recently. The only trouble was, he got a bit "wet" in the process. You had better stick to using a sounding rod in future Alf.

We still have the usual crop of holiday makers off this month. They include John Long from the Power House and Alec Donaldson, Rick Mulready, Doug Crowe, from the Machine Shop and Percy Sewell from the Electrical Shop.

Congratulations to George and Mrs. Pribyl, General Office, on the birth of their daughter on 18th March.

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Doug Donaldson, Power House, knocked off work to carry bricks when he took his long service leave recently. It was during the bush fire period and Doug gave up a lot of his holidays to help man the Moss Vale Fire Station.

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Our sympathy to the Stone family, of Taylor Avenue, Berrima, on the death of their father, Robert, on 23rd March at his home. Bob worked at S.P.C. as a carpenter for quite some time before his retirement.

COLLIERY

Ex-employee of the Colliery, Mick Pavlov, passed away early in April. We extend our sympathy to his family.

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Shirley Smith, daughter of Reg, has taken up nursing. "Best of luck Shirley".

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Barry Stafford is on the mend following a recent spell in hospital for an operation. Hope to see you back soon Barry.

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Eric Carey must be starting to feel old; he has been made a grandfather three times in the last few weeks. Last time it was "twins."

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The people of Medway were well to the fore in the recent appeal for clothing for the bush fire relief fund. A special mention must go to three young ladies for their efforts at Wingello; they are Ruth Jones, Cheryl Brittle and June Beaton.

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New Berrima has recently formed their own bush fire brigade. Office bearers are: Captain, Don Moore; 1st Deputy Captain, Bill Rutter; 2nd Deputy Captain, Neville Parmenter; Secretary, Ron Shaw.

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Darrell Denny has returned to work after a spell off, recovering from an operation. Good to see you back Darrell.

MARULAN

Quarry employees who lost their homes in the recent bushfire were George Rowley, George Spathis, John Newman, Tom Wild. A total of 32 homes were lost at Wingello and 21 at Tallong.

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One of the wooden railway bridges between Medway Junction and Marulan South was burnt in the fire. It was 10ft long and had five spans each of 20ft. Co-operation by the Railways Department, S.P.C. men, and Mac-Stones, of Mittagong, reconstructed the bridge of steel and the first diesel with limestone passed over it a week after the fire. This was a good effort considering many difficulties that had to be overcome.

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Visitors to the quarry during the month were members of the Concrete and Cement Manufacturers' Association, who were at Berrima for their annual conference.

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New starter was Bruce Evans, of Goulburn. He is learning all about quarry work, including jackhammers, for the first time.

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Raymond McCallum's victories in the cycling world continue to mount. He was champion in his section in the recent track championship events at Goulburn. His young brother, Don, also pedalled well to take out a couple of prizes. A competitor who could be called the junior of all juniors, nine-year-old Ian Gutzke, son of Allan and Barbara, and cousin of Ray and Don, has had a couple of wins since he started racing only a few months ago.

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Les O'Brien is spending his holidays touring Tasmania.

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Darcy Hadlow won the men's section in a tennis tournament in Goulburn.

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Apprentice John Beaumont, who showed much promise as a junior Rugby footballer until he injured a knee last season, has taken up rifle shooting. His first victory was winning the Marulan Club trophy over 300 yards.

Les "Tex" Cooper was a successful exhibitor at the Moss Vale Show. He won the championship in the Leghorn section as well as other prizes. He had similar success at Nowra Show.

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We are pleased to report that John Pole is making steady progress in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Readers will recall that in January he suffered a serious back injury when he dived into a shallow dam.

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There must be gold in limestone. Apart from new Holdens, etc., in March, two shining new Valiants appeared on the cubicle rank. One belongs to Bob (Polly) Alcock, shovel greaser, and the other to Dick Bernet, brakesman.

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Robert Strode, on loan from Berrima, spent part of his holidays at Charbon looking around the Kandos Portland Cement plant.

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Camp Steward Jim Keegan spent his holidays visiting friends and relations in Sydney and on the coast.

More Laughs

Married man to good looking bachelor: "How in the world have you been able to stay single so long?"

Bachelor: "It's easy, every time I look at television I know tens of millions of women are anaemic and overweight, and have stringy hair, large pores and rough hands."

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The gorgeous blonde walked into the dress shop and inquired, "May I try on that blue dress in the window?"

"Go ahead," the owner said, "It may help business."

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She had just been introduced to an actor. "Oh, I suppose you actors hate boos more than anything else?" she remarked.

Well madam, it all depends on how you spell it," was the adroit answer.



CRICKET

Despite their efforts in beating competition leaders Bundanoon in the last games of the season, S.P.C. were not good enough to beat their old stumbling block, Moss Vale High, in the final played at Bundanoon.

S.P.C.'s first innings produced 98 runs, including 31 to J. Clarke, 21 to R. Vincent and 17 to C. Boyd. High's first innings of 168 would have been much higher but for a fine bowling spell by M. Carroll who took 5 wickets for 80 runs, other wicket takers for S.P.C. being Clarke 2 for 17, Vincent 2 for 24 and Lewis 1 for 20.

At the start of the second innings S.P.C. were 70 runs behind, but they could only manage to accumulate 34 runs, thus leaving High the winners by an innings and 36 runs.

GOLF

At Moss Vale over the past few weeks S.P.C. golfers have been getting into the prize list. Ernie Radnidge dashed a lot of hopes when he came in with a net 61 in the April Medal. Errol Chalker with a net 66 could only get a ball.

Kevin Howard ran up a fine 42 points in a stableford event, but only got home by a mere two points. The club handicapper really sharpened his pencil when he saw these scores. Ern lost three strokes, Kevin two and Errol one stroke.

We wonder if these players will be able to play to their new handicaps now that the rain has slowed up the course.

At the recent annual meeting of the club, S.P.C. finished with three representatives on the Committee. Ron Budden and Ernie Radnidge are on the general committee, while Bert

McIntosh was elected Club Captain, which means that any spare time he had in the past will now be practically non-existent.

At Bowral Country Club Norm Austin was the only S.P.C. player to figure in the prize-money when he won a stableford event on 21st March with 37 points. S.P.C. players will have to pull their socks up if they want to get into the money.

Country Club lost one of their star players recently when Tom Chalmers left to take up a position with a firm in Malaya. Best of luck in your new job Tom, and let's hope you find time to try out the course around K.L.

FOOTBALL

The local footballers are digging out their gear from the bottom of their lockers in preparation for the coming season, and S.P.C. should have their share of players in the various teams.

One of the finds of a recent group coaching school held at Mittagong was Bob Waide. We hear on the grapevine that this player has outstanding ability and no doubt we will hear more of him in the weeks to come.

BOWLS

One of the four teams which have reached the finals in the S.M.S. Memorial competition consists of three well known S.P.C. players. They are Fred Bonnar, Bill Rutter with skip Len Knight. Let's hope you can go right through and take out the trophy.

The only other bowler in the news lately is Johnny D'Adam who was narrowly beaten by Norm Hyde 31-28 in a recent game. The score was so close that it was not until the last end that the winner was decided — Better luck next time, Johnny.

N.R.M.A. Notes

WHAT ARE "SPEED ZONES"?

The Premier (Mr. Renshaw) last week announced that fixed speed limits, ranging from 25 to 60 m.p.h., would shortly apply on certain sections of the main highways leading from Sydney.

The Premier said that these sections would be "speed zoned" as they carried the heaviest volumes of country motor traffic and had high accident rates.

The N.R.M.A.'s Chief Traffic Engineer (Mr. E. A. Huxtable) said to-day that many people were asking: "What are speed zones"?

Speed zoning was recognised as an important traffic engineering principle by the major world authorities, particularly those in the United States, he said.

Factors overseas engineers examined when determining speed zone limits for any particular stretch of road were:

- **PREVAILING VEHICLE SPEEDS:** Traffic experts believed that the speed adopted by the big majority of drivers over a particular stretch of road was the most important factor in determining a proper speed limit.

- **ACCIDENTS:** A review was made of the frequency, severity, type and contributing factors to accidents with particular attention being given to the speeds at which these occurred.

- **HIGHWAY FEATURES:** These included the design speed, lane and shoulder widths, curves, grades and sight distances.

- **TRAFFIC CHARACTERISTICS:** This factor included traffic volume, parked vehicles, commercial traffic, turn movements and pedestrians.

- **SIGNPOSTING:** This had to be done well, and certainly better than it was in N.S.W. at present. Larger signs at more frequent intervals and in more realistic positions would be a "must" here.

Mr. Huxtable said this type of scientific speed control could contribute to safer and more efficient traffic movement, but the engineers setting speed limits had to observe a number of basic rules.

"One is that unnecessary and unreasonable speed laws can have serious effects, including the lessening of drivers' respect and obedience of speed limits," he said.

"Realistic limits usually improve traffic safety; those that are too high or low often cause an increase in accidents and other traffic problems.

"Many lengths of highway in N.S.W. for example could carry safe speeds above 60 m.p.h. and it would be unreasonable to impose such an arbitrary limit in these cases.

"While the N.R.M.A. is an advocate of the scientific speed zoning of appropriate sections of highway, it supports the present 50 m.p.h. prima facie limit in other places outside built-up areas. This allows a driver to exercise his judgment on the safe speed and if he exceeds the limit he can be called on to show that his speed was not dangerous," Mr. Huxtable said.

✓ ENGLISH — AS SHE IS SPOKE

English, they say, is the language most used, most written, most spoken, most cruelly abused.

The plural of BOX, we all know is BOXES. Yet the plural of OX is OXEN not OXES.

A GOOSE is a GOOSE, but two are called GEESE.

So why isn't more than one MOOSE quoted MEESE?

A MOUSE and his family are mentioned as MICE.

But the plural of House is HOUSES, not HICE. The plural of BROTHER is BROTHERS or BRETHREN.

And yet we say MOTHERS but never say METHREN.

The plural of MAN? The answer is MEN. The plural of PAN? Who dares to say PEN? For more than one TOOTH we designate TEETH.

Then why isn't more than one BOOTH termed as BEETH?

The COW in the plural is sometimes the KINE. But who ever spoke of two VOWS as a VINE? You can readily doubt a FOOT and have FEET.

But try as you might, you can't make ROOT, REET.

If THIS in my hand were two, 'twould be THESE.

And yet is the plural of KISS ever KESE.

We clarify pronouns as HE, HIS and HIM. But never, it's certain, as SHE, THIS and SHIM.

No wonder that foreigners nearly go mad,
And speak our GOOD English atrociously
BAD.

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



According to a recent article in the newspaper my thoughts on the fish scarcity are endorsed somewhat! The experts still say that disturbances in breeding places, trade waste, etc., together with the continued dry spell, are all contributing factors to the dearth.

All this did not stop Bob Friend from giving it a try. I saw him heading south with his boat on top — but — he has not called at my place with any fish yet!

Together with a team of Lab. boys, we descended on Lake Illawarra twice recently complete with lights, mosquito repellent, bags and prawn nets — we were going to empty the Lake. However, after starting late, and fishing about 12 midnight we could only boost about 3 lbs. of prawns each. I got 5 sand fly bites! I didn't think they would be about that late.

I have discovered a way of reducing the itch! Rub with metho!

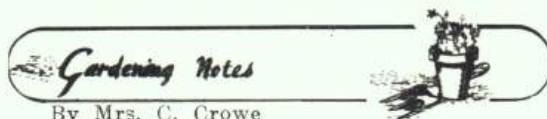
Jack Brown had a trip to Huskisson and got on to two nice flathead — one four lbs. and one six lbs. These were nice fish indeed, and well worth waiting for. During another trip in camping with Vince Pagett he landed a nice bream, about 3 lbs. Vince did well too with a flathead about 3 lbs.

This Huskisson seems to be in the news lately. A boat load of outside fishermen, made up of Bill Brooks, Geo. Shields, Geoff White, Tony Suro, Alec Stephen and John Byfield, set out to land a banana case of mixed fish, mainly mowies, squire and big sweep. The good catch was no doubt due to burly by up of Bill Brooks, Geo Shields, Geoff White, particular shade of green of Alec Stephens' face — may have looked like green weed!

A sad note comes from Comerong Island, we learn of the passing, at the age of 68 years, of John (Toby) Bice, suddenly. I know Mrs. Bice has accompanied her husband fishing on many trips recently, because she was worried about Toby's health, but when the time comes, it's always a shock. I remember him telling me that, for 20 odd years, fishermen had passed through his slip rails to the beach, and had never once left a slip rail down.

Recently, he had cattle ramps installed more for "his" fishermen than for himself. No doubt no one went short of bait — or a pull out of the sand by tractor when Toby was about!

All the men passing through his property were grateful for his generosity and courtesy, and on behalf of the fishermen of the Tablelands, I would like to extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Bice and family, and wish you all continued good health.



for April

FLOWERS:

SOW: Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Eschscholtzia, Candytuft, Larkspur, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Pansy, Sweet Pea.

PLANT: Aquilegia, Bellis Perennis (English Daisy), Calendula, Carnation, Dianthus, Iceland Poppy, Lobelia, Polyanthus, Primula, Ranunculus, Stock, Verbena, also Spring Flowering Bulbs.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Parsnip, Parsley, White Turnip, Lettuce, Radish, Endive.

PLANT: Celery, Herbs, Eschalots, Garlic, Horse Radish, Lettuce, Rhubarb. Commence the planting of evergreen shrubs and trees this month and replace any which have been lost during the dry weather. Liliums may also be planted now. Choose a cool, protected position, with a good depth of soil for these very special flowers, and plant 6" to 8" deep, with a light covering of sand around each bulb.

Prepare the soil now in which you intend to plant Black and Red Currants, Gooseberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, etc., during winter months.

English Lawn Grass seed should be sown during April so that it germinates before the really cold weather arrives.

There has been another hatching of caterpillars on the cypresses. Watch for these black-headed "varmint" and spray with "Buggetta" to control them!

Keep the weeds in both vegetable and flower garden under control by frequent cultivation.

With the arrival of the long awaited water supply in Berrima, many of the residents are now becoming very garden-minded. Don't forget to lag all exposed pipes and construct a proper meter-cover of thick wood, to save damage caused by the water freezing in the pipes during winter.

We have had a few light frosts during last month, so vibrant Autumn colour is showing now in Poplars, Oaks and Maples, which have withstood the droughty conditions.

Many of our bird-friends have already flown north, away from the cold, but the Butcher Bird's clear, melodious notes can be heard above all others in the early morn. He sings best at this time of the year!

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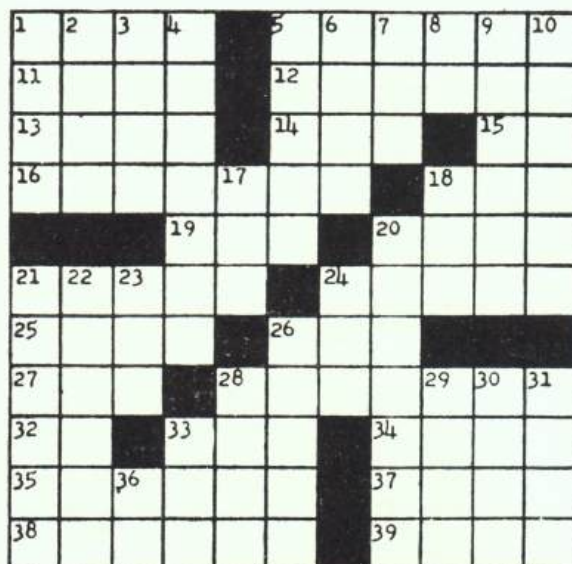
- 1 Wild hog
- 2 Competent
- 3 Heavy metal
- 4 Thing kept secret
- 5 Slant
- 6 Skin opening
- 7 Curved bone
- 8 The thing
- 9 Most modern
- 10 Oily substances
- 17 Affirmative vote
- 18 — Vegas, Nev.
- 20 Employees' money
- 21 Evergreen tree
- 22 Part of a ticket
- 23 Small insect
- 24 Large snake
- 26 Odd number
- 28 Lawsuit
- 29 Region
- 30 Moist and chilly
- 31 Otherwise
- 33 Be mistaken
- 36 Near by

Judging by the number of correct entries received for Problem No. 73, either the problem was easier than usual or the entrants are getting smarter. This month's winner, after a draw from the hat, was Mrs. M. Roach, of Berrima.

—PROBLEM 74

ACROSS

- 1 Ointment
- 5 Annual season
- 11 Be obedient
- 12 Linger
- 13 Alack!
- 14 Globe
- 15 You and I
- 16 Official forms (2 wds.)
- 18 Meadow
- 19 Flower centre
- 20 Free ticket
- 21 Frighten
- 24 Sew loosely
- 25 Small horse
- 26 Plaything
- 27 Wheel track
- 28 Pantomime game
- 32 Overhead
- 33 Hearing organ
- 34 Verbal
- 35 Not fine
- 37 Camera glass
- 38 Dinner course
- 39 Body of water



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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Well, another month has slipped by since we last went to press and with it another 30 accident free days have been put up on the Safety boards. Marulan have knocked up their century again, and the coupons have been handed around. Berrima is well on the way to its century and everyone is looking forward to the coupons there as well. Let's see if we can do as well as Simpson and Lawry have done in the West Indies, and score a double century each. Team work means just as much, if not more, on the job as it does on any sports field.

Once again we had the sad task of saying goodbye to two of our old hands from the Quarry, Tom Sharkey and Alec McMurtrie. Thanks to both of you for a job well done; may you both continue to keep good health, so you can enjoy a long and happy retirement.

As you know, next February we will be changing over to decimal currency. How is this going to affect each and everyone of us? How much will the bonus be in dollars and cents? How many cents will the housewife have to pay for a pound of sugar or a loaf of bread? Later on in the year we will be running a series of articles on decimal currency, in which we will try to answer as many questions as possible before next February approaches.

We will try to keep this information in a simple form so that everyone will be able to understand it. We will also try to publish photos of the new notes and coins, so that we will recognise them when they appear in our pay envelopes. If anyone has any questions regarding the new currency, we will be very pleased to answer them, so don't be afraid to send them in.

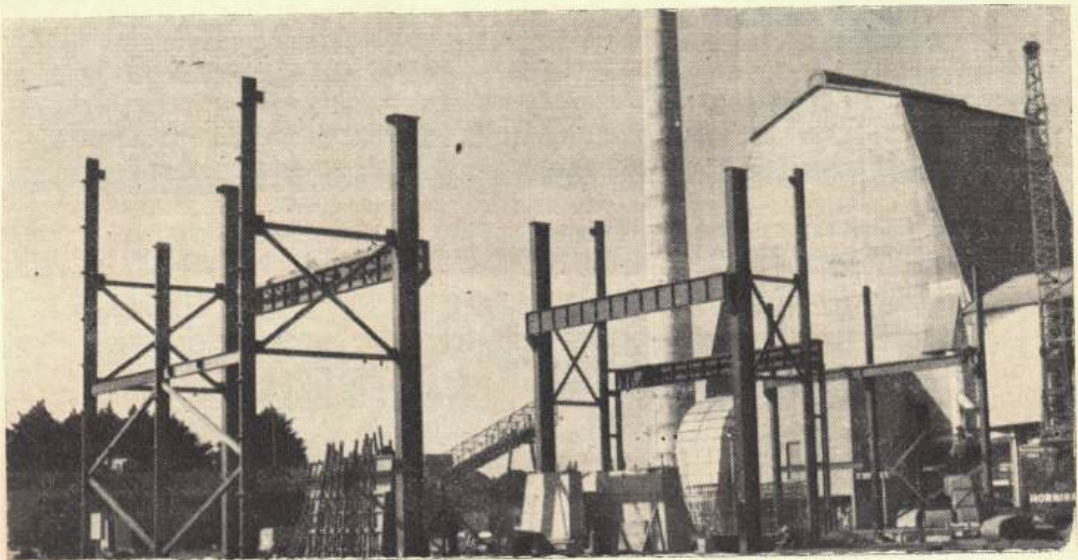
Yours till next month,

THE EDITOR.

Plant Jottings



The above photograph shows the second of the three new silos completed. This leaves only one silo to erect and the lift housing. Using the same slip form method as before the second silo was poured in 4 days with a rate of 13 inches per hour. This is considerably faster than the first silo which was poured at the rate of $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches per hour.



As this photo shows, considerable progress has been made on the site of No. 5 Cement Mill. Since our last issue, the main mill foundations have been poured and quite a lot of the building steelwork has been delivered to the site and erected. Also a lot of the auxiliary equipment, namely blowers and separators have arrived on the site ready for installation.

Apprentice News

At an apprentice Safety meeting held in Berrima during April, prizes were presented to seven apprentices, by the Works Manager, Mr. Len Knight, for the skill shown in their workshop notebooks. It is interesting to note that four of the seven prizes went to Marulan apprentices, who make up less than one-third of the total number employed by S.P.C. "The Berrima boys" will have to put their best foot forward to beat this record.



Pictured above are the seven prizewinners. They are: Back row, left to right: J. Hardgraves, Marulan; R. King, Berrima; C. Clack, Marulan; R. McCallum, Marulan. Front row: M. Creswick, Marulan; O. Field, Berrima; N. Dillon, Berrima.

Safety — Berrima

All Safety Groups have many days to their credit without a disabling injury occurring as the figures below show:—

Apprentice Group	518 days
Production "A"	562 days
Production "B"	390 days
Production "C"	152 days
Production "D"	583 days
Maintenance	302 days
Electrical	800 days

Power House	944 days
Stockhouse	73 days
General Office, Works Office and Laboratory	1541 days

These figures show that a group of men can work together safely — with everyone's co-operation. That way we will be able to add another 30 days next month and that means more bonus coupons.

Two Quarry Men Retire

Two members of the quarry staff, with a combined service of about 63 years, retired at the end of April. Shift Foreman Alec McMurtrie joined the company in January, 1929 and worked on every job until appointed to the staff about six years ago. Before coming to Marulan South, Mac worked at the Mt. Morgan mine in north Queensland and the Blue Metal Quarry near Berrima. The first part of his retirement will be spent visiting his mother at Rockhampton and then he will settle for a time at Gorokan, near Toukley.

Despatch Clerk Tom Sharkey joined the company in April, 1937 and worked for many years in the quarry, was the Leading Hand brakesman for some time, before joining the office staff when the late Arthur Noble retired. In his younger days he was a first class soccer player and with his wife, Melba, teamed in many waltzing championships at Goulburn's Lilac Time.

Both watched the development of the quarry over the years and their colleagues wish them well in their retirement.



New Water Supply for Marulan

Construction of a dam estimated to hold 1,000,000 gallons of water near the Quarry will supplement the water supply. The accompanying photo shows Quarry Superintendent, Kevin Howard supervising the work with bricklayer Mick Pigeon in the background.



A Look at Tasmania

(By Les O'Brien, Quarry)

From March 28 to April 5, a friend, John Larkin, and I took in a short tour of Tasmania, covering the Bass Highway from Devonport to Burnie and the Waratah and Murchison Highways from Burnie to Queenstown, returning to Devonport via the Tasman and Bass Highways.

We departed from Melbourne on March 29 aboard the Princess of Tasmania, which takes a pleasant 14 hours to cross the 250 miles to Devonport where we arrived at 9.00 a.m. After a short tour of Devonport, we headed out on the Bass Highway to Penguin. From here we made a few short detours to Gunn's Plains which is really a picturesque and fertile valley. We visited the caves and spoke with the farmer who is a self-appointed guide and caretaker. He had some strange things to say about the mainland shooting parties.

From Burnie we turned down the west coast road into the wild and rugged alps. On this area one has to keep a sharp lookout for timber jinkers. I feel this is the best scenic drive in the State and it is also the wettest. According to the locals 252 days of rain occur each year resulting in an annual rainfall of 200 inches. The Waratah Highway goes through virgin bushland and mining towns all the way to Waratah. From there the Murchison goes over the tableland and ranges to the rugged Queenstown, which depends entirely on the Mt. Lyell copper mine for its existence. One of the things that impressed me about the township was that for a distance of about five miles in all directions the landscape is completely lacking in vegetation and topsoil. I was told that the fumes from the smelting works is responsible.

From Mt. Lyell we turned inland through some of the most beautiful mountain country I have ever seen. We soon came to the Derwent Bridge and Tarraleah where the main hydro electric stations are situated. To visit the work area and interiors is a lesson in housekeeping and safe working.

From Tarraleah, we continued in through the ever-flattening farming and timber country to Gretna and New Norfolk where the hop fields start and then on to Hobart. Hobart is a large city, by Tasmanian standards, with a great many interesting points for the tourist, one of which is the old shot tower near

last war and still contains all its fittings, some Taroona. This was closed shortly before the of which were made by convict labour.

After Hobart, we visited the Richmond district, having been put on the track the night before over an 8oz. (no bigger available) of bitter ale at the Custom House Hotel. Richmond is reputed to be the oldest convict built district in Tasmania. From there we headed for Port Arthur where there are still grim reminders of our earliest settlers.

From Port Arthur, we started north along the Tasman Highway and passed through some beautiful scenery in the Eaglehawk Neck area. The trip covered 1,200 miles inside Tasmania on a variety of roads. Accommodation and meals were easy on the inland and eastern regions. Generally, the roads were sealed and in good condition.

Let's Laugh

"There," said the newlywed husband, pointing to Niagara Falls, "I told you that if you married me I'd show you the world's biggest cataract."

"Cataract!" screamed the former chorus girl, "I thought you said Cadillac!"

Clergyman's son: "Now that Daddy's been promoted to a Canon, can I tell all my friends that I'm a son of a gun?"

"I just can't understand it," the warden told the prisoner. "You and Spike have been cell mates and buddies all these years. Suddenly you turn on him and beat him up. What gives?"

"Well, you see, Warden, it was like this. He tore a leaf off the calendar and it was my turn."

A golf professional, hired by a big department store to give golf lessons, was approached by two women.

"Do you wish to learn to play golf, Madam?" he asked one.

"Oh, no," she said, "It's my friend who wants to learn. I learned yesterday."

Safety — Marulan

On 5th May, 1965, the Quarry once again put up the green flag denoting 100 days without a lost time accident. This is a fine effort and congratulations from the rest of S.P.C. go out to them.

One Quarry group which helped to raise the 100 day flag is deserving of special mention. It is Group 6, Quarry Apprentices, and during

April they passed the two year mark. The accompanying photo shows the group when they were presented with their awards.

They are: Back row, left to right—C. Clack, W. Percival, B. Creswick, P. Knowles, R. McCallum, J. Hardgraves.

Front row: R. Bryant, R. Thompson, J. Kopec, J. Beaumont, S. Kopec.



More Laughs

Ulcers are the result of mountain climbing over mole hills.

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A young accountant had been keeping steady company with a girl for five years. Doggedly he refused to pop the question. The girl was getting impatient.

One night the accountant took the girl out to a Chinese restaurant. She studied the menu and began telling her boy friend what she would care to eat.

"How would you like your rice," the boy friend asked, "Fried or boiled?"

The girl looked at the accountant, took a deep breath, then said very slowly and distinctly: "Thrown."

A Midwestern tourist guide tells of a new game played by hens and roosters who line up alongside a highway and wait for a speeding car. Then they all dash across in front of it.

Last one across is called a high school student.

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A man entered a cocktail bar and from each martini he extracted the olive and deposited it in a little bottle.

"What a nut," said another drinker to the bartender, "Really peculiar."

"What's peculiar about that?" replied the bartender, "His wife sent him out for a bottle of olives."

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Eugene Liu and family moved to the quarry recently where Eugene will take up duties as assistant to the Quarry Superintendent.

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Machine Shop Clerk Eric Johnson and family were involved in a car accident in Sydney recently. Eric sustained a broken knee cap as well as cuts and bruises; his wife and children also received minor injuries. Let's hope you will soon be back on the job again Eric.

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Eric's offsider, Ces Worner, has had a spell of sickness in the last few weeks, which has kept him away from work. You had better hurry back Ces or you won't be able to get into the machine shop for time sheets and clock cards.

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Another member of the Machine Shop to have bad luck with his car was John Townsend when it was stolen from Moss Vale. The police recovered it some time later at Darling-ton Point in the Riverina.

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Dennis O'Keeffe, General Office, announced his engagement on the 26th April, 1965. Congratulations Dennis.

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COLLIERY

A familiar face will be missing from the Colliery for a few weeks, when Eric Carey takes his long service leave.

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Harold Duncan, another of the old hands from the pit, retired on the 30th April, after 20 years service. Best of luck, Harold, in your new found freedom.

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Another link with the early days at Medway was severed recently with the death of Ces Carey, of Bowral. Ces was carting coal from the old No. 2 Tunnel to the present pit top, before the skipway and main heading were constructed. We extend our sympathy to his family.

MARULAN

Powderman Jack Watterson had his sister, Mrs. Jim Fitzgibbon, of Queanbeyan, spend part of her holidays with him and Mrs. Watterson in Marulan. Mrs. Fitzgibbon and her husband have a world-wide reputation for various kinds of furs and mats. When Queen Elizabeth was in Australia, she visited the farm house and ordered several kangaroo skin rugs. Other clients include the former Governor General, Lord de'Lisle, members of the Diplomatic Corps and a constant stream of visitors from overseas.

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Alec Nekrasius has returned to work following a recent mishap at home in which he broke his wrist.

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Local Schoolmaster Alf Diemar and Mrs. Diemar were proud parents at the graduation ceremony at Newcastle of their son, Phil. He won honours in mechanical engineering. Another son, John, will complete his teacher training course this year. Mick is studying geology under Peter McKenzie at the B.H.P., Newcastle, and the baby of the family, Ian, will sit for the Leaving Certificate at the end of the year.

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Apprentice Trevor Pratt has returned to Berrima and his place has been taken by Ian Gilbey, who will stay for three months. Electrician Bob Strode has also returned to Berrima.

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Congratulations to Ashley and Aileen Cooper on the birth of a son — Jonathan Phillip; their fourth child.

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Mr. K. J. Rowell, Manager Development and Exploration of the B.H.P., was a visitor to the quarry on 20/4/65. He was accompanied by Berrima Works Manager, Len Knight, and was shown around by Quarry Superintendent Mr. Kevin Howard.

Tangyrang Red Poll Stud. owned by Mr. Les Cooper, of Marulan South, in making their debut at the Royal Easter Show, scored three ribbons with three entries. This must be something of a record. Tangyrang Eros gained 3rd for a bull 18 to 21 months; Meadow Glow gained 2nd for a heifer in the 2 to 3 years class; Daisy gained a blue ribbon in heifer class 21 months to 2 years. David Cooper and wife Libby, and Greg were in charge at the showground. The Grand Parade was the highlight — David paraded Daisy and Libby its two weeks old calf; while Billy Cooper and Greg led two of Brigadier Hurst's Red Poll bulls.

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Congratulations to Loco Driver George and Mrs. Pitt on their recent marriage in Goulburn.

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Some worthwhile fish were caught by a party of anglers on the Burrinjuck Dam, near Yass, during April. The party comprised Eddie Cooper, Len Sieler, Merv Manton and Stan Bell.

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Welder Bill Kay took his fiancée to the Royal Easter Show — and lost her in the huge crowd. However, the homing instinct prevailed and she turned up in Goulburn on the first available train.

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Rod Matthews visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Matthews, at Easter. He is working with Eric Newham, earthmoving contractors, on a major dam project in the central west of Queensland.

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Marulan Second Cricket team won the premiership in their division. The senior team finished well down the ladder.

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Storeman Paddy Byrne returned to work at the end of April after treatment in a Sydney hospital.

New starters during the last few weeks were Allen Harrenden, Col Hoare and Terry Cosgrove.

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Apprentice carpenter Ray McCallum won two events at the Monaro Cycling Championships at the Bombala Easter Parade. His young brother, Don, also scored a trophy. Ray and Tony Shepherd in a time trial riding tandem finished two-fifths of a second outside a Victorian record for the track.

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Apprentice Wayne Percival is spending his annual leave on an interstate tour of Adelaide.

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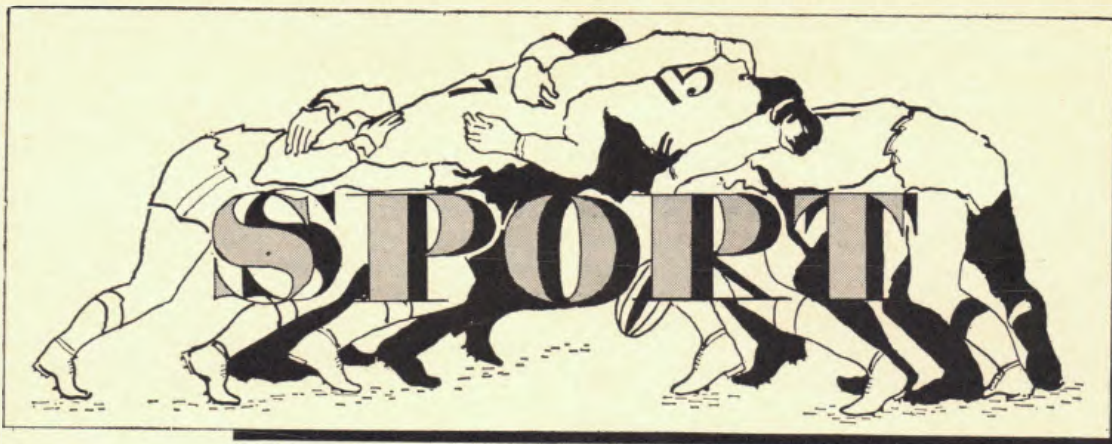
Julie Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Tex" Cooper, has started work as a stenographer with a firm of Goulburn solicitors.

Brickie's Labourer Defies Gravity

This didn't happen on our Works. However, it has happened, we believe, on several occasions. The brickie's labourer was asked by his boss to shift excess bricks off the top of a building. This is what he wrote in his accident report:

"There was a beam and pulley at the top of the building, so I hoisted a barrel up to the top and tied the rope at the bottom. Then I went up and loaded the barrel full of bricks. Then I came down and cast off the rope. The barrel of bricks was heavier than I was. Next thing I knew I was going up as the barrel was coming down. We met half-way. I got a hard crack on my shoulder. At the top of my journey I hit my head on the beam and caught my fingers in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground its bottom fell out, and so did the bricks. I was now heavier than the barrel, then I started to go down at high speed. Half way down I met the barrel coming up. I barked my shins and skinned my elbows. When I hit the ground I landed on the bricks and twisted by ankle. I also got several nasty cuts and bruises. When I twisted by ankle I let the rope go. Next thing I knew, the barrel dinged me on the head and I passed out. I reckon it was one hell of a way to shift bricks."

(That's what we reckon too — Ed.).



GOLF

At Bowral Country Club, S.P.C. players have managed to get into the prize list over the past few weeks. On 24th April, Sam Marshall and his partner were unlucky to be beaten on a count back in the 4 ball competition with a score of 45 points.

On 1st May, Sam came good to win the "A" grade Monthly Medal with a net 67. On the same day Don Moore gave a good account of himself in the "B" grade when he handed in a card of net 62. Don plays off 15 handicap.

Two rounds have been played in the club championships up to date. In the "A" grade Sam Marshall has had rounds of 77 and 80 while in the "B" grade Don Moore has had 79 and 82, Norm Austin 96 and 94.

At Moss Vale in a recent 4 ball invitation event Alan Parker teamed with a visitor from Bowral Country Club to be runner-up with a score of 7 up. Kevin Howard and his partner came in 6 up.

The May Monthly Medal event resulted in a win for Bill Poland in the "A" grade with a score of net 69.

Ern Radnidge, who also belongs to Highlands Golf Club at Mittagong, has been collecting prizes there as well as at Moss Vale. He won the May Medal at Highlands with a net 60, and in the club championships won the 36 hole handicap in the "B" grade. We sug-

gest that John Medland have a word with their handicapper to make sure that Ern is brought down to the right handicap.

BOWLS

S.P.C. bowlers must be resting on their laurels at Moss Vale, as none of them managed to get into the winning list over the past few weeks.

At Bowral Club our Ambulance man Jack Douglas teamed up with our ex-cement inspector Pat Coburn to win the finals of the pairs in the minor club championships recently. Congratulations, boys!

EYES ARE EVERYTHING

"Whenever I draw a face", says an artist, "I start with the eyes." And when I've finished the eyes, I know whether or not I've got the face right, because the eyes are "everything." In a man's eyes you see the very stuff he's made of: fire, sparkle, determination, dullness, imagination, hate, hope and love. And through a man's eyes he sees the very stuff his life is made of: earth, sky, his loved ones, his work, his world.

You cannot estimate the value of your eyes any more than you can estimate the value of your being. But to give you an idea of their worth, name something, anything, you'd trade your sight for. Is there anything you'd take, any amount of wealth, power, fame? Think of this the next time you are tempted to skip eye protection, because whenever you do this, you could be trading your sight for nothing!

N.R.M.A. Notes

REGISTRATION LABEL SAFEGUARD

A smashed windscreen, a common occurrence on country and even metropolitan roads, generally means the replacement of the registration label fixed to it.

Replacement of the label means delay and extra expense, as an application for a new one has to be made to the Department of Motor Transport and a 10/- fee paid.

To avoid this sort of inconvenience, the N.R.M.A.'s Legal Department says that a recent review of the regulation governing registration stickers on motor vehicles now allows motorists to fix the label to the near-side hinged ventilation window (quarter-light) of the car.

The regulation now allows labels to be affixed either to the inside of the windscreen or ventilation window providing the centre of the label is not more than six inches from the lower left-hand corner of the windscreen or ventilation window, as the case may be.

Naturally, the label must face outwards from the windscreen or window.

SIGNS VERSUS SYMBOLS FOR ROAD SIGNS

Would Australian road signs be more quickly read and understood if they used symbols instead of words?

In a recent questionnaire the N.R.M.A. conducted through its official journal, "The Open Road", the big majority of members who answered said: "Yes, symbols are best."

N.R.M.A. members gave enthusiastic support to the survey. Their opinions on signs will provide a guide to the Road Signs Code Committee when it next meets to consider a request from the Australian Automobile Association that greater use of symbols be made on Australian road signs.

In the survey, members were asked to identify a dozen symbols and give an opinion on their value. Replies gave overwhelming support (86 per cent.) to greater use of symbols.

Members who had previously experienced symbol signs in Europe were more strongly

in favour than those who had not — 94 per cent. for the "experienced" group against 83 per cent. for the "inexperienced" group. Of those in favour of symbol signs, two-thirds wanted "much greater use of them."

The reasons many people gave for preferring symbols were:—

- The message can be understood at a glance and with less distraction from the road, especially in difficult weather and traffic conditions.
- Symbols rule out language difficulties which might be encountered by migrants and tourists.
- Sign standardisation is desirable.
- Symbol signs compete better with advertising signs.

The answers to questions on the shape and colour combinations being used in current Australian signs indicated that drivers do not normally attach a great deal of significance to shape and colour. The railway crossing sign was the only one that stood out as a "shape."

While members were not specifically asked to comment on any particular signs now being used, many volunteered strong criticism of the new speed de-restriction sign. This sign, worded "End 35 Speed" (or "End 40 Speed", etc.) was considered to be ambiguous and easily confused with a speed limit sign when travelling fast. The old type of sign with a diagonal black bar was much preferred.

Other points raised in the letters received with the questionnaires were: Speed signs were too small and blended in with the background; signs should be supplemented with either pavement marking or addition signs on the opposite side of the road; a need existed for a "give-way" sign in this State; a danger existed in having too many signs placed close together; many-worded signs should be avoided.

The advisory speed signs now being provided by the Department of Main Roads on curves were highly commended by motorists, who asked that the system be extended as quickly as possible.

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



There have been no reports of catches to hand, so it's obvious that the boys have had a lean time round here!

Several parties have tried the canal area with no luck. I understand the boat fishermen are having some luck with flathead on the Greenwell Point end. There are also some good bream on the Comerong Beach biting on pippies.

Harry Etheridge and family gave the Island a try recently, but only five bites — all sand flies!

Some good trout have been taken from private dams in our area. With the number of dams made recently, it's a wonder more farmers don't have them stocked. The European farmer cashes in on this aspect of his farming and grows fish just like we would grow cabbages!

I would say a place worth trying from now on would be the entrance to Lake Illawarra. The unfortunate part is prawn bait is very scarce at the moment, and prospective fishermen will be well advised to take some kind of substitute bait in case. Pudding baits may be made from mixtures of scalded bread, flour and garlic sausage or similar savoury, reinforced with some cotton wool. This lure has the added advantage of acting as a tasty morsel should be fisherman in desperation decide to eat the bait!

An old fisherman from the Canal was telling me recently that, 20 years ago, there were lots of grey large octopuses in the Canal. Boating one day, he landed one with 8' long tentacles which were as thick as a man's arm! How would you like this kind of company in your boat, boys?

If you would care to have a look around the waterways of Gosford district, and believe me there are plenty, I can recommend "Motel Gosford" as a most convenient and homely place to stay. "The Host" really puts himself out to make your stay enjoyable and the appointments are first class. It is a good position — on the left just as you enter Gosford proper.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

He is very important, a dog is. He never makes it his business to inquire whether you are in the right or in the wrong, never bothers as to whether you are going up or down upon Life's Ladder, never asks whether you are rich or poor, silly or wise, sinner or saint.

You are his pal. That is enough for him, and, come luck or misfortune, good repute or bad, honour or shame, he is going to stick to you, to comfort you, guard you, give his life for you, if need be — foolish, brainless, soulless dog.

—Jerome K. Jerome.

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for May

FLOWERS:

SOW: Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Calendula, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Sweet Pea, Virginian Stock.

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

VEGETABLES:

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

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

The rain during last month was welcome after such a long dry spell and came just in time to save many of the shrubs and trees in the district.

Go around the garden this month and check to see of any plants need replacing. If new ones are required, dig the holes again and re-manure, before replanting.

See if there are any winter-flowering shrubs or trees in your garden. If not, try some of these.

Viburnum tinus — Evergreen, white flowered.

Camellia — Winter Red, single flowers.

Chimonanthus fragrans — Japanese Allspice.

Viburnum fragrans — Scented white flowers.

Veronica variabilis — Pink flowers.

Witch Hazel — Yellow flowers.

Autumn flowered Cherry — Pink flowers.

Cydonia japonica — Flowering Quince, Winter Red.

Erica gracilis — Small white, bell-shaped flowers.

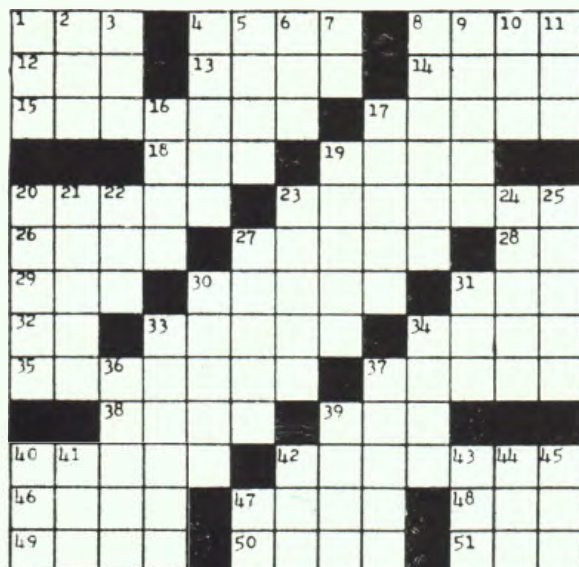
As soon as the Dahlia plants dry out, cut the stems to within 12" of the ground and lift and store in boxes or dry sand, checking them every so often to see that they are not being eaten by slugs or snails.

The Autumn-flowering Camellias, Camellia sasanqua, are flowering now and are a fine addition to the garden.

Do not burn the fallen leaves, but either rake them up and add to the compost heap, or throw on to the garden beds to form a natural mulch. Under Oak and Chestnut trees, these leaves form a bed of leaves, under which the fallen nuts grow.

Spare a thought for all our birds this Winter, as their natural food is very scarce. Build a bird-table and place on it scraps of fat, cheese and bread. It is wonderful how many birds will avail themselves of this bounty, particularly if a trough of water is also provided. Our garden is full of Satin Bower Birds just now, feasting on the berries.

Problem Page



Judging by the number of correct entries received, we must be making these crosswords too easy. Once again we had to resort to the use of the hat to decide the winner of problem 74 — Ian Dickson, General Office. Congratulations Ian!

Problem No. 75

ACROSS

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Interval | 31 Kind of 8-A |
| 4 Duration | 32 Compass point |
| 8 Beer, e.g. | 33 Slip away |
| 12 One-spot card | 34 Baking place |
| 13 Above | 35 Pencil rubbers |
| 14 Relieve | 37 Separately |
| 15 Began | 38 Leave hurriedly |
| 17 Twine; wind | 39 Join firmly |
| 18 Rowing tool | 40 Private teacher |
| 19 Afternoon meal (pl.) | 42 Gloom |
| 20 Last | 46 Employer |
| 23 Listeners | 47 Identical |
| 26 Sour, biting | 48 Receive |
| 27 Feel | 49 Same as 26-A |
| 28 At bat (baseball) | 50 Was in debt |
| 29 Back talk | 51 Merry |
| 30 Pursue | |

DOWN

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Cooking fuel | 50 Was in debt |
| 2 Do something | 51 Merry |
| 3 Edible seed | 49 Same as 26-A |
| 4 Entire | 25 Exhausted |
| 5 Always | 27 Brief |
| 6 Communist | 30 Plain |
| 7 --, & Mrs. | 31 Actress Gardner |
| 8 Be cautious | 33 Accompany |
| 9 Elevate | 34 Not Closed |
| 10 Letter S | 36 Purplish flower |
| 11 Rainy | 37 Helped |
| 16 Highway | 39 Domesticated |
| 17 Plague; pester | 40 Cry of impatience |
| 19 Feeling nervous | 41 America (abbr.) |
| 20 Not true | 42 Toothed tool |
| 21 Colder | 43 Hen product |
| 22 Pinch | 44 Ocean |
| 23 Piles | 45 Pigpen |
| 24 Measuring tool | 47 Therefore |



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General Manager's Notes

It gives me considerable pleasure to inform you that we have been advised by the Department of Labour and Industry that two of our apprentices, amongst others in New South Wales, have been nominated as leading apprentices of the year.

The apprentices are John Hardgrave, who has been nominated in the trade of carpentry and joinery, and Myles Creswick in the trade of fitting and turning. They will now appear before a meeting of the Selection Committee who will select the leading apprentice in each trade and present them with a Medallion at a function to be held at the Trocadero, Sydney, during Apprenticeship Week, 1965.

Both these young men have, by their diligence over the last four years, thoroughly earned this singular honour which also reflects some small credit on our apprentice training programme.

