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Editorial

THERE'S DANGER IN THE HOME

While there has been much emphasis on safety at work, some aspects of safety in the home have been overlooked. The wide use of electricity in the home, both indoors and outdoors, has created an easier and more convenient way of life for families.

In addition to its work saving qualities, availability and convenience, electricity can be easily mishandled or misused in the home through carelessness or lack of knowledge. When not used according to a few simple safety rules, electricity can cause death and injury or start fires.

The primary types of accidents related to this source of power are electric shock, burns, and home fires caused by faulty electrical equipment or wiring. The potential for accidents is always present as electricity is such an integral part of our homes and our way of living.

Moreover, the number of electrical appliances in the home has increased dramatically over the past few years and more than likely will continue to do so.

The rules are simple enough to follow — manufacturers are careful to append full instructions to their electrical products. So let this year — 1970 — be a safe year, both at work and at home.

THE EDITOR.

New Stone Record At Marulan Quarry

There was a record production of limestone at the Marulan quarry in 1969, with an output of 1,600,933 tons, while total amount of mullock shifted was 611,328 tons.

The following figures give some idea of the amount of limestone and mullock moved in the last five years:

	Limestone	Mullock
1965 - - - -	1,566,382	2,143,337
1966 - - - -	1,525,145	1,271,784
1967 - - - -	1,566,678	1,354,930
1968 - - - -	1,519,417	1,484,867
1969 - - - -	1,600,933	611,328

When the quarry was opened under the present management in 1929, the output for that year was 82,152 tons.

A total of 25,159,601 tons of limestone and 13,562,225 tons of mullock have been moved since the quarry was opened.

The large increase has been brought about by scientific development, the use of the most modern machinery and, of course, the demand for limestone by the steelworks at Port Kembla, Newcastle and other undertakings, and more lately the lime burning kiln.

It has been estimated that production will have to be increased considerably within the next couple of years to meet the demands of industry.

The Calcimatic Lime Burning Kiln and Hydration Plant went on production in June, 1968, and the following figures give some idea of the capacity of these units:

	Burnt Lime	Hyd. Lime
1968 (June-Dec.)	41,259 tons	13,925 tons
1969 - - - -	86,236 tons	51,859 tons

NEW LAB FOR BERRIMA

A new, modern laboratory to cost \$319,000 will be built at the Berrima Plant this year. Tenders are expected to be called towards the end of March and work will commence as soon as possible. It should be ready for use in 1971.

It will be built on the vacant land facing No. 5 Kiln and will replace the present laboratory, which is far too small and incapable of housing modern equipment required.

The new building will be 100 feet by 72 feet (twice as big as the present laboratory), air conditioned with an unusual design.

The external walls will be pre-cast panels with a close tension concrete roof and a sunhood type of construction. The building has been designed to have a second floor added at a later date.

Space will be provided in the basement for equipment and materials.

The Research Section, which is now operating in the Works Office, will be moved to the new laboratory.

The situation near No. 5 Kiln — and close to No. 4 — will mean greater accessibility to materials for testing.

SISTER LEWIS RETIRES

One of the best-known and, perhaps, most esteemed nursing sisters at Bowral District Hospital, Sister Lewis, retired in December after devoting a great deal of her life to her profession.

She commenced as a trainee in 1931 at Little Bromwich Fever Hospital (England) where there were 750 beds and where all types of infectious cases were treated.

She recalls that the standard treatment for pneumonia was half an ounce of brandy with sugar and water every hour.

Hours of duty were from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., wages were 10/- per week, with no shift allowance or benefits. Besides nursing, the girls scrubbed the floors.

After three years and graduating R.F.N., she went to Withington General Hospital for three years and graduated S.R.N.

In 1938, Sister Lewis left England for Nigeria as a missionary nursing sister. It was here she came into contact with all kinds of diseases, including leprosy and yellow fever. She also did maternity work and established schools — all for the sum of the equivalent of \$4.00 per month, but with the deep satisfaction of knowing she was assisting her fellow human beings.

It was there she met Joe, her husband (one of the S.P.C. Loco drivers), and they returned to England. During the war years she raised a family of five children.

In 1952, the Lewis family decided to come to Australia. Joe left six months ahead of the rest of the family to make a survey and establish a "beachhead."

When the family grew up, Sister Lewis went back to nursing full-time at the Bowral District Hospital. During her career there she had come in contact with an estimated 90 per cent of people associated with the Berrima Plant.

She made many friends while at Bowral Hospital, among the medical profession and with people from all walks of life.



THEY'VE FINISHED THEIR TERMS

The years seem to flash by once a person passes the 40 or so mark. But to apprentices, perhaps, the time drags a little while they are doing their courses. In January, nine of our boys, who started in 1965, will finish their apprenticeships.

They are from Berrima: Electrical, Noel North and Tom Jones; Fitting and Turning: Ken Bell, Kerry Jervis and Geoff Marshall; Carpentry: John Bisiker.

From Marulan, Electrical: Rus Thompson; Fitting and Machining: Peter Knowles and Dick Bryant.

There'll be a few more in February.

JOIN THE PICNIC FUND!

President of the S.P.C. Entertainment Fund, Bill Strong, has made some comments on the history of the annual picnic.