To John Hardgrave and Myles Creswick I extend my sincere congratulations and wish them every success before the Selection Committee.

J. F. McNicol

GENERAL MANAGER.



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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Well The Works has finally hoisted the 100 day 'Safety Flag' congratulations to all concerned! Let's try to keep it flying permanently now that we have it up. It is two years since the flag was last hoisted in June, 1963 so it has been a long time returning.

While the cement makers are congratulating themselves on their 100 day flag, they must remember at Marulan Quarry has had their flag flying for nearly a month longer than the Works, and it is a lot less than two years since they had it up before. So Marulan can still teach the rest of S.P.C. quite a lot when it comes to safety.

The first showing of our new home-made safety film was an unqualified success, judging by the remarks which were passed after the meeting. If the film helps to keep that flag flying then we will know it has achieved its aim.

With all the changes and additions going on around the place, it is difficult to keep track of them all. The three new silos have been poured and the steelwork for No. 5 cement mill is reaching skywards. The excavations for the new clinker storage building are nearly completed and work has started on the foundations so it won't be long before we see that building taking shape.

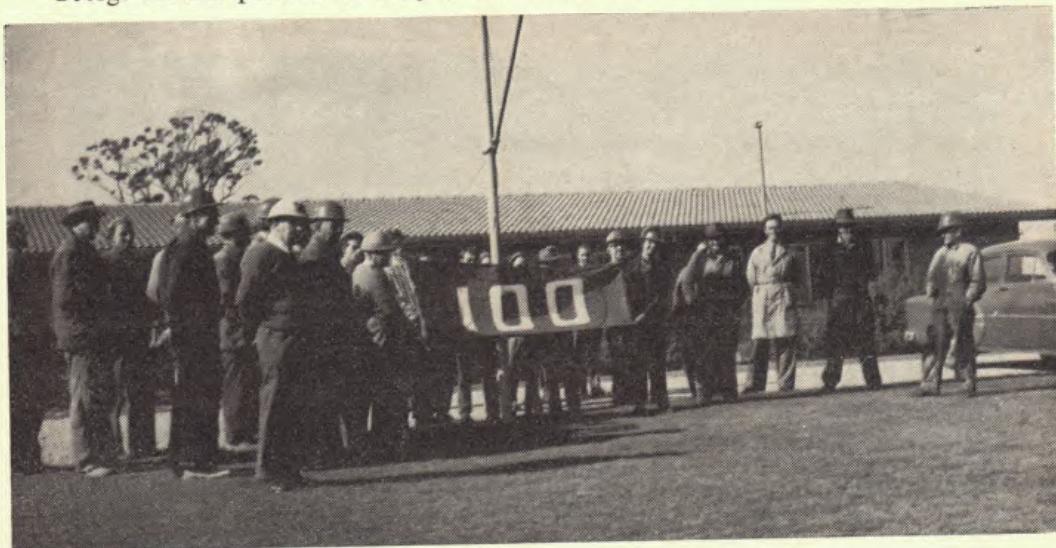
At Marulan Quarry work has started on the site of the new lime burning kiln and we will soon see some changes on the Quarry skyline as well. It won't be long before we will have to issue everyone with a guide book to find their way around the place. Anyhow, it's good to see it all, because this means more work and production for everyone.

Yours till next month,

THE EDITOR.

Safety — Berrima

With the Co-operation of all employees 100 days without a disabling injury were achieved on 2nd June. Two Green flags were hoisted — one at the Works Office and the other on top of the silos. Not since June, 1963, had the 100 day flags flown. At that time 132 days were reached. Let's hope our current run will exceed that figure. Think how good it would be to see a 200 days flag fluttering in the breeze. The accompanying photo shows the flag being held by Fred Bonnar and George Blackie prior to hoisting at the Works Office.



During May the Electrical Safety Group were presented with awards to mark their 2 years accident free working. The photo shows Mr. Knight with the group after they received their awards.



Plant Jottings

Due to the dry weather we have been experiencing lately, the water level on our dam on the Wingecarribee River has fallen considerably over the past few weeks.

It is interesting to compare the present dry state of the river to what it has been in the past. The accompanying photos show the dry river bed downstream from the wall, as it is today and the flood which swept through the same spot while the dam was under construction in 1928.



The River Today



The River in 1928

Cement Works Visitors

Over the past few weeks we have had quite a few visitors to the works at Berrima, all of whom have shown quite a deal of interest in the plant and process.

On 6th May a group of 40 girls from the Dominican Convent, Moss Vale under the supervision of the Mother Prioress and Sister Rose Colombus were conducted over the plant. They were all greatly interested in the various phases of production.

Another group to visit the plant was fifty boys and girls of 4A and 4B classes of Bowral High School under the supervision of the Science Teacher, Mr. Keith Smith. Many questions were asked and, we hope, suitably answered.

On the 19th May we had a visit from De la Salle College, Bowral by Brother Eric, four teacher brothers and some twenty students.

They were addressed by our Mr. Knight and viewed a film on cement making before being taken over the Works. A very keen interest was shown by all and many relevant questions answered by Mr. Knight at the conclusion of the tour.

We were also honoured by a visit of the Church of England Primate of Australia, Dr. Gough on the 28th May. The party was conducted on a tour of the plant by the General Manager, Mr. McNicol, Works Manager, Mr. Knight and other members of the executive staff. Dr. Gough was very interested in the process and asked many questions during the tour.

We hope all our visitors had an interesting tour around the Works, and when they see a bag of cement in the future they will realise how much work goes into its manufacture.

Apprentice News

Marulan Carpentry and Joinery apprentice John Hardgrave, was nominated by the Department of Labour and Industry, to appear before a Selection Committee, on 31st May, to select the leading apprentice in Carpentry and Joinery in the state.

The results of the interview will not be known for about two months. This is not surprising when one realises that of the nine apprentices selected to appear before the com-

mittee, there was a difference of only 3 per cent. in their examination marks.

As well as their work on the job and at Technical College, the boys were examined on the personality, reading and sporting interests. We will all be keeping our fingers crossed for you John until the results of the interview are released. Anyhow even if you are not selected it is still a great honour to be amongst the nine top apprentices in the state chosen for the interview.

Goulburn Technical College have announced the list of prizewinners for 1964 and once again S.P.C. are well to the fore with 14 apprentices gaining prizes, they are as follows: Electrical Trades: Roger King 1st Stage 1; Ray Millard 2nd Stage 1; Peter Ritchie 1st Stage 2; Henry Newman 2nd Stage 2; Peter Lewis 2nd Stage 3; Bob Strode 1st Stage 4.

Fitting and Machining: John Beaumont 1st Stage 2; John Cupitt 2nd Stage 2; Bob Vin-

cent 2nd Stage 3; Miles Creswick 1st Stage 4; Trevor Pratt 2nd Stage 4.

Carpentry & Joinery: Neville Dillon 1st Stage Stage 2.

Painting & Decorating: David Edmonds 2nd Stage 2; John Hardgraves 1st Stage 4.

Prizes will be presented at a Presentation night at Goulburn on 3rd August. Congratulations to all of you!

S.P.C. Employees Welfare Sick & Accident Fund

It is hoped to hold the Annual General Meeting of the above fund on the fourth Friday in July, 1965, at Marulan, as agreed to at last Annual General Meeting.

As usual the five members of your committee will be retiring from office, but offer themselves for re-election.

Any further nominations for the committee should be in the hands of the chairman one month before the meeting. This is also the case for any notices of motion that any member desires to be put to the General Meeting. Any notice of motion should be signed by both a Proposer and a Seconder, both of whom

should be present at the meeting to present same.

Any contemplated alterations to the existing rules must be in the form of a notice of motion. It is therefore anticipated by your committee that any of the above nominations, and notices of motion, will be inserted in the July issue of the S.P.C. newsletter for consideration by all members before the date of the meeting.

The committee hopes for a very large attendance at this meeting, and that all those employees not having joined this very worthy effort, will do so in the very near future.

The Chairman.

Let's Laugh

The lights were out, the table was ready, and the seance started.

Widow: "Is that you, 'arry?"

Ghost: "Yes".

"Are you 'appy 'arry?"

"Very 'appy."

"' appier than you was with me?"

"Much 'appier."

"'eaven must be a beautiful place."

"I ain't in 'eaven."

Deeply worried, meek little chap at the office confided that he simply would have to speak to his wife about exercising a little more economy in the household. Next day he was asked whether the talk had been successful.

"Very," he said, "It seems that I'm giving up beer and smokes."

At this very moment, sitting quietly in front of the T.V. set at home there may well be children who are destined to go down in history — not to mention English, Geography, Maths., Art, Science and French.

During the House of Lords debate on "Lady Chatterley's Lover" a few years back, it was reported that a peer, on being asked whether he objected to his daughter reading the book, replied that he had no such objection, but that he had the strangest objection to the book being read by his gamekeeper.

When you see a husband get out of the driver's seat, go round and open the door of the car and help his wife out, you can be sure that he has only recently acquired either the one or the other.

Bonnie Scotland

BY HELEN FERRIER

Over a period of time we have read many articles of tours to and from the United Kingdom, far distant as Europe and America, I could take you back over the journey to England from Australia by Air through Europe and returning Via. United States of America, but we will land at Renfrew Airport in Scotland, and there I will be met by my family and driven by private car, a tour of 30 miles to Stirlingshire, my destination, the district where I was born, from this point we will tour North, South, East and West, and as far North as John of Groats the most northern part of Scotland, the wild and rugged north. Arriving at night in the summertime was very nice, the nights are so lovely and long, thus enabling a person to see the lovely country on the way through.

As this trip was my life's ambition, much planning and preparation had to be made, the farewell from the office by my fellow staff members, the gift I received from them helped towards the excitement of each day, and this was only the beginning of the great adventures that lay ahead for the next few months.

Arriving in Stirlingshire the gate way to the Highlands, and very central to all places of

interest, here one finds traces of a 16th century naval dockyard, now far from the sea, and the tiniest fishing harbour on the Forth. One of the most audacious exploits of the national hero Wallace and enacted in these parts, and here also is the only factory about which Robert Burns wrote a poem. Here a modern novelist has found a setting for a gripping murder story, peopling the Manse and Parish of Bothkennar with the creatures of his imagination, and portraying the life of the colliers rows of skinflats in 1890.

It is best to picture the area to be covered, as triangular in shape. One side runs from Larbert past Stenhousemuir, Carron and Carronshore, to the mouth of the River Carron. The second side runs from the Kerse Bridge known locally as the "Peybrig," striking through Bothkennar parish, past skinflats village and entering Airth parish not far from the Kincardine Road Bridge, then through Airth and Dunmore Village to South Alloa. The triangle is completed by a line running from South Alloa past Letham Moss, Hill of Kinnaid, and Glenbervie, to the starting point.

Continuing along the Stirling road past Airth Church we resist a sign post with the direction, "To Bannockburn" and, keeping to the main road, we pass Dunmore Parsonage on the left hand, and soon reach Dunmore itself. Dunmore is a very beautiful village, having spent many an hour there myself, found it to be most



Blacksmith's Shop



Entrance to Village Dunmore

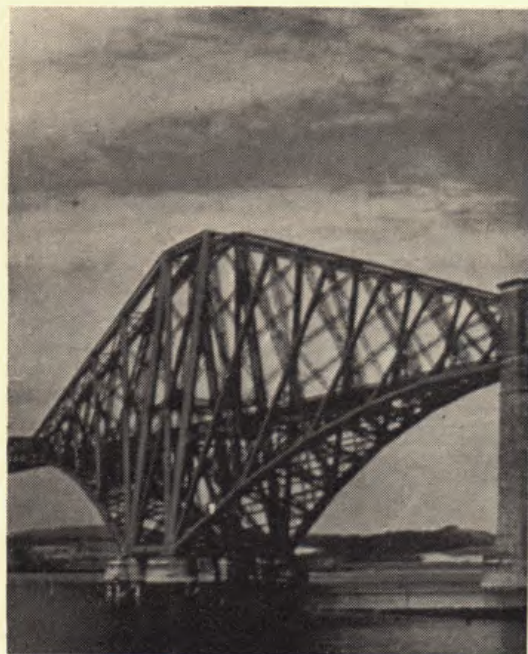
restful and a great place of history dating back to 17th July, 1786. The door of the blacksmith's shop is circled by a great "horseshoe" carved out of the sandstone masonry. Behind the smithy and near the little harbour, the fishing boats are kept and repaired by the old timers of the village.

Between the village of Airth and Dunmore, one can depart from the bus to see a little well, or as we would call it here a small through for drinking purposes at the side of the road, it is well known that Bonnie Prince Charlie visited this well frequently on his many trips through the highlands. Few of the dwellings are visible from the road, and the traveller has to turn to the right and proceed towards the Forth before he reaches the village green.

We are often told the story of the Forth Bridge, about one mile long, approaches add half-mile, built on the principle of balance with six cantilever brackets. The journey to Dunfermline by train or by car and ferryboat is short by both routes and from different aspects

you may survey the Forth Bridge the "Eighth Wonder of the World".

We will visit the National Wallace Monument, erected in honour of Scotland's national hero, Sir William Wallace, the Monument is among the most famous buildings in Scotland. It is also the most conspicuous. In favourable light, it is visible with the naked eye from points over twenty miles distant, and the view from its top extends east to the Forth Bridge, Arthur's Seat, and the Pentlands, and west to mountains beyond Loch Long. The road to the Monument is an easy elbow gradient from the car-parking place on the Tillicoultry Road. The building of freestone quarried on and around the Craig, is a massive piece of masonry. The architect was John T. Rothead, of Glasgow and the style is Scottish Baronial. The tower is crowned with an elaborate stone "Lantern," and the total height from the ground is 220 feet. The two story building adjoining is the keeper's house the space between is roofed over with glass and is used as the "Entrance Hall."



Forth Bridge



Wallace Monument

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Congratulations also to John Mulready of Berrima and Anne Turner of Moss Vale who announced their engagement recently. John is the third son of our engine driver Bert.

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Fred and Mrs. Bonnar have become grandparents again with the birth of a daughter to Robin and Mrs. Bonnar in Hong Kong where Robin is stationed with the R.A.N. The new addition has been named Catherine Ann.

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Congratulations are also extended to Miles Creswick, machine shop and Lyn Collins of Moss Vale who announced their engagement on 5th June.

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We couldn't resist this one. In the August '63 issue we printed a photo of Jim Middleton's truck over the bank on the ash dump road. Well, believe it or not Jim has done it again. This time he backed into the Gypsum pit. The photo shows the clinker crane hauling the truck out of the pit. Never mind Jim! they say third time lucky, we'll be waiting.



Congratulations to Sue Hare, General Office, who announced her engagement to Phillip Webb of Mittagong on 29th May.

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It's good to see Harold Sheather, Crane Driver, back at work after a long spell of sickness.

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COLLIERY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. Bailey and family on the recent death of her husband Keith.

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A belated congratulations to George and Mrs. Hollis who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 6th April.

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Our sympathy also to Merv Frost and family on the death of Merv's father recently.

MARULAN

The accident free run at the quarry continues. At the end of May, the Plant had 128 days on the board and during that month there were only five minor accidents spread over more than 32,000 man hours. Individual figures at June 5 were: Group 1, 554; Group 2, 127; Group 3, 559; Group 4, 623; Group 5, 285 and Group 6, 777.

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Apprentices John Beaumont and Dick Bryant have been on the sick list with football injuries. John had a cartilage removed from one of his knees and Dick suffered a broken ankle in a recent match against Taralga.

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May was a sad month for some Marulan families. We offer our sympathy to the Weston family on the death of their step-father; to the Ward and Feltham families on the death of Mr. Joe Ward; the Shepherd family on the death of Mr. Bill Shepherd; and the Feltham family on the death of Mr. Roy Feltham.

Driver Darcy Hadlow's brother Eric, was killed in a road accident near Breadalbane on June 4. To Darcy, Margaret and other members of the family we offer our sympathy.

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We are pleased to report that John Pole is slowly improving and plans are being made for his return home to Marulan from Royal Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney. Readers will recall that John broke his spine in February when he dived into a shallow dam.

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Congratulations to Eddie and Mrs. Beaumont on the birth of a daughter; and to Eric and Mrs. Fort, also a daughter.

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Retiring shift foreman Alec McMurtrie, writing from Rockhampton, where he has been visiting his 88-year-old mother, stated that he missed the routine at the quarry and was finding it hard to settle into retirement. He plans to return to a house he bought at Gorokan, near Toukley. The only advice we can offer is for Alec to keep trying — he'll get used to retirement.

Earth moving has started on the site for the new lime burning kiln at Marulan south. The site is on the western side of the loading bins and the work is expected to take about a year before the project is completed. A detailed report will appear in the July issue.

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A new starter in May was Jim Smith, who left the quarry some 13 years ago to settle in Sydney with his family.

SYDNEY

Congratulations to Les Stimpson of Sales Staff on his engagement to Miss Beverley Hicks only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hicks, Bexley North on the 8th May, 1965. Les is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stimpson of Belmore.

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Diana Handley will leave this company on 18th June to be married at St. Barnabas Church of England on 26th June to Eric Frankland. The couple will make their home at Glenfield.

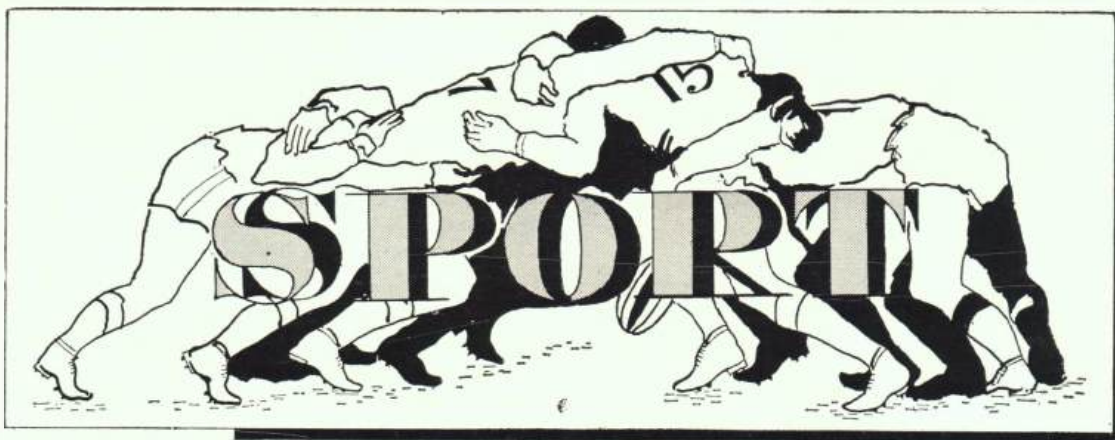
SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LTD. ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1964

1963		1964	1963		1964
491	To Members Subscriptions and Donations	508 0 5	250	BY EXPENSES AS UNDER	
	Less Refund of Dues	2 4 0	126	Prizes and Gifts	237 8 9
			39	Food and Supplies	152 18 6
			34	Hiring Charges	37 15 0
			33	Insurance	1 11 6
10	Interest	9 18 9	16	Toy Train	22 13 9
			6	Petty Cash Etc.	15 0 0
			—	Printing	18 13 6
				Profit Transferred to Accumulated Funds	29 14 2
501		£515 15 2	504		£515 15 2

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1964

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
169	Accumulated Funds Balance 1/1/63	167 8 2	167	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia	197 2 4
	Plus Profit for Year	29 14 2			
		£197 2 4			£197 2 4



GOLF

At Bowral three S.P.C. players managed to get into the money over the past month. On 8th May Norm Austin was runner up in the J. Parrott Trophy with 39 stableford points.

Don Moore came out eventual winner of the "B" Grade Club Championships with scores of 79, 82, 83 and 87 to give a total score of 331 strokes, good work Don!

In the mixed foursomes Championships played on 30th May, Sam and Mrs. Marshall came out the winners with 81 off the stick which is a pretty good score, congratulations to both of you.

At Moss Vale S.P.C. golfers, while playing well have not managed in lots of cases to take out trophies. However in the Club Champion-Bill Poland came from way behind to get runner-up in the "B" Grade and also take out trophies in the handicap events. The June Club medal was taken out by Errol Chalker in the "B" Grade while Jim Dray was the runner up.

BOWLS

S.P.C. bowlers have not had any success at Moss Vale recently and have not been able to get amongst the winners. The weather must be getting too cold for them.

More Laughs

The recently married young thing was buying a chicken for hubby's dinner.

"Wanna pullet?" asked the butcher, looking at his stock.

"Oh, no, I'll just carry it," replied the bride cheerfully.

"Stuck in the mud?" a stranger asked.

Motorist, shovelling mud: "No, my motor just died and I'm digging its grave.

The defendant acknowledged that he hadn't spoken to his wife in five years, and the judge put in a question.

"What explanation have you," he asked severely, "for not speaking to your wife in five years?"

"Your Honour," replied the husband, "I didn't like to interrupt the lady."

Customer: "Give me some of that prepared monoaceticacidester of salicylic acid."

Druggist: "Do you mean aspirin?"

Customer: "Yeah, I never can think of that name."

Father: "If you bring me a screwdriver, son, I'll fix your bicycle."

Son: "Sure, dad, where do you keep the vodka?"

"Brothers," said the preacher, "the subject of my sermon today is liars.

How many in this congregation have read the 35th chapter of Matthew?"

Nearly all the hands in the congregation went up.

"You are just the people I want to talk to. There is no such chapter.

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



Our new starter, Jim Marshall, is just longing to get at those large trout at Lake Eucumbene, however he is filling in time by giving it a go at Lake Illawarra. At Windang, I understand, they are catching good whiting, bream and flathead. Of course the old story applies — if you have the bait! Prawns are still scarce.

Our General Manager, John McNicol, has been landing a few trout at Lake Eucumbene the largest from three to four pounds, both browns and rainbows. The big ones were biting at any time during the day so there was no point in getting up early to catch little ones which, like small children, are always up first. As he was using a three pound breaking strain line when spinning it was inevitable that a few big ones got away taking spinner and all. Wet fly fishing with a red and black Matuka was unproductive.

The G.M. co-operates with the N.S.W. Fisheries' Laboratories by keeping a record of

the fish caught, such as length and weight and also taking a scale sample from the left side of the fish below the dorsal fin. By examining the scales the biologists can tell the age of the fish which, considered with the length and weight, gives an indication of the growth rate. If any other of our fresh water fishermen would care to co-operate with the Fisheries people the G.M. would be pleased to give you all details.

I noticed he is polishing up his gear in preparation for another go! Fishing down there now would not be too warm, to say the least of it! He is pretty good at making things — perhaps he could manufacture a pair of waders out of an electric blanket! As long as it didn't turn out to be a wet blanket!

Charlie Barat tells of his easy way of fishing. He takes his Grandfather's boat over to Warner's Bay and lets it blow back home! What happens in the meantime. Well he reclines in the bottom of the boat with a line attached to each finger. Well maybe not each finger, but he said he had eight lines out!

Talk about Goldfinger! I reckon he's Fish-finger! anyhow, he managed to bag some nice bream, and leatheries!

Talking to a chap from Narooma recently, he told of a friend fishing with him off the rocks. He managed to hook into what felt like a bag of oysters! It was only an old boot! Can you visualise an old boot of 5 lbs. What a North and South!

Jack Brown reckons he did no good during his recent vacation. He travelled quite a few miles, but had to come back to Kiama to fish out two Salmon and a tailor! What! Not washed off the rocks yet Jack?

Apparently the right tide and about 4' of water on the sandbank at the bar at Shoalhaven Heads is a dead cert for a good bag. Toby Moule bagged 50 bream to 2 lbs. and a few nice flathead to 4½ lbs. here on nippers. Of course nippers are plentiful on the flats here at low tide. You can pump yourself a bucket full! Me! oh yes! I'm still eating my tin of sardines! With toast of course. The key? Well, don't worry about a key — a screwdriver, pair of pliers and towel, anyhow ask George Pribyl, HE KNOWS!

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for June

FLOWERS:

SOW: Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Larkspur.

PLANT: Calendula, English Daisies (*Bellis perennis*), Iceland Poppies, Pansies, Primula, Snapdragon, Viola, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Broad Beans, Carrots, Parsley, Peas.

PLANT: Asparagus, Rhubarb, Eschallots, Strawberries, Red and Black Currants, Gooseberries, Raspberries, etc.

This is our coldest month and also the month when we have our shortest days, so we can now look forward to the commencement of new growth in bulbs and the earliest of the flowering fruit trees.

Sharpen up the pruning tools and prune deciduous trees and shrubs now. Fruit trees and berry bushes should also be pruned during June.

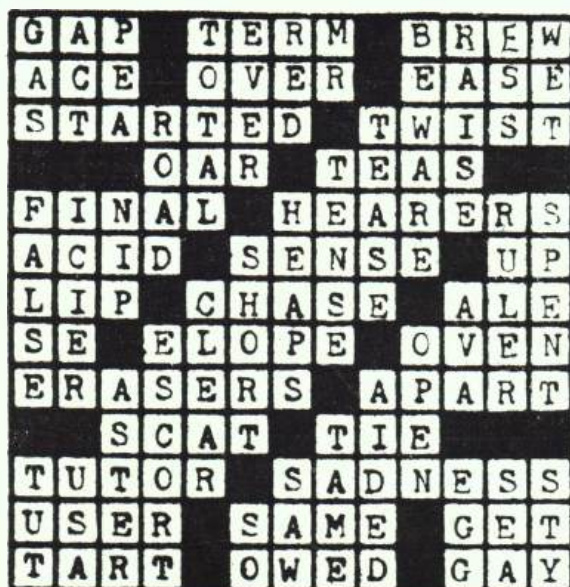
Be careful not to prune flowering fruit trees at present, as any pruning of these which is done now, will reduce the amount of Spring flowers.

Leave rose-pruning until August, just before the new growth commences.

Roses, Evergreen and Deciduous Ornamental Shrubs and Trees and Deciduous Fruit Trees such as Apples, Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Plums and Nectarines, may be planted this month.

Continue Winter digging in the vegetable garden, removing all weeds which have seeded, and leaving the ground rough so that frosts and colder weather can help to sweeten the soil. Manure and fertilisers can also be added now. See that all tools, rakes and labels are clean and ready for use later in the year.

Problem Page



Winner of this month's crossword No. 75 was Henry Newman, Electrical Shop.

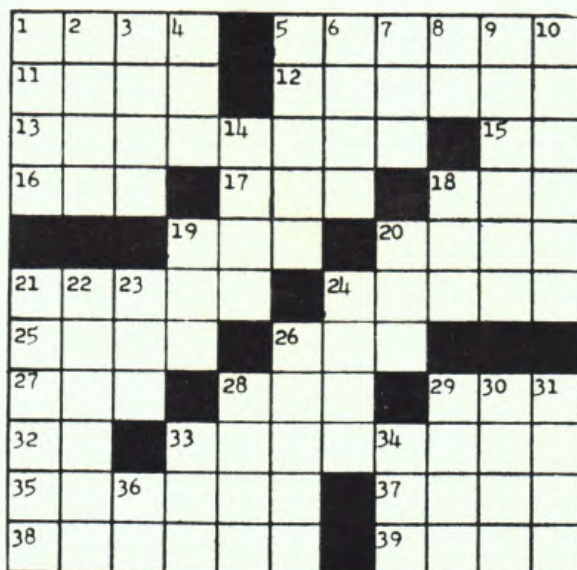
PROBLEM No. 76

ACROSS

- 1 Quit
- 5 Flight of steps
- 11 Molten rock
- 12 Beverage
- 13 Circus performer
- 15 Myself
- 16 Snug room
- 17 Mine output
- 18 Cleaning device
- 19 Ill-wisher
- 20 Destiny
- 21 Chirp
- 24 Peeled
- 25 Contain
- 26 Stroke
- 27 Sleeve
- 28 Tear
- 29 Line
- 32 Being inside
- 33 Child's apron
- 35 Feel displeasure at
- 37 Egg-shaped
- 38 Wading birds
- 39 Ringing device

DOWN

- 1 Snow vehicle
- 2 Story
- 3 Baking chamber
- 4 Baby Food
- 5 Frighten
- 6 Musical sound
- 7 Astern
- 8 In case that
- 9 Distant
- 10 Oozed out
- 14 Circlet
- 18 Impair
- 19 Gave food to
- 20 Plump
- 21 Places to sit
- 22 Stinging insect
- 23 Shade tree
- 24 Father
- 26 Liquid measure (pl.)
- 28 Skating arena
- 29 Wander
- 30 Spoken
- 31 Healthy
- 33 By means of
- 34 Watch chain
- 36 In that manner



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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Well after a few false starts it looks as though old man "Winter" has finally come to stay. The severe frosts we have had over the past few weeks and the cold winds are a pretty good sign that our Indian Summer is over. The only feature missing is the rain, we usually get at this time each year, and I think that everyone will agree with me, especially the farmers, that we are badly in need of a few inches.

It's good to see the safety record still climbing, Marulan have nearly reached their previous best record while Berrima has passed their best figure of 132 days which was set two years ago. Keep up the good work, and those bonus coupons will be flying thick and fast.

It was with deep regret that I learnt of the death of Harold Sheather recently, as a workmate and a neighbour I felt a personal loss at his passing, and I am sure that everyone at Berrima felt much the same way. I would like to extend my personal condolences to his family in their time of sorrow.

The road toll continues to mount and appears to worsen as time goes by. Not long ago we read of the death rate reaching double figures during holiday weekends only, but it appears to be nearly as bad on any weekend now. Road accidents can be caused by a number of faults, bad brakes, weak headlights, smooth tyres and wet roads to name a few, but the greatest cause of all accidents still is the "Nut" who holds the steering wheel. So please drive carefully all the time, and remember, that the life you save, may be your own.

Yours till next month,

The Editor.

Safety - Berrima

All Safety Groups are making good progress as indicated:—

Apprentice Group	552	days	without	a	lost	time	injury
Production "A"	626	"	"	"	"	"	"
Production "B"	453	"	"	"	"	"	"
Production "C"	216	"	"	"	"	"	"
Production "D"	647	"	"	"	"	"	"
Maintenance	366	"	"	"	"	"	"
Electrical	864	"	"	"	"	"	"
Power House	1008	"	"	"	"	"	"
Stockhouse	137	"	"	"	"	"	"
General Office	1605	"	"	"	"	"	"

Congratulations to the Power House boys on reaching their 1,000 days. This is a very fine effort indeed. Keep it up fellows.

With so many bonus coupons in circulation from Berrima Works and Marulan Quarry the

boys in the store have been kept really busy lately. So much so that Arthur Mills is thinking of recruiting some additional help. Wait until those big ones start rolling in later on in the year, Arthur!

Our Safety Flag

Run her up the flag pole, men,
And let her fan the air.
Nail her to the mast head,
and keep her flying there.
Keep her ever streaming in the
Sunshine and the rain.
May she gloat up there forever
and ne'er come down again.
An emblem of humanity,
And one that's fine and true,
So let's keep her a flying
She's depending men, on you.

New Employees

We welcome the following employees who recently commenced duty with the Company:

Ray Crocker
Richard Driscoll
Wilfred Little
Ronald Shepherd
Robert Forbes
Cecil Gash
Roland Seville
Archie Betts
Lionel Bawelen
Robert Sutton
Ken Johnstone
Darcy Cheatham

Apprentice News

On 22nd July, Fitting and Machining Apprentices in stages three and four at Goulburn Technical College will be visiting Sydney to see the Machine Tool Exhibition at the Sydney showground. Amongst them will be a number of apprentices from S.P.C. including Richard Knapman, John Cupitt, Edward Ches-

sell, Phil Carey, Bob Vincent, David Bourne, Chris Boyd, W. Percival, John Beaumont and Stan Koepec.

They will be under the supervision of their teachers from the college, and will have the opportunity of seeing the latest in machine tools available to the engineering trade.

Plant Jottings

The 25th June saw the end of yet another link with the early days of S.P.C. when the carpenters dismantled the building alongside the laboratory which had been used as an office for the Cement Inspector.

This building of timber frame covered with fibro, was one of the first erected on the works site when construction commenced in 1927. The timber for the frame was cut at the saw-mill which stood approximately where the works office is now located.

It was used originally as a general and pay office until the present general office was built, being located beside the railway line some little distance below the Stockhouse. In the early thirties it was moved to a position adjacent to the laboratory, and has served for the past 20 odd years as the Cement Inspector's Office.

Unfortunately, as so often happens these days, it stood in the way of progress, and was therefore dismantled by the carpenters to make way for the railway line past the new silos.



The accompanying photo shows carpenters Wally South and Neville Dillon dismantling the old building.

Marulan's Early Vault

(By B. CRESWICK)

Most old cemeteries contain the graves of pioneers, in their day men and women well known and now almost forgotten until a quiet walk through such burial grounds reveals names that ring an historic bell.

The Church of England Cemetery at Marulan or more correctly Old Marulan is no exception. This cemetery is an old Crown grant to the C. of E. for a church rectory and school and is the site of the original church. With the coming of the railway, the population moved to the present Marulan and the old church fell into decay and was demolished. Only the cemetery and a few lumps of rubble nearby remain of what was once doubtless high hopes.

Representatives of many old Marulan families rest in this little cemetery. Of these two graves and vaults are those of two of the earliest settlers in the district. George Barber and Singcon David Reid. Barber founded "Glenrock" and built the beautiful colonial style home there and Reid the well-known Inverary Park, Bungonia.

There is an aura of romance and mystery surrounding the Barber vault that only a knowledge of family history can unravel for the remains of one of those whose names are mentioned on the tomb are missing and more than likely these are those of George Barber to whom the memorial was erected. His mention on the top of the vault is now difficult to read. It is this: "Sacred to the memory of Geo Barber Esq., of Glenrock who died on 20th June, 1844, aged 53 years. He was beloved by his family was held in highest esteem by his friends and was always ready to assist the distressed. He was suddenly called into the presence of Almighty God when his mind was intent on promoting the moral and religious welfare of his neighbourhood."

As was common in those days stray and unwanted capitals decorate the inscription in all sorts of places. Barber was a native of the Isle of Wight and came to Australia in 1813. His mother followed him out in the hope that her husband, a sea captain who had sailed from Sydney, might turn up there, but the ship and its complement were lost. Where is not

known. The widow later married Dr. Throsby. George Barber in 1815 married Isabella Hume, sister of Hamilton Hume, the explorer and the couple moved from Appin to a bark humpy in Glenrock about 1822. They were in residence there when Hamilton Hume and Captain Hovel came through in 1824. The explorers also called on Dr. Reid who gave them in all honesty a cure for snakebite.



On 20th June, 1844, George Barber was drowned in either Towrang Creek or the Wollondilly. He was riding a young grey horse. It was a wild stormy night and no doubt the flooded stream terrified the animal and terrified its rider. His body was found in Lockyersleigh three months later. Amongst those who thought that George may have been murdered by runaway convicts from the Towrang Stockade was his brother-in-law Hamilton Hume who offered a reward of £100 for information that would led to the conviction of any suspects. It was genuine hazard for any traveller at night in

those far off days. Hamilton, however, found no takers. Now the mystery.

Burial No. 1 in the old Marulan register is Catlin on 15/1/1844. No. 2 is vacant and No. 3 is on 3rd August, 1845. The consensus of opinion is that No. 2 was left for George Barber but that re-interrment in the vault never took place. The position is further clouded by the fact that there is an inscription to Andrew Hamilton Hume who died about 1850. Actually he died in 1849 at Glenrock, Marulan.

Andrew Hamilton Hume was the father of Hamilton the Explorer and Isabella, a father-in-law, therefore of George Barber. There is an inscription also to a boy, son of Isabella and George, who was killed when thrown from his horse over Barber's Falls on the Creek of that name. Also there is Isabella's memorial, she dying aged 58 in 1855.

It is known that when the vault was opened to receive the final burial it was noted that the remains of one person was missing. Was it George Barber or Andrew Hamilton Hume? The vagueness of Andrew's inscription and

the circumstances surrounding the death of Geo Barber leaves some considerable doubt and the condition of the vault, to say nothing of the remains, means that there is little chance of it being finally resolved. The restoration of the vault is primarily a matter for the Barber family. There are many descendants of Geo and Isabella for they had 13 children.

Andrew Hamilton Hume was quite a lad. Coming to Australia in the Lady Johana on 3/6/1790. Six years later he married Elizabeth Kennedy, daughter of the Rev. Jogn Kennedy of Kent, England. She had arrived in the young colony in 1795. Andrew held and lost with monotonous regularity Government jobs in Australia. He was always in trouble with authority, notably Governor King. He had an ungovernable temper but could be charming. He had a fine tenor voice and once sang for the first time in Australia "The Last Rose of Summer" in a pub for Governor and Mrs. Macquarie. His other children John Kennedy Hume (murdered by bushrangers at Gunning); Francis Rawdon Hume, the great grandfather of Mr. Stuart Hume, the Goulburn district historian, buried at Lang's Creek, near Borrowa.

50 Years In Steel

It is 50 years since the Broken Hill Pty. Company first produced steel at its works at Newcastle. Since that date the capacity of the plant has increased from 150,000 tons per annum to the present production of over 1½ million tons each year.

B.H.P. Company was originally formed in August, 1885 to mine and smelt the silver lead ore which had been discovered at Broken Hill. It continued in this field until 1939 when it ceased mining operations. Meanwhile, prior to 1915 the Company acquired the iron ore leases at Iron Knob in the Middleback Ranges of South Australia and then began looking about for a suitable site to erect a steelworks, after considering Whyalla and Port Kembla the

present location at Newcastle was chosen mainly because of its port facilities and proximity to the Northern Coal fields.

Over the past 50 years the steelworks have contributed to the expansion, of the city of Newcastle, and a great many other centres throughout Australia. Industries to manufacture steel produced by B.H.P. into the many forms in common use today have been established, which provide us with the sheet steel, wire, pipe, tools and many other steel products we use. The Hunter Valley has a payroll of 44,000 in some 1,600 factories, the annual wage bill is in the vicinity of £50 million, and output from this area per annum is well over £250 million.

Bonnie Scotland

Series two.

BY HELEN FERRIER

Now we move to Edinburgh, we call her a regal lady with a past — and with a presence. No one could fail to be aware from the moment of arrival in Princes Street that this is a national Capital. "The finest street in Europe," as it has been called, is less a street than a promenade for, architecturally, it has only one side. The occasional large and small ancient and not so ancient, range of shops and hotels with considerable hautes above the sunshades. The other side consists of formal gardens and the deep valley of the Nor'Loch with the sturdy mass of a luxury hotel at one end, the fine lineaments of a celebrated church at the other end, somewhere in between a spired gothic monument. Over the street and just in that perspective in which it is inescapable is the unbelievable wonder of the castle. While still on the subject of Edinburgh Castle, a coach was hired from the Stirling district, to have a night at the world famous Edinburgh "Tattoo", this was a splendid display of marching and drilling soldiers from all over the world dressed in their national costumes, massive crowds gather to see this performance each year and at the stroke of 'Midnight' the Lone Piper appears on the top of the castle, this is a fine ending to such a wonderful evening.



We will move to Glasgow, over one million Scots and other live and work in this city on the banks of the Clyde, a man made river navigable right to the heart of the city. The people differ in accent, habit of thought and drift of conversation from other less-highly industrialised areas of the country. They are not, as Edinburgh people, overshadowed by a magic castle and a forest of spires and turrets to be always reminded of tradition and outward dignity.

They are an industrious, friendly and adventurous breed.

If anything is to be seen it must be the Clyde. The Clyde made Glasgow and Glasgow made the Clyde. One cannot leave Glasgow without having a sail on the Clyde, nice outling and plenty of refreshment on board.

After a few days touring around the district of Stirlingshire and outlying districts etc., I finally packed my suitcase, caught the train from Larbert station and made my way towards Fort William, this began an intensive tour of Scotland which lasted a few weeks. I booked my seat in the observation car, all glass to give a very nice vision, the car was carpeted throughout and lounge chairs were provided, just like sitting in a beautiful drawing room. We had a lovely trip and the Scottish train guide gave all the historic points of interest throughout the journey. We had to change at Crainlarich, we had to get out of the train walk up a hill through the village to the next station, they gave us time to have a cup of tea and see some of the village, after awhile one gets used to the different ways of life and customs.

Finally arrived at Fort William, then accommodation had to be secured, I find travelling anywhere, especially Scotland and foreign countries, just hail a cab and they will take you to the nicest places, to live. I secured accommodation at a one time gentleman's residence in the days gone by on a hill, this private hotel overlooked the water, it was really lovely to get up each morning and see the boats coming and going. From this point we toured daily, bus and motor launch to Loch Shiel, we saw where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard. The next was to Glen Affric, saw many historical

land marks, the castle where Bonnie Prince Charlie was born in 1746.

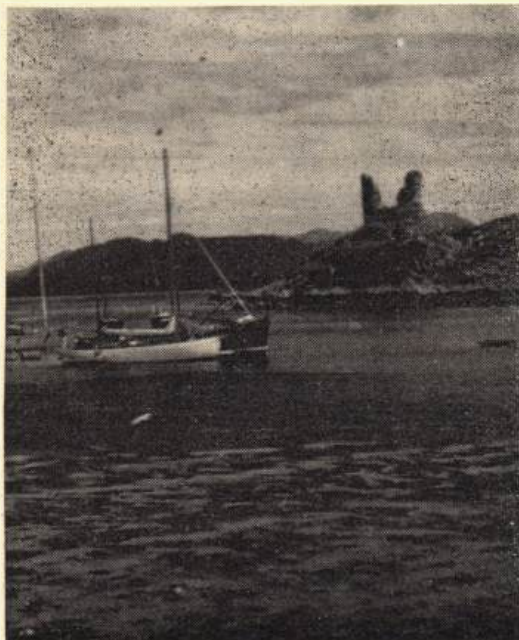
Many trips were taken in the Western part of Scotland. While at Fort William I saw someone from the Berrima District, and now I know what it is like when I hear people say, "just to see someone from your own country district," words cannot describe this feeling.

Travelling to the "Western Isles" I travelled by boat, train, coach and steamer, the Isle of

peaceful day. Nevertheless after this experience I made my way to Inverness, this was a lovely tour into the highlands amongst the heather and yonder hills. Inverness is where I really noticed the kilties, it is quite natural for a man or woman to dress in the "Highland Wear," also greatly seen in the "Western Isles."

From this point in Inverness I connected to another tour to John of Groats, here one really can see the heather, the little cottages built in stone and with the grass growing on the tops of the roof, after going through the rugged north, and sometimes feeling like a mountain goat to really climb the distances that were often before me, one finally reached the most northern part of Scotland, much further and I would be into the ocean.

"What a bleak place and so windy." It was a bonnie sight to see the white deer jumping about in the gullies, such a pleasure to see the wild of the north so free and so full of life.



ISLE OF SKY

Sky was the Isle which captured my fancy, it looked so beautiful and peaceful, the weather was really made to order. In Scotland we always refer to the weather, when colour photography is concerned, sometimes we get the sun and some days very doubtful.

The little white houses of the Isle, the fishing vessels, one could have remained there for quite some time, the sea gulls were there in thousands and so tame, such a bonnie sight.

I was almost washed overboard on the return trip to Mallaig, but a huge highlander just dumped me back on deck, as you would livestock, the Scotchman is a man of very few words, such a storm to blow up after such a



CROFTER'S COTTAGE

(Continued in series three)

S.P.C. Employees Credit Union Limited

SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1965

It is anticipated the above meeting will be held in Moss Vale sometime in August, all members will be duly notified.

The business of the meeting will be:—

1. To receive report on the years operation.
2. To receive Balance Sheet.
3. Approve interest rate and interest rebate payments.

4. To elect five Directors, for ensuing year. Directors retiring are Messrs. L. Humphries, L. Bush and R. Magnus of Berrima, T. Pearson of Marulan and J. King of the Colliery who offer themselves for re-election.

Any further nomination for directors should be in the hands of the Secretary Mr. L. Humphries, as soon as possible.

Household Hints

(BY HOME LOVER)

This month we are introducing a corner for the home maker. In it we hope to feature recipes and hints which could be useful around the house.

If any of our readers have any favourite recipes or hints which they would like to share with their fellow readers, we will be very pleased to publish them.

Our housewife readers may find the three following recipes worth a try.

MAGIC MINUTE PASTRY

Chop or slice 4 ozs butter or margarine into bowl, add 2 tablespoons boiling water, beat with a fork about 30 seconds, then stir in 6 ozs. (1- $\frac{1}{2}$ measuring cup) plain flour. Roll out and fold in three, repeat several times wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour, or up to a fortnight if you wish.

STEAMED GINGER PUDDING

Take one (1) tablespoon margarine, 2 tablespoons syrup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground ginger, one (1) cup self raising flour.

Beat butter and syrup to cream, add milk in which soda has been added then stir in flour and ginger. Steam in grease pudding basin for 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ hours.

This pudding can be served with custard or the following lemon sauce.

One tablespoon golden syrup, one cup boiling water, one dessertspoon sugar, one dessertspoon cornflour, one dessertspoon lemon juice.

Place all ingredients except cornflour in saucepan, bring to the boil. Mix cornflour to a smooth paste with a little water and stir into mixture. Cook until it boils and thickens.

EVER USED CARROTS FOR JAM?

This jam has an unusual flavour and beautiful colour.

INGREDIENTS: 2lb. peeled carrots, 4 large lemons, 1 orange, 4 pints water, 3lb. sugar.

METHOD: Grate carrots, put in bowl with lemon juice, orange juice, water. Soak overnight. Cook gently approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours or till carrot is quite soft. Stir in warmed sugar boil rapidly till it jells. Bottle, seal while hot.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Mrs. Bill Hutchings of Moss Vale has had a spell in hospital recently. Let's hope you are soon up and around again.

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A well known personality around S.P.C. has passed on. He is Jim Liebmann who worked for Dawn Transport for some time before bad health forced him to retire. Our sympathy to his family.

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Bill Saker, Apprentice Training Foreman, has taken off on his annual trip to Cobar where he intends to do some kangaroo shooting. During his absence Fred Bonnar will be filling in for him.

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Len Howe senior, Stockhouse, has been forced to have time off from work recently due to illness. Get well soon Len as the Stockhouse crew are short handed without you.

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Ernie and Mrs. Radnidge, Machine Shop, had two welcome pieces of news recently. Firstly when son Robert and his wife presented them with a granddaughter, Venessa Jane, on the 18th June. Then their daughter Carrol announced her engagement to Ken, son of Johnny and Mrs. Chambers of Belangelo. Congratulations to all concerned.

John Peake is receiving medical treatment in Prince Alfred Hospital and would like to see any of his workmates if they happen to be in Sydney.

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John Armitt, Jack Bloomfield and Tom Wilson are also on the sick list for various reasons. We hope to see you all soon, hale and hearty.

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The accompanying photo shows a very proud trio, they are Mrs. Wrightson and Pop, Stockhouse, with their son John who recently received his degree, at the university graduation ceremony.



COLLIERY

We extend our sympathy to Curly Ling and his family on the death of his father at Bowral last month.

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Congratulations to Owen Chapman who announced his engagement to Sandra Packer recently.

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A double congratulation to the Bell family. Firstly to Slim and Mrs. Bell on their 20th wedding anniversary and also to their daughter Carrol who has become engaged to Dennis Grahame of Bowral.

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Bill O'Donnell lost his grandmother recently at the grand old age of 96. Our condolences to the family.

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George Fennamore's daughter, Mrs. Miller, presented him with a grandson in the last few weeks. Congratulations George!

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Two of our retired miners have been spending a spell in hospital recently. They are Jack Talbert and Wilf Napper. We hope to see you both around again soon.

MARULAN

Our sympathy is extended to Malcolm and Mrs. McCauley on the death of their five year old daughter, Vicki.

Electrical foreman Jim Galloway has developed the very interesting hobby of polishing stones collected on holiday trips. During his trip to northern Queensland earlier this year he collected several specimens. He rigged up a small electric motor to a tin and started the tin rolling. This was the polishing process which lasted for seven weeks. The result is extremely interesting, with what were once ordinary looking stones with the appearance of expensive gems.

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Congratulations to Jim Feltham and Gail Moore who were married in Goulburn on June 26.

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We are pleased to record that Mrs. Tex Cooper is well again after an operation.

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Des Cosgrove is one of the hundreds of lads called up for two years national service. He is now in camp at Kapooka, near Wagga. He was one of six from the Goulburn area.

Obituary

Harold Sheather

It is with extreme regret that the newsletter records the death of Harold Sheather on 2nd July, after a period of illness. Harold joined the company in July, 1956, and spent most of his employment as a crane driver.

He was a quiet, unassuming man who was very well liked by all his workmates. He always carried out his work efficiently and without complaints.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their sorrow.

Apprentices Myles Creswick (Fitter) and John Hardgrave (Carpenter) have been nominated as the apprentices of the year in their trades. John also has been nominated as a candidate for the Florence M. Taylor Award by the Australasian Institute of Builders. This is, indeed, a feather in the cap of the S.P.C. Apprentice Training Scheme and especially to the quarry.

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Carpenter Mick Pidgeon has registered a patent which he hopes will minimise the bush fire danger. The device is quite simple and the idea came to Mick during the Bushfires in March. It is understood that already Government and semi-government bodies have shown keen interest. Good luck, Mick.

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Marulan Junior cyclist, Don McCallum, on the 3rd July won the Junior Division of the Southern Districts Zone Final of the 1965 Schoolboy Cycling Championships. Don is son of storeman, Bill McCallum and brother of champion, Ray, who is an apprentice carpenter.



Congratulations to Joe Bell and Sister Gwen Taylor, of Captains Flat, who were married recently.

An inaugural meeting on June 13 formed a bowling club at Marulan South. Membership is approaching the 150 and a lot of groundwork is at present proceeding to establish the clubhouse and green. Plans have been drawn by a Goulburn firm of architects, Brown Brewer and Gregory. Election of officers at the meeting resulted: Patron, Mr. A. A. Parish; President, Tony Cosgrove; Vice-Presidents, Kevin Howard, Alf Cummings, Allan Turner and Pearce Penfold; Secretary-Treasurer, Les Cooper; Assistant Secretary, Tom Sharkey; Committee, Frank Monger, Bernie Wansen, Fred Weston, Jim Galloway, Cec. Cluney, Allan Browne and Stan Bell. Mr. Tom McCarthy, Moss Vale, has been retained as solicitor.

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Let's Laugh

On one of those sad TV shows where the person who's been having hard luck tells his woes and gets help, appeared a woman who said she wanted a bed for her baby.

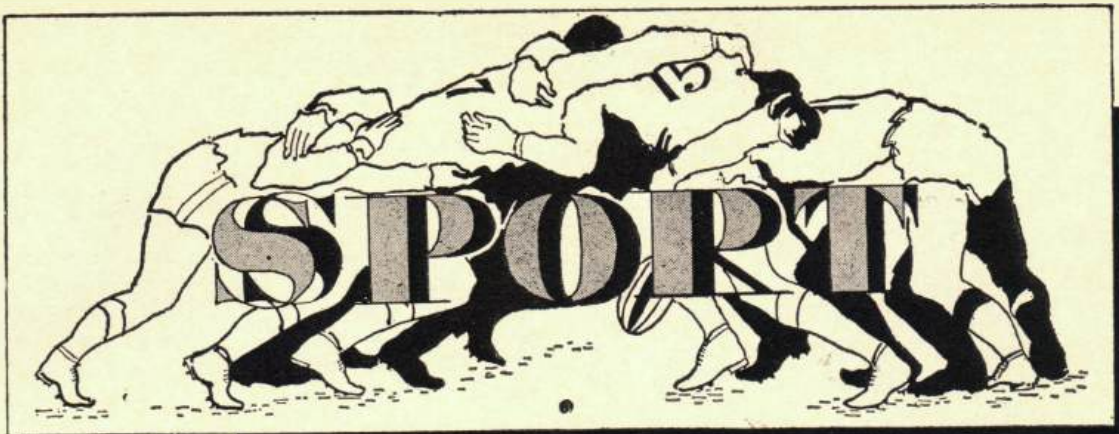
"What are you using for a bed now?" asked the sympathetic MC. "Oh," she replied, "I'm using the box the television set came in."

Enraged because her husband had left his money to someone else, the widow went at once to the monument maker to have the inscription on his tombstone changed.

"Sorry," the man said, "but you ordered 'Rest in Peace' and it can't be changed now."

"Well, then," said the widow, "Just add underneath it 'Till We Meet Again.'"

Keep smiling. It makes everyone wonder what you've been up to.



BOWLS

The only activities of any importance during the last month were the finalisation of the Wallis Pairs in which Doug Crowe and his partner were beaten in the semi-finals by the eventual winners of the event.

The minor singles championship was also decided during the month and resulted in a win for Sid Hurst.

GOLF

At Bowral, while S.P.C. players have been active none of them have been playing well enough to get into the prizemoney. It must be the cold weather.

At Moss Vale Errol Chalker who won the June "B" Grade medal came out on top again to win the July medal in his grade. He also showed up earlier in the month to be runner up in a canadian foursomes event.

Bert McIntosh managed to win the "C" grade stableford recently with 39 points, but failed in the Jordan Cup final when he and son Brian were eliminated.

Ron Spence who hasn't had a mention here before was runner up in the "B" grade par event recently.

SHOOTING

On Sunday, 20th June Jack Lockwood won the Berrima District Rifle Championship with a score of 96 out of a possible 100. The

shoot was the final between the districts' six top shooters who had qualified at four inter-club shoots during the year.

Over the years Jack has won quite a number of trophies for shooting at both club and district shoots and has proved to be one of the best shots in the district. The accompanying photo shows some of the trophies he has won over the years, and no doubt he will add quite a few more to his collection before he hangs up his rifle for the last time. Congratulations



Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



jacket type of fish with a black mole as big as a two shilling piece on each side of its head. I was very interested to know from an expert that since last October, the Fisheries Department has looked at 2,000 John Dory and found that all were females. Some fish cleaners with 40 years service at the Sydney fish markets, have never seen a male fish.

It is possible that the males keep to deep water. Most males seem to get into deep water or hot water or something!

More Laughs

Marcella: "You've been secretary to almost every vice president in the office."

Beverly: "Yes, I'm just about on my last lap now."

According to a fishing authority, writing in the Daily Telegraph recently, within three years there won't be a fish in sight of Sydney Harbour!

Several excursions have been made to the coast with very little luck. However, some good fish have been landed at Lake George by some of the boys from the Colliery — it was dear fish though — they were pinched for having no inland fishing license! It is necessary to hold a current license if you fish anywhere inland these days.

When I was a youngster, I had many a trip to the Newcastle trawler wharf, and one of the main fish was John Dory. It is a large leather-

A fellow who had had one too many was driving the wrong way on a one-way street and was hailed by a cop who rasped, "Hey, didn't you see the arrows?"

"Honest, offisher," gurgled the driver, "I didn't even see the Indians!"

"As the lion charged at me," related the famous explorer, "I turned and made a leap for an over-hanging branch 25 feet above ground."

"And you made it?" the listener asked breathlessly.

"Not on the way up," was the reply, "but fortunately I caught it on the way down."

Jim: "Why did you break your engagement?"

John: "She wanted to get married."

N.R.M.A. Notes

THE BROKEN WINDSCREEN PLAGUE

A smashed windscreen is one of the increasing hazards a motorist faces when-ever he travels in country areas.

And a broken windscreen is not only dangerous, but always inconvenient as well as being hard on the pocket.

Replacement of windscreens is big business today and N.R.M.A. Insurance Ltd. has figures to show what a problem breakages are becoming. In March this year, described as an "average" month, the company received 650 claims for broken wind-screens, the average payout for each being £32/15/4. Multiplied by 12 this adds up to something like 8,000 claims in a single year.

How, then, can motorists avoid this kind of trouble?

Investigations by the N.R.M.A. show that most windscreen breaks occur when two vehicles, travelling on a road with loose stones on the surface, pass each other from opposite directions. A stone is flung out sideways from one vehicle and the vehicle going in the opposite direction "runs into" the stone. It's as simple as that.

Of course some windscreens are broken when stones are thrown up from one car onto a following car, but most people expect this and make allowances by keeping well out of range.

In the first and most common situation, it seems that the speed of the car that is struck is the main factor. If this car is travelling slowly the chances are that the stone will not shatter the windscreen.

The best advice, then, is to travel slowly when another vehicle approaches on a road

that has a loose surface, keeping well across to the left-hand side of the road. Even if the other fellow doesn't slow down, you will have reduced the risk considerably.

One of the reasons for the increase in wind-screen breaks in recent years has been the introduction of far greater areas of glass in vehicle manufacture. The type of glass that is being used is such that a sharp impact leads to the shattering of the whole screen, reducing the driver's visibility to almost nothing. But the disadvantage of this characteristic is offset by the greater safety the glass allows in accidents.

The Department of Main Roads in the past has issued a check-list of the types of roads on which broken windscreens are most likely to occur. These are:

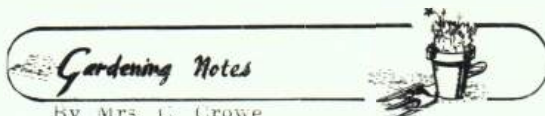
On bituminous surfaces immediately after the application of bitumen and screenings.

On some gravel roads, especially in the western parts of the State, after extended dry periods.

On the earth or gravel shoulders of sealed roads.

On sealed roads on which loose metal has been dropped from trucks or washed on from the edges or side roads.

Finally, a word on what to do when your windscreen shatters: Many windscreens incorporate a "safety zone" in front of the driver which should allow enough visibility for you to pull up safely. Failing that some people find that they retain a mental picture of the road ahead long enough for them to come to a stop. As a last resort punch your fist through the windscreen to regain your sight of the road.



July

FLOWERS:

SOW: Anthirrhinum, Candytuft, Centaurea, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Sweet Pea.

PLANT: Anemone, Antirrhinum, Calendula, Carnation, Delphinium, Pansy, Penstemon, Ranunculus, Viola.

VEGETABLES:

SOW Broad Beans, Cabbage, Onion, Peas, Spinach, Kohl Rabi, White Turnip.

PLANT: Asparagus, Eschalots, Garlic, Rhubarb, Berry Bushes such as Currants, Gooseberries, etc.

Showers of rain during June have dampened the top few inches of the soil and kept frosts away for a couple of weeks; but we still have some six to eight weeks of severe weather to battle with and to finish Winter garden jobs, before the strong Spring growth commences.

Plant roses, evergreen and deciduous shrubs and ornamental trees this month and also deciduous fruit trees.

July is pruning month, so get those secateurs and pruning saws out of the cupboard and set to work!

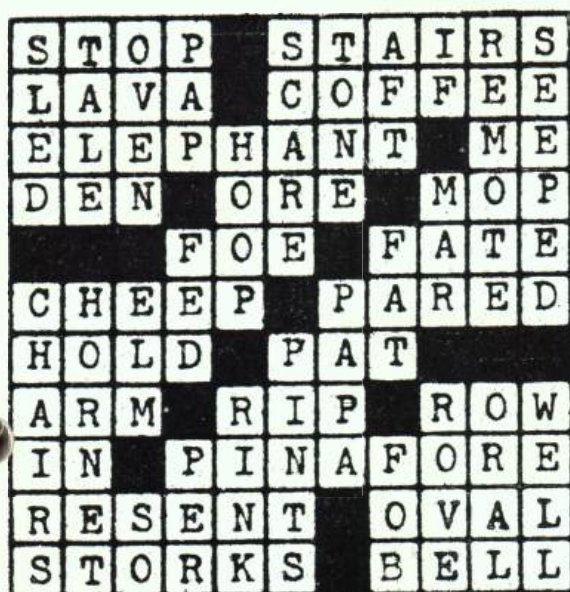
Prune the roses to encourage new growth, cutting out all dead wood and keeping the centres of the plants fairly open to prevent the branches crossing.

Make sure that no disease is spread from one plant to another by dipping the pruning implements in a formalin solution at intervals. Fruit trees should also be pruned now, so that all pruning and spraying is finished before the end of the month. Cut back old stems on the perennial border plants now and divide the clumps, replanting in new positions or in the old ones, after digging and manuring has been carried out.

Any hydrangeas which have made excess growth during the Summer and Autumn can be pruned now, cutting out some of the old wood and trimming new wood back to strong buds.

DO NOT PRUNE Spring-flowering shrubs such as Lilacs and flowering fruit trees now. They are pruned after they have finished blooming.

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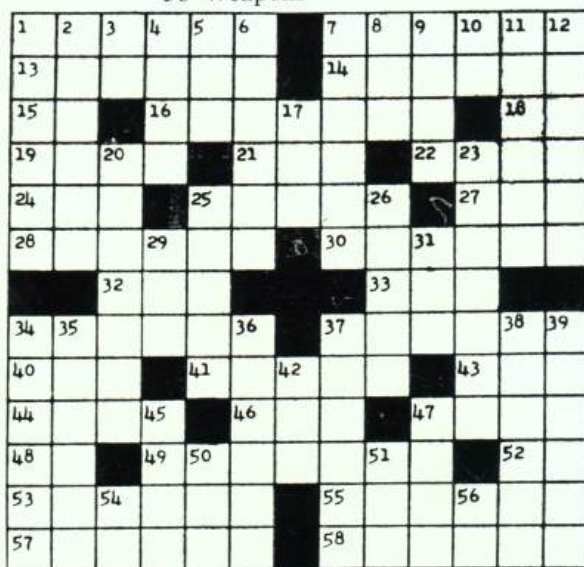
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- 5 Tam-o' shanter
- 6 Takes illegally
- 7 Walking sticks
- 8 Circle part
- 9 Fibber
- 10 Neuter pronoun
- 11 Deny
- 12 Eats away
- 17 de Janeiro
- 20 Barns
- 23 Serious
- 25 Heavenly body (pl.)
- 26 Young pig
- 29 Dove's cry
- 31 Piercing tool
- 34 Picture taker
- 35 Public speaker
- 36 Scissors
- 37 Deals with
- 38 Tidier
- 39 Male voices
- 42 Sphere (poet.)
- 45 Head coverings
- 47 Identical
- 50 Shelter
- 51 Chart
- 54 Symbol: silicon
- 56 Keystone State (abbr.)

The winner of Problem No. 76 was one of our regular contributors Rick Mulready from the Machine Shop — Congratulations Rick!

ACROSS

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- 7 Salty
- 13 Say again
- 14 More corny
- 15 I am (contr.)
- 16 Our continent
- 18 Depart
- 19 Gone by
- 21 Trouble
- 22 Peruse
- 24 Ignited
- 25 Narrow openings
- 27 Took food
- 28 Makes into law
- 30 Divides
- 32 Large snake
- 33 Possess
- 34 Hires
- 37 Natural capacity
- 40 Exist
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General Manager's Notes

Any day, whilst driving to the Works, we take it for granted that there will be a barely discernible haze emanating from the stack of No. 5 kiln, indicating that it is operating without interruption. This is in marked contrast to last year when the kiln appeared to be more off than on due to various factors.

The new order of the day has come about largely by the efforts of our production and maintenance people who have ironed out the bugs inherited from the contractors who supplied and erected the kiln and ancillaries.

The first twelve months operation of No. 5 kiln brings to mind the conundrum "which came first — the chicken or the egg." Here was an instance when a much more sophisticated unit than with which we were familiar was put into operation without having properly trained people to operate and maintain it because we did not previously have the facilities in the Company to train them before the kiln came into operation. Now that the mechanical and electrical faults have been minimised, variations in limestone quality are taking the blame for irregular operation.

The almost continuous operation of the kiln since its last overhaul in June led to a monthly clinker production record in July of over 38,000 tons, with total clinker production from Nos. 4 and 5 kilns being nearly 47,000 tons, another monthly record.

J. F. McNICOL.
General Manager.

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Editorial

Dear Readers,

During the past few weeks we have seen in the newspapers photos taken by the latest space craft, of the planet Mars, millions of miles away in space. Isn't it wonderful how science has progressed during our lifetime.

Yet for all their discoveries, scientists still have not come up with the answers to a lot of things here on our own planet. There is still no cure for the common cold, and there is a lot to be achieved about cancer and its causes. But most of all, very little has been done towards obtaining harmony between nations and the relief from hunger and poverty. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our scientists could come up with the answers to these problems.

Well if things continue as they have been, we may see something at S.P.C. which has not been seen before, a 200 days flag. At the time of going to press, Marulan are within a week of achieving this goal and Berrima is not very far behind them. So keep up the good work and the coupons will really start rolling in.

Our home made safety film has finished its run and the new one on fire fighting has started. This is one aspect of safety which has not been touched on very much, and should prove to be educational as well as interesting. We have had a few fires around the plant, fortunately nothing very serious, as this film should put everyone in the picture when it comes to fire fighting.

By the time we go to press again the worst of the Winter should be over, let's hope so anyway. Already some of the early trees are beginning to flower so it won't be long before we are back out in the garden. A look at our garden notes will give you an idea of what to plant in the next few weeks.

Yours till next month,

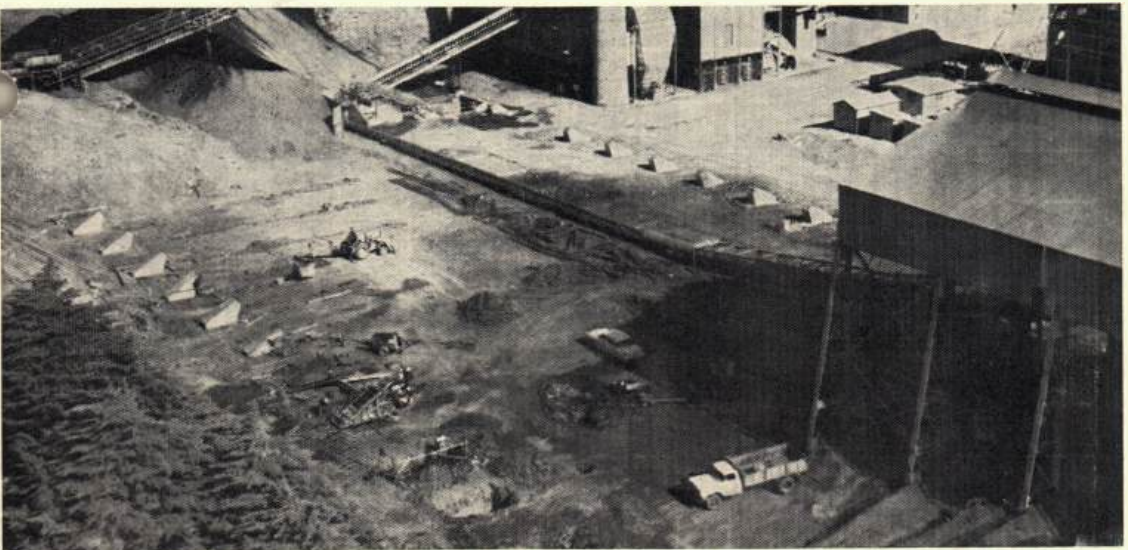
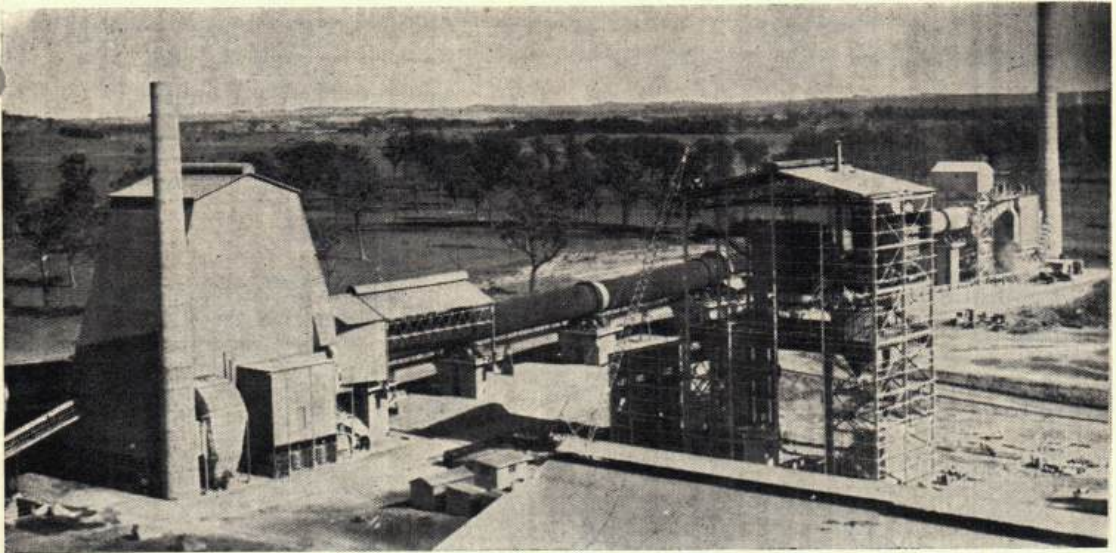
THE EDITOR.

Plant Jottings

The accompanying photos, taken from the top of the lift well on the new silos show the progress which has been made on two other jobs at the works.

The first photo shows the steelwork for No. 5 cement mill rising in front of No. 5 Kiln. The building steel is nearly completed and sheeting and walling has commenced. Work is also well on the way with the installation of the auxiliary equipment for the mill.

The second photo shows the start of the erection of a new clinker storage building to the South of the existing gantry. The earthworks have been completed and quite a lot of progress has been made with the building foundations and the reclaiming tunnel which will run under the clinker pit.



Goulburn Technical College

Prizewinners

At a Presentation evening held at Goulburn's Lilac Time Hall on Wednesday, 4th August, prizes were presented to the top scholars for 1964.

S.P.C. was well represented, securing 17 prizes in 6 different categories. Following is the list of S.P.C. prizewinners.

ACCOUNTANCY

R. Scullin, 1st Stage 1; L. Lansdown, 2nd Stage 1.

CARPENTRY & JOINERY

N. Dillon, 1st Stage 2; J. Hardgrave, 1st Stage 4, also a BWIU Special Award.

ELECTRICAL TRADES

R. King, 1st Stage 1; R. Millard 2nd Stage 1; F. Ritchie, 1st Stage 2; H. Newman, 2nd Stage 2; P. Lewis, 2nd Stage 3; R. Strode, 1st Stage 4.

FITTING & MACHINING

J. Beaumont, 1st Stage 2; J. Cupitt, 2nd Stage 2; R. Vincent, 2nd Stage 3; M. Creswick, 1st Stage 4; T. Pratt, 2nd Stage 4.

PAINTING & DECORATING

D. Edmonds, 2nd Stage 2.

WELDING

B. Woodhouse, 1st Special oxy and Electrical Welding.



The accompanying photo shows our apprentice prize winners.

Back Row, left to right: Bob Strode, Ray Millard, Trevor Pratt, John Cupitt, Frank Ritchie, Henry Newman.

Front Row: Peter Lewis, John Beaumont, John Hardgraves, Miles Creswick, Neville Dillin, Dave Edmonds, Bob Vincent.

Inset: Brian Woodhouse.

Touring Around the Atherton Tabelands

Graham Waghorn, who was formerly employed as an engineer at Berrima and Marulan, and his wife state in a letter to a friend that a recent tour of the Atherton Tabela-land reminded them of the south coast of N.S.W.

He said Mossman, 50 miles from Cairns, is not much of a town, but the trip from there to Cairns is really worthwhile. The highway follows the foreshore and the scenery is better than along our own coast.

On the way back from Mossman to Cairns they stopped at Port Douglas, which is a small attractive tourist resort. The only thing that upset them was the weather — it rained as only it can in that sub-tropical area.

On another occasion they travelled 89 miles to Charters Towers, a very old settlement and described by some travellers as "beyond the

black stump." It has an old world mining atmosphere. Mullock heaps are everywhere, some are huge and must have taken years to pile. A great deal of hard work was involved when it is considered that it was all done with pick and shovel and horses and drays.

Graham said later they decided to see Ayr and Home Hill, 70 miles to the south. Ayr is a particularly pleasant spot, while Home Hill does not rate so highly. Between Ayr and Home Hill they crossed the Burdekin River on the new high level bridge. The old low level bridge piles are still visible.

Graham said in Townsville, where he has his home while working for Mt. Isa company, the temperature has been as low as 42 degrees, a big drop from the normal temperature at this time of the year of some 80 degrees.

Safety - Berrima

All Groups are progressing well as the Plant Accident Free board shows — 162 days without a lost time injury. Keep up the good work fellows, you're doing fine.

This is how the various Groups now stand:

Apprentices	606 days
Production "A"	651 "
Production "B"	478 "
Production "C"	241 "
Production "D"	672 "
Maintenance	391 "
Electrical	889 "
Power House	1033 "
Stockhouse	162 "
Gen. Office Works	
Office & Laboratory	1630 "

This slogan from the Bell Telephone Co. U.S.A. is worth a thought.

"Do I have the right to gamble the happiness and future of those dependent on me against the small effort required to do the job safely?"

Think it over!

Brains Trust



This photo shows our "Brains Trust," John Hardgrave and Miles Creswick who have both been interviewed by the N.S.W. apprenticeship Board as possible Apprentices of the Year.

Safety - Marulan

The quarry, at the end of July, was preparing to hoist the flag indicating 200 days without a lost time injury. Group runs at 31/7/65 were: Group 1 (Maintenance) 609; Group 2 (Drivers, shovel crews) 176; Group 3 (Quarrymen, powder monkeys, drillers) 606; Group 4 (Plantmen, greasers) 671; Group 5 (loco crews, bin crews, fettlers) 332; Group 6 (Apprentices) 828; and the plant 188 days.

Welcome

We welcome the following new employees who recently commenced with the Company: Manfred Stoner, Eric Fitton, David Johnstone, Barry Blackie (the two former worked with S.P.C. previously) Lawrence Norman, Kelvin Webster, Charlie Waters, Martin Eringa and Tom Norton.

Medway Mine Rescue Team

Mining, as we all know, is a difficult and at times dangerous occupation and Australia has had its share of mine disasters. Fortunately out pit at Medway has been free of any very serious accidents, but even so there is a group at Medway who have not become complacent because of this. They are our Mine Rescue team who carry out training under the guidance of the Central Rescue Station at Corrimal.

Each mine has its own rescue team, which consists of five to eight men, controlled and trained by the Rescue Station personnel. They could be called out at any time to attend and help at a disaster at any mine on the South Coast. Because of this the teams do their training in various pits so that they will become used to working in strange mines should the need arise.

Each man is trained in the use of his breathing apparatus, consisting of a recirculating oxy-

gen supply strapped to his back and leading to a face mask.

With this proto set, as it is called, a man can work in a poisonous atmosphere for two hours before he has to be relieved.

Medway's team of five men, consists of a loco driver, Jim Murchie, a miner Ned Ivins, a wheeler, Stan Adams, an electrician Glynn Jones and a surveyor Roger Seville. With such a cross section of skills there is at least one man in the team who can take care of nearly any situation they might meet.

The photo shows Jim Murchie adjusting Stan Adams gear under the guidance of the Rescue Station instructor. Ned Ivins is obscured behind Jim while Roger Seville and Glynn Jones wait to have their gear checked before going underground for training.

Despite all their hard training let us hope that they never have to go into action.



Decimal Currency

Reproduced below are the designs which will be used on the new coins coming into circulation when Australia changes over to decimal currency early next year. At the moment

these coins seem strange to us, but no doubt in time they will become as familiar as the coins which we have in our pockets and purses now.



1 CENT



2 CENTS



5 CENTS



10 CENTS



20 CENTS



50 CENTS

OUR UNIQUE FAUNA ON THE NEW COINS

1c FEATHER-TAIL GLIDER: The feather-tail glider is the smallest of our gliding marsupials and glides by means of membranes along its sides; it is strictly nocturnal and is quite common in the forest of eastern Australia.

2c FRILL-NECKED LIZARD: The frilled lizard is found only in the tropical north of Australia; it grows to about three feet in length — most of it tail; it is harmless but when cornered it presents a gaping, hissing mouth in the middle of its brightly-coloured neck frill.

5c ECHIDNA (Spiny Anteater): The Echidna or spiny anteater is Australia's other egg-layer which suckles its young; like the hedgehog, it depends on its spines for protection; it is about 18 inches long and thrives in every part of Australia.

10c LYREBIRD: The lyrebird on the 10 cents is the male of the species as it appears when dancing and singing, with its magnificent tail expanded and thrown forward over its

head; it is a famous mimic; it inhabits dense, damp forests from southern Queensland to Victoria.

20c PLATYPUS: The platypus is one of the only two egg-laying mammals (the other is the echidna) and is found in the rivers and creeks of the eastern side of the Continent; it has webbed feet and rich, short fur; it swims with the skill and dash of a seal.

50c KANGAROO AND EMU: The kangaroo, Australia's biggest marsupial, is found in every part of the Continent. The emu is the world's second largest bird — only the ostrich is bigger. The kangaroo and the emu traditionally support Australia's coat of arms.

In the months remaining between now and change over day, 14th February, we will be publishing a series of articles on decimal currency, which we hope will make the change a bit easier for all concerned.

If anyone has any questions about decimal currency we will be very happy to supply as much information as we can.

Dwarfing Forest Giants

(By B. CRESWICK)

When we thought of the Japanese before the war, it was generally in connection with cheap toys, jui-jitsu and yellow people, diminutive in stature.

Little things always seemed to fascinate them and the tendency was nowhere more marked than in horticulture. They perfected exclusively the art and practice of rearing dwarf trees. Not stunting by cutting and starving of roots, but actual living miniatures of forest giants.

The art is very old and a record of its origin cannot be traced. In a few families, the secrets were handed down from father to son and guarded with zealous care. The 20 to 30 experts of this unusual craft formed a small colony on the outskirts of Tokio, and from this centre specimens found their way to all parts of the world.

The art was not lost during the war and the industry has been firmly re-established at its old headquarters. A recent visit from a friend gave me the chance to study a gnarled maple, about 10 inches tall and perhaps half a century old.

Most of the methods of production are shrouded in secrecy, but the men responsible possessed extraordinary patience and a store of calm resignation unknown in the Western world. The minimum time to produce a saleable dwarf is given as 40 years; while a lifetime

is not too long to produce the highest models of the art. The artist himself only makes the beginning. It is his son or, perhaps his son's son, who reaps the reward. The midget trees are produced from seeds and in some cases carefully selected cuttings.

Ceaseless care is given to the commencement of growth in the young plant, and the natural tendencies subjected to the will of the grower. At the first sign of each twig and of each leaf it is carefully scrutinized, for to be perfect, the dwarf must have a shape and balance equal to the full size trees.

The range includes oaks, elm, beeches and maples. The tiny cherry and plum in full bloom make charming table decorations. They are very expensive to buy, which is understandable when it is considered that a nice little oak or maple may have been planted in the reign of King William and Queen Mary (1688-1702).

Another pygmy tree the Japanese found very popular was the "married tree." This was done by entwining two small trees, so that they retained their separate growth yet were inseparable. A "Married" maple would grow to not much more than a foot in height. From the preliminary steps, that of stripping the bark of the big tree and applying the clay and the moss to the finished article, a period of from 30 to 40 years must elapse.

Old Time Music Hall Needs Performers

The Drama Section of 'Bowral Choral and Drama Society' are very depleted as to numbers and need new recruits.

'Choral' — after their successful production of 'The Pirates of Penzance' are in rehearsal for 'White Horse Inn,' with the result that nearly all the Singing and Acting Members are fully occupied.

Meantime, 'Drama' are committed for another 'Old Time Music Hall' for Tulip Time and are urgently recruiting new members, or even 'Guest Artists' who will come along and act, sing, dance, play any instrument — help

back stage; or, in fact, do anything which contributes towards a rollicking 'Old Time Music Hall', where patrons sit at tables — enjoy any refreshment they like to bring and join in with the performers having a wonderful time.

The greatest need is for Actors for the funny little melo-dramatic sketches that have been lined up, but there is scope for all sorts of variety talent and workers in all departments of S.P.C. are cordially invited to get in touch with the 'Old Time Music Hall' organiser Mrs. D. E. Hole of 'Georgeham,' Bowral. Tel: 204.

Bonnie Scotland

Series No. 3

BY HELEN FERRIER

Returning to Inverness, which I had made as my headquarters while touring the north, passed the Castle of Mey the Queen Mother's Residence in Scotland, a very lonely place, the wind just about blows a person off their feet, so wild. While at this point took a day tour to Deeside and Balmoral Castle, visitors are allowed into the grounds when the Queen is not in residence, if she is staying at Balmoral the Royal Standard will be flying. Went to Crathie church, Balmoral where the Royal Family worship, when at Deeside, and then on the Braemar Highland Games, this is where it really rained, even though the weather was bad at these games people from all walks of life and different countries, come to see them, it would be a poor "Scot" who could not feel that Scotland belonged to them on this day. The Queen and all members of the Royal Family appeared for an hour on this day, they were piped in with bands of kilties.



The village itself is breathtakingly beautiful, the many scents and perfumes come down from the hills, in beautiful weather living at Deeside village would be just like fairyland, all good things must come to an end, so it was back on the road to Inverness, this seems like back tracking my journey, but I had so many more places of interest to see before the final

tour back to Stirlingshire. Inverness, as once it had been the Pictish Capital, was the Citadel of the Celts and the core of the clan country. The Stuart ancestors of Charles Edward knew it well. In 1477 James I held a parliament in the castle, so often destroyed and rebuilt that little remains of it today. I thought until I saw it that Edinburgh was the most romantic city in Scotland. Now I am uncertain. It is not right that one country should have two such candidates. Soon I was on the road again to Fraserburgh, great for fishing, then Peterhead and on to Aberdeen shire, then on down the countryside seeing here and there as the time permitted, then at last to St. Andrews, famous for its golfing interests thus finally reaching Stirlingshire, I used many places in Scotland as headquarters, Fort William and over the Western Isles, Inverness, Deeside, Aberdeen and Stirlingshire, from these points one can move all over the country. The various trips around England, London and the continent we will leave. Very little has been mentioned about Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, so much of Scotland I have seen in such a small space of time, that I could not hope to describe every detail. After a few days of rest on the road to Glasgow, caught a bus from this point and made my way down to Stranraer, but on the way stopped over for a spell at Robert Burns Country. The little place of Ayr, was very sweet, saw the Burns Monument, went inside and had a nice cup of tea, the entrance was really lovely, the floors were covered with Campbell Tartan, the furniture, very old and of the antique design, walking down a few steps noticed beautiful ferns, "What a view from the dining room" a little stream beside the doon, the ducks were certainly having the time of their lives in the water. I left this enchanted spot to stroll through the village to see Burns Cottage. Entered a room with cobble stones for flooring, the next room a stable, then the living room, kitchen, bedroom all rolled in together, flag stones for floors, the roof consisted of straw and held with wire netting, the rafters inside were made from Scotch Fure. It was clean and well preserved. Leading from the cottage we entered a lovely garden with its flowers, trees and statues. This little spot reminded me of Dunmore and Braemar for

beauty. Then it was time to leave and down the countryside to Stranraer, it rained here for a fortnight, always wet feet and coats with the exception of one day I walked in the sunshine to catch the ship and sail away to Ireland. After everything of interest had been shown at Stranraer, made my way back to Stirlingshire, after this it was time to think about preparing for the homeward journey.

My relatives and the many friends I made in Scotland, clubbed together and hired a coach to take me to Preswick Airport, happy at the thought of going home, but a little sad at leaving so many sincere people behind, perhaps never to see again. Much merriment went on about us before departure and as I boarded the plane I could hear the pipes in the background and the singing of "Will ye no come back again." I felt like a "VIP" with all this treatment, nevertheless the plane took off and across the Atlantic bound for New York and on to Australia. Thus achieving an ambition I had worked and strived for so many years. Many Scots will read this article, I do hope it will not make you yearn too much for the heather and the hills, perhaps bring it a little closer to

those among us, who cannot return to their homeland.

Australia in my humble opinion is one of the finest countries in the world, here we have the tropics, snow fields, mountains and the beautiful sea and beaches. No one need ask for more, and yet so many of us wander to far distant lands for adventure, and some to see their native birth place or perhaps just to travel, we should all see Australia before attempting to venture anywhere.



Household and Helpful Hints

How to Care for your Jewellery

Costume Jewellery, many of these charming little pieces have the stones cemented in, so they should never be soaked. Clean them with a cotton-covered toothpick dipped in methylated spirits, but don't soak them in methylated spirits. Rub with a soft chamois to restore lustre, but be gentle to avoid loosening the stones. Loose settings can be tightened by pinching the metal together with eyebrow tweezers.

MONTH

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

TRADITIONAL STONE

Garnet
Amethyst
Aquamarine or Bloodstone
Diamond
Emerald
Pearl or Moonstone
Ruby
Peridot or Sardonyx
Sapphire
Opal or Tourmaline
Topaz
Turquoise or Lapis-Lazuli

ITS MEANING

Constancy
Sincerity
Courage
Innocence
Love, Success
Health, Longevity
Contentment
Married Happiness
Clear Thinking
Hope
Fidelity
Prosperity

Birthstones and their Meaning

What is your birthstone? Should you wear the January garnet for constancy, the July ruby for contentment, the November topaz for fidelity? It's a natural desire, tradition-inspired for every woman and man to wish to possess a ring or other piece of jewellery set with their own birthstone. Below is a table which gives the precious stone for each birth month, its generally accepted meaning, and in many cases the modern equivalent in attractive but less precious gems.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Alice Boyd, General Office, has been nominated as the district industries candidate in the Queen Competition sponsored by the Moss Vale Swimming Pool Committee. Congratulations Alice!

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Two members of the executive staff, Jim Mitchell and Lloyd Veal, will be missing from the works for a few weeks. They are off on a trip overseas to investigate the latest developments in the cement world. They will be away for about 10 weeks and will visit plants in the United States, Great Britain and Europe.

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Jim Middleton's daughter, Joy, presented him with a grandson, Bradley James, on the 25th June. Congratulations to all concerned.

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Len Howe senior, stockhouse, is still on the sick list. We hope to see you up and about again before long Len.

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Bert Mulready is off on holidays. He will spend part of them in Melbourne attending the wedding of his nephew.

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John Peake, John Dombrovskis, and John Hunt from the maintenance crew are all off work sick. Hope to see you all back again very soon fellows.

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Percy Sewell, Bob Waide and John Clarke Electrical Shop are all taking their holidays at the moment.

COLLIERY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mr. Alan Talbert on the birth of a daughter, Jan Michelle, on the 5th July.

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Ray Mordue and Shirley Smith announced their engagement on the 4th July. Congratulations to you both.

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The Lennaduzzi and Galloway clans were both increased by the arrival of daughters recently. Young Katherine Leslie Galloway arrived on the 9th July, and Miss Lennaduzzi arrived next day on the 10th. Congratulations to you all!

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It appears that we have an artist of some note at the Colliery. Slim Bell received word recently that the design for a Federation badge he submitted in the state-wide competition has been chosen as the winner. Congratulations Slim.

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MARULAN

Congratulations to Max Johansen and Judy Crane, of Canberra, at present a bank officer in Moss Vale, on their engagement. Also to Bob Alcock and Sue Bingham.

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John Pole, who seriously injured himself when he dived into a shallow dam early this year, has arrived home from Royal Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney. He is still almost completely paralysed, but has some movement in his hands. He is the son of lorry driver, Len, and Mrs. Pole of Marulan.

Mick Keegan, son of Loco driver Ken, is progressing satisfactorily after a major chest operation in Sydney. He is a nephew of Railway Maintenance Foreman Albert Quail and Mrs. Quail.

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New starters at the quarry are Jack Leeson, Barry Greaves, Ian Newman, Harold Costello and Jack Parsons.

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We regret to record the sudden death on 25/7/65 of 10-year-old John Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Cooper, of Marulan South.

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It is a long way from Marulan Quarry to Cornwall, England. A man interested in the railways of the world recently wrote asking for details of the line from the loading bins to Medway Junction. The man, Mr. Faux, asked for historical data, sketches, distances, and photographs, etc. The information was mailed

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You have no doubt heard numerous stories of bridegrooms being nervous at their wedding, well it appears that Jim Feltham was no exception. After his marriage to Miss Gail Moore of Goulburn, on the 10th July, he set out with his new bride on their honeymoon, and it was not until they were out of the town that they realised that they had taken the wrong car.

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More than 40 members of the Institute of Quarrying visited the quarry on 24/7/65 after the end of their convention at Bowral. They were accompanied by the General Manager Mr. J. F. McNicol, Production Superintendent, Mr. Lloyd Veal, Quarry Superintendent, Mr. Kevin Howard. Mr. Kinnamont, of I.C.I. was among the visitors.

Alec McMurtrie, who retired at the end of April, has settled at The Entrance. He says he is contented in his new surroundings and finding plenty to keep his mind occupied. He spent the first two months of his retirement visiting his aged mother in Rockhampton.

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Fifth year apprentice Ian Gilbey has returned to Berrima after three months at the quarry; and 5th year electrical apprentice Noel Stefensen has returned home from Berrima.

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Three quarry third year apprentice fitters, John Beaumont, Stan Kopec and Wayne Percival, visited the 3rd annual tool exhibition in Sydney.

Let's Laugh

"All right back there?" called the conductor from the front of the car.

"Hold on!" came a feminine voice.

"Wait till I get my clothes on."

The entire car-full turned and craned their necks expectantly.

A girl got on with a basket of laundry.

Lawyer: "Here's my bill for services. You can pay \$400 down and \$50 a month for the next 24 months."

Client: "Sounds like buying an automobile."

Lawyer: "I am."

Surgeon to attendant: "Get the name of the accident victim so we can tell his mother."

Attendant (three minutes later):

"He said his mother knew his name."

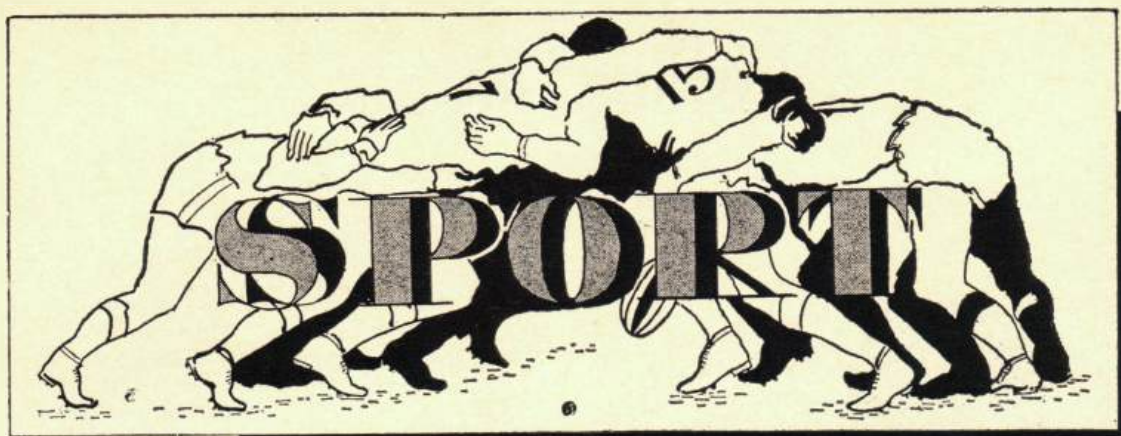
At a golf tournament, an official was surprised to catch the local pastor driving off about ten yards in front of the tee mark. He hesitated, but fair play won out.

"I'm afraid, Reverend," he said, "you are disqualified. You just can't do that."

I just can't do what?"

"Drive off from the ladies' tee."

"My friend," said the pastor apologetically, "I'm playing my third stroke."



GOLF

Errol Chalker has been making his presence felt at Moss Vale in recent weeks. If he improves much more he will be taking all the trophies around the place. In a fourball best ball he and his partner came in with 41 points but just couldn't make the money.

A little later on he came in 1 down in a par event to finish runner-up. Then teaming up with his better half in a mixed fourball best ball stableford event they were just pipped out of runner up position on a count back.

In the same event Ron Spence and Betty Parker were only two points behind Errol and his wife.

Our Bowral Golfers have been very quiet lately. Norm Austin has been turning in some reasonable scores during the week but can't seem to get a go on in the competitions.

BOWLS

This is the quiet time of the year as far as bowlers are concerned. All the competitions have been finalised and only social matches are being played. There will be no serious bowls played in the district for another month or so yet.

SHOOTING

The annual meeting of the above club was held in the Marulan Hall on 18th July, 1965 and saw quite a few changes in officers.

Officers elected as follows:—

Barry Barnfield, Captain; Doug Taylor, Vice-Captain; Trevor Pearson, Secretary/Treasurer.

I think our Secretary/Treasurer F. Bell who has just retired, as he will not be able to attend many shoots in the coming year, is to be congratulated on a grand performance of winning the yearly aggregates, for the third year in succession. We think this may be a record for the club.

More Laughs

Two golfers were annoyed by an unusually slow twosome in front. One of the offending couple dawdled on the fairway while his companion searched industriously in the rough

At long last, one of the pair waiting on the tee shouted indignantly, "Why don't you help your friend find his ball."

"Oh, he's got his ball," the man replied blandly. "He's looking for his club."

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



Still no reports of any worth while catches in our area. Since the rain, I would have expected a few fish to be about.

Some of the locals are catching a few nice niggers, some of them to 4 lbs, mainly in the vicinity of the sunken wall at the canal.

They tell me that Port Kembla harbour is proving all right for niggers, especially during the week-ends, when the harbour traffic is more or less at a standstill. Needless to say, you will be using say, 3 or 4 lb. breaking strain line, so don't forget the landing net. A friend

of mine visiting Port Macquarie went for a walk on the breakwater. "Just in case," he took a handline, about 3 lbs. Feeling the urge, he gave it a try, and to his great joy hooked a nice nigger. Having no landing net, as soon as it broke the surface, needless to say it was gone! To his disgust, this happened six times.

I gave Illawarra South beach a try, but no luck. Prawns were definitely off, but I managed to buy some garfish bait. Some nice flathead to 3lbs. were landed at the Co-op! Speaking of bait, I notice that the much used, pipi is being packed as an overseas delicacy! The is very nice, its actually the only bait I have eaten! There is one catch though, and the South Coast Shires are realizing this, that if they clean out the pipi for export, the visiting tourist fisherman will not be encouraged to visit. Not that he has much encouragement now.

It's really remarkable how people exist these days — Harry Etheridge cut his finger opening a tin of dog's meat! However, we are managing to keep the safety bonus out of the red!

More Laughs

The phone rang in the maternity ward and an excited voice exclaimed, "This is Joe Johnson. I'm bringing my wife in to have a baby."

"Now slow down sir," the nurse replied calmly, "and give me a little information. Is she having any pains?"

"Yes this is Joe Johnson. My wife . . ."

"Is this her first baby?"

"No, this is her husband!"

N.R.M.A. Notes

KNOW YOUR LANE DRILL

In areas where heavy traffic congestion occurs, the modern remedy is to channel traffic into lanes marked by either broken or unbroken lines.

Are these lanes just a guide to keep some order in traffic or are drivers legally bound to stick to the lane of their choosing? And is there any basic differences between lanes with unbroken lines and those with broken lines?

The N.R.M.A. says that where lanes are defined by UNBROKEN lines the driver is obliged to follow a certain drill.

For example, he must continue in that lane until:

- Any sign, light or directional arrow indicates that he may change.
- He turns right or left at an intersection.
- He makes a right-hand turn to leave the street, as he would into a driveway or private entrance. Making this manoeuvre he is expected to leave or enter the street by the shortest route, which normally would be straight across the roadway when it's safe to do so.

The traffic regulations also forbid "U" turns in streets that are marked with unbroken lines.

When 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 that a turn may be made.

Drivers may change lanes in streets marked with BROKEN lines, provided it is safe to do so. The onus is on the driver on this point.

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.

A new consideration has arisen with the introduction of traffic lanes. Every driver has had his experience with the "lane hopper" — the type of driver who flits from one lane to another in the vain hope that he will get to his destination a few seconds earlier than he would if he had stayed in one lane.

Most drivers get annoyed by this type of behaviour, so when the time comes for someone who genuinely has to change a lane to get in position for a turn he finds his way blocked by drivers in the other lane.

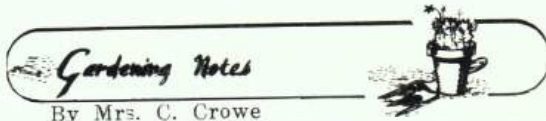
In the interest of orderly traffic flow, the N.R.M.A. appeals to motorists to give consideration to the genuine driver. Generally he will give a clear signal of his intention and will pull across into the right lane well before he makes his turn without creating any great inconvenience to the following motorists.

KEEPING THE BATTERY UP TO SCRATCH

Battery posts and terminals should always be kept clean and tight, say the N.R.M.A. engineers. Don't forget the earth connection to the car frame, which sometimes works loose. This could result in blown light globes and irregular charging as well as hard starting.

The home mechanic also should check the acid level regularly. Top up with pure distilled water to a level of one-eighth of an inch above the plates.

For best results, keep the battery top clean and dry and the battery firmly anchored in its carried.



August

FLOWERS:

SOW: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Aster, Carnations, Clarkia, Gaillardia, Godetia, Petunia, Phlox, Sweet Pea, Verbena.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Carnation, Gaillardia.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Broad Beans, Cabbage, Carrot, Lettuce, Peas, White Turnip.

PLANT: Asparagus, Cabbage, Herbs, Potatoes, Rhubarb, Artichoke.

The month of July brought many changes of weather in this district including a severe fall of snow and a little rain, followed by much milder weather. The snow caused quite a lot of damage which will need to be repaired as quickly as possible, before the Spring growth commences. Cut back any broken branches and paint the cuts with grafting wax, thick Bordeaux paste, or lead paint, to prevent fungus growth entering the main stems.

Garden reconstruction can be carried out this month and perennials may still be planted to fill up any gaps in the flower border. Evergreen shrubs and trees can be planted from containers during the next eight weeks, providing water is available, but deciduous shrubs and trees should be planted immediately. Spray Peach and Nectarine trees with Bordeaux Spray this month, to control "Leaf Curl" disease.

Topdress the existing Asparagus beds with a good covering of compost or old manure to ensure a good crop.

Watch for slugs and snails no wand keep baiting to control these. Aphids may be present on young growth on roses about the end of August. Spray with DDT to kill these, as sucking insects weaken the growth and cause misshapen leaves on rose-plants.

August is Wattle month, so plant a Wattle-tree somewhere in the garden to help carry on the beauty of our heritage.

"Why should not wattle do
For mistletoe?
Asked one — they were but two —
Where wattles grow."

From "Under the Wattle"
by D. B. W. Sladen.

Problem Page

Our crane driver Jim Dray was the winner of Problem No. 77. Congratulations Jim.

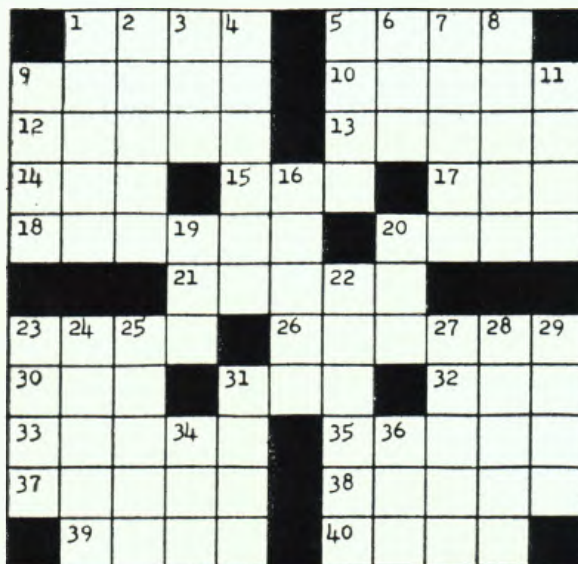


ACROSS

- 1 Young deer
- 5 Daybreak
- 9 Gift receiver
- 10 Regions
- 12 Church officer
- 13 Plaque
- 14 Recline
- 15 22nd letter
- 17 Large tub
- 18 Things lost
- 20 Snakelike fish (pl.)
- 21 Inquired
- 23 Small pie
- 26 Puts forth as strength
- 30 Fem. name
- 31 Curve
- 32 Anger
- 33 Inn
- 35 Artist's frame
- 37 Steeple
- 38 Hard metal
- 39 Pulled apart
- 40 Cause to go

DOWN

- 1 Book leaf
- 2 American mts.
- 3 Very small
- 4 Gives strength to
- 5 Appointment (colloq.)
- 6 Exist
- 7 Make cloth
- 8 Pert. to the nose
- 9 Small valley
- 11 Cliques
- 16 Narrow ridge (geol.)
- 19 Occupied a seat
- 20 Commune in Netherlands
- 22 Remainder
- 23 Scottish caps
- 24 Take as one's own
- 25 Proportion
- 27 Ascended
- 28 Cornered (colloq.)
- 29 Exchange for cash
- 31 On the lee
- 34 Go astray
- 36 Took food



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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General Manager's Notes

I am pleased to announce that our employees not covered by the Staff Provident Fund or the Mine Workers Superannuation Fund will be eligible to join the B.H.P. Employees Retirement Plan which most of you would have read about in the daily newspapers.

Membership will be voluntary and will be open to all permanent non-staff adult employees up to the age of 55 years and who have at least one years service with the Company in the case of male employees, and up to 50 years of age with similar length of service in the case of female employees.

The Plan is a contributory scheme under which contributions by employees will be placed in the Fund to which the Company will contribute an amount equal to $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the members' contributions. This amount will be invested and the whole of the income will be credited to members' accounts annually.

Maximum and minimum rates of contribution are prescribed for members at each age of entry to the Plan and within these limitations a member will be free to elect any rate of contribution. Benefits payable under the Plan will be in the form of lump sum payments which will vary in accordance with the employee's rate of contribution and the income earned by the Fund over the period of membership.

Provision is made for a guaranteed minimum payment, irrespective of period of membership, in cases of death or incapacity. The Plan will be administered by Trustees representing both the Company and employees.

Rules under which the Plan will operate are now being drafted and it is expected that the Plan will come into operation before the end of this year. Further details showing schedules of rates of contribution and some examples of the benefits will be outlined in the next issue of the News.

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Editorial

Red Terror Ready to Strike

Mother nature has shrouded some of the blackened forests and pastures on the Southern Tablelands since the disastrous bush-fire in March. To the passing motorist, the scene was awe inspiring; but to the district people it meant far more than something for the tourist to wonder at. It means the loss of lives, homes, all the treasures they contained and gathered over generations, and the stark fact that they had been deprived of a living — for the time being at least. Those memories and experiences cannot be erased so easily by the gentle new growth in the forest and paddocks.

The lesson is very clear. The summer is almost with us again and prospects point to a dry hot one. Let us all co-operate in every possible way to avoid the disaster that a few months ago caused an estimated £1 million damage in the district, depriving families of their homes and livings.



THEY DID WELL

We are proud of the two S.P.C. apprentices who were so narrowly beaten for first place in the top awards of the state for Apprentice of the Year. It is a tribute to the boys themselves and the S.P.C. Apprentice Training Programme that they won distinction in their trades. The company's training programme is second to none — almost 50 young people are being trained in a variety of trades and professions. By their example at work and during leisure hours they should strive to be judged as members of a proud industrial family.

Plant Jottings

An accurate scale model of the quarry has been made by Marulan Apprentice Carpenters John Hardgrave and Ray McCallum. The model was made from drawings and aerial photographs and the legend shows the different types of stone and mineral on the company leases. The photography shows Ray and John looking from the western side of the conveyors. On the left can be seen the village and the sports oval. The model will be shown at Wollongong during Apprenticeship Week this month.



START ON BOWLS CLUB

Work has begun on the Marulan South Bowling Green. A considerable amount of earth has been moved for the foundation and tenders have been invited for the construction of the clubhouse. Foundation membership is more than 150, but it is expected that this figure will be doubled when the club opens. Work so far has been by working bee. The committee hopes that the building will be finished by May, 1966. However, this will depend on the acceptance of a tender and the progress made by the contractor.

Credit Union News

Thirty members attended the second annual meeting of the S.P.C. Employees Credit Union Ltd. which was held in the Moss Vale C.W.A. Rooms on 1st September.

Four retiring directors were re-elected — Messrs L. Bush, T. Pearson, J. King and R. Magnus.

Following supper, generously prepared by Mrs. L. Bush, Mrs. G. Kyngdon and Mrs. F. Bonnar, a director's meeting was held. A Colliery director, Mr. Tom Richards was elected chairman for the coming year; Mr. Peter Berry was re-elected financial secretary and Mr. Les Humphries minute secretary.

In his report, president for last year, Mr. Fred Bonnar, said the year's results had been most satisfying.

He added: "Your balance sheet will speak for itself in reflecting the amount of business done, and the amount of energetic work put into a project so young by all those on the administrative side of the undertaking.

"To the members as a whole, I convey my own thanks as well as my co-directors in your ready co-operation to bring about this success. To the directors I offer my thanks for the many hours personal time expended to this worthy cause. Also to Charlie Wheeler for his

untiring efforts; to Peter Berry for his sterling work on the accountancy side and strict supervision; and to the management of the company for their unqualified backing.

"A very capable financial advisory committee was set up consisting of Mr. J. C. Scott, Mr. Berry and Mr. Lindsay Lansdowne to advise on financial matters. An especially arduous job was undertaken by two Marulan directors and the two at the Colliery to investigate and advise on operations at these centres.

"Recently we issued membership cards to all members and in the coming year, we hope to supply them with advice on the best places for purchasing at the keenest prices. It has been noticeable that our district business people are appreciating the benefits of the Credit Union.

"In this way we hope that membership cards will serve you well as an introduction and consequent saving in money, whether it be by loan, or your private money.

"In retiring from the chair, I take this opportunity of wishing the directors and members well and I sincerely hope the incoming chairman will receive the same happy co-operation as I have enjoyed since the inception of the Credit Union."

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Berry reported:—

The year ended 30th June, 1965, saw considerable growth of our Credit Union and proved very successful financially.

Interest on deposits was paid at the rate of 6 per cent. Interest at this rate was also paid on £5 shareholding of each member.

Due mainly to increased turnover we were able to make a rebate of 5/- in & on interest paid by each financial member who had money on loan at any time during the current year. This represents a reduction of 25 per cent. of interest payable by borrowers during the year.

Deposits, including shares, made during the year amounted to £18,808 and after paying £4,715 in withdrawals, members funds at the close of the year totalled £30,479.

£38,292 was paid out in loans during this year bringing the total of loans made since the inception of the Credit Union to £47,334.

£15,511 of this amount was repaid within the period of which £1,568 was set aside as inter-

est receivable and the loan balance as at 30th June, 1965, amounted to £31,822.

No bad debts have been experienced to date but, a provision for prospective bad debts is required under the Co-operatives Act.

£40 was set aside for this purpose this year bringing the total provision for bad debts to £50.

The General Reserve was increased by £119 to £155. This holding of a General Reserve is also a requirement under the Act.

The current delay of approximately 6 weeks in payment of loans is caused by the large number of loan applications received from all centres. We would ask all prospective borrowers to bear with us for a little while as all approved loans are being made immediately money becomes available.

With your support we trust the Credit Union will be even a greater success in the coming year.

SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED -- 30th JUNE, 1965

EXPENSES		INCOME	
Wages	8 10 0	Membership Fees	35 15 0
Insurance	102 13 10	Interest Receivable —	
League Registration and Dues	16 8 5	Loans	1567 12 4
Directors' Travelling Expenses	45 12 3	Bank	6 6 1
Printing and Stationery	59 7 1	Sundry Dis.	5 16 6
Rent	3 0 0		
Audit Fees	40 0 0		
Sundry Expenses	2 7 0		
			1579 14 11
Interest Payable			
	277 18 7		
	1078 10 11		
	1356 9 6		
Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts	40 0 0		
Provision for Income Tax	100 10 0		
	140 10 0		
	1496 19 6		
Balance being Surplus for the period trans- ferred to General Reserve	118 10 5		
	£1615 9 11		£1615 9 11

BALANCE SHEET AS AT -- 30th JUNE, 1965

CAPITAL ISSUED—		Advances and Loans to Members	31822 4 3
1,660 shares @ £1 each	1660 0 0	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	50 0 0
Less Unpaid	16 15 0		31772 4 3
	1643 5 0	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia	655 7 10
	154 15 10		
GENERAL RESERVE			
DEPOSITS — (with interest accrued)—			
— Members	28566 10 9		
— S.P.C. Ltd. Sick & Acc. Fd.	1912 7 4		
	30478 18 1		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Charges	53 11 2		
Provision for Income Tax	97 2 0		
	£32427 12 1		£32427 12 1

Quarry Now 200 Up !

It was a proud day for the quarry when the flag was hoisted signalling that 200 days had been reached without a lost time injury. Picture shows the Safety Officer, Barney Creswick (left) holding the flag with the General Quarry Foreman, Cec Cluney, on the lawn in front of the main office. In the background is a section of the day shift. Mr. Cluney said the 200 day

flag was a major achievement and the next target was 300 days. "With 200 days on the board," Mr. Cluney told the group, "it shows what co-operation, observance of the rules of safety first and encouragement by the management has done." The lost time injury rate has fallen from 61 in 1959 to one so far this year. There were two last year.



TULIP TIME AGAIN

Many old friendships will be renewed shortly when the Tulip Festival opens in Bowral on Saturday October 2.

Bowral is renowned for its fine gardens and English countryside atmosphere. In fact, some travellers have observed that the Bowral-Moss Vale-Exeter area is more English than visitors see in Surrey, Sussex and the Midlands.

The Festival has become famous for its magnificent tulip and floral displays about this time of the year, and visitors from many parts of the eastern states and overseas flock to Bowral to admire its beauty.

The idea of promoting cultivation of tulips was first thought up by a member of Bowral Rotary Club. The club soon adopted the idea as a community project. Other local service clubs — Apex, Lions and Soroptimists — have since joined in to promote the annual event.

This year, visitors will see a mass display of more than 15,000 tulips in Corbett Gardens alone.

Altogether, more than 100,000 tulips will be in bloom and many private gardens will be opened for inspection.

COLLIERY JOINS WELFARE FUND

The S.P.C. Sick and Accident Fund held a special general meeting at Moss Vale on August 25th to consider three urgent matters.

The chairman, Mr. Fred Bonnar said the meeting agreed to admit Colliery employees under the existing rules, with the one exception being a waiting time of ten consecutive working days before sick pay starts as against five days for members at Berrima and Marulan.

This proposal will, of course, be subject to confirmation at the next annual general meeting. Mr. Bonnar said he sincerely hoped there would be a happy and genuine association with the new members and that they would join in large numbers.

Secondly, the quorum for any general meeting was set at 20 members.

Thirdly, Mr. Jack Douglas was elected as secretary to the fund at a set remuneration.

Mr. Bonnar said he hoped that present members would encourage every new employee to join the fund. It was only through numerical strength that the fund could continue successful operations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO APPRENTICES

Two S.P.C. Apprentices, Myles Creswick and John Hardgrave who were nominated for the award of the Apprentice of the year in their respective trades, were narrowly beaten.

Apprentice Commissioner and Chairman of Apprentice Week Committee, Mr. E. M. Boland, stated in a letter to the boys:—

"I regret to inform you that you were one of the unsuccessful candidates for the leading apprentice in your trade for this year's Apprentice Week.

"The selection was restricted to one apprentice only in each trade classification and consequently this made the task of selection by the committee extremely difficult.

"However, although you were not selected to receive an award, your achievements in your workshop practice and technical college training are indeed praiseworthy and entitle you to regard yourself as being in the top group of your trade in the state.

"Please accept by personal congratulations on your success as an apprentice and my committee joins with me in the earnest hope that you will progress still further in your chosen vocation."

Homelovers Corner

By Helen

Every woman during the years that she is a housewife, is able to collect recipes and ideas as she goes along — and that is just what I have done, from day to day. And I, of course, drop a hint or two! In this column each month I will try to bring the home to you.

A round Piano Stool — covered and draped in a material to match your curtains or bedspread, makes a nice revolving dressing table-stool.

I got the idea of embroidering a "Friendship" cloth from a friend of mine, people signed their names on a plain linen table cloth and I embroidered them in the colours they chose. It looks very gay and is always a great topic

of conversation when we have visitors to tea.

Wooden Garden Trellis — makes an ideal rack for kitchen gadgets if enamelled in a pretty shade. Screw small hooks into it and then attach it to the kitchen wall.

We thought we'd like a coloured bed head but we didn't think we could run to padded satin, so we covered it with pretty wallpaper, and the result was just as attractive. I also wanted striped sheets or coloured ones, but I trim my own. I bind my plain white pillow cases and sheets with a three inch strip of striped or spotted material.

Cheerio for now, until next issue.

SENSE from CENTS

In February next year Australia will be changing over to a decimal system of currency. Just what will this mean to the average Australian and how long will it take us to get used to the new money?

Decimal currency has been used for many hundreds of years in one form or another by most countries of the world, and is based on a coin of any value which is broken up into units of 100 parts. In France we have the franc which is broken into centimes. In Canada and the United States, we have the dollar which is broken up into 100 cents.

Australia's main unit will also be the dollar and will be broken up into 100 cents. The dollar will be the same value as the current ten shillings, and the cent will be valued at 1.2 pence, since there are 120 pence in ten shillings at present, and 100 cents in the new dollar.

There will be six coins in the new currency which will have values of 50 cents, 20 cents, 10 cents, 5 cents, 2 cents and one cent. There will be four notes as well as the coins, they will have values of one dollar, two dollars, ten dollars and twenty dollars.

The advantages of decimal currency are many, the main ones being, it is easier to teach and learn as the basic principles of arithmetic apply, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It will make business transactions quicker and simpler, thereby saving time and mistakes. Machines which deal in money will be simpler and have a greater range, for ex-

ample an adding machine can add to £9,999/19/11 on conversion will be able to add to \$99,999.99. The same will apply to cash registers, bookkeeping machines and numerous others. It will make easier international trading since most of the countries we trade with operate on a decimal system, and it will make things simpler for migrants and tourists who are used to dealing in decimal currency in their own country.

Conversion from our present money to dollars and cents is easy, provided you remember the value of the dollar, which is ten shillings. To convert pounds to dollars all you do is double the number of pounds. For instance if you have £500 in the bank your balance will be \$1,000.

To convert shillings to decimal currency is just as easy. There are 100 cents in a dollar, a dollar is equal to ten shillings, as each shilling is equal to 10 cents, all you have to do to convert shillings to cents is to multiply the number of shillings by ten. If you have 4/- in your pocket you have 40 cents.

There is no direct equivalent for the penny so to save any confusion a table has been drawn up which gives the conversion from pennies to cents. It is reproduced below.

From the above it can now be seen that most new notes and coins will have the same value as the notes and coins at present in use. The following table shows how they compare:

20 dollar note equals £10
10 dollar note equals £ 5
2 dollar note equals £ 1
1 dollar note equals 10/-
50 cent piece equals 5/-
20 cent piece equals 2/-
10 cent piece equals 1/-
5 cent piece equals 6d.
2 cent piece equals 2.4 pence
1 cent piece equals 1.2 pence

CONVERSION TABLE FOR PENCE TO NEAREST WHOLE CENT.

1d equals 1c
2d equals 2c
3d equals 2c
4d equals 3c
5d equals 4c
6d equals 5c
7d equals 6c
8d equals 7c
9d equals 8c
10d equals 8c
11d equals 9c

THROSBY - The Explorer

(BY B. CRESWICK)

It would have been a fitting tribute to Charles Throsby if the Moss Vale district has been selected as the site for the Australian Capital Territory, for it was he who did much of the early exploring of this district as well as where Canberra is now situated.

And it was around Moss Vale where Throsby settled after leaving the government service as a surgeon and from where he started on all his travels inland.

When Edmund Barton became Prime Minister in 1901, he tackled the problem of finding a suitable district to establish a federal capital area — the Federal Parliament was then situated in Melbourne.

It was decided to investigate suitable sites for the proposed territory and Moss Vale was one of the areas named. But for reasons not fully stated, it was rejected along with many others in N.S.W.

It was not until the end of 1908 that the Canberra area was finally accepted after several ballots. Choice was because of the wide open spaces on Limestone Plains — the then current name for Canberra. It was decided that the area would allow considerable expansion where modern buildings could be built; modern buildings could rest in an amphitheatre of hills with an outlook to the north and north-east; the terrain would allow for easy gradients; and the Murrumbidgee, Gudgenby, Queanbeyan, Molonglo, Goodradigbee and Cotters would provide an adequate water supply.

Charles Throsby, born in Leicester in 1771, was a Naval surgeon and came to Australia in June 1802 as surgeon in charge of the convict transport ship *Coromandel*. After several successful appointments in the new colony as a surgeon and administrator, he resigned in 1809 because of ill health and settled temporarily on a grant of land near Glenfield.

By 1817, his health had recovered sufficiently to fulfill an ambition to explore the inland. He chose the Moss Vale and Sutton districts and founded a sheep property on the Wingecarribee River, which was his headquarters. It became known as Throsby Park.

On March 3, 1818 with Jim Meehan, the deputy Surveyor-General, he started from Liverpool to discover an overland route to Jervis Bay. After leaving Moss Vale they became

entangled in the gorges of the Shoalhaven River.

Near Marulan on March 27, Throsby and Meehan divided their party and took different routes. Throsby alone was successful and reached Jervis Bay by way of Kangaroo and Lower Shoalhaven Rivers. It was Throsby in 1819 who, with John Rowley discovered a route from Sydney to Bathurst by way of Moss Vale, Marulan, Taralga and across the Abercrombie River to Oberon.

It was around this time that Hannibal M. Macarthur founded the well-known sheep grazing property known as Arthursleigh on the Wollondilly not far from Canyonleigh.

In 1820, Throsby was given general charge of further explorations beyond Goulburn. From the natives he learnt that there was a big lake about two days journey from Goulburn and there was a river they called the Murrumbidgee. The natives stated that the river ran into the sea a long distance south and that its waters were tidal.

On October 16, 1830, Governor Macquarie with his entourage left Parramatta for an inspection of the inland. He was joined by Throsby at Moss Vale. Macquarie's mode of travel was luxurious by standards at this time and he made most of the journey in carriage. His diary records that he left a keg of wine at Throsby Park for his return journey. He usually dined at 6.00 p.m. and had tea about two hours later.

After reaching Lake Bathurst, Macquarie was told that the Murrumbidgee was still a couple of days travel over virgin country, so he decided to turn back and let the more hardy members of the party carry on.

Details of Throsby's explorations from October 24 to 27 are not available, but there is little doubt that he was the first white man to visit the area which was selected nearly a century later as the site for the Australian Capital Territory.

It was Throsby, one of the sturdy band of early colonists, who laid the foundation of modern Australia and it is sad that many of these pioneers are now almost forgotten.

Next month we will give some details of Throsby's discovery of the Murrumbidgee and large deposits of limestone.

Roadmaking the Hard Way

Most of us know the Hume Highway well and travel over it frequently. It follows much the same route now as when it was built more than 140 years ago.

Roadmaking then was a task for convicts, who used the most primitive tools and lived under shocking conditions. Yet their workmanship, in culvert work and bridges, has survived to remind us of an era long since dead.

Some of the original stone bridges, notably the Lennox near Liverpool, and others between Sydney and Goulburn, show the skill of these men who hacked their way through solid rock to make cuttings.

The old Stockade near Towrang, about seven miles from Goulburn, is now only a heap of rubble. But it was from this headquarters that so many men worked, and died while building district roads.

In 1836, two Quaker travellers, James Backhouse and George Walker, described Goulburn as "consisting of a courthouse of slabs, covered with bark, a lockup house, a few huts occupied by mounted police, a cottage of roughly cut timber, and a small inn, affording tolerable accommodation for such a place, as well as a better house or two at a short distance."

Transport was also difficult, but was made possible between Goulburn and Sydney by the pioneering firm of Doyle and Levy; Doyle

a Sydney Irishman and Levy a Berrima Jew. Fares for Sydney to Goulburn were £2.

An early description of the Towrang Stockade by a Mr. McAlister states that it was the chief penal establishment of the southern districts. During the 1833-46 period, there were about 250 men at the Stockade. The prisoners were by regulation classified into two parties; the light sentence (seven years men) being engaged in lighter tasks; while the iron gangs (14 years to life) were engaged on building the main road between Goulburn and Berrima.

Prisoners wore a yellow and black uniform, slept on the bare boards with one blanket apiece (imagine this on a frosty night!) and being locked up in each box or cell. "Justice" was meted out freely — 25 to 50 lashes for prisoners having a smoke or speaking to a passing traveller. One man was given 50 lashes for feigning illness — he was sick and later died. It is not clear when the Stockade was closed, but an authority on the history of Goulburn suggests that demolition started in the mid-1840's.

The site was described as nearly four acres, a small cottage, eight old huts, four boxes and a shed. The value of the buildings was described as £60 and the ground £4 an acre.

The accompanying photograph shows one of the culverts built by the convicts and is about half a mile from where the Stockade stood.



TRAVELOGUE

Feudal Kingdom of Pacific

(BY REX ARMSTRONG, QUARRY)

Without a doubt, the most interesting stop-over during a recent Pacific trip was the 24 hours spent in the strange island Kingdom of Tonga.

After a four day run the wake of a cyclone, it was a pleasant experience to steam into calm confines of the lagoon at Nuku Alofa, which is situated on the northern shore of Tongatapu (sacred Tonga), a flat coral atoll about 18 miles long and nine miles across at its widest extent.

The town is small, but charming with public buildings and private homes set among flowers and shrubs and the palace of Queen Salote and Royal Chapel close to the beach.

The town is the capital of the Kingdom of Tonga, which consists of some 150 islands, many of them small and inhabited and about 400 miles south east of Fiji.

The name Tonga means south, and indicates that the ancient Tongans emigrated many centuries ago to their present home from Samoa, some 500 miles to the north. The Indigenes are a branch of the widespread Polynesian race, and are reputed to be the most intelligent of the Pacific Islanders.

The Tongans have always shown superiority over other islanders in certain respects. Cannibalism was never generally practised and early European navigators found the natives peace-loving and hospitable. Kindness to women is a distinguishing mark of the Tongan society, and descent through high born females is more valued than through male chief-tain ancestors.

Tongan traditions have preserved the names of their sovereigns for a thousand years, and, though much of their early history is shrouded in myth, it seems that power was originally divided between two monarchs — the spiritual and temporal ruler. The sway of the Sacred King was recognised over a cast area of Plynnesia, and the Royal tombs of Tongatapu — consisting of mounds faced by huge blocks of choral — bear witness to their might. The present sovereign, Queen Salote Tupou, represents a dynasty former by the union of the

sacred and temporal lines of rulers.

Tonga was unknown to Europeans until 1616 when the Dutch navigators Schouten and Le-maire visited two of the northernmost islands. In 1643 Tasman, after discovering Tasmania and New Zealand, sailed onto visit Eua, Tongatapu and Nomuka. He was well received, as was in due course Captain Cook, who in consequence named the group the Friendly Islands.

European settlement began in 1797 and under the influence of King George Tupou I, the realm was established on a feudal system which still exists. Much discontent and tension has built up among the Tongans in recent years, over the country's failure to progress politically like its neighbours, and pressure is being brought to bear on the nobles in an effort to persuade them to cede some of their power.

This pressure will probably grow after Tonga's first hotel opens shortly in Nuku Alofa, and foreign tourists begin coming in from the outside world bringing with them new and more liberal ideas. The influx of tourists will also probably force the Tongans to take a good hard look at the Sunday Observance clause which is written into the Constitution and which reeks of the puritanism of Tonga's early missionaries. This law, among other things, makes it a punishable offence to go swimming on a Sunday.

The Tongas economy is mainly agricultural, the main export crops being copra and bananas, the latter being the biggest and best I have seen anywhere. Pineapples and watermelons are also shipped to New Zealand. The sea abounds in fish and these people are expert fishermen, one of their strangest methods being that of catching sharks by noosing them. Wales are sometimes caught and turtles are plentiful.

During one day in Tonga, I took the opportunity of visiting as many places of interest as possible and with this in view boarded one of the crazy buses and headed for Houma, on the southern western coast of the island.

Some distance out of town, we passed through the little native village of Nukunuku which I was to revisit that evening, when I

became the victim of a cleverly conceived Polynesian plot. From here we followed the narrow road through copra and breadfruit plantations to the village of Kolovai on the western side of the island.

We saw a curious colony of flying foxes regarded as sacred by the Tongans, and which only members of the Royal family may shoot. A romantic legend tells that these creatures are descendants of those presented by a Samoan maiden to a Tongan navigator named Ula, when he sailed his canoe to the Samoan Islands.

Ula brought the bats, including a single white one, back to Tonga, where they eventually settled down in the Kolovai district. To this day many Tongans believe that the white bat appears mysteriously just before the death of a member of the Royal Family, and vanishes again after the burial.

From Kolovai we went to Houma to see one of the world's most spectacular surfts. It was awe inspiring, to watch the sea in one of its many unpredictable moods.

Back to Nuku Alofa past the Royal Palace where I spent an interesting few minutes looking at Tu'imalila, the aged tortoise given by Captain Cook to one of the Queen's ancestors some 200 years ago. Though blinded in a fire some years ago, and more recently run over by a jeep, the old turtly seems quite active, as far as turtles go.

At dawn we weighed anchor and set out course northwards towards American Samoa. In the next issue of Newsletter, I shall tell of our arrival at Pago Pago on the beautiful island of Tutuila in the heart of Polynesia, and a brief experience of the American way of life.

HAS THIS HAPPENED TO YOU?

One of the richest men in the world, Paul Getty, was being interviewed in London. "If you retired now," asked a reporter, "would you say your holdings were worth £1,000 million?" Getty paced up and down the room mentally adding. "I suppose so," he said, "but remember, £1,000 million doesn't go as far as it used to."

On a train journey during a tour of the United States, a Englishman fell into conversation with a Texan, who embarked on details of the wonders of his state. "Maybe you didn't realise it while you were going through my state," the Texan wound up, "but all of Great Britain could fit into one corner of it."

"I dare say it could," the Englishman said, "and wouldn't it do wonder for the place."

The new office girl, just out of business college, was proving to be neat and tidy. Working at the cabinet behind her, a clerk watched her open her calender desk to the next Monday and write in "Appointment with dentist, 4.00 p.m." She stared thoughtfully at the page for a few moments, then turned back to Thursday and made another entry; "Cancel appointment with dentist."

Sandy MacPherson, a deer hunter, was being chided by one of his mates about missing a shot at a fast moving buck. "What's the matter, Sandy?", they asked. "Were he running too fast for you."

"Running!" Sandy snorted. "That creature wasn't running at all. He was only putting a foot down here and there to steer himself by."

"What is the thing I'm most anxious to get out of my new car?" grinned a businessman in answer to an advertising man's question. "That's easy! My 17-year-old son."

A showgirl, swathed in a new mink coat, encountered a couple of old friends who complimented her on her coat.

"Oh this," she said coolly, shrugging her shoulders. "I got it for a song."

"Asong?" echoed one of her pals. "Looks more like an overture to me."

A businessman, standing at a very exclusive country hotel, noticed a porter bring along some bags for a well dressed old gentleman and put them in his car. The old chap obviously wanted to give the porter a tip and asked him if he could change a pound note. "Around here, sir, said the porter "a pound is change."

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Our industrial Queen in the Moss Vale Swimming Pool Competition, Alice Boyd, has set up a committee and is in the process of organising functions. The raffle will be drawn on September 17th. On the 24th a Wog Evening will be held in the Presbyterian Youth Centre at Moss Vale. So come along to help Alice win the crown.



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Backing trucks into the Gypsum pit is becoming a habit around the works. Jim Middleton started it a few weeks ago, and not to be outdone Cyril Munday decided to have a go at it a few days ago. Unfortunately, we could not get the camera there in time to record Cyril's effort.

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Our sympathy to Joan and Max Thorpe on the death of their father recently, after a long illness.

Congratulations to John and Mrs. Long on the birth of their second son, Gregory John, recently.

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Quite a few of the Berrima boys are away on honidays at present. They include Charlie Caldwell, from the Power House; Arthur Mills, from the store; and Bill Townsend, Tom Waide and Joe Bizyak from the Machine Shop.

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Also off for other reasons, including football injuries, are Cec Warner, Bill Poland, Ian Gilby and John Hunt.

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COLLIERY

Congratulations to Lou and Mrs. Peressine, of Moss Vale, on the birth of a daughter.

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Also to Bob and Mrs. Davenport, of Bowral on the birth of a son.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Thorpe family, of Moss Vale on the death of their father.

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Also to Les and Allen Delamont of their brother Arthur.

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We were pleased to hear that Neil Grundy was awarded first prize for electric welding at the night classes at Goulburn Technical College.

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Eric Carey won the minor singles of the Mittagong Bowling Club. He was recently appointed as a selector for the club.

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Ted Soul, Jack Hurst, Bill Stinson and Ray Gundy are well again after spells in hospital.

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Sandy Galloway has returned from a trip up north. He brought with him a variety of stone which his son, Jim at Marulan polishes. Jim has quite a collection and they appear like valuable gemstones.

Graham Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Allen, of Moss Vale, won the N.S.W. Golden Gloves Boxing Championship at South Sydney Leagues Club in August. He won on a t.k.o. in the third round against Charlie Gurgan, from Bill McConnell's Gym. Graham is trained by well-known trainer Jack O'Brien. Graham has had eight fights for seven wins. He won the N.S.W. Golden Gloves Novice section and the Southern Highlands Championship prior to winning the N.S.W. Golden Gloves title.

MARULAN

Euclid driver, Russell Eirth, who met with a serious car accident on his way to work on 14th August, is progressing well in Goulburn Base Hospital. He suffered a compound fracture of the right leg, three broken ribs and cuts to the face.

Wall Bucknell, Marulan, was last month presented with the Queen's Scout Badge, the first award of its kind in the district. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Bucknell and is studying Agricultural Science at the National University, Canberra.

Des Cosgrove, who went into camp at Kapooka, Wagga, with other national trainees, will soon move to Holdsworthy for advanced infantry training.

Peter Galloway spent the school holidays with the school cadets at Walgrove Camp near Parramatta. Peter is in his second year at Goulburn High School.

Cec Cluney has bought a boat which will be powered by an outboard motor. He expects to try it out on Lake George in the near future. He and Mrs. Cluney plan many fishing trips to inland and sea water resorts.

Dick Bernet spent his annual holidays touring the north coast and the Newcastle area.

Diesel Fitter Jack Scahill attended a Cummins Service School in Sydney from September 13.

Keith Murphy has started in the store as a junior assistant.

Our best wishes go to Margaret Read, eldest daughter of Jack and Mrs. Read, of Tallong, on her recent marriage to Graham Knight.

Richard Greaves has recovered after an operation in Goulburn Base Hospital. He is the son of Welder Barry and Mrs. Greaves, of Goulburn.

Ashley Cooper and family spent annual holidays at Batehaven.

Quarry Superintendent Kevin Howard had a break from work by taking a week off to play in the Country Week Golf Tournament in Sydney.

Len Pole and his wife are spending holidays in the Nyngan district, fishing and shooting.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Mick Cosgrove's daughter, Judy will soon be out of hospital.

There's still gold in and around the old Braidwood and Araluen diggings. Recently, Harry Costello spent a week-end in the area and he and his wife panned enough to cover expenses with "a bit left over for the bank."

Eddie Cooper, a keen fisherman, caught nine nice Redfin in Lake George. He intends to look for the trout streams now.

Ian Cluney was one of 10 boys from the Department of External Territories Pacific School of Administration who recently hired a launch for a three-day cruise along the Hawkesbury, including Lion Island, Newport and Pittwater. The party did its own navigation and camped ashore at night time.

Hec and Joan Johnston's son, Robert, is now on H.M.A.S. Perth, which was recently commissioned in the United States. He flew there earlier in the year for specialised training. It is expected that Perth will soon be serving in waters to the north of Australia.



CRICKET

Marulan has nominated two teams — a first and second grade — for the coming season. Spokesman for the club, Tony Cosgrove, said prospects were bright with a lot of new talent coming forward. He said it was hoped that at least one match could be arranged against a Berrima team during the season.

CARPET BOWLS

The annual meeting re-elected previous office bearers. They are, president, Stan Murphy; secretary, Melba Murphy; and treasurer, Mrs. M. Cosgrove, senior. The new season opened this month with an invitation night.

FOOTBALL

Marulan football teams were beaten in their respective competitions. However, they will be running again next season and hope to climb to a higher place on the points ladder. Marulan South Oval was recently extended for Rugby and several games were played there.

CYCLING

Ray McCallum continues to add to his fine collection of trophies. He was second in the Newcastle Police Boys Open; second in the N.S.W. Country Championship; second in the Angus and Coote Open at Bondi; and sixth in the N.S.W. Championship.



Ray McCallum leading the field near Picton during the championship race.

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



Outside, off Huskisson, Reg Fitzgerald boated some nice flathead to 2 lbs. This seems the lurk these days if one can locate a boat. Most of the catches of any consequence are made outside.

I can't say I did much good last time I was outside! I can remember Alf Hare, Bill Matheson and Co., getting their lines tangled — and 40 lbs. stuff too! And the language!

Sam Marshall gave the canal a try for a few flathead. There are plenty of good niggers there around the sunken wall to a good size, too. Peter Steindl does well with darkies, but I suppose he would be out of the amateur class into the professional.

Just recently an inexperienced lad pulled a 51 lb. Jewie out of the canal — so there must be a few about. Of course, prawn bait is still

scarce, and experts say the Jewies won't be about until the prawns run. Then, when nothing much is caught the correct words will be, "there are so many prawns about that they bite our paltry ones."

A couple of trips I've made to the island lately have paid off. I've landed some nice bream to 2½ lbs. off the main ocean beach at about three quarter incoming tide. The pippies are very scarce and small. However, one about as big as sixpence will do on a small bream hook. Don't fish out too far. You should get a feed.

Lay off those toads! I just can't imagen folks eating them. The mere sight of them is revolting. They are the toughest fish I've struck to unhook. Even a deadly Fortesque looks a good fish beside them.

Get that trout licence and hurry to Lake Eucumbene. That's the place — season opened on 4th September.

FISHING DATES

Inland trout fishermen will soon be getting their gear ready for the coming open season. The backed up waters of Lake Eucumbene, Wyangala and Burrinjuck Dams and Hume Weir are open all the year for trout. Season for the tributaries of Lake Eucumbene is open from October 16 to February 27, 1966. All other trout streams opened on September 4 and will close on May 1.

To avoid the risk of fines, fishermen are advised to buy an inland angling licence.

A LIFESAVER

The spare tyre in the boot can be a real lifesaver when it comes to rescuing people in trouble in the water. Water rescue demonstrations by police and safety groups have shown that a spare tyre — wheel and all — can support four grown men in the water, says a N.R.M.A. Bulletin.

The advice they give is that its always wise to keep the spare in good order and fully inflated, for in addition to its use as a lifesaver, it also can come in handy if you have a puncture.

MORE LAUGHS

T.V. will never replace the newspaper — you can't swat flies with it.

A chemist says that the first alcohol was distilled Arabia, which may explain those nights.

When a husband gets to say the last word in an argument it usually is: "Okay honey, here's the money."

This love at first sight is great stuff — but there's no charge for taking a second look.

Time may be a great healer, but it is certainly no beauty operator.

The only advantage we can find to being poor is that it is so inexpensive.

The main thing wrong with the younger generation is, a lot of us don't belong to it any more.

If women are not dangerous why do men always increase their insurance when they marry one?

Then there was the Texan who was so confused that he didn't know whether to say that Texas had the world's largest or the world's smallest midgets.

The only people who listen to both sides of an argument are the next door neighbours.

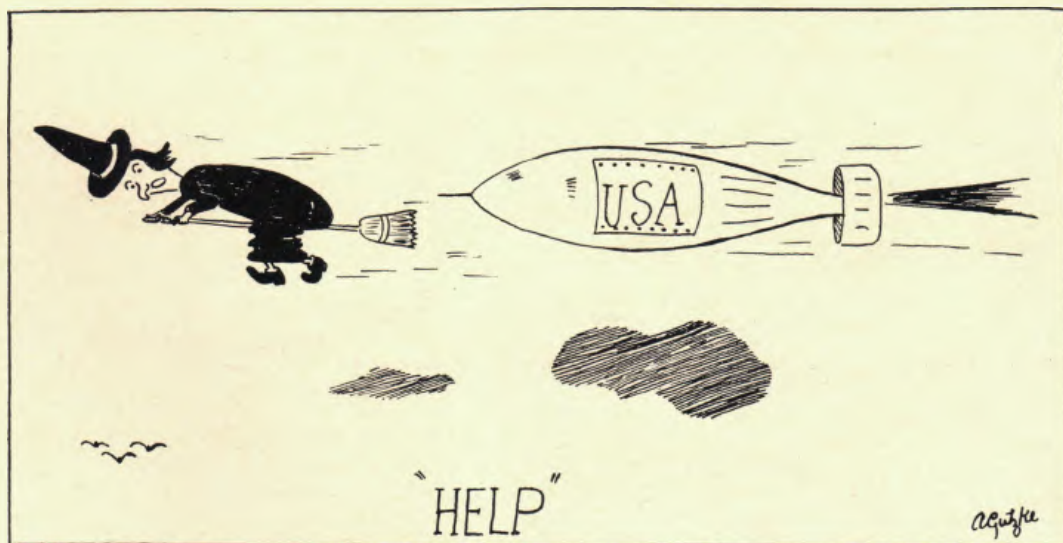
A race-horse owner from the West Coast showed up at an eastern race track with an 8-years-old horse that had never run a race before. Since an 8-year-old non-starter is hardly a betting attraction, he was off at 100 to 1, and galloped home first by 10 lengths.

The stewards suspected dirty work at the crossroads, and demanded of the owner: "Why haven't you raced him before?"

"To tell you the truth," said the westerner sheepishly, "we couldn't ketch him 'til he was seven."

Judge: "I'm sorry, but I can't issue a marriage license until you have a properly filled out form."

Girl: "Listen, if my boy friend doesn't care, what business is it of yours?"





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N.R.M.A. NOTES

The perspex protectors are cut and shaped to fit snugly around the windscreen and are held on either by metal clips to the rain gutters or by rubber suction caps attached to the windscreen. A plastic gasket around the protector seals them from dust and water, and the windscreen wipers can be used in moderation.

The acrylic sheet protectors naturally are much thinner and more flexible, but do the same job. Some are held on by clips, others by suction caps. Sealed by plastic gaskets, they are water and dust-proof, and again the windscreen wipers can be used in moderation as any minor scratching can be polished away.

For the motorist who ventures into the country only once a year for his holiday, one manufacturer has developed a temporary windscreen which can be used in emergencies.

Sut from acetate sheeting, this type can be strapped to the windscreen pillars and taped around the edges should the windscreen be broken.

Broken windscreens are still a plague to motorists throughout country areas, and no respite is expected until reasonably heavy rains consolidate the many dry, unsurfaced roads.

Even then broken windscreens are still likely

on roads recently surfaced with bitumen or on roads on which loose metal has been dropped from trucks or washed on from the edges or side roads.

What steps can a motorist venturing into the country take to prevent accidental windscreen breakage? Apart from driving carefully when approaching other vehicles, a number of various useful devices have been developed to protect windscreens.

Most of these consist of a plastic sheeting which is laid across the windscreen to take the impact of flying stones.

Some of these devices are cut from perspex, others from acrylic sheeting, and from reports coming to the N.R.M.A. do the job fairly well.

Properly fitted, normal driving speeds will not dislodge the screen, which will protect passengers from cold, wind and rain. It also can be used as an economical stoneguard if taped in place over the windscreen for occasional trips over loose surfaced roads.

Another type is an apparatus that works like a roller blind. Made from flexible plastic mesh, it can be pulled into place from the driver's seat by means of a cable, and acts as a barrier to flying stones.

MORE LAUGHS

And then there's this new deodorant called "Vanish" which makes you invisible and everybody wonders where the odor is coming from.

One reason why romance lasted longer in the old days was that the bride looked the same after washing her face.

SAME THING, ONLY EASIER. According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income tax form for next year will contain only four lines:

1. What was your income last year?
2. What were your expenses?
3. How much have you left?
4. Send it in!

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Silence is not always golden; sometimes it is guilt.

You can always tell a woman's age today. If she looks young — she's old. If she looks old — she's young. And if she looks back — Follow her.

Two morons each had a horse, but they couldn't decide which belonged to whom. So they cut the mane off one to differentiate, but it soon grew back. Next they cut the tail off one, but that also grew back. Finally they measured them and found that the black one was four inches taller than the white.

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for September

FLOWERS:

SOW: Alyssum, Ageratum, Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Cosmos, Carnation, Dianthus, Godetia, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Marigold (French), Mignonette, Nemophila, Phlox drummondii, Petunia, Salpiglossis, Sweet Pea, Verbena,

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Carnation, Delphinium, Dianthus, Cornflower, Lupin, Petunia, Phlox, Clarkia, Godetia.

VEGETABLES:

SOW: Cabbage, Broccoli, Lettuce, Beetroot, Spinach, Peas, Leek, Onion, Tomato, White Turnip, Carrot, Parsley, Parsnip, Herbs.

PLANT: Silver Beet, Cabbage, Rhubarb, Artichoke, Potato, Onion, Lettuce, Parsley, Tomato (under shelter).

There is a song, well-known to Kindergarten listeners:—

“When the daffodils dance in the sun and the rain,
Then we know that the Springtime is coming again.”

The daffodils are certainly “dancing” this month! The spell of warm weather has brought them all into bloom in a burst of golden glory!

Flowering Apricots, Peaches, Almonds and Plums are now in bloom. Prune these as soon as they have finished flowering. Commence planting Summer-flowering annuals this month and make sure you try some of the new varieties of Petunias which are available this year.

Lawns should be top-dressed towards the end of this month. Any clover present can be killed by applying Sulphate of Ammonia, dry, at the rate of 4 ozs. to the square yard. Rub this in with the back of the rake, leave for two days then water thoroughly. Any burnt patches of lawn will soon recover.

Plant gladioli corms now!

Dig out any weeds in the vegetable garden and keep the soil between the rows cultivated, to prevent weed growth.

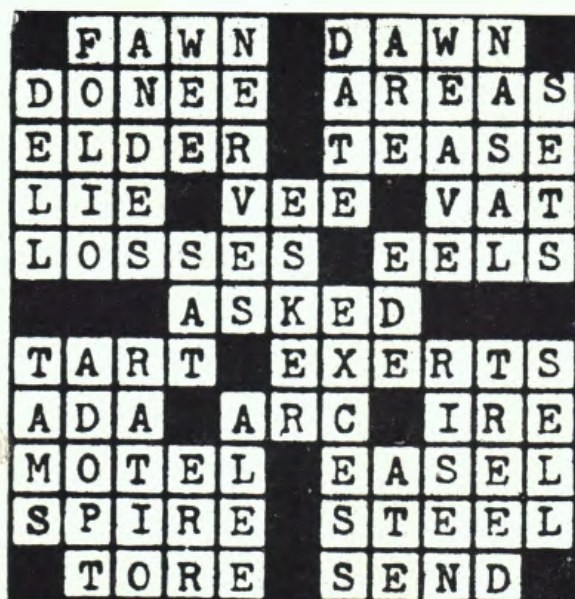
There are a great many new varieties of vegetables on the market now, so see that you include some of these in your planting scheme.

Prepare the soil and see that stakes are ready for planting Tomatoes, about the end of September.

Put out some snail bait as “Tiger Slugs” are already “on the warpath”, eating their way through succulent, newly-planted seedlings.

Problem Page

Carol Magnus, Bowral was the winner of Problem No. 78. Congratulations Carol.

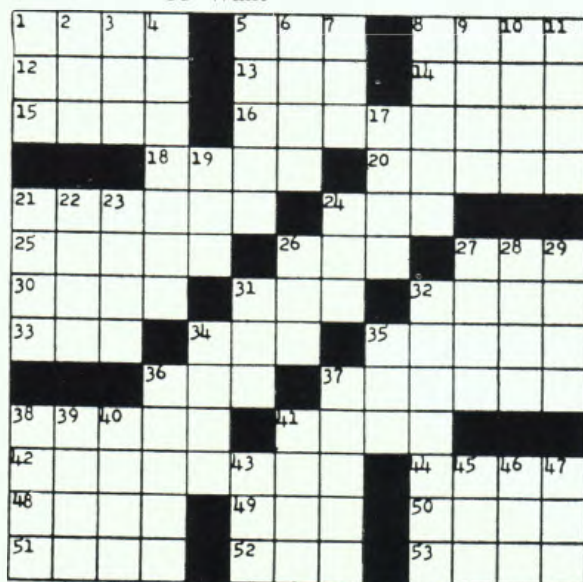


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General Manager's Notes

At the time of writing these notes the Berrima plant had worked in excess of 500,000 manhours since the last lost-time accident. This is the first time that this record has been achieved at any "Southern" centre and I offer my sincere congratulations to the Works Manager and all other employees who were associated with this milestone in our Industrial Safety Record.

One million manhours accident free working is now the immediate goal and I have no doubt that it can be achieved if the good work of the past eight months is maintained.

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Editorial

SAFETY MUST START AT HOME

A great deal of success has been achieved in reducing industrial accidents in recent years and figures show that to be at work is safer than being at home. Education in industrial safety has proved well worth the effort and expense.

But it is an unfortunate fact that, like the workshop overalls, safety is considered something that should be hung up when the knock-off whistle blows and not to be taken up again until starting time in the morning.

Statistics show that a high percentage of injuries occur in the home, on the roads and the playing fields. It has been suggested that safety, with all its implications, is a suitable subject for the school syllabus — even one session a week.

But surely, while agreeing that schools should help, a very big responsibility rests with the parents themselves?

There are shirkers in every community and the onus is handed onto others to teach children the things that they should learn in the home. It means that with the proper instruction from the cradle, the task for the school teacher and later the employer would be easier.

At present the gap between leaving high school and starting in industry is frightening to some. New doors open, all kinds of men and women meet and mix together in a hurly burly environment which can be confusing and dangerous to the apprentice or trainee.

And from the employer's point of view, early education in safety matters would make the task of training an apprentice much easier and much quicker for him to be absorbed in the work force.

Such a line of thought and action would probably take a couple of generations to become an accepted way of life — but the effort would be well worthwhile.



THANK YOU

Two simple words that take little effort and mean so much are — thank you. To-day's society causes much misunderstanding, anguish and bad tempers — but trying to remember it is the little things that count is courteous behaviour and everyday living. A "thanks" to the butcher, or the grocer or to someone for a simple piece of information means so much and helps to extend the hand of friendship. At Christmas Time we wish everyone the compliments of the season — but why can't we extend these simple remarks for the rest of the year?

Apprenticeship Week Success

Southern Portland Cement Ltd. exhibits of No. 5 Kiln at Berrima and the Quarry at Marulan South created considerable interest at the Apprenticeship Week exhibition in the Town Hall Annexe at Wollongong.

It is estimated that more than 2,000 people made a close inspection of the exhibits during the four days they were on display.

Apprenticeship Training Foreman, Mr. W. A. Saker, assisted by apprentices, and in conjunction with Mr. Neville Todd, Master of Apprentices at A.I. and S. Ltd., erected the models.

On Monday, September 20, all apprentices from Berrima and Marulan went by bus to Wollongong where they inspected a number of exhibits sponsored by other companies on the South Coast. They were accompanied by Bob Magnus, Tony Cosgrove, Barney Creswick and Terry Saker.

On Saturday, 25th September, the quarry management entertained parents and friends of apprentices. More than 150 went to the quarry and were met by the General Manager, Mr. J. F. McNicol; the Works Manager at Berrima, Mr. Len Knight; Mr. Saker; and the Quarry Superintendent, Mr. Kevin Howard.

Morning tea was served in the Marulan South Community Hall after which trades certificates were presented by Mr. Knight to John

Hardgrave and Myles Creswick (high distinction) and Noel Steffensen, Trevor Pratt, Ian Gilbey and Robert Strode (merit).

Mr. McNicol said it was a pleasure to see so many parents and friends come along to inspect the limestone quarry department of S.P.C. at Marulan South.

He welcomed visitors and mentioned that the interest shown by parents in the careers of their sons helped the company in a most tangible way to train the lads to become first class tradesmen.

Mr. Knight said he was proud of the record of the company's apprenticeship training programme. Excellent results had been achieved including the two boys who had been nominated as Apprentices of the Year in their trades — John Hardgrave (Carpentry) and Myles Creswick (Fitting and Turning).

However, it was not enough to set the boys at a trade and forget them. They must have the encouragement of parents and friends and this was evident by the large number of people present.

After the presentations and inspection of the models, visitors were escorted on a tour of the quarry, which overall is about 1½ miles long. They watched production with giant Cat 988 Endloaders and Menck shovels loading 20 and 27 Euclid trucks.



The General Manager, Mr. J. F. McNicol welcomed parents and friends at the Apprenticeship Week day at the Quarry.



Works Manager Mr. Len Knight speaking at the Marulan South Community Hall. Seated from left to right; Ernie Radnidge, Kevin Howard, Mr. Knight, Mr. McNicol, Tony Cosgrove, Keith Graham and Wally Parsons.



The six apprentices who were presented with their certificates by the Works Manager, Mr. Len Knight at the Marulan South Parents Day during Apprenticeship Week. Left to right, Robert Strode, Myles Creswick, Trevor Pratt, Ian Gilbey, Noel Steffensen and John Hardgrave.

WELFARE FUND NOTES

By Fred Bonnar

We extend our best wishes to the following members for a speedy recovery in the very near future — Len Howe, senior, Dick Djuric, John Peake and Les Heyborn.

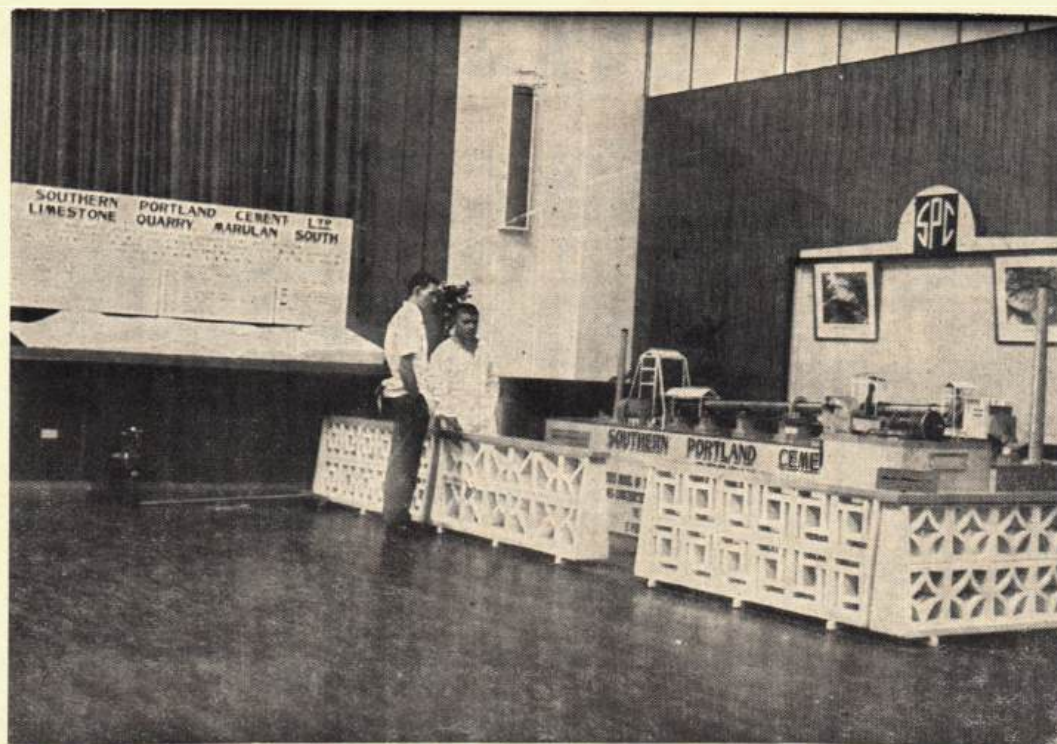
To those who have been off sick during September and returned to work, we hope for their continued good health and to Jan Dornbrovskis, who has had to retire through continued ill health. He had been hopeful of retiring normally at 65 next year.

We, as your committee, hope that the fund is of assistance to you and we look forward to its further progress and help to members.

We welcome the Colliery employees to the Fund and at the close of September, there were 34 members. We trust that as in the past four years, they will genuinely approach us when really in need.

John Peake has been forced to resign from the Company and terminated on October 1. John and his wife will shortly return to England. We all wish them a safe trip and are hopeful that some relief and cure will be found for John on his home soil.

Your expressions of satisfaction or suggestions to the Fund are invited through letters to the Editor of S.P.C. Newsletter.



Two models — the quarry on the left and No. 5 kiln — at Wollongong Town Hall for the Apprenticeship Week Exhibition. Picture shows Peter Lewis talking to an early arrival. The models were later taken to the quarry for the annual S.P.C. parents day — this year held at Marulan South.

KOREAN VISIT

A South Korean chemical engineer Mr. Hahn Song Hoon, spent a few days at the quarry and the cement works, at Berrima, during September. He is in Australia under the Colombo plan to study limestone production and cement manufacture. He arrived three months ago from his native Seoul and expects to return there next May after a year in Australia.

Mr. Hahn is employed by the Central Mill Coy, near Seoul. His company manufactures pipes and other material for constructional work. It plans to build a cement manufacturing plant to augment present output.

He said his company employs about 800 men and women. There is an abundance of

good quality limestone deposits on the eastern side of South Korea and quarrying operations are carried out on the open cut principle.

Trucks used were left by the American Army after the Korean war ended. Mr. Hahn said he was very impressed by the highly specialised operations at Berrima and the vigor with which plans were being carried out.

No. 5 kiln would be an engineer's dream, he said. "It is easy to understand why it is justly claimed as the biggest kiln in the southern hemisphere."

"Generally, your company seems to work more vigorously and smoother than other companies I have inspected or been associated with in Australia," he said.

PROUD DAY IN SAFETY

Berrima and the Quarry have broken new records with their safety runs and at the end of September Berrima Plant had 220 days on the board and the Quarry 250.

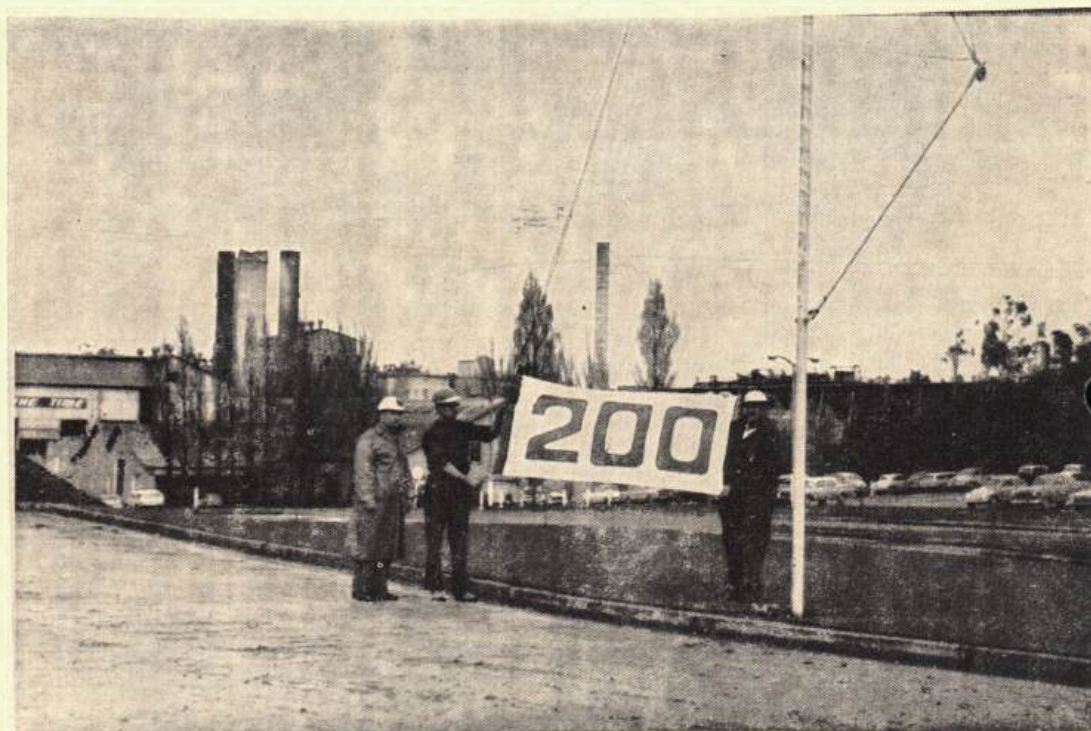
Berrima Safety Groups at the end of last month were:—

Apprentice Group	665 days
Production "A"	709 days
Production "B"	536 days
Production "C"	299 days
Production "D"	730 (2 years)
Maintenance	449 days
Electrical	947 days

Power House	1091 days
Stockhouse	220 days
General office, works office and lab ...	1688 days

Group runs at the quarry were:

Group 1 Maintenance	670 days
Group 2 Drivers, shovel crews	228 days
Group 3 Powdermen, drillers	665 days
Group 4 Plantmen, labourers	722 days
Group 5 Fitters, brakesmen	384 days
Group 6 Apprentices	876 days



It was a proud day for the management and everyone at Berrima when the Plant reached 200 days without a lost time injury. Picture shows Safety Officer Les Humphries on the left and Works Manager Mr. Len Knight hoisting the flag. We hope that it won't be long before we publish the 300 day flag raising ceremony.

THROSBY SEES 'BIDGEE

By 1821, Chirles Throsby had heard so many rumours that he made up his mind to discover the truth of whether the Murrumbidgee really existed.

On 20/3/1821, he started from Throsby Park, travelling to Lake George by way of Marulan, Bungonia. He headed around the lake on the Bungendore end, avoiding the soft swampy ground and travelled eight or nine miles south on the plain before crossing the range to the westward.

After he crossed the range 12 miles south of Lake George, he found all the waters flowing in a westerly direction; these waters were the watershed of the Molonglo River and he probably first discovered them somewhere in the Parish of Carwoola, which at that time was occupied by only two or three tribes.

Much time was spent in examining the different streams, for he was intensely interested in geology. He followed the main channel of the Molonglo and it was about 25 miles SSW of Lake George that he found the first limestone in the area. He recorded in his diary that he found a very large outcrop in one stream. But it is not clear where this discovery was made. It is probably from his discovery of limestone that the area where Canberra now stands was known for many years as the Limestone Plains.

In a letter to Governor Macquarie, Throsby described in detail the type of country through which he passed. He gave detailed information of the type of timber and grasses and other data that proved invaluable to settlers.

From all information available, it is believed that Throsby discovered the Murrumbidgee below Tuggeranong early in April 1821 and during the course of his journey travelled over the site of the present-day city of Canberra; and that he traced the Molonglo River to a point above its junction with the Murrumbidgee.

After the epoch of the explorers came the settlers. About 1821, there was no town south of Picton. With the arrival of settlers, a few inns were built on the main road, but the last in a southerly direction was Bowman's (afterwards Loseby's) Inn at Bong Bong on the Wingecarribee near Moss Vale. The means of access to the Limestone Plains was difficult and only courage took those early settlers further inland.

In the early 1830's the great south road at eight miles south of Bong Bong near Sutton Forest turned towards the present route of the railway line and followed it as far as Wingello. From there it went through Marulan and in a general direction towards the Limestone Plains through Bungonia and Bungendore.

During the first decade of settlement, the district of Limestone Plains was disturbed only occasionally by murders and outrages committed by natives; but the outrages in the district were never as bad as in the other parts of the colony.

It can be recalled here that the road we know now as the Federal Highway to Canberra through Collector and along the western side of Lake George is a comparative recent construction. Before then the main road to Canberra took in Tarago and Bungendore along much the same route as the pioneers.

Contemporary history records how the temper of the late Billy Hughes was stirred when he was travelling over the rough road that was then the main road through Tarago to Canberra.

Applications to buy land following Throsby's discoveries were received in 1831 by the Surveyor-General Sir Thomas Mitchell, who estimated that the average value of land in the locality at 2/- an acre. However, the land was subsequently sold for 5/- an acre.

To-day a building block of land in Canberra varies from anything to £6,000 — and then only on a perpetual lease basis.

In 1833, the whole white population of the County of Murray, of which Canberra and the neighbouring areas formed only about a quarter was 510. Population of Canberra to-day is approaching 90,000. It is recalled that certain types of labour was short in those far off days and the average wage was 7/6 a week and keep.

Peaceful Throsby Park is to-day a reminder of the surgeon, the able administrator, the expert bushman and the explorer, who by his courage and determination took such a leading part in blazing a trail and opening up the rich southern tablelands as far south as the Murrumbidgee.

Charles Throsby returned to his station property to spend the remainder of his years and while in indifferent health, died in 1828. He was buried in Liverpool cemetery.

Limestone Formation

There was considerable interest created at the Apprenticeship Week exhibition at Wollongong and questions were asked about the type of geological formation there.

The Marulan limestone is of Silurian age and is associated with sediments of probable Ordovician, Silurian and Tertiary ages and at least three distinct types of igneous rocks.

ORDOVICIAN

The footwall rock on the eastern boundary of the limestone bed consists of reddish brown, highly folded slates and quartzites in which the bedding is usually very well defined.

SILURIAN

The main limestone bodies were laid down in the Silurian geological period as a marine deposit. There are two belts of limestone together with intervening shales, sandstones and quartzites. The age of the Silurian rocks has been determined by fossils found in the limestone and these include Favosites, Tryplasma, Heliolites and Stromatopora.

TERTIARY

- (a) *Granodiorite*, which cuts off the northern end of the limestone, is one of the phases of the Marulan Batholith — a complex granitic mass of late Middle Devonian age which extends over many square miles to the west and north of the quarry area. The rock is fairly dark-grey in colour and contains plagioclase, orthoclase, hornblende, biotite and quartz.
- (b) *Quartz Porphyrite*, which has intruded along the western margin of the Silurian sediments is also part of the Marulan Batholith. It is a dark greenish black to greenish grey rock with phenocrysts of quartz, plagioclase and pyroxene, in a dark fine-grained ground-mass.
- (c) *Dolerite*, occurs as intrusions within the limestones. The dolerite is a dark greyish green, medium to fine-grained rock containing light coloured felspar crystals and numerous veinlets of calcite.

Employee's Retirement Plan Outlined

As advised in the General Manager's Notes last month, all employees of Southern not covered by the Provident Fund or the Mine Workers' Superannuation Fund, will be eligible to join the B.H.P. Employee's Retirement Plan.

Membership will be voluntary, and will be open to all permanent non-staff adult employees at all centres:

- (a) Up to 55 years of age and who have at least one year's service with the company, in the case of male employees.
- (b) Up to 50 years of age, and who have at least one year's service with the company in the case of female employees.

Special provision is made for present long-service employees over these age limits. Proof of age at time of joining the plan will be

required, and in certain circumstances an applicant for membership may have to undergo a medical examination.

On retirement at age 60 to 65 member of the plan would receive a lump sum payment comprising his own contributions plus the company's contributions plus the income earned by both the company's and his own contributions.

- (The foregoing applies in cases of at least 10 years' membership
- (of the plan; with less than 10 years' membership, benefits are
- (on a reduced scale.

The scheme has been designed to provide a range of lump sum retiring benefits which have been selected having regard to the provisions of the Commonwealth age pension.

Under current Social Service legislation it is possible for a married employee to receive up to approximately £4,000 without necessarily prejudicing his or his wife's entitlement to a full age pension.

Assuming that the fund earns income at the rate of 6% per annum, which is typical of the experience of similar funds under current conditions, a member who contributes 6/- per week from age 25 to retirement at age 65 could expect a payment from the plan of approximately £6,000.

The member's own contributions to the fund during the period would have totalled £624, the balance being made up by the Company contributions and accumulated earnings of the fund.

An employee joining the plan at the age of 40 could contribute between 6/- and 15/- per week, at his or her option and retirement benefits in this case would range between £2,000 up to £5,000.

PROTECTION

The total accumulation in the members' account will be paid to employees who are retrenched, or who cease to be employed due to permanent incapacity.

Similar benefits will also be payable to the widow or dependants of members who die whilst in the service of the company.

However to ensure a worthwhile benefit to members who suffer permanent incapacity and also to dependants of members who die while still in the company's employ, the company will guarantee minimum payments of between £2,500 and £1,000, depending on the age of the member when he joined the plan.

All members are covered against death or incapacity from the date on which they join the scheme.

For instance, assume that a married man who had joined the plan at age 30 years and who had elected to contribute 5/- per week, died in the service of the company one year later.

Although he would have contributed only

£13 to the fund his widow and dependants would receive a benefit of £2,500.

Members who resign from the company after short service will receive a refund of their own contributions plus interest at 4% per annum. However, if they have 25 years or more of plan membership they will receive a benefit of twice their own contributions plus income earned.

RECOGNITION

In addition to the benefits provided by membership of the plan, the company will recognise the past service of existing employees by making ex gratia payments on retirement equivalent to £25 per year of service, provided that a minimum of 10 years have been served up to date of retirement.

For those existing employees who are eligible to join the plan, the ex gratia payments will be made in respect of service up to the date of commencement of the scheme.

Special consideration will be given by the company to its older long-service employees who will be exempt from the 55 maximum age limit applicable to new employees.

Existing employees over 55 years of age will be permitted to join the plan under certain conditions. (Death or incapacity cover would not be available to such members).

If they do not wish to join they will still receive the company's ex gratia payments of £25 per year of total service up to the date they retire.

The ex gratia payments in respect of past service will be paid by the company in the event of death, permanent incapacity or retrenchment.

The company hopes that all eligible employees will take advantage of the opportunity of joining the plan, thus contributing to their own security on retirement.

Arrangements are already being made to complete administrative details, and to have the plan operating as quickly as possible.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

The retiring benefits will vary in accordance with the rate of contribution, the length of membership and the income earned by the fund over the period of membership.

The range of contribution rates for each age of entry to the plan are set out on the attached statement. Employees may select any contribution rate between the minimum and the maximum of the scale according to age, provided that the intermediate rates shall be in round shillings.

It cannot be stated in advance just what rate of income the fund will earn as this will depend on the type of investment and rates of interest, dividends, etc., and it is, therefore, not possible to indicate the precise retiring benefits which will become available.

However, as an example, the following figures indicate the approximate lump sums which would accrue for male employees at 65 from both the minimum and the maximum rate of contribution at various commencing ages on the assumption that the fund earns a constant income at the rate of 6% per annum.

Age at which contributions commence	Minimum of Contribution Scale		Maximum of Contribution Scale	
	Members' Contribution Per Week	Approximate Retirement Benefit	Members' Contribution Per Week	Approximate Retirement Benefit
21	3/0	£3900	5/0	£6500
25	3/0	3000	6/0	6000
30	4/0	2850	8/6	6100
35	5/0	2550	11/0	5600
40	6/0	2100	15/0	5250
45	8/0	1850	18/0	4200
50	10/0	1450	20/0	2900
55	10/0	875	20/0	1750

It should be emphasised that the above figures should be regarded as indicative, only as the amount accruing for each member will depend on his rate of contribution, period of membership and rate of income earned by the Fund.

Schedule of rates of contributions

Age at which Contributions Commenced	Rate of Members' Contributions Per Week	
	Minimum	Maximum
21	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 5 0
22	3 0	5 0
23	3 0	5 6
24	3 0	6 0
25	3 0	6 0
26	3 0	6 6
27	3 0	7 0
28	3 0	7 6
29	3 0	8 0
30	4 0	8 6
31	4 0	9 0
32	4 0	9 0
33	4 0	10 0
34	4 0	10 0
35	5 0	11 0
36	5 0	12 0
37	5 0	12 0
38	6 0	13 0
39	6 0	14 0
40	6 0	15 0
41	7 0	17 0
42	7 0	17 0
43	7 0	17 0
44	7 0	18 0
45	8 0	18 0
46	8 0	18 0
47	8 0	18 0
48	9 0	19 0
49	9 0	19 0
50-55	10 0	20 0
Existing employees over age 55	10 0	20 0

Note: Employees may select any contribution rate between the minimum and maximum of the scale according to age, provided that the immediate rates shall be in round shillings.

This retirement plan offers worthwhile benefits to every eligible employee. A booklet setting out all details is being prepared, and will be distributed to everyone as soon as possible.

TRAVELOGUE

A DAY IN SAMOA

By Rex Armstrong

The 24-hour run from Nuku 'Alofa to Pago Pago was an uneventful one, bearing in mind that when at sea the sighting of anything other than the sea is a matter of great interest.

During the morning, our ship passed close by the twin islands of Tofua and Kao, both active volcanoes emitting huge quantities of sulphurous steam. It was in this vicinity that the "Bounty" mutiny occurred in 1789 when Bligh and 18 others were set adrift in a long-boat and their subsequent 4,000 mile voyage to Timor became one of the greatest sea sagas of all time.

Around noon we passed through a school of some 15 whales, the first that I had viewed at close quarters. Later we steamed close by Lato and Tonuli Islands.

At 7 a.m. next day the Pago pilot was embarked and our ship entered the indescribably picturesque harbour, one that would put Sydney's over-rated harbour to shame. The entrance itself is flanked by the densely wooded peaks of the Matofao and Pioa (The Rain-maker) the latter being, perhaps, the most famous landmark in American Samoa.

Although Pago lies at the head of the harbour, the main business area surrounds the village of Fagatoga and it was here that we berthed with the aid of three wartime landing craft, Pago having no tugs. It took about an hour for the barges to push the ship alongside, during which time we were entertained by a great group of local dancers who put on a very colourful performance on the wharf.

Eastern Samoa is at present an unincorporated trust territory of the United States and is destined eventually to become part of the State of Hawaii, with which it has very close ties. Like the Hawaiians, the Samoans are a branch of the Polynesian family and perhaps the proudest members of that race. Many of them object to being photographed, and the older ones tend to resent the tourists which are coming in now in ever increasing numbers. However, tourism is big business in the South Pacific these days and Uncle Sam is forever digging into his pockets, is encouraging these holidaymakers in the hope that Samoa will eventually become self supporting. The only industry here is fish canning, the two factories being supplied by an extensive Japanese

and Korean fleet of trawlers. Small quantities of bananas, cacao and Copra are exported to the United States and New Zealand, both of which countries supply most of Samoa's imports.

In beauty Tutuila, the island we visited, rivals both Hawaii and Tahiti. It excels Hawaii in that its beaches are natural and not man-made and the indigenes are cleaner and more orderly than the Tahitians. The native villages in their picturesque settings are a credit to their inhabitants. The "fale" or native hut in Samoa, has no walls, the climate being very kind, and each of these huts is set amongst lush tropical gardens and well kept paths of white coral sand.

At one of the villages we visited, Lauili, on the coast the inhabitants treated us to a display of traditional hula dances and the well-known and fascinating fire dance. It was a delightful spot with rugged volcanic peaks on one hand, and on the other a lazy surf, coral sands, and of course, the inevitable coco palms.

From the summit of one of these peaks, the panorama of this South Sea wonderland unfolded itself to the west. Far out beyond the breakers of the reef lay the Island of Upolu, home for many years of Robert Louis Stevenson, and where he found his last resting place near his residence "Vailima," in 1884.

Although Pago has a new tourist hotel under construction the town has no licensed hotel at the moment. However there are several licensed bars, but we were warned before going ashore that it would be inadvisable to enter them. Wondering why, I went into the first one that I came across. Though rather old it was clean and the locals quite orderly and like everywhere else on Tutuila was beyond criticism; vastly different from the hotels in Fiji and the Solomons where the natives become rather boisterous after a few drinks.

In short, American Samoa created a good impression; definitely a place to revisit at some future date. We departed Pago at 7 p.m. (the sun was still shining) and began our homeward run via Suva, arriving in Sydney eight days later, after covering a total distance of 5,714 miles.

Our Retired Folk

What happens to an old workmate when he retires? Mostly he steps into the shadows and we occasionally see him taking the dog for a walk or doing the messages on Saturday morning.

In this monthly feature, we hope to keep in touch with former Berrima, Marulan and Colliery men.

Our first inquiry was about Sandy Galloway, who retired in May last year.

Sandy came from the Lithgow district way back in 1928 and his first job was to assist in driving the tunnel at Medway Colliery. He worked for some time as a winch driver, later as a lamp room attendant — a job which his son Roy now does.

He later was appointed pay clerk and held that position for more than 10 years until his retirement.

Since he signed the book for the last time, he has found plenty to do, for Sandy always had interesting hobbies. One of the first tasks was to paint the family cottage at Medway and to spend the right amount of time to clean up the garden, a task which he just could not find time to do before.

Then, being fond of travel he set off for the warmer climate of the northern rivers and Coffs Harbour area, where he found so many interesting people and so many fine bowling greens.

When the weather warms up around Berrima, Sandy and Mrs. Galloway return and renew old friendships in and around Moss Vale and the Bowral area.

He has no set plans for caravanning. Just sets the course towards north and stops where the camping grounds are attractive enough.

With so many interesting things to do, and so many old acquaintances to make in the newly found northern districts, both Mr. and Mrs. Galloway have not found their newly acquired leisure days and weeks burdensome. In fact, there's the garden, bowls — and little bits to talk about the last trip and plans to make for the coming trips ahead.

Recollections

Writing from his home at Hunter's Hill, Sydney Mr. Fred Mears recalls some of his early association with the company when he worked as an engineer with Noyes Bros.

He states: "My firm Noyes Bros, with whom I was engineer had the contract for the supply of all equipment for Southern Blue Metal Quarries Ltd., and subsequently by Southern Portland Cement Ltd.

"I was responsible for the importation of cement making plant from Edgar Allen and Co., Ltd., Sheffield, and the stone crushing plant from Traylor Engineering Co., U.S.A. then for the delivery and installation on the local sites.

"The consulting engineer was Mr. Frank Oakden, former general manager of Kandos Cement Co., Ltd., while Mr. Fred Potter was responsible for most of the layout drawings and installation of plant.

"Mr. Oakden died some years ago; Mr. Potter was chief engineer with Emperor Goldmines, Fiji, from 1939 but died about five years ago. The latter was a very practical man with many friends at Berrima and in the cement industry generally.

"Local interests were desirous of opening up the blue metal (basalt) deposits near Berrima and for a while prospects were bright. However, the distance from the metropolitan market in Sydney for crushed stone was a severe handicap and the company was compelled to cease operations after a short life.

"The directors represented the important interests of G. and C. Hoskins Ltd., Dorman Long and Co., and Howard Smith Ltd.

"They were largely responsible for the formation of Australian Iron and Steel Ltd., but in the meantime decided on the employment of Marulan limestone and local coal by establishing Southern Portland Cement Ltd. This was a success from its inception, while the limestone deposits became an important adjunct to the steelworks at Port Kembla."

ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED

An inspiring address was given at the 9th N.S.W. Industrial Safety Convention in Newcastle by Mr. Russell De Reamer, Manager Corporate Employment International Business Machines, of New York, late last month.

Mr. De Reamer said that although accomplishments in industrial safety had been outstanding, there remained much to be done. An all out effort was required not only to keep our people safe at work, but also safe at home, at play and on the roads.

Due to the excellent safety record of most industries, people were now up to 20 times safer at work than at home or on the roads. These frightening ratios demanded our attention.

Fortunately, industrial leaders motivated by civic duty and humanitarian considerations were taking steps to help reduce the tragic off-the-job accident toll. But aside from the humanitarian considerations, the participation of industry in an off-the-job safety programme was a sound business venture.

Significantly, many safety leaders were convinced that the basic safety practices used so successfully by industry, can, and should, be applied to the unresolved problems of safety behind the wheel and at home. By making full use of the valuable safety information gathered by industry, off-the-job accident rates can

be substantially reduced.

This was a promise of life to thousands of people we must not fail to keep.

Mr. De Reamer said as a start, we must make an all-out effort to convince people *that accidents are caused* — they just don't happen. The "murderous beliefs" that lurk in the minds of men must be purged. People must stop thinking that accidents happen because:

- Your number is up.
- The law of averages.
- The price of progress; or
- Because you are accident prone.

Mr. De Reamer said these were all lame excuses for an accident and not a sound explanation of why this or that accident occurred.

In particular, the so-called accident prone theory has been harmful to the safety movement. Those accepting the concept were led to believe that there was little that could be done to stop accidents because you could not cure "accident proneness." Fortunately for all of us, the accident prone theory was being disproved. More and more people were ready to admit that there was a great deal that could be done to keep all of us free from accidental injury or death.

Two S.P.C. delegates to the Convention were Les Humphries, of Berrima, and Barney Creswick, of Marulan.

Homelovers Corner

As Spring is here we will be thinking outdoor living will be quite the rage for some months, picnics are very nice at this time of the year, perhaps the following little ideas will assist in some of your outdoor living.

Assorted cold meats are a popular choice for parties especially when served with salads. Savoury sausage, ham salami and sliced chicken, each of these meats can be very nicely served on wooden platters.

SAUSAGES AND SAVOURIES

Great favourites at our party were the pork sausages, friend on the spot in a large frying pan until crisp and golden brown all over, large pieces of french bread, buttered soft rolls, chunks of Irish Blarney Cheese, and slices of cooked black pudding. When in season, scallops prepared beforehand and then

cooked at the party, make a colourful and tasty addition.

POTATO SALAD

2lb. boiled potatoes, 4 oz. finely chopped onions, salt and pepper to taste, 1 large jar (10 oz.) mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley. Dice the boiled potatoes, place in a large bowl, stir in the onions. Season well with salt and pepper. Bind the mixture together with the mayonnaise. Place in suitable container, sprinkle with the chopped parsley and store in refrigerator until required.

When all your guests have gone see that every trace of your party is cleared away, the fire thoroughly extinguished, no tract of litter remains. Remember, that nice places and beautiful scenery can only be kept nice if everyone can remember and consider others.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Kerry Jones was one of three boys selected from the district by Cumberland United soccer team to attend a coaching school in Sydney.

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We are sorry to hear that Norm Edmonson is on the sick list again and we hope that he will soon be back with us.

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Former member of the Berrima office staff Bob Scullin became the father of a baby boy on September 7th. Congratulations to Bob and Margaret.

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David Parker spent four days at Sydney office gaining more knowledge of sales.

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Those who have been on annual leave include Helen Ferrier, Gordon Ross, Peter Berry, Mr. Jack Scott and Mrs. Pat Scott.

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A new starter to the office is Bob Course, who is being coached in the wages department by Ron Budden.

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Eddy Johns and Roland Seville are enthusiastic members of Bowral Choral and Drama Society, who early this month produced "Old Time Music Hall." The next production by the Society will be "White Horse Inn" next month.

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Cec Warner had had a spell of sickness which has kept him away from work for a while. Hope you are soon back with us, Cec.

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John Peake has terminated his services with S.P.C. and intends to return to England in the near future. On another page of this issue is a letter from John thanking his old friends for their kindness during his illness.

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Bill Remington, Ted Hall, Frank O'Neill and A. Namavis, all from the machine shop, are at present enjoying annual holidays.

The Power House boys would like some help to settle an argument. Can any of our readers tell them the exact boundaries of the Tasman Sea?

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Alice Boyd has had a busy time with her candidature for the Industrial Queen's crown. She is holding a car rally on Saturday, 23rd October from Moss Vale to Kangaroo Valley. It will start from Moss Vale Police Station and end with a Barbecue at the Valley. Entry forms are available from Churchill's, Charlesworth's and Ernie Boyd, at S.P.C. Garage. The rally is for everyone, families included. There will be prizes for place getters and for observation. So roll up to help Alice and the Moss Vale Swimming Pool project.

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MARULAN

Young Graham, son of Tony and Mrs. Cosgrove is well again after suffering a fracture of the arm.

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Jack Scahill and Keith Graham attended a Cummins Diesel School in Sydney early in September.

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Tex Cooper continues to add to his show awards for poultry. At Young, he won six first prizes.

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Old time dancing lessons have proved popular in Marulan with up to 50 teenagers attending weekly, many from the quarry. Instructors are Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Tom Sharkey, who with his wife won several waltzing championships at the Goulburn Lilac Time competitions.

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Our best wishes go to Bob Hogan and Nola Cosgrove, youngest daughter of Vince and Mrs. Cosgrove, on their marriage on 11/9/65.

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Congratulations to Margaret and Barry Keller on the birth of a daughter.

Eddie Cooper and his musical group continue their successes. They play regularly at Bundanoon where Eddie sees some of his old Berrima friends.

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Our best wishes to Jack Feltham who had a spell in hospital. We hope that you will soon be back with us, Jack.

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Congratulations to Brakesman Dave Byrne on reaching his majority. He was entertained by friends at a 21st birthday party in Marulan South Hall.

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Allan Chaplin and his party recently struck good fishing off Tolgate Island (Bateman's Bay). In an afternoon they landed 95 flathead, 13 barracouta and some leatherjackets.

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Jimmy Feltham and Gail have started their new home in Marulan. They expect rapid progress during the next few weeks.

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COLLIERY

Fred Bell and Tommy Lafferty are still on the sick list.

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During the miners' four days holiday early in September, Don Ray took his family to Nowra to try out his new Heron class sailing boat — he reports that the water was cold and very wet.

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Former workmate Tommy Winner was in the Navy colour party when they Trooped the Queen's Colours at the swearing in ceremony of the new Governor-General, Lord Casey, in Canberra. Eric tells us he carried the Union Jack. He has recently spent a few days at home on leave.

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Allan Chapman and Ron Packer are having mixed success with the trout at Belmore and Fitzroy Falls.

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Graham Allan has won the N.S.W. Flyweight Championship. Allen is trained by Jack O'Brien who says he will fight for the Australian title in Adelaide early this month. We will give more details next issue.

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Congratulations to Sue Smith, of Mittagong, and Frank Roberts who have announced their engagement.

During the recent bushfires in the district, some low-type of person "milked" the petrol from the Medway Bushfire Brigade truck and drained water from the tank. The unit was standing by to fight a fire which had been approaching the village for four days. We wonder how low a person can sink!

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SYDNEY

Felix Baggen, known to many at Berrima and Marulan, resigned from the Company on the 17th September. Felix has joined a local company as Sydney Office Manager. We wish him well.

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David Parker, of Berrima, spent a week at Sydney office during September, preparing for a fortnight's relief on Sales Contact work when Don Millhouse goes on annual leave in October.

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John Portus, our Sydney correspondent, is studying hard for exams in a couple of weeks time. In the next issue he will write an article about the S.P.C. Villawood bulk supply store and how it works. Meanwhile we wish John well with his exams.

THANKS

In a letter to the editor, John Peake writes: "I would be pleased if you could arrange for my old friends to see this letter through the Columns of the S.P.C. Newsletter.

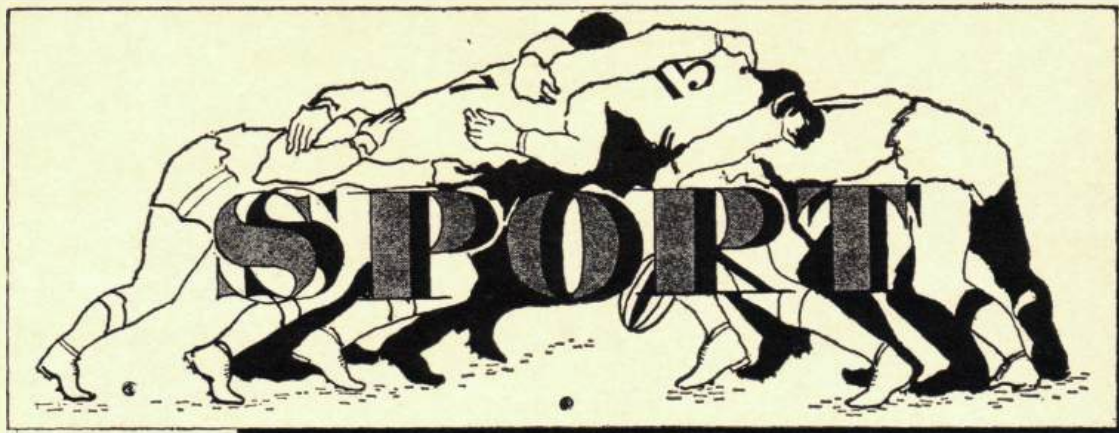
"As it is now certain that I will not be resuming work at S.P.C., Berrima, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their kind thoughtfulness shown to my wife and myself during my prolonged illness.

"There have been varying ways in which this kindness has been brought home to us, and we gratefully appreciate it and the financial help we received from the Welfare, Sick and Accident Fund.

"My state of health has necessitated our return to England, so during the journey we will have ample time to reflect on your kindness. My wife joins me in thanking you all very much."

FOOTNOTE: And your many friends at S.P.C. and in the district wish you and Mrs. Peake a safe and peaceful journey, John. Please write us a letter when you arrive home.

—EDITOR.



GOLF

S.P.C. golfers have had their share of success in recent weeks at Moss Vale. Errol Chalcker won a Canadian foursome, Cyril Condon was a runner up in a par event; Ron Budden was also a runner up in a par event. Ron was really on the ball the following week when he was runner up again. A week later Ron was runner up in the T.A.F. McCarthy Cup, but he took B Grade honours on that day. Billy Poland won the A grade medal. Bill teamed with Brian McIntosh to win the Foursomes Championships and they also won two other trophies. Alan Parker and his partner took out three trophies on the same day. The previous day Ron Budden was the B grade winner. Alan Parker won a B grade par event with 1 up.

gave the players every encouragement and it is hoped that the club will have a coach next year. A dinner is planned for November 20 in Marulan and plans have been made for a group of entertainers to come from Sydney. Club officials are: president, Ernie Moore; secretary-treasurer, Stan Bell; selectors, Tony and Mick Cosgrove and Les Thompson.

HOCKEY

Marulan reserve grade hockey team went through the season without losing a match to win the premiership. The yhad several hard games among which was the grand final. Close team work though caught the fancy of their followers and next season they will play in the harder B grade competition.

BOWLS

S.P.C. lost to Abattoirs 124 to 132 on their match on the Monday of the holiday week-end. The winning rink for S.P.C. was played by R. De Adam, P. Berry, J. Brown and L. Knight. The Abattoirs players were W. Dray, E. Tinsey, G. Buckley and F. Lansley.

CRICKET

Marulan opened the season against Kenmore with a good opening. However, Kenmore won the match, scoring 325 to Marulan's 7/220. First grade teams in the competition have been reduced from eight to six, with Towrang and Criterions dropping out. Marulan has gained a valuable player in Ian Mills, fast bowler, and Tony Barren, Towrang; Ted McIntyre from postal; Ron Smith and Dennis Kavanagh, from Goulburn Workers Club. These players will considerably strengthen the local side. All players will have to "keep on the ball" to keep their place in the team. Turf wickets will be in use within the next week or so. Veteran John Sieler will be out of action for the next few games because of an appendix operation. Tony Cosgrove has again been elected captain.

FOOTBALL

Marulan Rugby League Club had a very successful year, ending the season with a credit balance of £180/18/1. Although the team did not win a match for the season, they were able to play in the semi-finals because of forfeits by other teams in the competition. Supporters

GO-KARTING

More than 200 visitors were present at the Marulan south Go-Kart meeting during the Goulburn Lilac Week.

Noel Watts, of Nowra, scored a perfect 45 points in the A super division, as did Robert Fraser, of Bankstown in C class and Steve Shepherd, of Yallah, in D class.

There were 20 competitors in the tournament.

The 200 spectators paid £50 to see the racing.

RESULTS

Clubman: M. Thornton (Cooma) 33 points 1, M. Ibbotson (Marulan) 28 points 2, G. Cooper (Marulan) 19 points 3.

A standard: Greg Wallace (Nowra) 36 points 1, Steve Shepherd (Yallah) 21 points 2, Noel Beattie (Bowral) 14 points 3.

A super: Noel Watts (Nowra) 45 points 1, Greg Cooper (Marulan) 30 points 2, Steve Shepherd (Yallah) 8 points 3.

C class: Robert Fraser (Bankstown) 45 points 1, Ian Rowe (Cooma) 12 points 2.

D class: Steve Shepherd (Yallah) 45 points.

Le Man's Butchers' Picnic: Robert Fraser (Bankstown).

Second Le Man's Butchers' Picnic: Greg Wallace (Nowra).

Reverse Butcher's Picnic: Noel Watts (Nowra).

NIGHTMARE IN DARKNESS

Have you, while sleeping in your bed, awakened in the night,
And reached into the darkness and tried to find a light?
You can't remember where you are; a light is nowhere near;
Surrounded by this darkness, you know the clutch of fear!
You rub your eyes and pinch yourself, but still you do not see,
For darkness holds you prisoner and will not set you free.
You lie there feeling helpless, afraid to make a sound;
Your breathing becomes heavy; your heart begins to pound.
Your legs feel weak as jelly when feet first touch the floor,
You know that somewhere in your cell there has to be a door.
The minutes drag like hours; around the room you creep.
"If I could just get back in bed and once more go to sleep!"
But you can never close your eyes while fear besets your mind:
"Is this a night-time darkness? Or have I just gone blind?"

Another thought appalls you: "It could, someday, come true!"
How could you change your way of life in ev'rything you do?
How live your life in darkness . . . with fingers for your eyes?
How will you feel so many things that have no shape or size?
Not see the golden sun set? Nor see it rise at morn?
How feel the beauty of its rays across the field of corn?
How could you feel the moonbeams that dance upon the lake?
How feel their glint of diamonds? A picture we can't fake!
It's things like these we cannot feel, yet they are always there.
(Why do we blindly pass them by . . . completely unaware?)
But put us in a darkened room . . . without the light of day . . .
Like children then we fear again . . . and try to get away.
So waste no sight by carelessness, if you can't stand the dark.
Too late to say you're sorry when blindness leaves its mark!

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



to his pool, who incidentally all had a good time trying and talking about it over a beer afterwards. This only endorses the old adage that it is better to anticipate than to arrive. Although we often say that we wish we had this and had that, I feel that if one had everything, life would be pretty dull. A great deal of pleasure is always gathered by looking forward to a new something or other. To be quite candid, I always have a great outing fishing although I don't catch much.

I used to get good fish while working midnight shifts many years ago. During this shift, the power house pond was cleaned out, and I frequently took half a cement bag of fish home, (a different size bag compared with today's). They were pretty bony and soft, but they were fish.

Thinking of those days reminds me of the great loads of Elvers — small eels — that were sometimes seen in the gutters outside the raw mills. They would be inches deep in the gutters and perhaps as thick as a pencil and some 4" to 6" long. I haven't seen them for 20 odd years now — they've probably been made into spaghetti.

As far as I can gather, Norm Stokes and associates were the only lucky ones this month. Acting on my recent bream information, they had a try on the ocean at "the island." No bream were landed, but on trying with a spinner they landed 24 tailer to 3 lbs. Norm said he had to sit on the beach for a breather after 15! It's quite a while since I used a spinner, but one has to work hard for a catch.

By the look of some gear in the store recently which included some 142 B.S. line, Ern Willis could be setting out after whales! He has had very little chance to try out his new boat.

I was reading recently about a fisherman who had a nice stretch of water running through his property. It was so nice that, although he realised it contained no fish, he often used to patronise it, and cast away merrily during his leisure time. He always felt good about the casts he had made, and worked out landing tactics with a weighty trout. He never disclosed this lack of fish to any visitors

Don't Start That Agian

An atomic blast reduced the earth to a mass of rubble. The last survivor, an ape emerging from a cave, rubbed his eyes and looked around. A few days later a female ape came out of another cave. "Anything to eat?" asked the male ape. Without a word the female ape returned to her cave and came out with an apple. The male ape took one look and said: "Oh, no. You're not going to start that all over again."

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The office manager was pleased to see his office junior hang up the phone after only 10 minutes conversation. He remarked on her keeping the conversation so brief and asked which of her friends co-operated. "Oh, that wasn't a friend. It was a wrong number," she replied.

Gardening Notes

By Mrs. C. Crowe



for October

FLOWERS—

SOW: Antirrhinum, Aster, Aquilegia, Balsam, Celosia, Cosmos, Calliopsis, Dahlia, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Nasturtium, Petunia, Portulaca, Statice, Sweet Pea, Zinnia.

PLANT: Anthirrhinum, Carnation, Dianthus, Delphinium, Petunia, Phlox.

VEGETABLES—

SOW: Broad Beans, Cabbage, Celery, Cucumber, Lettuce, Melon, Peas, Pumpkin, Marrow, Radish, Beetroot, Silver Beet, Herbs, Kohl Rabi, Parsley, Turnip.

PLANT: Cabbage, Lettuce, Silver Beet, Tomato, Potato.

September proved a month of surprises, with above normal temperatures and hot, drying winds. New growth has rushed ahead and we have had fleeting glimpses of beautiful blossom lasting barely a day, instead of the usual week.

This month, the last of the flowering crab apples will be seen, also the double-flowering cherries. These are some of the most beautiful trees in our district.

Give the roses some extra fertiliser this month, to help them along with the first flush of bloom.

Remove dead or faded blooms from Poppies, Pansies and other annuals to encourage the plants to keep on blooming. Rooted Chrysanthemum plants and Dahlia tubers may be planted out into good rich soil towards the end of this month.

Plant more Gladioli corms and see that any which are above ground are staked and do not dry out during the windy weather we have been experiencing lately.

Now is the time to give the vegetable garden extra attention, so that it will produce plenty of succulent vegetables during the Summer months.

Keep the leafy vegetables growing along, now the weather is warming up, and make sure that the weeds are kept down between rows, by regular hoeing.

We can still have frosts, so be careful not to leave the tomato plants uncovered on cold nights.

Instal a "Dak-pot" amongst the fruit trees this year. This is a tin containing a piece of composition board soaked with special chemicals to attract and kill the male Fruit Fly. With the use of this lure it is hoped that the Fruit Flies can gradually be eradicated.

Our birds have all now returned from their Winter haunts. The Silver-Eyes having a lovely time in my garden, feeding on all the aphids which have accumulated on young shoots since the weather became warmer.

THE BOWLING CLUB



ALTHOUGH THE GREEN IS STILL A LONG WAY FROM BEING FINISHED, RUMORS HAVE IT THAT ON A MOONLIGHT NIGHT LES COOPER AND FRIEND CAN BE SEEN BEHIND THE SHOP GETTING IN A BIT OF PRACTICE, USING OVERRIPE ORANGES AS BOWLS.

*EVERY SUNDAY A WORKING BEE IS HELD AND ALTHOUGH THINGS GO ALONG PRETTY WELL THEY DO HAVE THEIR SHARE OF SMALL TROUBLES, LIKE BUSTED FINGERS CUT FEET ETC.

ONE WORKER IN PARTICULAR MIGHT JUST ABOUT HAVE HIS WOUNDS HEALED WHEN THE CLUB OPENS.*

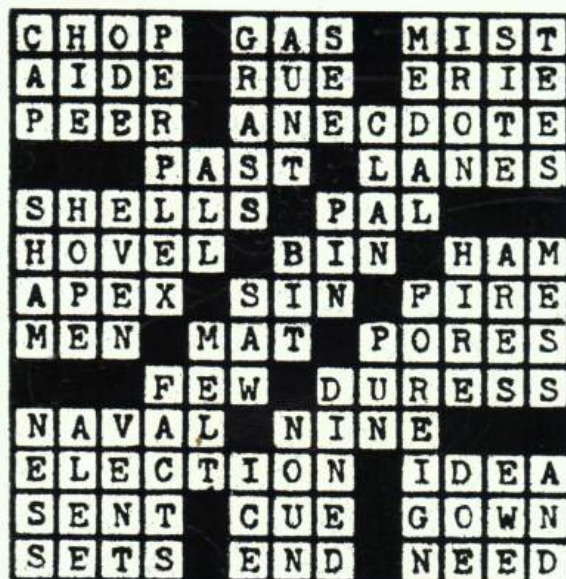
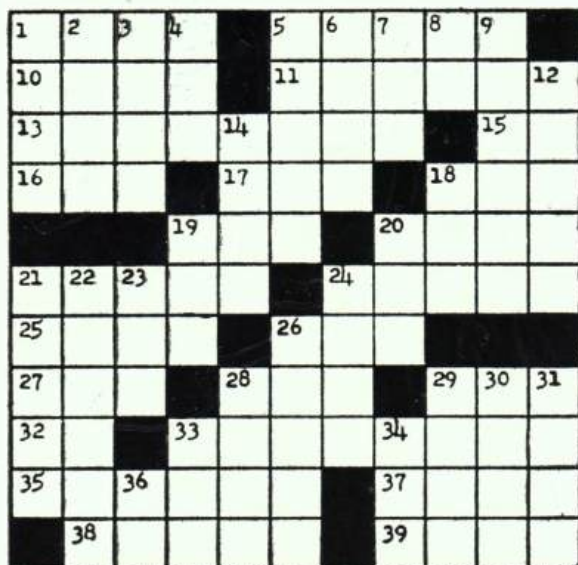


— Problem Page —

Frances Johnson, Burrawang was the winner of Problem No. 79. Congratulations Frances. Forty entries were correct and a draw was necessary.

ACROSS

- 1 Final
- 5 Staff of life
- 10 Inactive
- 11 Cause
- 13 Slicker
- 15 Myself
- 16 Limb
- 17 Paddle
- 18 Even score
- 19 Turf
- 20 Magician's rod
- 21 Hard metal
- 24 Man's name
- 25 Central part
- 26 Food fish
- 27 Mined matter
- 28 Heavy weight
- 29 Rolled tea
- 32 Black - - white
- 33 Resplendently beautiful
- 35 Dove
- 37 Strong wind
- 38 Babydoll
- 39 Spanish jar



DOWN

- 1 Italian coin
- 2 Jewish month
- 3 Slender
- 4 Twice five
- 5 Wide
- 6 Hindmost
- 7 Take food
- 8 Like
- 9 Masquerade costume
- 12 Poor
- 14 Unruffled
- 18 Paving substance
- 19 Watch
- 20 Marry
- 20 Marry
- 21 Large ladle
- 22 Arid and hot
- 23 Before
- 24 Lengthy
- 26 Tiresomely trite
- 28 Implement
- 29 Ember
- 30 Ship's body
- 31 On the ocean (comp. wd.)
- 33 Solidify
- 34 Self concern
- 36 Leave

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General Manager's Notes

Berrima and Marulan will have worked over one million man hours without a lost time accident about mid-December providing there is no accident beforehand.

The fact that no-one will have been hurt seriously enough during the million hours to have needed time off from work is the major consideration not the one million man hours worked.

It is well within sight and I wish you every success in achieving this goal.

GENERAL MANAGER.

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Editorial

THE HOPE OF OUR YOUTH

When, as children, we read Charles Dickens "The Children" he said in part . . . "when the lessons and tasks are all ended and the school for the day is dismissed . . . may the little ones gather around me and bid me goodnight and be kissed . . ." inferring, of course, that the children were in the same need of understanding and affection as the world.

In the fight for world peace and understanding, youth clubs in various forms in the Berrima and Marulan areas are showing the youth a sense of responsibility for the betterment of mankind.

Youth can be so trained was shown in other countries with a perverted and ungodly ideal. We seem to have achieved little with the adult. The world's hope now seems to rest in the education of the child along the lines less intensively material and self-centred than those on which we have concentrated in the past.

The youngsters of the rising generation represent our hope for the future and unless they are educated, encouraged in healthy recreation and taught their individual responsibility in home and national life, we shall surely slip back a couple of thousand years.



KIND WORDS

Kind words are the music of the world and have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes, as if they were some angel's song, which had lost its way, and come to earth and sang on undyingly something to the hearts of men with sweetest wounds and putting an angel's nature into us.

The power of kind words is shown in the destruction of prejudices, however inveterate they may be. In misunderstandings, kind words, patiently and perseveringly uttered are our only hope, they make explanation unnecessary. Truly it would be worth going through fire and water to acquire the right and the opportunity of saying kind words. They cost us nothing, yet how often do we grudge them?

We often talk about happiness while treating of kindness. The two-fold reward of kind words are in the happiness they cause in ourselves as well as in others. A kind worded man is a genial man; and nothing sets wrong right as geniality. The genial man is the successful man.

FLAG OF HONOUR FOR PLANT

The Flag of Merit for working 500,000 man hours without a lost time injury was presented to the management of Southern Portland Cement Ltd., by Mr. McCosker, Manager of the N.S.W. Division of the National Safety Council on November 4.

Mr. McCosker said this was the first time that the flag for having worked half a million man hours had been presented in N.S.W. There had been awards after 100,000 man hours had been worked and, of course, the major award for having worked a million man hours.

Mr. McCosker said last year there were 264,713 industrial accidents which meant that one in five of the total work force was injured. This meant that if the same applied to Berrima cement works, 80 should have sustained an injury. Wives and families of those injured lost more than £7 in wages.

Accidents hurt the families of employees more than most people realised and this was the worst side of industrial injuries.

He said Southern Portland Cement Ltd. had made a great contribution in helping to reduce accidents. It meant encouragement from top management and hard work on the part of the employees to carry out all the rules.

He paid tribute to the Works Manager, Mr. Len Knight and the Safety Officer, Mr. Les Humphries, who had worked so hard, in co-operation with the men to achieve such an honour.

Mr. McCosker presented a Pennant of Merit, which was accepted on behalf of all employees by Mr. Bill Strong.

The General Manager of S.P.C., Mr. J. F. McNicol, who welcomed the guests, said he felt

proud of the occasion to celebrate passing half a million man hours without a lost time injury.

It was very important for the men to work safely and be able to come to work every day. It was important for their families and others concerned.

Mr. McNicol said as an illustration of the attention given to safe working over the past few years, in 1958 the frequency rate, or number of accidents per million man hours, was 8.5; this year the frequency rate is 1.5 — a very notable achievement.

Mr. McNicol said that as a token of appreciation, the Board of Directors agreed to donate £100 each to the Berrima District Hospital and the Berrima District Ambulance.

Mr. Knight presented Matron Reynolds and Ambulance Superintendent Napper with the cheques.

Mr. Knight said he had enjoyed being associated with many records in the past, but this was the one he prized most of all.

To achieve such a distinction, he said, we must have the co-operation of everyone from the management right down to the office boy. Without this co-operation such an achievement would not be possible.

He said Berrima was the first cement company in N.S.W. to have passed the half million man hours mark without a lost time injury.

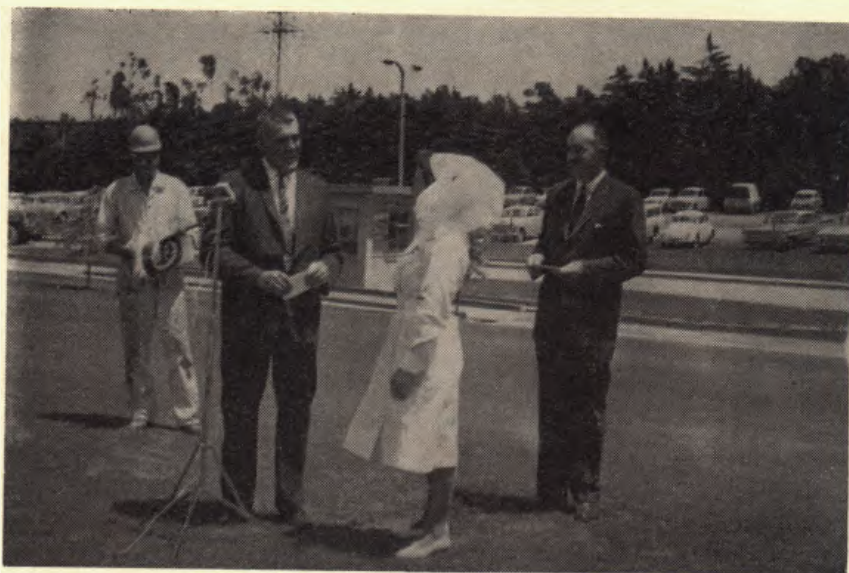
Other guests included Mr. E. M. Boland, Apprentice Training Commissioner, Mr. Smith, chairman of Berrima District Hospital, Mr. Hardy, chairman of the Berrima District Ambulance Committee, Dr. Tudehope, representing the medical profession.

Guests were entertained at morning tea after the ceremony of raising the flag.

G.M.'s Congratulations



The General Manager Mr. J. F. McNicol, addressing guests and members of the work team who helped to win the award.

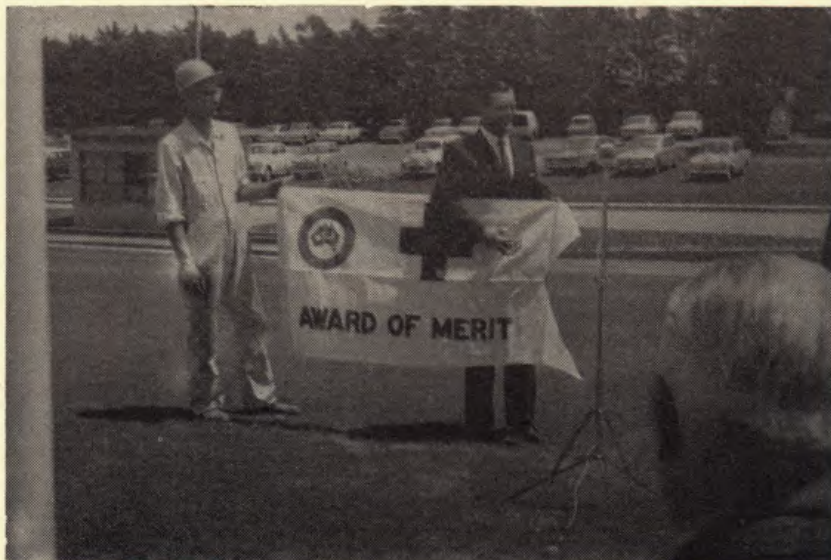


Mr. Len Knight presents a cheque for £100 to Matron Reynolds for the Berrima District Hospital. Left to right: Mr. Bill Strong, Mr. Knight, Matron Reynolds and Mr. McNicol.

Pennant for Safe Working



Mr. Len Knight presenting £100 cheque to Superintendent A. Napper. The General Manager, Mr. J. F. McNicol is on the right.



Mr. McCosker of the National Safety Council presenting the Pennant of Merit to Mr. Bill Strong.

French Aristocrat Died Near Quarry

By **BARNEY CRESWICK**

Somewhere in the deep gorges below where the Southern Portland Cement Quarry is lie the bones of an aristocrat emigre — Gabriel Marie Louis Huon de Kerrilleau — reputedly a cousin of the guillotined King Louis XV of France.

His story has been pieced together for the first time by my good friend and historian Stuart Hume who is a direct descendant of the aristocrat. The story is one of the most fascinating in the history of early Australia. The founder of the Huon Family in Australia, Gabriel Marie Louis de Kerrilleau de Bourbon was the son of a French nobleman. He fled France to escape the guillotine and arrived safely in England in 1791.

Presumably afraid for his life, he joined the 102nd Company of the N.S.W. Corps in London under an assumed name — either Gabriel Lewis or Louis Michel and arrived at Botany Bay in the "Surprise" in 1794, leaving behind

a young and beautiful wife — Louisa de Saga — of French-Canadian extraction.

She followed him out and in the years that followed they made way under difficult conditions but lived happily, rearing five children. With his courtly manners and obvious education, M. Louis, as he was called, attracted the attention of Lieut John Macarthur and eventually became the tutor of his two children.

The only daughter of the Louis — Louisa marriage, Elizabeth, married at the early age of 15, Captain William Mitchell and settled near Bungonia. They were joined in 1829 to their parents.

Mitchell died in 1837, leaving his wife a big family to support. Louisa died in 1842 and in that year the family shifted their main interests to the Murray Valley under the wing



Gabriel Marie Louis Huon de Kerrilleau — the French aristocrat who found a new home in Australia



The "Brisbane Meadow" homestead, the home of the Huons and Mitchells near Bungonia. It was destroyed by fire in 1963.

of Paul Huon, the eldest son, who with his brother Charles had formed a substantial run in 1836. Considerable holdings were acquired by the family and such names as Thurgoona, Tabletop, Bringenbrong, Walbrundrie are all known in grazing circles to-day. Mr. Stuart Hume's great grandfather Francis Rawdon Hume in 1830 married Emma Mitchell, the

first daughter of William Mitchell and Elizabeth Huon.

After Louis was discharged from the Army by a special warrant in 1807, he obtained land grants at Fairfield and Minto and showed a keen interest in grazing pursuits. He took over "Firholme" which John Macarthur had built for his children's governess, Penelope Lucas, and was highly successful in tutoring Macarthur's two children. Louis in 1814 built his first home "Castle Paul" at Fairfield which stands on the centre of the old Fairfield village. It is now the centre of the modern Fairfield, but the old home has long since vanished.

In 1814, Hamilton Hume, aged 17, John, his brother, aged 14, and a blackboy "Cowpasture Jack," broke through the Bargo Brush and reached a place now known as Bungonia. Here Hume noted a huge and peculiar rock, many years later to be proved pure silica. He called this outcrop the "Dog Faced Rock" and from one angle it resembled a dog.

Settlement quickly followed the penetration of the Bargo Brush. So we find in 1823 — one



Mr. Stuart Hume's great grandmother . . . Mrs. F. R. Hume. She was formerly Miss Emma Mitchell.

year before the epic journey of Hume and Hovel — Gabriel Marie de Kerrilleau, Paul his eldest son, and William Mitchell, the son-in-law were given permission to occupy 3,000 acres around Corrunduuna. Here they built a home which they called Brisbane Meadow. It stood occupied and in good order until recent years, almost under the shadow of the Dog Faced Rock, for these localities Bungonia, Corrunduuna and Parramarraga are virtually the same — all adjoining to-day under the general name and district of Bungonia.

The Dog Face Rock area is to-day being mined by Newbold Refractories and the material manufactured into furnace bricks near Wollongong. Their products are distributed throughout the country.

In 1829, Louis, at the age of 60, decided to walk from the Bungonia property of his daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law William Mitchell, to Campbelltown, a distance of about 90 miles. Soon after he left the old homestead, he was sighted and directed by some of the W. P. Faithfull's road gang (or, perhaps, more correctly, his chain gang).

He was not seen alive again. He vanished somewhere in the rugged Shoalhaven Gorges in the vicinity of the limestone quarry. His broken glasses were found. Some remains were later found, but they were never identified as those of the pioneer Louis.

In 1842, Louisa died, aged 70. She was buried beside her son-in-law William Mitchell on a bare hillock overlooking Brisbane Meadow. The graves are well cared for — and this is as it should be — due to the late James Mitchell of "Table Top," near Albury, and the genuine interest of the Ryan family, who held Brisbane Meadow for exactly 100 years after the departure of the last Mitchell in 1862.

So in retrospect, we find that Elizabeth, only daughter of Louis and Louisa Huon de Kerrilleau, born so many years ago, lived to be more than 80, and watched her sons and grandsons become some of the wealthiest and most influential pioneers of the Southern Tablelands and the Murray Valley.

Villawood Bulk Cement Depot

FROM JOHN PORTUS

It would be difficult to find a more impressive industrial site catering for a product generally known to be "dirty."

Our Villawood depot is situated adjacent to Villawood Railway Station on the southern line. The plant, about one mile from the Monier industrial mass, is "located in the residential portion of the suburb and has been architecturally designed and constructed to blend with the surrounding buildings."

The plant has two storage bins, for low heat cement, with capacities of 100 tons each. Two additional bins, numbers 3 and 4 came into operation in February this year. Contracting on these bins started in October 1964 and they now provide storage of 520 tons for ordinary cement.

Cement is received from Berrima in bulk rail hoppers of 41 and 50 tons capacity. The trucks are shunted from Leightonfield Railway Station, a few hundred yards from our siding. The trucks are placed in the receiving room and the cement is dropped into pits below. An 18 inch screw conveyor carried it to the 60 tons an hour elevator.

Flap valves on top of the elevator direct the cement to the appropriate bins (1 and 2 contain low heat cement, 3 and 4 ordinary cement). This is the last movement of cement before it is actually placed into road tankers.

The delivery of cement into customers' lorries takes place in the delivery room; this area is immediately below the storage bins, which allows cement to be dropped vertically through 12 outlet points. The two recently constructed bins have eight outlets and the smaller low heat bins each have two outlets. Aeration pads are used to ensure a free flow of cement to the receiving tankers.

One of the more important features of the Villawood depot is its freedom from dust. This is essential for efficient operation and service, also because of the proximity of fairly high population in the area.

Two large bag filter dust collectors ensure dust free operations; one collects dust from the unloading room, the other draws dust from

the elevator and the lorries in the delivery room.

All lorries are weighed before loading on the 35 tons capacity Avery scale to obtain a tare weight and after loading for the gross weight.

The site contains an office, with the weigh-bridge immediately in front, a storeroom, luncheon and washrooms.

These buildings and the plant itself are surrounded with attractive lawns, trees and shrubs.

As the distribution for bulk cement in the Metropolitan area, cement is delivered from Villawood to all sections of Sydney and outlying areas, from Emu Plains in the west to Mona Vale in the north and Sutherland and Campbelltown in the south.

The increased use of ready mixed concrete in the last few years has seen a proportionate increase in sales from our Villawood depot. We also supply cement for the manufacture of various concrete products, including pipes.

Cartage in bulk lorries is done by various cartage contractors in Sydney. Orders are placed with Sydney office, usually by telephone and from there carriers are notified of deliveries required. Cartage is paid direct to carriers from Berrima office and customers are charged "delivered to site" price.

Our depot is operated by three men, Jack Stedfut, the plant manager, Bill Adams and Peter Feneck.

COMMITTEE'S THANKS

The Apprenticeship Advisory Committee has thanked the management of Southern Portland Cement Ltd., for assistance and co-operation given in staging the 1965 Wollongong Apprenticeship Week Exhibition.

The letter added: "It is evident that the events of the week were most successful and achieved wide publicity. It is due entirely to your support and that of others taking part in the exhibition that this success was achieved."

Thrillers They Read

By B. CRESWICK

The spirit of Deadwood Dick, favourite hero villain of generations of youngsters long since grown up, takes no account of the passing of time. Whatever the thoughtful parent may say, however anxiously the fact is deplored that in recent years the fashionable hero is yet another James Bond, our modern boys and girls are doing nothing new when they occupy themselves with the adventures of some dare-devil personage and his sensational thrills and hairbreadth escapes.

An earlier era of juveniles may not have listened or viewed while deadly risks were being taken on the radio or the film, but they certainly knew how to acquire penny dreadfuls that could be conveniently stuffed into the pocket or under the desk at the first warning of an elder's approach.

The only question to-day is whether the various equivalents of the old cheap weekly are so much more robust as to be less harmful than those predecessors which in a bygone age often had for caption: "With a brutal laugh he hurled himself over the cliff."

There were, of course, plenty of more wholesome adventure stories that many in their teens rightly relished. But young people are as contrary or as various in their inclinations as other young animals. The unexpected is to be expected of them all the time. Their taste in reading, or listening or viewing, provides no exception to this rule. And to those who are prepared to allow for a sometimes bewildering inconsistency it comes as no surprise that plain and simple tales, not over-exciting in the usual sense are also keenly enjoyed, even in our supposedly sophisticated society.

After all, one of the most popular writers for the young is still Arthur Ransome. He did not write about the outlandish, the feverish, the supernormal or the villainous. He once indicated his own principles. Authors, he said, must never forget "the loveliness of the external world." But they must not be sentimental about it.

"It is one of the major features of young life, and down it ought to go into a book together with all kinds of other happy features, ponies and dogs, walks over high mountains and voyages over perilous seas, sleeping in

tents or escaping out of doors in the dark — and, making lists.

The lesson is that more young folk than in our pessimistic moods we imagine like to see their own homely, peace-loving, adventure-loving natures, their stay-at-home desires, reflected in books as much as their elders may do. And their elders have a duty in consequence. To take the superficial course and force one particular kind of radio, T.V. or cinema diversion, upon a young person without giving thought and acting discreetly may be as sad in its results as it was long ago, to force on the young the story we all feel contemptuous about — looking back — the story with an all too "goody goody" moral.

WHAT DID YOU SAVE FROM LAST PAY

Yes, we are on the hunt for new members and increased savings in the Credit Union.

For most of us, saving is hard. But if a regular habit is started, just a few shillings weekly will add up quickly over the years — and you have it when you need it.

Your savings earn an attractive rate of interest, currently six per cent, and your money is safeguarded by bonding of directors and regular audits by an independent firm of auditors.

A number of your fellow workers require loans and, from experience, your directors know there will be an increasing number of loan applications from now to Christmas. Your savings will ensure fellow members obtain their loans promptly.

It can be of great assistance to have a savings account in the credit union. Save for a purpose; a long awaited holiday, special schooling for the children, an ambitious retirement programme such as that boat you've always wanted or even those less interesting items such as rates, insurance or motor vehicle registration.

Put something away each pay day — as much as you can reasonably manage. You can arrange a payroll deduction easily and you're probably you don't miss it. Don't forget and don't delay, Join the Credit Union to-day.

TOLWONG COPPER MINE

Considerable interest was shown in an article on the Tolwong Copper Mine, near Bungonia, in the January issue of the S.P.C. Newsletter.

More information has been made available by Jim Galloway, who, with Boy Scouts and others, has made several trips to the old mine.

A report published by the Department of Mines in 1909 stated that there had been no production work during the year, although a few trial parcels were sent overseas.

The satisfactory assays received and the reports that the complex ore could be disposed of at a profit aroused considerable interest and several additional leases were acquired in the locality. The trial parcels sent to Germany assayed — copper 11.22 per cent and tin 8.98 per cent, while an advance of £10 a ton was obtained. Other assays had shown copper content as high as 16 per cent.

It is interesting to refer at this stage to a recent assay at Mt. Morgan, Queensland, world renowned for its copper mine, where the percentage was 1.09 — a great deal less than that obtained in the Tolwong area.

Dr. T. S. Hall, an eminent geologist and a one time partner in the Mt. Morgan mine, closely studied mineral deposits at Bungonia and reported on them.

The Department said that up to 1909, the company had spent a considerable sum in opening the outcrop at Tolwong and making preparations to convey the ore from the mine across the Shoalhaven gorge.

An aerial tramway of 2,720 ft. in length and having an elevation of 1,030 ft. was erected. A second one was started, but on a smaller scale. Total length of the hauling rope was 5,500 ft. Distance from the despatching station to the mountain face was 1 ft. in $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. A 25 h.p. electric mountain fave was 1 ft. in $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. A 25 h.p. electric motor was used and power generated by two loco type boilers, each developing 90 h.p.

An extended examination was made in October 1910 when a number of samples were selected for assay and analysis. It was noted that the further prospecting and testing recommended in July 1908, had not preceded or, at least, kept pace with surface expenditure. In view of the complex and hitherto unsolved problem of stannite metallurgy, it was perhaps unwise to model a smelting plant on the slender evidence afforded by the experimental efforts of the Oonah Proprietary, on somewhat similar ore at Zeehan, Tasmania.

Apparently during the next year or so much work was carried out over the whole of the leases covering some 256 acres. The average number of men employed was 60. A crushing plant and furnaces were completed in 1910 and smelting operations started. It was estimated that in 1910, 725 tons of ore was on hand. The machinery and plant was valued at £13500.

Another Departmental report in 1911 stated that the lode ran north and south, while the workings were on the eastern side of a high gorge, running east and west. The ore body which underlays about 20 degrees from the horizontal and shows up on both sides of the gorge, was reported to be a true fissure lode, the fissure being traceable for a considerable distance.

The main difficulty appeared to be the treatment of the ore, which was very refractory, consisting of copper pyrites, tin sulphide and arsenical pyrites. Operations for the six months the mine was working, employed 44 men, resulted in 450 tons being raised of which 350 tons were smelted and produced 10 tons of 55 per cent. copper matte. The value of the output was £237, which included £20 for silver contents. At to-day's copper price would have been a result of some £4,000.

However, in 1912 the company found it difficult to work economically. — main reason was raising the ore. Indeed, anyone who has walked around the Shoalhaven district will readily understand the enormous problems of those early miners.

After spending £23,000 on equipment and development, operations were suspended and the company went into voluntary liquidation. Only 35 tons of ore was raised in 1912, and 95 tons of roasted ore were sold for £373.

While continuing a drive in the earl part of 1912, a good stannite ore was found and a 70ft. crosscut revealed payable ore. A parcel of 100 tons of this ore was sent to England with a

view to raise overseas capital, but it is assumed that nothing developed from this move.

After operations were suspended in 1912, most of the machinery was dismantled and sold. However, a last minute bid was made in 1913 when it was announced that a new process for dealing with the ore was to be tried. This would have meant a new plant, but apparently investors were fed up and nothing was heard of the proposal.

Bill and Mrs. Morris Return

There's an old song which says in effect that its just a little street where old friends meet — but what a better street it could have been than at Berrima.

Ex-staff member Bill Morris came back from New Zealand for a few days in September to see his old friends.

Bill started in the Sydney Office during the hard years of the war. It was in 1941 and soon afterwards he was transferred to Berrima head office where his duties were mainly concerned with paying the men at the Breadalbane, Michaelago and Crookwell outposts.

The work done at the quarries at this time was of the utmost importance for the war effort and most of the products were handled by the Australian Iron and Steel Ltd., at Port Kembla.

At the end of the war, Vernon Roach, who had previously been employed by the company, was due to return. Vernon was caught up in the Eighth Division in Malaya and spent three years in Changi prisoner of war camp.

When Vernon was fit for "civies" again, Bill decided to leave the company and return to New Zealand — and during his stay in the POW camp the incumbent kept his position well and truly.

When Bill returned in September he and Mrs. Morris met most of the old friends they knew when they lived in the district and many new ones.

There were many old stories exchanged during the dinner that Bill and Mrs. Morris gave at the Royal Hotel, Bowral, on September 11th.

And as we said in the earlier part of the story, it was just a little street where such old and valued friends met — including Mark Jones and Mrs. Jones, the Bournes, Bill Saker and Miss Barbara Barrett.

It is so good to see our old friends and we would like them to come along whenever they are able — and they will be welcomed at the main plant at Berrima, the Quarry and the Colliery.



Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. and Bill Morris, Mrs. Mark Jones, and the family pet, Honey, outside Mark's home in Moss Vale.

OUR RETIRED FOLK

Old Mac Settles In

When Alec McMurtrie left the quarry after 35 years, we thought he would find it hard to settle down. But he has made it very well.

It was a hard "dingo" shift for Mac on that Saturday morning he signed his last staff time sheet as a shift foreman and the dockets for the men on that shift. And near the main office, he was made a small presentation from the men on that shift, some of the staff — and we write without apology that there were tears from Mac. After all, Marulan South had been his home for more than 30 years and it was understandable that the break was a big one.

Mac and his wife moved out of the staff cottage on time and moved their belongings to a temporary home near Toukley. He then went to visit his aged mother outside of Rockhampton and stayed on for a while when he found her ailing. But he decided to settle in a comfortable cottage at 11 Warrigul Street, The Entrance — near the quarry and a long way from his mother.

Mac was always a good gardener and he has found this suitable to his leisure moments. He found that when a man retires there are always others in the same category and willing to talk. And we are sure that Mac won't be missing when odd and true stories are wanted in the discussion. He might even tell them about the time he engaged a likely looking young "man" for work on the jackhammers. Mac will probably tell his new found mates at The Entrance that the new jackhammerman proved to be a youngish woman, who preferred the harder work of the quarry than pottering around a house.

He does some fishing when the fish are around — you can make sure that he wouldn't waste any bait. He keeps up with his reading and enjoys the papers and the S.P.C. Newsletter with which he keeps in touch with some of his old friends.

One of his several friends at the quarry told the Editor: "I knew Mac when he first came there. And there was the time he bought a new Chev around 1935. About the newest car in the district at the time. He also had a flashy, striped blazer. And he also went to rifle

club dinners. He was a fine and notable character and one that we miss."

Mac's watchword was production. And we wish him well with his garden on the production side — but more important, the peace and contentment that comes from gardening and pottering around. And as a gardener, we are sure that Mac will find the peace and contentment he desires if he puts the same amount of work unto the garden as he did into his work at the quarry.

FISH HELP INDUSTRY

Squirrels and birds can often be blamed for interrupting electric services, but not so fish. In fact, in England they are responsible for keeping the service in operating. Recently 15,000 grass eating fish were flown from Hong Kong. These carp thrive on water weeds that in some area grew in water supplies used for cooling systems in electric power stations. Adult grass carp weigh about 70 lb. and eat the weeds that impede water flow.

CHOIR BOY AT QUARRY

One of the quarry drillers, Michael Flynn, finds relaxation by singing in SS Peter and Paul's Cathedral Men's Choir, Goulburn. He has a fine tenor voice.

The choir has been functioning for many years. One of the foundation members was Ella Caspers — when the choir had mixed voices — who was a soprano of world renown.

Michael's father became choirmaster in 1953 and held the position until he died in 1958. Interest waned for the next few years until about nine months ago when Father J. Batz took over and the choirmaster now is Father M. O'Halloran and the pianist the well-known Miss M. Hasler.

Music has been a hobby of the Flynn family for many years. Both Michael's parents appeared in many Gilbert and Sullivan productions in Canberra and Goulburn. His brothers and sisters are also musicians. His sister Anne with her husband Paul were district ballroom dancing champions in the early 1950's. Mike's two brothers, Peter and Ian, are also members of the Cathedral choir.

Transformation of Quarry



This early photograph of the quarry, with the one below taken from a similar location some 30 years later, gives some idea of the vast development that has taken place. Nearly 20 million tons of limestone have been despatched since production started in 1929. The sheds in the early photograph were the workshop, office, store and blacksmith's shop. The conveyor is easily picked out. The recent photo shows the garage, car park, Jaw Crusher building and the main storage bins in the distance. Mike Lorkovic, a barrer down, is shown in the foreground.



SABBY RETIRES

After working for the company for more than 37 years Elcy Gerald Sabidussi has retired.

He was born in Dignano, Italy, just over 60 years ago and came to Australia in May 1927. He quickly decided that his best bet would be to come to the Berrima district and found a job in the metal quarry at Ginging Bullen, between Berrima and Sutton Forest. He later worked on the construction of the bridge over the river.

After the bridge was constructed, he worked on a variety of construction jobs around the pit top at Medway Colliery. He cut the first mine timber to be used at the colliery. In those days it was cut locally and carted on a dray.

In 1932, Sabby, as he was known for so many years, went underground and worked as a bricklayer making stoppings after he became a shiftman wheeler. He stayed on this job for 10 years and for the next 17 years worked as a contract miner.

When diesel locos were brought into operation at the Colliery, he was selected as one of

the first drivers and stayed on this until ill health forced him off it.

Ill health comes to many people and if they accept it as such and live with it they carry on. This happened to Sabby. He continued in another job at the colliery — and did it well as one would expect from such a personality.

The fact that Sabby kept on working despite some physical disability is evident in his moral structure. While owing some allegiance to his native Italy, he found his true home in Australia, and his wife, and his fine sons will make a great contribution to the future Australia.

Sabby, who for some years, and, indeed, many years, lived at the Colliery — it is to his credit that he built his own home — now resides in Bowral.

We wish them well in their retirement and hope that in the evenings Sabby will have time to think sometimes of his boyhood and of the fine musicians. We are sure that Sabby will always remember the nostalgic memories of Neopolitia.

Don't Start That Again

A Melbourne man took his 13-year-old daughter to a Sydney night club and when the lights were dimmed the chorus came on in a blaze of spotlights. The girls prancing only a few steps away were wearing just dabs of black and gold material. The father stole a quick look at his daughter, expecting to find her with downcast eyes. Instead, she was sitting up wide-eyed and smiling. She leaned over and said: "Do you see what I see, Daddy?" The old chap gulped and waited for his daughter to continue. "They're wearing my school colours."

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An attractive young applicant for a job passed her shorthand and typing tests, but was bothered by the psychological test. The personnel manager asked if she had any questions.

"Yes," she said, "I can't decide how to answer this one — whether I'd rather go to a party or read a book. You see, if Jim called me I'd naturally want to go to a party. But when it's only Freddie I'd just as soon stay at home and read a book."

A five-year-old was taking part in a kindergarten play at Christmas, appearing in angel's garb. Her line was: "I bring you good tidings." The lad was puzzled and asked his mother what "tidings" meant. His mother explained that it was a old term for "news." Came the performance and he became confused and after a deadly silence said: "Hi, folks, I've got the real latest news for you."

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With equal parts of enthusiasm and ignorance, a couple started restoration of a small neglected 100-year-old farmhouse. They decided to add a new living room and had the house examined for termites. Came the report: "You have nothing to worry about. They've come — and gone."

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A TIP IN TIME

The N.R.M.A. Tip in Time. If you car "bangs" in the exhaust when going downhill, check the idle mixture adjustment on the carburettor. This trouble usually means that the idle mixture is too lean.

TIDY PLANT BEST POLICY

The Assistant Safety Superintendent at A.I. and S., Port Kembla, Mr. Des Dennison, gave some interesting points in a paper he read to the recent N.S.W. Safety Convention at Newcastle.

He said that housekeeping was one of the main considerations of the safety first campaign there.

"That is why," he said, "despite an amazing upsurge in the labour force which has been boosted over 50 per cent. in the past 10 years by the employment of no less than 30 different nationalities the accident frequency rate has fallen from 18 lost time injuries per million man hours worked in May 1955 to 2.8 in May of this year.

"This is a reduction of something like 650 per cent. in the last 10 years. We are proud of this, but do not see in it a reason for complacency. We want not a 2.8 frequency rate, but a zero. This is the ultimate which we should keep in the sights. Does a Safety Utopia exist. If we don't keep trying, we'll never find out."

This fight is not won — we are still unsatisfied but we are improving — and what is causing this improvement?

- We've become more safety conscious, more aware of the fact that to injure a man on the job is an indictment on our own system of planning, management and working. Even though we ignore the most important humanitarian aspect, which of course we can't and don't, it is humiliating to our own ego as well as extremely costly to our economy, so we've been obliged, both morally and every other way, to do something very tangible about accidents.

- We've been backwards and forwards through the Plant finding and remedying danger spots — that unguarded machine — that dangerous operation — that potential hazard.

- We've undertaken extensive training programmes for both supervisors and men — programmes in which the whole concept was influenced by the idea that man must come before machine. These things and many more have helped, but one facet which I have not yet mentioned has undoubtedly contributed to the reduction of accidents as well as giving us a Plant which for its size and diversity of operations must be, and indeed has been, acknowledged as one of the neatest and tidiest in the world.



The first boy to graduate from the Royal Australian Naval College was Allan Cook, of Marulan. Picture shows him at Jervis Bay where his parents visited him when he graduated. He is now on H.M.A.S. Curlew "somewhere" up around Singapore.

Homelovers Corner

With Christmas and its attendant pre-season parties looming large on the horizon, the housewife will do well to plan ahead by making the Christmas cake, the mincemeat and plum pudding well in advance.

Not only will it lessen her chores when the actual time comes, but all three components of the old-time Christmas dinner will be considerably improved in flavour if made ahead and allowed to mature.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING (Ingredients and Method)

Put in a basin one cup hot milk, one cup dried white breadcrumbs. Allow to stand until cool. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, 4 eggs yolks (wellbeaten) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb seeded raisins (chopped and floured), $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. figs (chopped), 2 oz. citron peel (finely chopped). Work $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. chopped suet with fingers or a wooden spoon until creamy. Add to first mixture. Stir in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup wine, grape juice or currant jelly, 1 tsp. nutmeg, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. cinamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cloves (ground), $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. mace, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tps. salt. Beat egg whites (four) until stiff. Fold into mixture. Steam mixture in calico-covered basin for six hours. When cooked, remove from steamer and allow to cool. Re-heat on Christmas day, steaming about two hours.

FRUIT MINCEMEAT

Ingredients: 8 oz. seeded raisins, 4 ozs. sultanas, 4 oz. currants, 4 green apples, 4 oz. lemon peel, 4 oz. beef suet, 8 oz. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ pkt. mixed spice, grated rind, 1 lemon, 1 grated nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brandy or sherry.

Method: Peel and core apples, prepare suet and fruits. Finely chop apples, suet, peel and raisins. Add remaining ingredients and mix throughout. Pack into jars and seal as for jam.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

Ingredients: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. seeded raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sultanas, 4 oz. currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. shortening, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

brown sugar, 2 oz. preserved figs, 2 ozs. almonds, 2 ozs. preserved ginger, 1 drop Parisian essence, 5 eggs, 12 oz. flour, 2 oz. dates, 2 oz. mixed peel, 2 oz. cherries, 3 tbsps rum, sherry or fruit juice.

Method: Prepare fruit, chop dates, figs, almonds, cherries and ginger, sprinkle with spirits or fruit juice and allow to soak overnight. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating evenly through, then add colouring. Mix flour and fruit alternately. Put into a greased 8 inch round or 7 inch square tin, preferably lined with two thicknesses of brown paper (greased), and bake in a moderate oven $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 hours. Allow to cool and leave in tin, finally storing until several days before required for almond icing and decorating.

DELICIOUS DRINKS

$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Sherry — Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon. 1 tsp. sugar — Crushed ice. Place sherry, lemon juice and sugar in tall glass. Fill with ice, add soda and decorate with orange slice or pineapple stick. Serve with straws.

MINT WHITE

Thoroughly bruise a large sprig of mint in the bottom of a tumbler, add 2 or 3 tbsps. of crushed ice and fill up with equal parts of well-chilled white wine and soda water. Sweet-tooths will like a little sugar added.

WATERMELON COCKTAIL

A very good watermelon cocktail to be served in glasses may be made as follows: Prepare small balls of ripe red-fleshed watermelon. Add a little flavour of lemon juice and sprinkle with sugar. Fill glasses half and half with this mixture and wine. Chill and garnish with mint. Before the glasses are filled, moisten the edge of each and invert in finely chopped mint, so that a tinge of green will adhere to the edge of the glass.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

BERRIMA

Marcia Middleton has left the office. She will be married on November 25th to Herb Moule and they will live in their home at Bowral. We will all miss Marcia. She was the cheery lass on the switchboard, always helpful and kind to inquirers.

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Quite a few of the office staff enjoyed the district basketball ball. Among them were Dennis O'Keefe, Kerry Jones, Denise O'Neil, Barbara Churchill and Alice Boyd. They said it was fitting that such a good time should have been apparent at the ball.

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David Parker has spent another week at the Sydney office. He had kept the chair of Don Millhouse warm who had been on annual leave.

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A new starter to the office is Dennis Collett. He and his wife and baby daughter have only recently moved to the district. Welcome to the staff, Dennis.

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Fred Bonnar spent a fortnight away in Newcastle and Sydney. During his trip to the north coast, he visited Alec McMurtrie, who retired from the quarry at the end of April.

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Mrs. Nell Fraser has returned to her desk in the Works Office after annual leave.

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Everyone is pleased to see Norm Edmonson back with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bonnar, while on holiday recently, met Lieut Rob Bonnar, who returned with his wife, Judy, and two children, on Wednesday, 27th October in the Francis Drake from Hong Kong. Robin has been attending Hong Kong University for the past 18 months on a Naval assignment. They hope to be stationed at Canberra for a few months before returning to the Near East for further Naval duties.

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A letter received by Bill Rutter from John Peake from Singapore indicates that the sea home to England is going according to plan. He says he is feeling "not too bad" and is looking forward to reaching England in a few weeks.

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Bill Saker was the proud winner of a Pansy bloom entered in a recent flower show by Bob D'Adam. Both Bob and Bill and Miss Barbara Barrett can share the honours of raising a beautiful bloom.

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MARULAN

Congratulations to John Hardgrave who celebrated his 21st birthday on November 12. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardgrave, of Tallong, gave a party for friends. John will finish his apprenticeship in January. He has now completed the first year of the Clerk of Works Certificate Course. George is a fitter at the quarry and before moving to Tallong worked at Berrima.

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Len Pole, recently returned from a fishing holiday in the Nyngan district, said the drought there reduced streams to puddle holes. Most of his favourite spots were overgrown with weeds. He reckons the fish are growing legs and walking around because there is no water.

Crane driver Cliff Shepherd is on annual leave with his family at Cronulla.

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Tony Kirk has returned to work after an operation in Goulburn.

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Congratulations to Julieanne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les ("Tex") Cooper, of Marulan South, and Allan Phelps, of Gunning, who have announced their engagement.

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Our best wishes go to John Kennedy and Patricia Mungovan, who were married in Goulburn on November 6. They are spending their honeymoon at Bundaberg, Queensland.

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Jack Feltham has returned to work after an absence of some weeks through illness, including a spell in hospital.

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Congratulations to John and Wendy Penfold on the birth of a daughter.

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Gordon Bryant, a prospector for 25 years, and a driller at the quarry, is still finding useful amounts of gold in the Windellama and Braidwood districts. Another quarryman, Harold Costello, spends profitable week-ends fossicking around Araluen as he says "pottering around and covering expenses."

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Roy Clack is spending some of his long service leave fishing along the South Coast.

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Judy Cosgrove has returned from hospital and is back at school.

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Des Cosgrove has been drafted to the Army School of Engineering near Liverpool. He completed his basic training at Kapooka, near Wagga.

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Euclid driver Russell Eirth has returned from hospital. He sustained a broken leg nearly three months ago when his car ran off the road while on his way to work.

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Apprentice John Beaumont has bought himself a new Cortina; Stan Kopeck, junior, a Consul; and Cec Cluney arrived home the other day with a new Valiant. We wish them many miles of safe, happy motoring.

Rus Rowe, whose firm supplies conveyor belting for the quarry, has promised a trophy for competition at the Marulan South Bowling Club.

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Tony Cosgrove and family leave at the end of the month for annual leave at Port Macquarie. They plan several motoring trips along the North Coast and to the Northern Tablelands.

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Frank and Mrs. Bell spent their holidays in Sydney. They were lucky enough to be invited as a guest of an airline company on a flight as far south as the Victorian border, back over Canberra and the quarry, which, they said, looked very small from 10,000 ft. And for good measure, they sipped champagne while travelling in the aircraft — the latest type of jet — cruising at 600 miles an hour.

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Quarry Supt, Mr. Kevin Howard, early this month attended the annual conference of the Institute of Quarrying in Melbourne.

COLLIERY

Glyn Jones has resumed work after his wedding and honeymoon on the Gold Coast. He and Mrs. Jones said the weather was perfect. We wish them everything they wish themselves for the future.

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Graham Allan was narrowly beaten on points in his bout for the flyweight title, he has been selected to fight for the Australasian title in New Zealand. We wish you well, Graham.

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Albert Allport, while full of admiration for the treatment received, reckons he has seen enough of hospitals. His wife has recently spent seven weeks following an operation; his nine-year-old son, Len, has had rheumatic fever; and one-year-old Philip is in a Sydney Hospital. Keep the old chin up Albert!

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Others who are receiving hospital treatment are Don Ray's lad, Lloyd and Tom Lightbody.



Famous World War 1 artist Will Dyson depicts a Digger trying to find some of his mates after hostilities. The cartoon is published as a reminder that 11th November is Armistice, the day in 1918 when hostilities in that war officially ended. In four years of fighting hundreds of thousands of men and women were killed. Australia alone lost more than 60,000 dead and many thousands more wounded and injured.



GOLF

In the last issue Ron Budden came in for a good deal of mention with his good scoring and we have to mention him again this time when he was the winner of a nine hole competition with 31 strokes.

Alan Parker who has been missing from this column for some time came back into it with a brilliant 40 points in a recent stableford. He also won the nine hole section with a fine 23 points.

Bert McIntosh managed to get a trophy in a recent inter-club match when he was one of a pair in a four ball event.

Alan Parker also had a win the following week when he teamed up with another member to win with a grand total of 46 points. They also took out a nine hole trophy with 23 points.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Marulan Rifle Club wound up the season with a club prize shoot and ladies day combined. Barry Barnfield won the keenly contested Selwyn Jolly off a rifle aggregate over 300, 500 and 600 yards. Barry had to shoot off with Col Hoare as a climax to the day's shoot. Barry won three other off rifle trophies, taking the honours for the shoot off the rifle. Ross Pearson won honours for the handicap

trophies. Ross, who has been shooting for only eight months, and has not yet turned 13 years, is practising for when he joins the school cadets next year. The following are the ladies who won trophies and the donors, as well as the list of winners and donors for the prize shoot.

LADIES SHOOT

Trophy Donor	Winner
R. Bryant	Miss Hardgrave
A. Murphy	Mrs. C. Sheperd
B. Creswick	Mrs. S. Bell
Mrs. D. Baldock	Mrs. G. Bryant
S. Wells	Mrs. Fenson
N. Shepherd	Mrs. Beaumont
Keith Murphy	Mrs. Tom Shepherd
Terry Bell	Mrs. J. Millwood

Off Rifle Shoot

M. Cosgrove	D. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. V. Matthews	C. Hoare
Tex Cooper	C. Hoare
Tom Jones	B. Barnfield
R. Lewis	B. Barnfield
K. Ridley	B. Barnfield

Handicap Trophy

Shell Garage	Ross Pearson
Kell Smith	J. Beaumont
Mr. and Mrs. G. Cooper	Ross Pearson
J. Archer	H. Fenson
Dr. J. Russell	H. Fenson
Allied Chemicals	R. Pearson

Also decided was: Mrs. Stan Bell trophy was won by Cliff Shepherd; and the Miss Lorraine Bell trophy by Bert Barnfield.



Work is well advanced on the proposed Marulan South Bowling Green site. Picture shows Cec Cluney (right) and Tom Shepherd checking the soil filling. About 500 tons of top soil have been settled on the green. The recent rains will assist in the growth.

A LITTLE FRIEND DIES

One of our little friends in Marulan — Ian Campbell — was recently one of the victims of the growing road toll. A mile of cars followed the cortege from the church at Marulan to the cemetery. Ian was a Scout and he died after he had been hit by a motorist on his way. Words were unnecessary to express our sorrow. We were all sad for Geoff and Mrs. Campbell who are left to carry the burden of sorrow for the rest of their lives — and also to the motorist who will also have a dark shadow over him whenever he takes out the family car. To Ian's parents we offer our deepest sympathy and hope that in the coming years they will find comfort in the fact that there are many friends at the quarry who have shown in a practical way their feelings.

As the X-ray specialists stood at the altar awaiting his bride, a former patient whispered: "I wonder what he saw in her."

Four old women were having a get together over a couple of drinks. "If anybody has anything good to say about anyone, let's hear it now and get it over with."

SAFETY AROUND THE NECK

Neckershiefts with first aid instructions imprinted upon them have been used by hunters and campers for years. Recently, an American steel company designed such a kerchief for its employees. However, the idea is not new. During the American Civil War, Union soldiers were equipped with triangular neckerchief bandages that were marked with first aid and emergency instructions.

MUSEUM UNDER THE SEA

Where would be a better place to erect a museum for treasures found by aquanauts than under the water. This idea has been proposed because many of the underwater finds perish when they are brought to the surface and exposed to the atmosphere. The proposal site for the museum is off the coast of Monaco, a world centre for oceanography and hydrography. Visitors to such an exhibit will have to be equipped with aqualungs.

Fishing Notes

(By Rus Greaves)



Well, this tells us pretty plainly that there is not much left for the rock hoppers.

There has been a great cry about that humble pipi again. I can take you to local beaches that have been dragged for tons and tons of pipis. Regulations are just starting to appear, but I'm afraid its like shutting the gate after the horse has gone. The angling tourist trade means quite a lot to seaside towns. If the visiting angler is going to be deprived of the local source of bait, he's probably not going to continue his visits to those areas.

A few people will make a few pounds for the present, but eventually, if something is not done immediately to stop all the various wreckers, one might as well stow the rod and stick to the vegetable garden. Its up to the local councils concerned to cater for the fishermen if they want that extra tourist trade.

It will be very interesting to see if the recent rains will improve the fishing. The fish were all supposed to be all up the rivers. On the other hand it is probable that having no feed washed down the rivers they may have departed out to sea. Anyhow, it will prove or disprove the up the river theory.

Col Reedy is about the luckiest fisherman I have heard from lately. He tells me he had a great catch of bream, trevally, tailor and whiting near the Tallawarra outlet. Its quite apparent that the fish were attracted to the warm water discharge.

According to recent news of spear fishing, the spearos are boating outside now. Why? Because of the dearth of fish on the shore reefs.

NEW BUILDING OPEN

The N.R.M.A.'s ninth branch, which cost £120,000 to build, was opened for business in Wollongong early in September.

The new building is located at the corner of Kembla and Burelli Streets and replaces the former district depot, Boyded Pty. Ltd., which is one of the state's best known motor traders.

The Wollongong branch is now the focal point of N.R.M.A. services in the Wollongong-Illawarra district.

N.R.M.A. NOTES

With a few exceptions, car manufacturers suggest that owners rotate the tyres of their vehicles at fairly regular intervals.

This is a job that can be carried out fairly simply while the vehicle is being serviced, and is designed to even up the wear between the four or five tyres (depending on whether the owner introduces the spare into the scheme or not).

N.R.M.A. engineers say the main advantage of rotation is that it keeps a good set of tyres on the front wheels for good steering and general safety.

Another advantage is the fact that when properly rotated, the tyres will run in opposite directions after each swap. This means that the best edge of the tyre tread is presented to the road surface for the most effective braking.

The real saving in tyre wear comes from the maintenance of proper wheel alignment and the regular checking of tyre pressures. As well, the moderate driver can count on less tyre wear than the fellow who persistently brakes, accelerates and corners vigorously.

STRAYING STOCK

Recently N.R.M.A. members have reported a number of instances of straying livestock causing a hazard on country roads.

One member in particular reported having seen two accidents caused by wandering cattle and while no one was seriously injured in either accident, one of the cars had overturned.

The N.S.W. Police Department has told the N.R.M.A. that all police in country areas pay as much attention as possible to straying stock, and when breaches of the provisions of the Local Government Act governing livestock are seen, appropriate action is taken.

The Police Department has also asked that motorists co-operate when they observe stock straying on or near roadways by notifying the local police, who will take the necessary action.

Briefly, the Local Government Act gives shire and municipal councils wide powers to deal with the problem of straying livestock by way of fines against owners or custodians, by impounding animals and controlling the routes of moving stock.

WATCH FOR THE AMBER LIGHT

Every driver realises the importance of obeying traffic control light signals, but some motorists appear to be not quite sure of their duties, says the N.R.M.A. Legal Department.

It seems to be a general misconception, for example, that the amber light is only a warning signal. This is certainly not true.

When the amber light flashes on, the motorist is required by law to stop unless he has crossed the stop line or is so close to it that his vehicle cannot "reasonably be stopped" before reaching the line.

The onus generally will be on him to show that he was unable to stop because of his proximity and speed at the relevant time. Under no circumstances must he try to race through the lights to beat the traffic about to cross the intersection from his right and left.

If in doubt, he is advised to do his best to stop even if in so doing he travels a few feet across the stop line.

This is really a matter of judgement, but a traffic infringement notice is always on the cards if there's a policeman about when a motorist goes through the amber light when he should be taking steps to stop.

Sprays for Trees

We are grateful for the following notes on fruit tree spraying compiled by Mr. N. W. Mansfield, Fruit Inspector of the Department of Agriculture at Goulburn.

Mr. Mansfield said some of the main points to remember were:—

- Haphazard spraying is useless. As a general rule, fungicides are of little value against insect pests. Insecticides will not control diseases.
- Always read the directions on the containers carefully before using any spray material.
- Handle all sprays carefully, as many of them are highly toxic.
- The spray materials mentioned below are sold under a number of trade names and are readily available.
- Times of spraying are on general terms only and may vary from district to district, according to the development of trees.
- The times shown below are for the remainder of the season only. If in doubt or in need of further assistance do not hesitate to contact the Department of Agriculture, 30 Montague Street, P.O. Box 389, Goulburn. The phone number is 21.1811.

APPLES, PEARS, QUINCES

MONTH	PEST OR DISEASE	TREATMENT	REMARKS
November	Codling Moth. Light Brown apple Moth.	D.D.T. 0.1% or Arsenate of D.D.T. 0.1% or Arsenate of Lead 1½ oz. to 3 gals. of water.	Apply at petal fall. Can be combined with organic fungicides. NOTE D.D.T. not effective on Light Brown Apple Moth.
November-December	Woolly Aphid.	Vamidothion 0.05%.	Apply when infestation is first noticed. Must be applied thoroughly.
	Codlin Moth.	D.D.T. 0.1% OR Carbaryl (sold under a number of trade names.)	Continue spraying at 3 weekly intervals until Harvest . Can be combined with Organic fungicides.
December-January	Fruit Fly.	4 oz. Protein Hydralsate. 8 oz. 25% malathion. 1 gal. water OR Fenthion 0.04% OR Dimethoate 0.04%.	As a bait spray 6 oz. per tree every 7 days. As a complete cover spray. Follow directions on container.
December-January	Fruit Fly.	4 oz. Protein Hydralsate; 8 oz. 25% Malathion 1 gal. water. OR Lebaycid (R) OR Rogor 40 (R).	Bait spray 6 oz. per tree every 7 days. Cover Spray. Cover Spray.

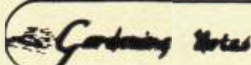
APPLES, PEARS, QUINCES

MONTH	PEST OR DISEASE	TREATMENT	REMARKS
Early September	Black Spot	Lime Sulphur. 1 x 20 or Bordeaux mixture as follows 6 oz. Bluestone. 6 oz. Hydrated lime. 3½ gals. water plus 3 fl. oz. white oil.	Apply at green tip stage. Early September.
Mid to Late Sept. ...	Black Spot	Organic fungicide — Thiram 1.12%, Ziram 0.12%, Captan 0.1%, Diodine 0.03%, Glyodin 0.05%.	Apply at spur-burst stage mid to late September. Read directions on label for quantities to use.
September-October October	Black Spot Powdery Mildew	Organic fungicide as above, plus wettable sulphur, 2 oz. to 4 gals. water.	Apply at pink stage, approximately 10 days after spur-burst.
October	Black Spot	Organic Fungicides.	Apply first cover spray about 10 days after pink stage. Continue spraying at 3 weekly intervals until harvest.

STONE FRUITS

MONTH	PEST OR DISEASE	TREATMENT	REMARKS
July-August	Leaf Curl. Shot Hole. Brown Rot.	Bordeaux Mixture. 6 oz. 6 oz. Bluestone, 6 oz. Hydrated Lime. 3½ gals. water plus 3 fl. oz. white oil. OR Copper Oxychloride.	Apply at early bud swell. Late July or early August.
September	Brown Rot.	Organic fungicide; Thiram 1 oz. 4 gals.; Ziram 1 oz. 4 gals. Captan 1 oz. 3 gals.; Dithianon ½ oz. to 3 gals. water.	Apply at early blossom, and again at petal fall. DO NOT apply Captan to apricots.
	Black Peach Aphid	D.D.T. Emulsion 0.1%.	Apply as soon as infestation is noticed.

MONTH	Black Peach Aphid.	TREATMENT	REMARKS
October	Brown Rot.	Organic Fungicide.	Apply at shuck fall. When flowers are separating from fruit, use at 3 weekly intervals until harvest.
	Green Peach Aphid	Rogor 40 (R) 1/3 oz. to 1 gal.	Spray as soon as infestation is noticed. Sprays may be combined with fungicides used in brown rot control.
December-January	Fruit Fly.	4 oz. Protein Hydrolysate; 8 oz. 25% Malathion 1 gal. water. OR Lebaycid (R) OR Rogor 40 (R).	Bait spray 6 oz. per tree every 7 days. Cover Spray. Cover Spray.



By Mrs. C. Crowe



for November

SOW: Antirrhinum, Aster, Amaranthus, Balsam, Celosia, Cosmos, Marigold (African & French), Portulaca, Primula, Scabiosa, Salpiglossis, Verbena, Zinnia.

PLANT: Antirrhinum, Aster, Carnation, Marigold, Petunia, Phlox, Portulaca, Salvia, Zinnia.

VEGETABLES—

SOW: Beet, Beans (Dwarf and Runner), Carrot, Celery, Parsnip, Peas, Sweet Corn, White Turnip, Cucumber, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish.

PLANT: Tomato, Sweet Potato, Herbs.

The rain which we have had during the last few weeks has washed everything clean again and has gone a long way towards filling tanks, dams and streams once more. It has also brought out hordes of snails and slugs, so keep the bait going.

Plant Dahlia tubers out in beds of rich soil this month. Plant Chrysanthemums which are rooted into the garden beds now and pinch out the tops of any which are already planted. Cut back the leaves of the Daffodils when they have dried right off and lift bulbs of Hyacinths and Tulips and dry them off, prior to packing away in dry sand for the Summer months. Remove all dead Winter and Spring-flowering plants and BURN them.

Watch for Aphids on the young tips of seedlings, roses and shrubs and spray with Rogor 40, at the strength given on the label.

Be sure to plant the remainder of the vegetable garden this month, so that there will be some vegetables ready for Christmas.

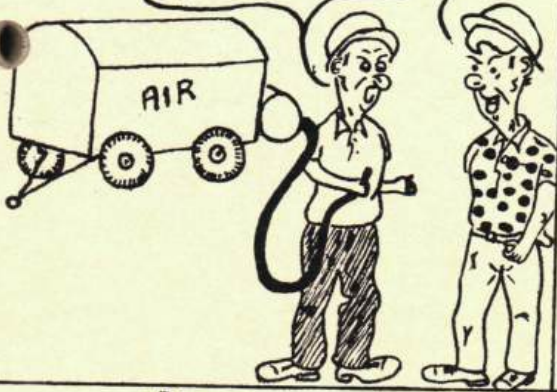
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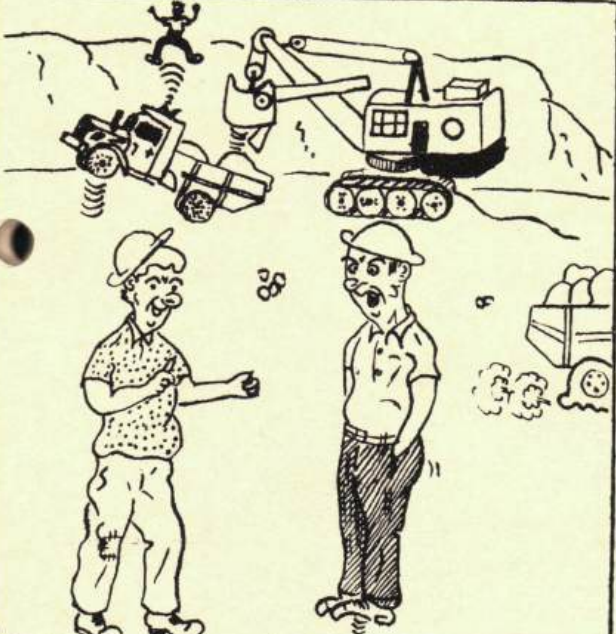
OH I DONT
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"I THINK YOU
WOULD JUST
BLOW UP AND
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"DO YOU BOTH
WANT A JOB?"

"LIKE CRAZY MAN
BUT THIS IS ME DOLL"

"HOPE HE DONT GO MUCH HIGHER! BE ASKING FOR HEIGHT MONEY!"

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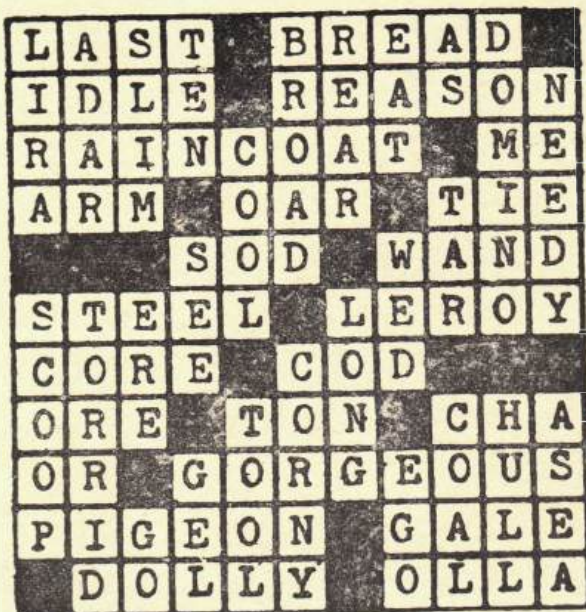
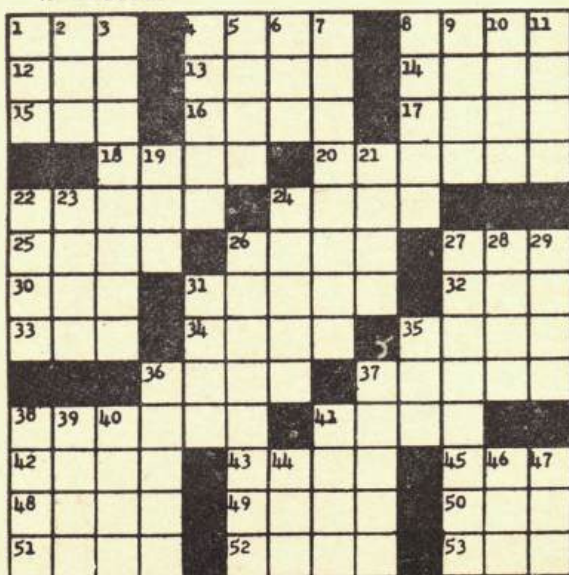
— Problem Page —

Mrs. Roy Chambers, of Berrima, was the winner of Problem No. 80. Her name was drawn from 66 entries and all were correct. Congratulations to Mrs. Chambers and the other 65 entrants.

PROBLEM No. 81

ACROSS

- 1 Food counter
- 4 Stranged instrument
- 8 Group of tents
- 12 Mineral
- 13 Spoken
- 14 Medley
- 15 Deed
- 16 Climbing plant
- 17 One in authority
- 18 Grown old
- 20 Take into custody
- 22 Test
- 24 Continent
- 25 Sacred
- 26 Tribal group
- 27 In favour of
- 30 Devoured
- 31 Meditate
- 32 Floor covering
- 33 State of conflict
- 34 Warmth
- 35 Not coarse
- 36 Social insects
- 37 Sew loosely
- 38 2-edged sword
- 41 Illustrious warrior
- 42 Native of Arabia
- 43 Fright
- 45 Pinch
- 48 Dropped
- 49 Hideous



- 50 Make a mistake
- 51 Domesticated
- 52 Lounge about
- 53 Beam of light

DOWN

- 1 Large snake
- 2 Portion of a circle
- 3 Merchant
- 4 Hut
- 5 Excessively dry
- 6 Hastened
- 7 Agreeable
- 8 Venomous snake
- 9 Drug plant
- 10 Fail to hit
- 11 Pillar
- 19 Merry
- 21 Place for skating
- 22 Melt
- 23 Roster
- 24 Assumed name
- 26 Glad
- 27 One in prison
- 28 Stunted animal
- 29 Curved molding
- 31 Objective of thou
- 35 Distant
- 36 Sacred scriptures
- 37 Hard stone
- 38 Float of logs
- 39 Particular region
- 40 Tropical tree
- 41 Corridor
- 44 Self
- 46 Man's name
- 47 Raise with a lever

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General Manager's Notes

We can look back on 1965 as a year in which every record in the book has been broken, which is most encouraging to our Directors and the Management of the Company.

In Safety, Berrima looks like going through the year with only one lost time accident, whilst the total for Marulan will be two. Between the two centres over 800,000 man-hours were worked without a lost time injury up until the end of November when the good run was unfortunately broken by a small accident at Marulan.

Coal production will be over 160,000 tons and limestone over 1,480,000 tons, these being nett figures. Clinker making and cement grinding, whilst well below capacity, will be over 425,000 tons and 405,000 tons respectively. Cement sales will be about 410,000 tons, which is 30,000 tons better than last year and nearly 100,000 tons better than 1963. We look forward to even greater achievements in 1966.

On behalf of the Directors and Management I would like to thank you all for your efforts during the year and extend to you and your families best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

J. F. McNicol

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Editorial

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

The Message of Christmas is quite simple. It is peace on earth and goodwill to all men. The message is as simple as the world. We are fond of the Christmas stories and the stories of the little ones, because Christmas is surrounded around a Child. And from that story we find security and everything for which we strive.

The message is one of simple homely living . . . to do what we can, as simple homely living folks, for the other neighbour, for the people who work for us, the people for whom we work, and for the people who are among the most humble folk in the community.

Respect for the other fellow's feelings; to help where help is needed; and great encouragement for the little people — by that I mean the future generation — with all their supposed deficiencies; and the great respect for the old folks.

This is just a thought from the editor.

HAPPY IN RETIREMENT

The Employees' Retirement Plan, as outlined by the General Manager, has been widely acclaimed. It is a sound plan, and according to a wide survey by the editor, will be of great benefit to everyone concerned. The management will recognise the benefits in the form of a more stable work force and in return the bloke with a wife and a couple of children will find the plant and the quarry a better and safer place to work.

JUST AN AFTERTHOUGHT

With the end of 1965 . . . and it wasn't a bad year really . . . we wish you a happy new year, a safe year, a healthy year and a year coming up in 1966 a SAFE year above all things. And we think that the word SAFE covers most aspirations of living.

Mr. LEN KNIGHT, Works Manager

HELLO EVERYBODY,

This being the Xmas issue of our magazine I take this opportunity of wishing each and every one of you, and yours, the compliments of the season, and hope that '66 will prove even better than '65. But what a year '65 has been safety wise. 300 days at Marulan and 500,000 man-hours at Berrima lost time accident free. Both all-time records.

When it is realised that these records can only be achieved by 100% co-operation of all employees, you will agree that they are outstanding achievements.

So, congratulations to you all and again best wishes for the Festive Season.

Mr. J. C. SCOTT, Works Secretary

One of the pleasing features of the year has been the growing participation by all centres in mutual social and welfare activities.

The Colliery, whilst reasonably close to the Cement Works, has not, due to the very different conditions under which the two work, had close associations, but with the advent of the Credit Union have found at least one common bond.

Marulan's distant location has also proved a bar in the past, but we now find our friends from this area joining in the various welfare and social activities.

It is my sincere hope that the future will see even closer friendship between the various centres and a growing realisation that we are all members of the one company although separated by barriers of distance and different working conditions.

My best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas.

Mr. KEVIN HOWARD, Quarry Superintendent

The year 1965 has been a good year for Marulan Quarry — despite drought and fires; a year in which we have achieved good production figures, suffered no serious injury and settled all our industrial problems in a peaceful manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our employees for their efforts and co-operation during the year and to wish them and all our friends of S.P.C., a happy Christmas and a safe, prosperous New Year.

Decimal Currency Conversion

POINTS OF INTEREST

As you will be aware, our present £ s. d. monetary system is to be changed soon to decimal coinage. This change is due to commence in February next and will take some 18 to 24 months to complete.

The conversion to decimal currency will affect the life of everyone in Australia. Our wages, grocery bills, banking accounts, rents, bus and train fares, in fact every money transaction we have, will be affected by the change.

There will be no way to dodge or ignore it; you are advised to learn as soon as possible the main details of the new currency, how to convert to it from our present £ s. d. coinage and vice versa. It is not very hard to do this and just a little study followed by some practice now and again will greatly assist you to make the changeover easy for yourself.

To assist employees the company has prepared this short summary of some of the more important aspects of the changeover and it is hoped that this will be helpful to you.

CHANGEOVER ARRANGEMENTS

- Changeover Date:** Monday, 14th February, 1966. Known as "C" Day.
Banks: Close at end of trading on Wednesday, 9th February. Re-open 10 a.m. Monday, 14th February, operating in decimal currency.
 All cheques and other banking forms must be made out in decimal currency.
Govt. Departments: Change to decimal currency on 14th February. Postages, rail fares, taxation returns, etc. in decimal from this date.
Business Generally: May change to decimal on "C" Day or up to 24 months or so later. This can depend on when cash registers or office equipment can be altered. It may be quite some time before some businesses in this district convert.

DETAILS OF THE NEW CURRENCY

- Basis of Decimal Currency**
THUS:— 1 dollar = 100 cents (equivalent to 10/-)
 1 cents = \$0.01 dollars
 10 cents = \$0.10 "
 129 cents = \$1.29 " etc.
- Details of New Coins and Notes**

DECIMAL UNIT	COLOUR	£.S.D. EQUIV. UNIT	REMARKS
1 Cent Coin 2 Cent Coin	Bronze Bronze	None None	Note: ½d., 1d. and 3d. coins have no equivalent decimal units.
5 Cent Coin 10 Cent Coin 20 Cent Coin	Silver Silver Silver	Sixpence Shilling Two Shillings	Each new coin is practically the same size as its £ s. d. equivalent.
50 Cent Coin	Silver	(5/- in Value)	A new coin.
1 Dollar Note 2 Dollar Note 10 Dollar Note 20 Dollar Note	Brown Green Blue Red	10/- Note Pound Note Five Pound Note Ten Pound Note	Each new note is a little different in size to its £ s. d. equivalent, but about the same colour.

Note: * All decimal coins and notes have exact £ s. d. equivalent units except 1, 2 and 50 cent coins (but the 50 cent coin converts exactly to 5/-).
 Therefore, for example, a charge of 2 dollars can be paid with a £1 note; or a charge of 14/- can be paid with a 1 dollar note a 20 cent coin and a 2/- coin.
 * As 10 cents = 1/- (or 12d.) exactly,
 then 1 cent = 1.2d. and
 1 penny = 10/12 cents, or 5/6 cents.

HOW TO WRITE DECIMAL CURRENCY AMOUNTS

1. Dollar and Cent Symbols

Dollar Symbol = Typed \$ or written \$

Cent Symbol = c (without full stop)

Dollars & Cents = Typed \$1.20 or written \$1-20 (with hyphen between \$ and c)

Study carefully these examples of how to set out decimal currency amounts. We have used double vertical strokes, as on our typewriter.

\$59 or \$59.00 — Not \$59.0 or 59\$

\$29.26 — Not \$29.26c

\$27.08 — Not \$27.8

\$0.26 or 26 cents or 26c — Not \$.26 or 26c.

\$0.08 or 8 cents or 8c — Not \$.08 or \$0.8 or \$.8 or 8c.

\$3.80 — Not \$3.8

Note: * If a \$ symbol is used with an amount which contains cents, **two** figures must be used for cents (as above \$3.80).

* If a \$ symbol is used with an amount, there must be at least one figure between the symbol and the decimal point (as above \$0.08).

* Do not use the "c" symbol on any amount where the \$ symbol has been used.

2. Writing the Decimal Point

When **writing** a decimal currency amount in dollars and cents, put the hyphen in the centre of the line of figures, e.g. \$127-92.

(Note — Office machines, typewriters, etc. will put the decimal point on the bottom of the line, e.g., \$127.92).

3. Cheques and Banking Forms

When **writing** out cheques and other banking forms,

* Write the amount in figures using a dash instead of a decimal point, e.g. \$127-92.
(Note — decimal points will still be used for machine drawn cheques.)

* Write or type the amount in words as follows:—

THE SUM OF Twenty Seven dollars

or

THE SUM OF One hundred and twenty seven dollars 92

or

THE SUM OF Seventy five dollars 08

or

THE SUM OF Ninety five cents.

HOW TO CONVERT FROM ONE CURRENCY TO THE OTHER

1. Main Conversion Tables

(a) Exact equivalents table — Shows exact equivalents, e.g. 1d. = 5/6 cents or .83333 cents, etc.

(b) Banking and Accounting Table — For everyday use.

(c) Comprehensive Conversion Table — Includes 1/2d. conversions.
Following is the **Banking and Accounting Table** detail:—

PENCE	CENTS	SHILLINGS	CENTS	L.S.D.	\$
1	1	1-0	10	10.0	1.00
2	2	2-0	20	11.0	1.10
3	2	3-0	30	12.0	1.20
4	3	4-0	40	13.0	1.30
5	4	5-0	50	14.0	1.40
6	5	6-0	60	15.0	1.50
7	6	7-0	70	16.0	1.60
8	7	8-0	80	17.0	1.70
9	8	9-0	90	18.0	1.80
10	8			19.0	1.90
11	9			1. 0.0	2.00

2. Conversion Chart

Here is a simple chart to assist in converting currencies:—

HOW TO CONVERT																	
FROM £.S.D. TO DOLLARS	FROM DOLLARS TO £.S.D.																
POUNDS & TENS OF SHILLINGS Double the £'s to get \$'s Add \$1 for tens of shillings (e.g., £13.10.0 = \$27)	Halve the \$'s to get £'s Add 10/- if the whole \$'s amount is not an even number (e.g. \$13 = £6.10.0)																
UNITS OF SHILLINGS Add a "0" = tens of cents (e.g. 5/- = 50c)	TENS OF CENTS Take as units of shillings (e.g. 90c = 9/-)																
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CONVERT £17.13.5		
	\$	c
* Double the £'s	34	—
Add 1 for the 10/-	1	—
* Add "0" to single shillings	—	30
* Deduct 1 off pence	—	4
	35	34
	—	—
or \$35.34		

CONVERT \$33.68			
	£	s.	d.
* Halve the dollars	16	—	—
Add 10/- (uneven)	—	10	—
* 10's of cents as shillings	—	6	—
* Add 2 to cents	—	—	10
	16	16	10
	—	—	—
or £16.16.10			

3. Practice Examples

£29 = \$58
 £ 3.10. 0 = \$7
 8. 0 = \$0.80 (or 80c)
 19. 0 = \$1.90
 4. 7 = \$0.46 (or 46c)
 £16.15. 8 = \$33.57

£ 56. 7. 0 = \$112.70
 £2497.11.11 = \$4995.19
 £ 15.10. 2 = \$31.02
 £ 14.13.10 = \$29.38
 £ 56. 0. 1 = \$112.01
 18.11 = \$1.89

Practise the above conversions both ways. A little practice and you will soon be able to do most everyday conversions in your head. Also practise on newspaper advertisements.

4. Special Conversion — Shopping

Sometimes shops show prices which are over £1, in shillings and pence, e.g. 99/11. 179/11, etc.

These amounts are easily converted to decimal currency as follows:—

* Put a decimal point in front of the last column of shillings, giving dollars and tens of cents.

* Convert pence by our Conversion Chart.

e.g., say **179/11**
 179/- = \$17.90
 11d. = 0.09
 \$17.99

Modern Approach To Money



When we were young — or as our children would say: “In the Olden Days” — people’s attitude to money was completely different from what it is now. In “those days”, the nearest approach to hire-purchase was the lay-by. They never borrowed. They saved and then paid cash for it. A lot more emphasis was placed on “what the neighbours might think”. To be in debt was almost a sin — which is probably why most of us spent our youth in bare feet and patched pants.

Nowadays, the situation is almost completely reversed. Indebtedness has achieved public acceptance — in fact, the present-day economy would collapse without it. In the past, society punished the individual for *NOT* saving. These days, he’s punished for not borrowing. If you don’t have (you don’t need to own) a late model car, TV., wall-to-wall carpets, a telephone, a stereogram, etc., your kids want to spend their time down the street with someone who has. You’re not “with it”. Luxuries quickly become necessities.

The Morality of Debt

Sooner or later the question of RIGHT or WRONG comes into the picture. As with most things, it depends on the use to which it is put. Credit is good when the purpose for which it is obtained is good: when it goes side by side with respect for one’s obligations; and when the terms of repayment are within the reasonable reach of the borrower. Thus, the

three basic questions a good Loans Committee asks are:

- (a) Is the borrower honest?
- (b) Can he repay the loan?
- (c) Is the loan for a good purpose?

In this way, Credit Unions all over the world are helping develop a respect for Credit — to borrow wisely and within their means.

Summary

Consciously, or unconsciously people are recognising and accepting their own lack of self-discipline in money matters. They are better able to PAY BACK, than to SAVE. In the Credit Union you can do both: repay the loan and at the same time *put a little aside each week for savings WITH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS*, it couldn’t be easier!

The Lighter Side of Life

Three matrons sat down in a fashionable restaurant. After each had moved her menu closer to and farther away from her nose all three produced spectacles from their purses.

“I only wear mine for reading,” one said.

“I really need mine for driving,” the second replied.

“I rarely wear mine,” said the third, “except when I want to see.”

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When a fellow you knew at school attains some lofty public office, you’re glad for his sake — but a bit apprehensive for the sake of the country.

Thanks From Cornwall

Readers will recall reading where we sent Mr. G. L. Faux, of Falmouth, Cornwall, England, some information and sketches of the railway line between Marulan South and Medway Junction, where our rakes of limestone joins the main southern line.

In a letter to the Quarry Superintendent, Mr. Faux offered his thanks for the information and enclosed some interesting information on the limestone industry at Penzance, together with some photographs.

"I have enclosed some photographs of rail locos at the quarry near Penzance, the only one in the country.

"The track gauge of 1 ft. 1½ ins., route is one mile and the trackage is about two miles. The quarry itself is worked by lorries, dumpers, and conveyor belt to the crushing plant.

"From the storage bins, it goes into the waggon, thence to the boats at Newlyn Harbour. Six diesel locos operate the line and 400 tons can be loaded into the ship in three to four hours.

"The waggon are the originals and have

been in use for more than 60 years, firstly horse drawn, then steam and now diesel.

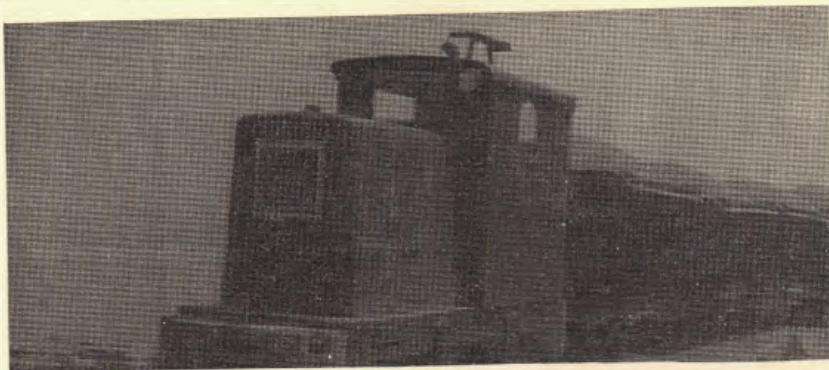
"One other similar line is in use near Camborne, at S. Crofty Tin Mine. Three diesels tip waggon take the ore over a mile from the pithead to the crusher.

"Mentioning Camborne, you may have in use some Holman compressors or Climax rock drills. Both are made by Holman Bros. and are exported to many parts of the world.

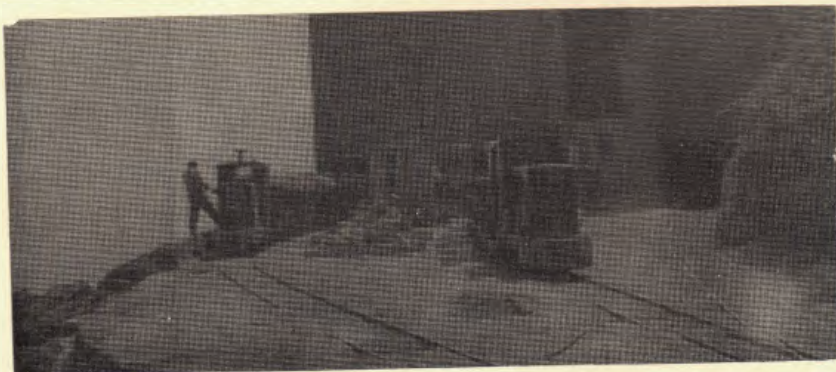
"Our Falmouth Docks operate a railway (4 ft. 8½ ins.) within the docks area, with a connecting spur to British Railways. They operate four of the remaining six steam locos that are left west of Taunton — the old saddle tank type. All British Railway services are worked by diesel railcars or diesel hydraulic locos."

Mr. Faux also enclosed an attractive brochure of Falmouth, a popular holiday resort.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Two Holman Compressors have been in use at the quarry for some years. And several years ago the old Saddle Tank type of loco was used.



PERLEE QUARRY LINE, NEWLYN, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.



LOADING AT CRUSHING PLANT.

Paper On Induction

The Works Manager, Mr. Len Knight, delivered a paper entitled "The Induction of New Employees into Industry" to the N.S.W. Division of the National Safety Council in Sydney on November 2.

He said it was his contention that life was made up of a series of continuous inductions into numerous industries, such as coming into the world, starting school, starting work, retirement and the last one of all the ones we actually know least about.

Mr. Knight said he would endeavour to analyse the starting work induction because it was the one about which we were most concerned this particular evening.

"You may ask, what is the best advantage? And the answer is easy — good health — that rare commodity that neither wealth nor position can buy, even though they are both useful allies.

"If good health then is essential for us to enjoy our stay in this world, why not take a quick look at the best methods of achieving it?

"I think it would be worthwhile because even our old friend Bill Shakespeare quoted "Giveth me Health and a day and I'll make the pomp of kings ridiculous."

Mr. Knight said that No. 1 in his book would be to pay attention to the choice of parents. This was important because if chosen wisely, it was a big advantage for a good start. Being in tender years, sound in mind, body and limb, what better foundation could anybody have on which to build a successful life?

No. 2 was training. It started in the cradle, or it should, and progressed to school. And here it should be stated that safety should be a compulsory subject in all schools and placed on a par with English and Maths.

"If it is good enough for our education system to provide physical education in the schools as a compulsory subject, then why not make safety a subject in order to strengthen one's mentality. They both go hand in hand and could be the break-through for which we are searching; common sense education, if and when this comes, and come it will, I am confident that the next phase of induction, that is to industry, will be so much easier and eventually will achieve the reward of industrial safety we all desire," Mr. Knight said.

He said it could also assist the road safety programme where we find the greatest toll is among young people. This was because of the lack of training which would enable us to discipline ourselves.

Having completed the first phase of our school education, we now present ourselves for the next induction — Industry As We Know It.

Here again we find a reversal of form because our statistics show that, whereas the accident rate for temporary young Australians on the roads is very high, the accident rate for apprentices in our factory is particularly low.

This would seem to indicate that continuous safety education is essential, and our boys get this, living under the watchful eye of our Apprentice Training Foreman. In support of this, Mr. Knight quoted from an article by Arthur Denning in New York.

"... Australia's industrial safety record is possibly the world's best and the road safety record, one of the worst."

Mr. Knight asked: "Has education played its proper part? I think not. If you agree, then let us work to change it and correctly educate our young people. It will take time and patience, but I am confident it can be done."

Turning to the induction of a new starter, Mr. Knight said: "Some of our new starters have been new starters so often in so many different factories, that they can recite the employment officer's talk as well as he and so little of it sinks in.

"To win them in this safety game, you have to introduce something to capture the imagination and make people think.

"You have to convince the employee, at all stages, that the Company is determined to operate a safe plant for him to work in and this can only be accomplished by 100 per cent co-operation, both management and man. What better time to start with this education than with a new starter?"

He said the Company Employment Officer required the answers to the following questions from the work applicant: Name in full; Address; Age; Birth Certificate, sighting if in doubt about the age given; Last place of and details of previous employment; Reasons for leaving; Reasons for seeking work at this plant; Educa-

tional attainments, if any , and what he expects to do in this plant above the job now applied for.

The Employment Officer, being satisfied that the applicant was now in the category required, then proceeds to inform the new starter exactly what will be required of him as an employee of this Company.

The basic information being:

- Starting and finishing time when on day work.
- Starting and finishing time when on shift work.
- Rates of pay for day and shift work for the various positions he may be required to fill.
- Being immediately placed in a Safety Group with Mr. X as foreman.
- Name the Group Leader.
- Obey the Company's safety rules under all circumstances.

A copy of the Safety Rules is issued to all new starters and it is important that he really understands one thing . . . Safety is placed No. 1, even before production.

Mr. Knight said one major feature of the safety rules was the one governing the use or misuse of danger tags throughout the plant. He fully believed the use of Personal Safety Tags was the best insurance ever.

Mr. Knight quoted from the standard instructions issued by Southern Portland Cement on the use of the Personal Safety Tag:

"Any employee required to work on any machinery or equipment must tie a Personal Danger Tag onto the switch — not the Stop-Start Button. If there is no switch, then an electrician must be called to remove the fuses, and then the Personal Safety Tag attached to the three fuses.

"Before tying the tag, the employee must write his name, department and date on the tag, ensuring that it will be clearly understood. An employee placing a Personal Safety Tag on any switch without his name or failing to place a Personal Safety Tag on the switch shall be dismissed.

"Where there is a number of men working together, each man must place his own tag on the switch. The foreman or leading hand must

also attach an Out of Service Tag to the switch.

"It is the responsibility of the foreman or leading hand in charge to check that all employees working on a job have placed their own Personal Safety Tag on the switch.

"In the event of a piece of machinery or equipment being still under repair at the completion of a shift, all employees who have been working on the job and are leaving the job must remove their own Personal Safety Tag.

"The Out Of Service Tag must only be removed when the foreman in charge has handed the job over to the relieving foreman, who will then attach his Out of Service Tag.

"When it is necessary to start up a machine and an employee has departed from the plant without first removing his tag, he shall be sent for by the foreman who wishes to start the machine, to return to the plant to remove the tag at his own expense.

"If the employee cannot be located, the foreman must contact the foreman or leading hand who was in charge of the job, and the foreman must accept the responsibility of removing the man's tag, after he has satisfied himself that no dangerous condition exists.

"Under no circumstances must any equipment unsafe for operation be left without an Out of Service Tag attached.

"It is emphasised that any employee not complying with the foregoing instructions shall be instantly dismissed."

Mr. Knight gave the meeting an outline of protective clothing issued by the Company and when it had to be worn.

He said the new starter must at all times observe the Golden Rule of Safety, which was:

"If you see a dangerous spot or action you report it to your foreman or group leader immediately. Failing satisfaction, you will then report to the Safety Officer and finally, if you are still not satisfied you will seek a talk with the Works Manager, who will make a personal inspection, after which he will call all parties together and a final decision will be made."

He said a safety bonus was paid in the form of coupons which were used to purchase goods at the Works Store.

Mr. Knight spoke of the value of top management controlled meetings and the several films that had been made at Berrima. He showed the meeting the safety film "Things We Do".

TRAVELOGUE

Air New Zealand

By Helen Ferrier

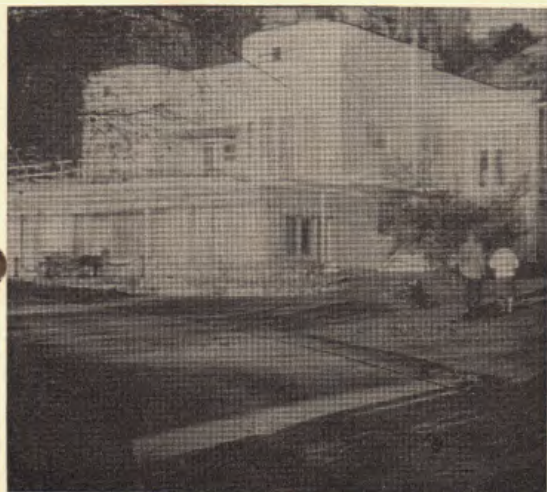
Once more the spirit of adventure and also the call of the sea, or rather I might go as far as to say the dream and the sensation of flying up into the clouds and out into the skies and the unknown.

Leaving work, I travelled to Sydney by train, where I was greeted by friends of long standing. We went straight to Mascot thinking that the best idea would be to get rid of my luggage, just as well. On arrival, I was informed that the flight had been cancelled for 24 hours. Arrangements were made for my stay at Qantas hotel, also transport provided; decided to stay with my friends instead. Nevertheless, things took a better turn and we took off the next day at 12.30 p.m. This was then only a delay of 12 hours.

Airport officials notified relatives in New Zealand I was coming in on a later flight, they really take the worry out of travelling. I landed safely in New Zealand and eager relatives were

less, he was there to greet the plane, quite an Aussie, really, having graduated from Portsea in Melbourne.

The next morning I was up and travel bound, making my way north to Palmerston with Uncle and Auntie, another Aunt was in hospital at the time, so we pushed on, stopping at Otaki for lunch, a very old and historic



A BEAUTY SPOT IN NELSON, SOUTH ISLAND.

there to greet me, had not stepped on New Zealand soil for twelve years.

My cousin had traveled all the way from "Waiouri" military camp to welcome me, only to find my flight had been delayed. Neverthe-



INTERIOR, FAMILY HOME — NELSON, NEW ZEALAND

town; it is lovely to be welcomed back by old friends and feel that with genuine friends you are really wanted, such a rare commodity today.

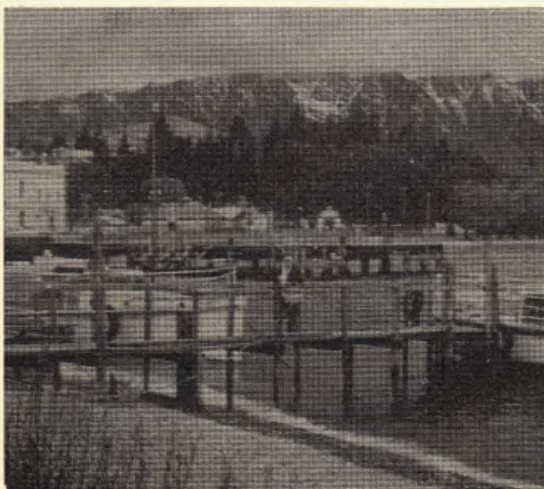
I will take you on a grand tour of the South Island, but before we step aboard the magic carpet, firstly come and see the wonders of the North Island, when you visit New Zealand you'll enjoy the friendly Maori people, intelligent, handsome and sturdy — they fit happily into the European way of life.

Maori guides in Rotorua will show you their model village, their meeting house decorated with intricately carved figures, their handsomely carved war canoes, which are housed in various museums. Almost every type of sport is available, and costs are low compared with most other countries.

If you're an angler, you'll want to catch some of the four to seven lb. rainbow or brown trout which abound in New Zealand lakes and streams; you **MUST** throw back any fish under 14 inches long. There are no fishing rights to buy — only a season's licence. If you are reasonably fit and prepared to "rough it" a bit you can shoot deer, which have become a serious pest, to your heart's content, no licence fees, no limit on bags, and an open season.

Pastoral farming is the basis of the economy, but less than one-sixth of the population works on the land, most people are engaged in manufacturing, construction, services, transport or the professions.

I have made many trips to New Zealand, toured the North Island as far as Auckland, and this trip covered a great deal of the North,



QUEENSTOWN.

my greatest adventures lay in the South Island. Several trips were made to Carterton and Masterton where I have relatives. I spent many a happy hour with them all, memories I'll always treasure for their kindness and hospitality, this journey can be made by rail or road.

The centre of the Wairarapa, the gorse growing on the hills is a sight very hard to describe, the yellow glow of glory had me spelbound at times. It was the very first thing that caught my eye on the first trip over on the old flying boats.

I visited the Tip Top ice cream factory while staying in Johnsonville, the head salesman Mr. MacDonald gave my Aunt and self a tour of the factory, found the process of making ice



CORONET PEAK FROM SKYLINE CHALET, QUEENSTOWN, N.Z.

cream very interesting, morning tea was served, the tour was very educational, also asked quite a few questions as regards the safety rules and regulations.

Safety was not taken to heart as we have here, but all care as far as possible was taken. Found they were very interested in our safety at work. One of their machines alone was valued at £35,000, so with just a small country, this organisation was very large.

Next arrangements were made with Neumans Travel Service to tour the South Island, so on a Saturday morning we caught a taxi and boarded a steamer for Picton. The trip in the "Aramoana" from Wellington through the Marlborough Sounds, was very nice, had all types of weather on this day, rain, wind and sunshine.

We were met at Picton by my cousin, stayed overnight and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The scenery around Picton is really hard to describe. The hills were magnificent, covered with gorse, the sound of an organ greeted the air, so entered a church and listened to the organist, who was very obliging and played several pieces before I left.

My Uncle and Aunt came to Picton from Nelson, Sunday being a bad day for transport, we had a lovely few hours drive from Picton to Nelson, the countryside was at its best for springtime, having their great quantities of rain helps to keep the countryside so pleasing to the eye.

Arriving at Nelson, Uncle proceeded through the town until we came to the Cathedral, which just had £150,000 spent on alterations, soon we were in Tahunanui, we had to hurry and take our colour slides before dark, this home is one of the beauty spots of Nelson.

We had a picture evening and stayed up till about 1a.m. making a recording. Travelling is tiring, but as well we had all our photo and tape recording equipment with us, because so many of my family wished to see my colour slides. Monday morning we were up early and off with Neumans making our way cross country to Christchurch. The trip from Picton to Nelson was a treat, but I think this long trip from early morning till nightfall was really



SUNSET AT SKYLINE CHALET, QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND.

the pick of the countryside, we passed many snow-capped mountains, the gullies and the gorges were really hard to describe for beauty, the Lewis Pass was something I'll always remember of great beauty and pride of place in New Zealand.

We finally arrived at Christchurch after a very long day, but a happy one, my main worry was the luggage, seemed to live my journey long before I reached the destination. Auntie Nettie was there to greet us, we caught a taxi to her home, it was really nice, reminded me of my Granny's home in the highlands of Scotland, it was so comfortable and restful after such a long drive. I could have stayed there for some time, just loved the peace and quiet. Spent a couple of days in Christchurch, had a nice evening with another cousin, gener-

ally saw as much of the town as possible, a great many bicycles are to be seen about the town, some say it is very like an English town — perhaps it is.

We were soon on the move again, this time making our way down towards Queenstown. The drive was very long, the scenery was very dull, not like the beauty from Nelson to Christchurch. Some parts of this drive were very dirty, over hot and dusty roads, at times I thought I was in the heart of Australia. We reached Queenstown at 5.30 p.m., secured a taxi and came to "Melbourne House", our home for a few days.

This place proved to me many things. Thought I had been there before, the house we stayed in was the exact design of the one I stayed in while holidaying in Fort William, Scotland, the streets and village had the same appearance, even at night the place took on a beautiful, but uncanny air — the sky lit up, was like an "apparition" or perhaps a flying saucer, if I had of been on my own I would have thought I was over tired, but having my Aunt with me ruled out the possibility that we had been taking very strong liquor, because neither of us were under the weather. Said to my Aunt, "Only one thing remains and that is to meet an Australian at "Melbourne House", then this trip will have been re-enacted again, and this," I said, "could not possibly come true." More shaken with fright than anything else, we continued up the steep hill to our room for the night, on arrival we were nearly frozen. So on went the heaters in the living room, about 10 minutes later two people entered the hall and joined us. They were very cold. Gradually the conversation drifted to Australia, and thus the Australian again, history had repeated itself, this story is true, and not a leg puller, it is an experience one would only meet in a lifetime, think the two forced landings I had many years ago were less frightening than this experience.

While in Queenstown a person can make many trips such as Mount Cook, Milford Sound, Lake Te Anau or Invercargill, which we tried to fit into our very tight schedule. I made a trip to the skippers saddle, and panned for gold, but was not very lucky. Gold was first discovered in Arrowtown about 1862. This was a boisterous place a century ago, but today it has a mellow charm that delights visitors.

The skyline chalet has a bus running several trips per day to the top. It is perched on the hillside 1,530 feet above Queenstown. The view of Lake Wakatipu from the chalet is

equal to any world wonder. It is just like over-looking Switzerland in an aircraft and you would have to be there to really appreciate such vast beauty.

I also visited Cecil Peak Station, 36,000 acres, the ground is very poor, five acres to each sheep and just over seven and a half thousand head. In the winter time, the station owner takes off in his aircraft to stop sheep in trouble, then the messages are sent back to the station by radio; then men and dogs go out on foot to the given directions. The vast heights to which they climb can only be reached by walking, the largest station in this area, 105,000 acres, the people on these properties are very homely, having the property in the family for many generations, the silver and furnishings are of a period design.

The weather was very cold while we were in Queenstown, mountains were covered with snow, slacks and very thick jumpers the main dress everywhere. While in this lovely spot I visited some lovely churches, in one I opened the door and walked to the organ, spent some time playing a few sacred songs. It was such a cold day that the peace within these walls helped us along the next few days.

One could say that two days would be sufficient, then on the other hand most people stay several days to branch off to the various centres I have mentioned. Time was moving on, so we had to leave this bonnie place and make our way back to Christchurch to board the over-night liner for Wellington.

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ENJOYABLE STAFF PARTY

The annual S.P.C. staff party at Bowral Golf Club on Thursday, November 25, was the usual happy function. The General Manager and host, Mr. J. F. McNicol, welcomed guests. Guests came from Marulan South, Wagga, Canberra, Berrima, Moss Vale, the Colliery and Sydney. A really excellent supper, generous hospitality and good music made the evening an outstanding success.

After leaving the coach, we caught a taxi to the railway for the boat train which took us right to the wharf.

We went to our cabin — very nice — but have no love for ships. We walked around the decks, then time for supper. No sleep for me this night. All through the voyage, I hoped the darn thing would sink. There was roll, roll and heave-ho — not my idea of travel, but an experience. We berthed at 7 a.m. Wellington, Uncle was waiting to greet us. We were a very tired pair this day.

This was the north and south in just over two weeks. After a few days rest, it was time to think about coming back to Aussie, so on Saturday morning, October 2, I boarded the aircraft at 8 a.m. with all parcels, etc., only to find more delays. We had engine trouble, so back we went into the lounge with only our handbags, to get a cup of coffee. Finally we took off over two hours late. I don't think anyone could have crowded any more into just three weeks.

I was so very weary. At the sight of the Harbour Bridge my eyes were full of tears. When we landed the family were there to greet me. As the years roll on, who knows where my feet will wander, hope the readers have enjoyed my travels in New Zealand, and those among you who have been perhaps revive many a happy memory. Farewell until next airways adventure.

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REACHED 300 DAYS

The record safety run at the quarry ended on 22nd November when a man went off for one shift with a sprained ankle. The figure of 300 days was reached and it was very disappointing to everyone when that fine set of figures had to be pulled down. However, the boys are determined to climb up the ladder again.

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Marulan and Berrima Apprentices have between them chalked up 1670 days without a lost time injury. Marulan have 940 and on December 4, Berrima lads reached their two year mark. Congratulations to you all and we hope that this figure will in time be doubled.

MARULAN DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORTS

Saturday, October 30 was a grand day for the children of the Marulan District Schools who held their annual picnic at Bungonia. The photographs following give some idea of the events.



WENDY MURPHY, 10, WON THE HIGH JUMP IN HER CLASS



MAX KOSCHENON AND DAUGHTERS LOUBRA AND VERONICA — BOTH PRIZE-WINNERS.

BUNGONIA PICNIC SETTING



KEITH GRAHAM ASSISTED WITH THE PROGRAMME



**GRAHAM COSGROVE, A DISTANCE WINNER DESPITE RECOVERY
FROM A FRACTURED COLLAR BONE**

DRY AT MT. ISA

Graham Waghorn, formerly employed as an engineer at Berrima and Marulan South, in a letter to the Editor from Mt. Isa, says dry conditions there have been unpleasant.

He adds: "The job at the copper refinery is still going very well. The Mt. Isa strike has been over six months or more and the way the blister copper is coming in from Mt. Isa, you would think that there never was a strike.

"Production at Mt. Isa has increased by about 10 to 15 per cent on pre-strike figures

and as they move further along the valley the ore becomes richer. From this the future seems bright.

"The expansion programme at the copper refinery has been under way for about three months. A new laboratory is nearly finished and Frankipile are driving piles for the casting house extension, which should take about 18 months to complete."

Graham said he would be south in about a year and would call on old friends.

Our Retired Folk

THE SNOW AND THE SOCCER

We are sure that the tinkling of the snow-bells must revive some memories in the mind of Tom Sharkey, who retired at the end of April.

The juxtaposition may ask for question marks. Tom was born in England and spent most of his life in this country, although he was always closely associated by his affection for soccer and ballroom dancing.

And the snow? Well, Tom always had an affection for the sun-burned country of his adoption and the lovely white cliffs of Dover, a sight which no one could possibly forget. It's an awe-inspiring sight for the person who has not been there — but a sight which clings to you once you have sighted it. It seems to belong to you and with that reaction you seem to belong to it.

Tom worked at Marulan South for many more than 30 years and for the latter part of his career he was on the staff as despatch clerk — which meant, in effect, that he saw many million tons of the best limestone in the world — and this was proved at 1895 World Exhibition in Paris — (we are not suggesting that Tom was there!)

Not very long and Christmas will soon be with us; we usually associate this time of the year with family reunion, and sometimes just eat, drink and be merry. To me, this time of the year is more than just these few items, it is the closing of another year and a new adven-

ture lies ahead for all. We have to start with a new dawn, not just a goodwill and a merry Christmas at the end of the year, but a feeling of goodwill towards all throughout the entire year.

Tom and Mrs. Sharkey were champion ballroom dancers and won the waltzing championships at the Goulburn Lilac Time six times. As one of the top dancers and teachers in N.S.W., Miss Olga Reardon said, they trilled over the keys of Chopin, Strauss and they even trifled with the moods of Mendellsohn. They floated around the ballroom like two feathers, always conscious of the mood of the orchestra and of the beauty of ballroom dancing.

Tom played soccer for some years after most of the top exponents of that excellent game felt too old. It was some sort of an affection he had for his particular team in England . . . Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool or any of the First Division teams.

Now, after so many years, Tom is just pottering around, helping here and there in the garden, although Tom wasn't a keen gardener, taking an odd little friend to school; thinking of his son, Tom, a scientist, in Sydney, and his daughter, Betty, also in Sydney.

Perhaps, some day Tom and Mrs. Sharkey, a Marulan girl, will take a trip to Tom's country, and they will both be happy to return to Melba's country to spend the rest of their days in retirement in Marulan.

BELIEF IN SANTA

I have always believed in Santa Claus, and I always shall. I remember quite vividly how shattered I was when Friends told me that he was only a myth, and that it was really my mother and father who put the toys in my stocking. It took me a few years to learn to believe in him all over again — not as a living old gentleman with a white beard, but as a spirit of love and goodwill and understanding — an all-pervading atmosphere of peace and forgiveness, incorporated in that colourful personality with the red cloak and the sack of love offerings!

I shall go on believing in Santa Claus! Please

let him be the excuse for remembering old friends. Now's the time to forgive, to be happy, to mend broken friendships, and resurrect lost ideals.

The days of large mantel shelves and sideboards are over so our Christmas cards get put in a pile. Such a shame, as they are very pretty and decorative. Why not decorate the room with your cards. Trim the boughs of greenery with cards and ornaments. Pin on the curtains. Dangle them on the bookcase. String them like decorations, hanging them on a cotton thread from wall to wall. All these will help to give a Christmas spirit to the room.

PICNIC AT MOSS VALE

The annual picnic at the Moss Vale Show-ground on November 28 was an outstanding success, despite the cold, windy day.

Fred Bonnar kept the programme moving, while Mr. Knight welcome those present. Star attraction was the arrival of Santa Claus, who was surrounded by children, parents and friends.

Results of the events were:

Rolling Pin Toss: Mrs. Austin 1, Mrs. Moore 2, Mrs. Parmenter 3.

General Manager's Trophy: Flat race over 40 years, 40 yards — Jim Mitchell 1, J. Waide 2, B. Elliott 3.

Flat Race, 26 to 39 years, 50 yards: D. Steatham 1, G. Rowley 2, M. Clarke 3.

Flat Race, 25 years and under, 85 yards: B. Fletcher 1, J. Snowden 2, T. Pratt 3.

Relay Race, 85 yards, 4-man team: Stock House 1, Machine Shop 2, Marulan 3.

Tug-of-War: Machine Shop 1, Stock House 2, Marulan 3.

100 Yards, Boys 13-15: W. Killian 1, T. Austin 2, J. Fenny 3.

100 Yards, Girls: 13-15: R. Borek 1, J. Smith 2, T. Peskgo 3.

75 Yards, Boys, 11-12: R. Tanas 1, W. Scott 2, S. Furphy 3.

75 Yards, Girls, 11-12: C. Coupe 1, K. Scott 2, Z. Peskgo 3.

50 Yards, Boys, 8-10: G. Garbutt 1, D. Stephen 2, J. Peskgo 3.

50 Yards, Girls, 8-10: S. Austin 1, S. Laird 2, J. Chalker 3.

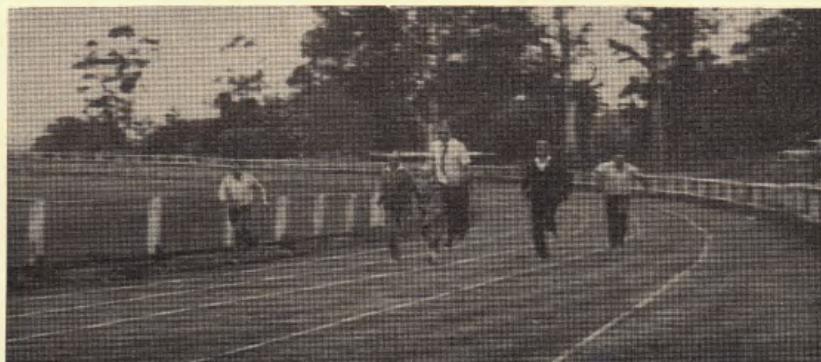
50 Yards, Girls, 5-7: J. Stevens 1, J. Toras 2, D. Magnus 3.

50 Yards, Boys, 5-7: D. Austin 1, W. Board 2, D. Eddy 3.

25 Yards, Boys and Girls, 4 and under: Z. Adam 1, K. Coupe 2, J. Fenney 3.



A HE-MAN'S SPORT, THE TUG-O-WAR WAS KEENLY CONTESTED BY SEVERAL TEAMS. THIS IS THE MARULAN TEAM, CLIFF SHEPHERD, GEORGE ROWLEY, BARNEY EDDY AND KEITH GRAHAM.



JIM MITCHELL WAS IN GOOD FORM TO WIN THE 40-AND-OVER FOOT RACE

Santa Arrives To Crowd



A SECTION OF THE CROWD WATCHING THE EVENTS.
ALTHOUGH THE DAY WAS COLD A LARGE CROWD ATTENDED



BRIAN FLETCHER SHOWED A SMART TURN OF SPEED TO WIN
THE 85 YARD RACE



TRUE TO TRADITION, SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED DURING THE
AFTERNOON AND WAS QUICKLY SURROUNDED BY YOUNG AND
NOT SO YOUNG

"Train" big Attraction



THE TRAIN WAS A POPULAR ATTRACTION AND KEPT GOING THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON



THE TINIES' RACE WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR OF AHE AFTERNOON. CHEERS FROM THE CROWD SPURRED THE LITTLE ONES ON.

Homelovers' Corner

I leave you this season with every good cheer, a happy Christmas, a very bright and prosperous new year to you all.

Perhaps these little novelties will help at the festive season:

BUTTERFLY SWEET CONTAINER

Gather two pieces of cellophane roughly 6 x 12 inches, and arrange each side of a cardboard sweets' cup (bought at any chain store). Catch in place with cello tape. Cover two feelers with brown crepe paper and place in position and stick in place. Trim the butterfly shape to desired appearance.

SERViette DECORATION

Gather a strip of cellophane, wide enough to

spray out, right down the centre. Fasten the two ends with cello tape. Alternate colours or rainbow colours look very glowing for a Christmas Party.

FLOWER CIGARETTE NOVELTY

Roll the required amount of cigarettes in coloured cellophane securely and cello tape together. Gather two contrasting pieces of cellophane, one large one small. Place the larger one to back of cigarettes and the smaller to the front. Make a stand of wire covered again with contrast crepe or cellophane paper and attach the "flower" to same. Place these at intervals down the table, a very novel way of passing the cigarettes.

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Strange but true — Blacksmith Noel Newman (Quarry) was grinding a piece of metal. He felt a sting on his leg and found a box of matches alight in his pocket. We think a hot particle of metal from the grinder flew into his pocket and ignited the matches. He suffered a small burn on the leg.

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The gale at the quarry last month was so strong that it blew pieces of limestone from the loading bin chutes and smashed two windows at the weighbridge. Trees were uprooted and sheds in the district blown down.

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Tallong residents are delighted that an all-weather bridge is to be built at Barber's Creek, between Marulan and Tallong. The emergency bridge was burnt in the March bushfires and with heavy rain the present causeway is not capable of remaining all-weather. Many quarry workers have been blocked in the past unless they returned via Wingello and travelled along the highway.

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Tony Kirk's pet fox terrier recently died of a snake bite. He was "the man about the house" as most pets are. Tony wrote away for another pup, but when the breeder replied that he had a well-bred puppy available "very fond of our two little boys", Tony hadn't the heart to deprive the youngsters of their pet and decided to leave it there.

Mr. Selby Guymer, an old identity of the Marulan district, recalls that when he worked in the limestone industry half a century and more ago, he used a wheel barrow to tip the stone into the lime burning kilns. Stone was gouged out from the quarry face under the most primitive conditions. The burnt limestone was carted away in drays and horse lorries. Mr. Guymer one day came to see the Cat. 988 endloaders lifting around five tons each scoop. He said he wouldn't like to go back to the barrows after seeing the Endloaders at work.

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My friend and district historian Stuart Hume, who conducts a dairy farm in Goulburn, has taken time off for a holiday in Tasmania. With Mrs. Hume, he hopes to bring back some impressions for readers of the Newsletter.

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Production Superintendent Mr. Lloyd Veale, and Chief Engineer, Mr. Jim Mitchell, had a most interesting global tour, taking in the U.K., some of Europe, the U.S., and Canada. They have promised our readers some of their impressions after they've finished the important task of writing reports for the Management.

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We all know the wisdom of wearing safety footwear while at work. But from a reader comes a pleasing note that they have been found useful by a local farmer when working with sheep. He says he is no longer afraid of being injured by the sharp toes of the sheep. The steel toe caps give him the protection he has so often wanted.

Personal Pars

Heard on the Grapevine

MARULAN JOTTINGS

Ian Cluney gained high marks in the yearly examination at the Territories School of Administration in Sydney. He gained fifth place among 270 students. At the end of next year he will be appointed to a position in the Territories north of Australia.

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The holiday season is with us again. Among those away — and the destinations read like a Cook's Travel brochure — are Bert Barnfield, Alex Nekrasius, Drago Lorkovic, Joe Kopec, Jack Read, Harold Ibbotson. Others to go in a week or so are Martin Vinkovic, Noel Steffensen, Stan Kopec, Stan Murphy, Geoff Bell, Tex Cooper, Kevin Bailey, Bill Kay, Peter Knowles, Dick Bryant, Cliff Clack, Barry Barnfield, Mick Pidgeon, Joe Blackmore, Ray and Bill McCallum, Angus Murphy and Wayne Percival.

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Jim Galloway hopes to find more stones to polish when caravanning through Victoria in December and January.

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Col Hoare is back again after another sick spell. We hope his wife also is feeling better after a stay in hospital.

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Marulan apprentices did well at the annual Rifle Club dinner. John Beaumont won six trophies during the year, and Dick Bryant four. Painter Barry Barnfield collected 12; the youngest member of the club, Ross Pearson, won four.

Stan Bell says there are more tiger snakes than fish in the creeks around Crookwell.

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Bert Barnfield and Stan Croker won the two Housing Commission houses in Marulan in a recent ballot. Bert had lived at Tallong for some years, Stan in Marulan.

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Congratulations to Eddie Cooper and Jeanette Pole, who have announced their engagement. Eddie is a fitter with the quarry maintenance crew and Jeanette a nurse at the Goulburn Base Hospital.

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Fred Galowenko was promoted to fitter in November. Born in Russia and trained as an engineer before the war, he worked on several major projects before coming to Australia.

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Work has started on Greg Cooper's new home at Marulan South.

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Congratulations to Lorraine Bell and Tony Madden, who have announced their engagement. Lorraine is the only daughter of Stan and Mrs. Bell.

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Tenders have been called for the construction of the Marulan South Bowling Clubhouse and will close on 22nd December. The committee hopes that the building will be completed before the winter. Seed was sown im-

mediately before the strong winds last month, the result being that the growth was patchy. New seed was sown early in December and it is expected that the result will be satisfactory.

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"Blackie" Eirth, a brother of Euclid driver, Russell, has been selected to play against the M.C.C. at Albury. "Blackie" coaches a teenage team at North Albury. He is a grandson of the late Mr. George Eirth of Wingello, who was a well-known cricketer some years ago.

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—BERRIMA JOTTINGS

We welcome Bill Gale, who has been appointed production engineer. He spent a couple of weeks at the quarry studying production methods and something about the plant. He graduated B.Sc., B.E., at Sydney University, and worked at Kandos Cement Company, and later the consulting engineers, McLellan and Partners. He is an all-round sportsman, but now confines this to golf and tennis. Bill is married with two daughters, nine and eight years.

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Safety Officer Les Humphries attended the B.H.P. Interworks Safety Conference at Port Kembla during November.

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We are pleased to see Bill Saker around again after a short spell of sickness.

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New starter to the typists' pool is Jenny Marshall, daughter of Jim, our spare parts controller. Welcome to the office, Jenny.

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Ted Ward selected Surfer's Paradise for his annual holidays. Your friends wish you a happy time. By the way, we hear that Appy van der Molen knows his way around the Gold Coast.

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We are pleased to see Joan Thorpe back at the office after a few days on the sick list with a throat infection.

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A letter to the Editor from Len Howe thanks everyone for their kindness during his recent illness. Unfortunately, Len had to retire earlier than expected because of ill health. We all join in wishing him well and trust that he will enjoy a happy and peaceful retirement. He especially thanked the Sick and Accident Fund Committee.

Wollongong manager of Greendale Engineering, John Calcroft, entertained several S.P.C. men at the annual get-together at Cragieburn on December 1. They were Jim Galloway (Quarry), John Medland, David McLaren, Lew Wilson, Jack Goode.

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Terry Saker has been busy recruiting men for his C.M.F. platoon at Moss Vale. He is anxious to hear from any young man interested in joining "the colours".

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Myles Creswick and Lynette Collins, of Exeter, were married at Moss Vale on December 3. They will make their home in Bowral.

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COLLIERY JOTTINGS

Congratulations to Max Thorpe and Jack King, who were recently sworn in as Justices of the Peace by Mr. Justice Fitzpatrick at the Moss Vale Courthouse.

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Congratulations to Graham McDonald's wife and the Sid Talbert's stepdaughter, Nerelle Jones, on passing their nursing sisters' examination.

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Tom Chapman's wife had a nasty experience while driving to work in the heavy wind late last month. The wind blew a large tree over, which crashed on the front of her car. She was knocked unconscious and cut by glass from the windscreen. She spent a day at home suffering the effects of shock.

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Congratulations to Merv and Mrs. Brittle on the arrival of a daughter, Linda; and to John and Mrs. French on the arrival of a son.



MARULAN

Cycling:

Ray McCallum gained two seconds and a third at the Queanbeyan Floral Festival Cycling Carnival on November 7. His brother Don was placed third, fourth and fifth in other events, while Ian Gutzke, their cousin — he's only nine — did well to gain a fourth, fifth and a sixth.

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BERRIMA

Cricket:

Teams from S.P.C. Berrima, led by Tom Waide (No. 1 Machine Shop) and C. Moore (No. 2 Electrical Shop) recently enjoyed a game on the local works oval. No. 1 team scored 125 and four for 55, while No. 2 team scored 129 and none for 58. For No. 1 team Tom Waide scored 46 runs, Ian Gilby 48 and Terry Snowden 16. D. Cheetham took five wickets for 12 runs. For No. 2 team, scorers

were: C. Moore 50 not out, I. Mackey 39, B. Mulready 10 and D. Cheetham 12. In the second innings, C. Moore knocked up 38 out and D. Cheetham 20 not out. Star bowler was L. Adams with five wickets for 20. No. 2 team won outright.

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Golf:

S.P.C. golfers at Moss Vale have not been on the winning list this last month, although Frank Chalker and Bert McIntosh managed to finish first and second in the nine hole competition, which is part of the main event. S.P.C. golfers went to the Grange at Dapto for the B.H.P. Social Golf Day. Kevin Howard revealed some of his form when he won the runner-up trophy with 34 points. The others who went, while not in the prize-winning list, enjoyed the day on a new course.

Welfare Notes

By Fred Bonnar

May I, on behalf of your committee, take this opportunity of wishing all members, and members to be, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthful New Year.

To those who are on the extended sick list, Les Heyhorn, Mick Djuric, Ron Stafford, we wish them a speedy return to health and work.

It is good to see Cec Warner back with his cheery grin and, although not a member, Norm Edmonson, of the general office, back at his desk. We wish both all the best.

We are sorry to hear that Len Howe, senior, has had to resign from the company owing to ill health. He suffered a stroke about six months ago. Len joined the company in 1942

and had hoped to retire at 65 in about three years. We can assure you, Len, that you will be long remembered by your workmates. They will not forget that cheerful disposition which you showed in the face of adversity. We all join in hoping that you will recover sufficiently to enjoy your retirement, together with your wife, who has also had a hard time following an accident some time ago.

Len has written to the Editor thanking the Sick and Accident Fund Committee for their help.

Each month it is hoped to submit a report of Welfare within the company. Any items of news would be appreciated by the writer.

Fishing Notes

By RUS GREAVES



Fishing generally seems to have improved somewhat, but I haven't received news of any good bags from the plant.

There are reports of good bags of niggers in the canal. As a matter of fact, I think this area is particularly rewarding as far as nigger fishing goes. A friend of mine can generally boast a good bag at all times of the year. Some bream and flathead have also been reported from the Greenwell Point area.

According to another friend, who has been catching a few good whiting in Botany Bay, good bags of flounder may be had there at any time. Providing the industrial waste is kept down, this should be a good area, especially when deepened.

On visiting the north coast recently, I was appalled by the loss of fish by seaweed suffocation. Of course, this indicates at the outset that there are still fish about in some quantity. The weed I refer to is flakey, and was noticed at various points between Port Macquarie and Coff's Harbour.

Apparently, at certain times of the year, the severe current rips this weed off the reefs in large quantities. Unfortunately, the weed-laden water flows into the various estuaries and suffocates the fish, where they wash up with the next tide. The weed itself accumulates in large lumps along the tide mark and "smells" is an understatement.

Fortunately, a few weedless patches appeared from time to time during my holiday and I was able to boost some very nice blue nose whiting, together with some more mediocre ones. Also, some nice bream. The king hit was landing a 4 lb. bream on a 6 lb. line in a rough surf on a one-handed rod. I still have him in the fridge. It's a shame to eat such a good fish. Not a record, of course, as that weight is in the vicinity of 6½ lbs.

Prawns are very scarce, but pippies and worms are plentiful. Each year one has to go farther round the beach for bait, so I should say that eventually one will have to resort to garlic sausage!

Apart from the 70-mile-an-hour winds, which were sometimes from the north and sometimes from the south, I caught my share of fish, but not, definitely, in large quantities.

I would like to mention that, if anyone has a bag to report, or any interesting fishing experiences, I would be glad to incorporate them in later fishing notes.

The Lighter Side of Life

A clerk at one of the Government offices in Sydney sat at the table after breakfast one morning, engrossed in the newspaper for more than an hour. Finally, he asked for another cup of coffee. "Coffee," echoed his wife, "but look at the time. Aren't you going to the office today?"

"Office," exclaimed the startled man. "Heavens, I thought I was at the office."

The recent drought has brought many tales forward. From a shearer comes this one. Two dogs were hiking between Mossiel and Booligal in the Riverina. They were approaching the One Tree Plain. One of them looked around anxiously to his mate and said: "I hope our luck stays with us and the drought and winds haven't blown down that last one tree."

Another tells of, in the far away spaces, a couple lived in their humble homestead with little conveniences. The husband had brought the milk in and put the bucket on the floor. The pet cat hopped on the side of the bucket and slipped in. Milk being scarce, the lady of the house pulled the cat out by the neck, slipped her hand down the animal's back to drench the milk to the bucket and scolded the cat for intruding.

A teacher was discussing with her small class the importance of being in school every day. One small girl said proudly: "I never missed a day from school until I had bronco pneumonia."

A stockman, who had been away from the bright lights for a couple of months, called into a barber at Yass for a hair-cut. He was proud of his jet black curly hair. The barber teased him: "I bet if I cut off this fine hair really close, your friends would not recognise you." "You might be right," replied the stockman, "and I bet your friends wouldn't recognise you either if you did."

A woman complained about her visits to see a specialist: "All he does is make appointments for me to see a specialist. Is this fellow a doctor, or just a booking agent?"

"Since one of the vice-presidents died," the junior clerk told his boss, "do you think I could take his place?"

"It's okay with me," said the boss, "if you can arrange it with the undertaker."

A true music lover is a man who upon hearing a soprano in the shower, puts his ear to the key-hole.



We offer our congratulations to Marcia and her husband Herb Moule, who were married in Moss Vale on November 20. Marcia worked in the main office for some time and was on the switch. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Middleton, of New Berrima.

N.R.M.A. Notes

CAR CHECK BEFORE TOURING

Motorists preparing for summer holidays or tours would be wise to include a vehicle safety check in their plans, the N.R.M.A.'s Chief Engineer (Mr. W. Gaffney) said.

"The holiday-maker generally subjects his car to greater than normal stresses, such as heavier loads, longer distances and higher speeds," Mr. Gaffney said.

"And under these conditions any weaknesses in the safety components suddenly could show up."

The parts to check were the foot and hand brake, steering, suspension, exhaust system, lights and tyres. The driver with technical knowledge possibly could check these components himself, but for the non-technical member the N.R.M.A. offered a low cost safety check.

For a fee of £2, an N.R.M.A. engineer would inspect and report on all aspects of vehicle safety.

A brief road test completed the inspection, and a written report was issued detailing the likely trouble spots.

Mr. Gaffney said this type of safety check was carried out at the N.R.M.A.'s Pyrmont Inspection Station and at all metropolitan branch offices. Appointments could be arranged by telephoning 2 0272, extension 336.

The safety check was not intended to take the place of the more detailed Buyer's Report or Owner's Report inspections (fee £4) or the complete mechanical inspection (fee £6), but was designed to offer low-cost assurance of vehicle safety.

"N.R.M.A. members are strongly advised to take advantage of the Technical Department's services so that they may make a positive contribution to the reduction of road accidents by ensuring that their vehicles are perfectly safe—especially on the crowded holiday roads," Mr. Gaffney said.

VALUE OF THE THERMOSTAT

How important is the thermostat to a petrol engine? The vital need of this small and uncomplicated device recently was demonstrated during one of the recent new car road tests for "The Open Road".

In this instance the thermostat either was faulty or had not been fitted at all.

At no time during the test did the operating temperature of the cooling water rise above 140 degrees Fahrenheit, and the effect of this was evident in spasmodic performance in the warm-up period.

General performance in the cold weather which prevailed was not up to normal standards; fuel economy was below expectations and the interior heater provided only limited warmth for the car's occupants.

N.R.M.A. engineers say other more costly side-effects of sub-normal operating temperatures are increased cylinder bore and piston wear, to say nothing of ring wear and the contamination and dilution of crankcase oil.

Some people have the impression that a thermostat is necessary in only cold climates. This is not true, for like the correct operation of the equally important exhaust manifold heat control valve when fitted, the efficient action of the thermostat is required at all times.

PITFALLS IN A "U" TURN

In many countries it's illegal to make a "U" turn. This obviously is in recognition of the fact that the making of a "U" turn is fraught with danger for other road users.

The N.R.M.A. Legal Department says it has always been the position in New South Wales that a heavy onus rests on the driver who makes such a turn, for where a collision occurs in these circumstances it is still more than likely that the turning driver will receive a summons for negligent driving.

In 1963, the motor traffic regulations were amended to make specific provisions for "U" turns, but it seems that many drivers still are not aware of what these provisions are.

For instance, a driver cannot make a "U" turn across separation lines or unbroken lines marked on the roadway; nor can he make a "U" turn at an intersection controlled by traffic lights, or where a notice specifically prohibits them.

Also, drivers about to make a turn, or in fact in the process of making a turn, must stop if there is any danger of collision or any likelihood of interference with the free movement of traffic. He can make or continue the turn as soon as he can do so with safety and without causing interference to others.

ON THE JOB



BERRIMA

FRED BONNAR.

FRED WAS ELECTRICAL FOREMAN FOR MANY YEARS. NOWDAYS MOST OF HIS TIME IS TAKEN UP AS WELFARE OFFICER. HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE SICK AND ACCIDENT FUND AND A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE S.P.C. CREDIT UNION.

FRED IS ALSO A VERY KEEN BOWLER.



BILL SAKER

BILL STARTED AT S.P.C. IN 1929 AND MANY YEARS OF THIS TIME HE WAS MAINTENANCE FOREMAN. HE NOW IS APPRENTICE TRAINING FOREMAN.

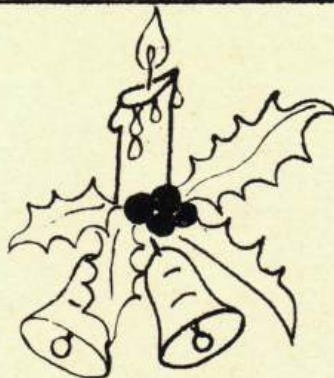
BILL RETIRES IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

HE LOVES HUNTING AND OFTEN TAKES HUNTING TRIPS TO WESTERN N.S.W.

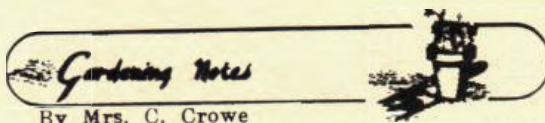


MARK JONES

MARK HAS BEEN WITH S.P.C. FOR MANY YEARS, AND LOOKS AFTER DESPATCHES. HE IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS KEEN SENSE OF HUMOUR. MARK ALSO RETIRES NEXT YEAR, AFTER A JOB WELL DONE.



Merry Christmas
From
The boys at the quarry



for December

SOW: Amaranthus, Aster, Balsam, Celosia, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Marigold, Stock, Pansy, Phlox, Primula, Wallflower.

PLANT: Gladioli for Autumn flowering, Antirrhinum, Aster, Varnation, Aster, Carnation, Delphinium, Marigold, Petunia, Zinnia.

VEGETABLES—

SOW: Beetroot, French Beans, Butter Beans, Runner Beans, Carrot, Parsnip, Spinach, Sweet Corn, Swede Turnip, White Turnip, Peas, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Celery, Kohlrabi, Tomato, Cucumber, Melon, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish.

PLANT: Eschalot, Lettuce, Spinach, Potato, Tomato.

The fierce winds which we have experienced during the past three weeks have wrought havoc amongst trees and shrubs and dried off the top layer of soil very rapidly.

Make a tour of the garden, armed with the secateurs and pruning saw, and carefully trim back any bent or broken branches, being certain to make clean cuts. Any large cuts can be painted with Grafting Wax, thick Bordeaux past or ordinary lead paint, to prevent fungi entering the stems and trunks.

Check the stakes and ties on plants and shrubs to see that they are not rubbing the stems and tighten if necessary.

Water all plants in the evening now, so that the roots gain maximum benefit during the cooler hours of the night.

If you have not planted out Dahlia and Chrysanthemums, place them in position immediately, being sure that they are kept well watered.

Keep down the weeds by constantly hoeing between plants, and set baits for slugs and snails.

Green caterpillars are again busy eating the cypress hedges, so spray with Arsenate of Lead or "Buggeta" to control these.

If you are going away during the holiday period, mulch around any plants which are surface-rooters, such as Azaleas, Rhododendrons, etc., so that the ground does not dry out during hot Summer days.

A Very Happy Christmas to All!!!

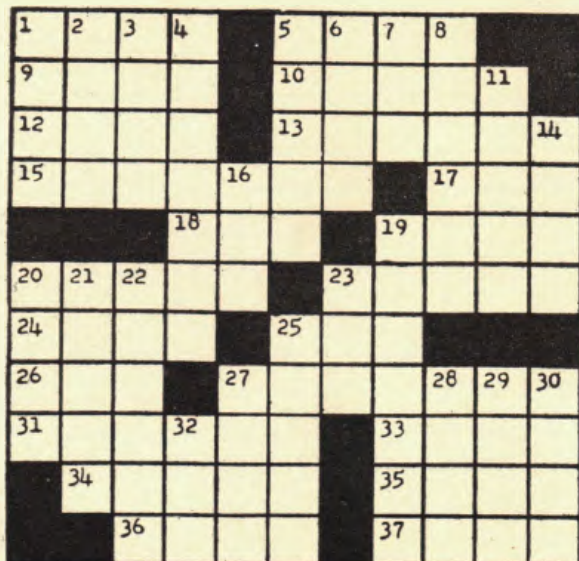
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PROBLEM WINNER

Mrs. M. Shepherd, Marulan South, was the winner of Problem No. 81. Her name was drawn from many who submitted correct entries.

ACROSS

- 1 Baby's bed
- 5 Hymn or carol
- 9 Gentlewoman
- 10 Keep away from
- 12 Region
- 13 Account book
- 15 Wander idly
- 17 African antelope
- 18 Water barrier
- 19 Skidded
- 20 Favorite pastime
- 23 Topic
- 24 Absent
- 25 Jalopy, e.g.
- 26 Roadhouse
- 27 Reasonable
- 31 Ransom
- 33 Weathercock



- 34 Wash out suds
- 35 Man's name
- 36 Examination
- 37 Loaned

DOWN

- 1 Chowder item
- 2 Hard to find
- 3 Thought
- 4 After a while
(3 wds.)
- 5 Capital of Oregon
- 6 Above
- 7 Incline the head
- 8 Titter
- 11 Overalls fabric
- 14 Impolite
- 17 24 hours
- 19 Wither
- 20 Head covering
- 21 Proprietor
- 22 Robber
- 23 Children's game