The 1969 annual picnic organised by the S.P.C. Entertainment Fund was regarded by the Committee, former committeemen and the 800 who attended, as perhaps, the best yet held.

The first picnic was held in December, 1957, when a small group of men, with the assistance of the management, decided that it would be a worthwhile gesture if such a function could be held for the benefit of children of employees of S.P.C. Ltd.

Since then, new features have been added each year and with more support and membership, the additional income has meant the annual picnic has progressed each year to bigger and brighter entertainment.

The train — "Little Toot" — during the past few years has been popular at the picnic and has been hired out to organisations in several parts of the district. Then came the Merry-go-round, built by voluntary labour, which never fails to spin without a capacity load of children.

Latest addition was the purchase of two Unicraft Trainer Cars with the idea of teaching children the rudiments of driving a vehicle. These will not only be confined for picnic purposes, but will be available for tuition for selected groups.

The expense of running a picnic is not small. For example, this year, presents cost the committee something like \$900. Catering, drinks and other costs have also to be taken into account.

The cost of becoming a member is small — 15 cents a week — which can be deducted from your fortnightly pay. This entitles a member, his wife and family to an excellent day out, with worthwhile presents for each child, sporting events, a tasty lunch, drinks, ice cream and whatever else the committee comes up with.

Membership forms are obtainable from Barney Creswick (Hon. Secretary), Kevin Moore (Hon. Treasurer) at Berrima, or Ashley Cooper at the Marulan Quarry. The new year starts on January 1, so if you are not already a member — JOIN UP NOW!

LIMERICK PRIZE TO NEW BERRIMA

Mrs. Jack Dickson, of New Berrima, was the winner of the December Safety Limerick competition. She won \$5.00 with the final line: "Now on safety first, he's like the town crier."

Second prize was awarded to Mrs. Eileen Cosgrove, of Marulan South. She won \$3.00 with her line: "Further warnings he'll never require."

Mrs. Bruce Burgess, of Hume Highway, Bowral, won third prize of \$2.00, with the line: "And proved the boss was no liar."

During the past three and a half years, the safety limerick competition has proved popular. Apart from exercising the mind along safety lines, there is always the odd dollar or so to be won.

With the warm weather here, try your skill with the limerick below.

OVERDONE

Jimmy tried, in a rush, to get tanned,

But he sunned, 'till it got out of hand.

Now he's red as a beet,

From his head to his feet



● Recently, the Berrima Apprentice Safety Group passed the six-year mark without a disabling injury. Photo shows some of the boys with Apprentice Training Foreman, Ern Radnidge on the right.

New Job for Bill Poland

Leading Hand Fitter Bill Poland has been promoted to the staff position of Job Analyst.

His duties will include investigating methods in carrying out maintenance repair work in the most efficient manner.

Bill started his apprenticeship with S.P.C. Ltd., in 1958 and was promoted to leading hand some three years ago.

He is a popular member of the work force as well as a keen sportsman, specialising in golf and basketball.



● Edwina, daughter of Bill and Mrs. Strong, of Oxley Drive, Mittagong, was appointed Dux of her class last year. She is pictured here with her father.

WORDS OF WISDOM

If you think security isn't everything in this world, try asking for an overdraft.

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Some women are angels — always harping about not having a thing on earth to wear.

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An apartment is a place where you start to turn off your radio and find it is the one next door.

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Nothing is ever all wrong. Even a clock that has stopped running is right twice a day.

Glasses do the strangest thing to vision — especially after they've been drained and filled a few times.

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A little old lady checked in at an airlines counter and asked the agent: "How long a hangover will I have in Melbourne?"

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The preacher said: "Brothers and sisters, my sermon this morning will be about truth. Now has anyone read the 35th Chapter of Matthew?" Half of those present raised their hands. "You're just the people I want to talk to," smiled the preacher, "there's no such chapter."

S.P.C. "PRO" IN THE SAFETY FIELD

The Manager of the N.S.W. Division of the Safety Council of Australia, Mr. Bill McCosker, described S.P.C. Ltd., as "professionals" in the safety field when he presented the two million man hour award and pennant recently.

He said the company had joined a very select band in Australia by this achievement and it showed that the rules of safety had been applied and that teamwork between management and employees had been faultless.

The Berrima Plant was a complex plant with all kinds of machinery; there were changes to be made frequently, calling for new skills and a high amount of control.

The human element must always be considered. Some days a man may not feel so well, causing accident proneness. All these problems have to be considered in a safety programme. Very few of us were 100 per cent; there were times when there was a

tendency to find excuses. But we must at all times strive for 100 per cent in all things.

Mr. McCosker presented the Award of Honour to the Works Superintendent, Mr. Lloyd Veal, who accepted it on behalf of the Company.

The pennant was raised by Carpenter Wally South on behalf of the Works and those who had made the awards possible.

One of the guests was former Works Manager, Mr. Len Knight, who said he was very proud of the occasion and the invitation he had received from Mr. Veal.

Mr. Knight said he felt he had played some small part in laying the foundation for the two million man hour award.

"The lead in safety must come from the top, otherwise it won't go," he said.

"It is a pleasure to be here with you and with such management and employees as you, you just can't lose.



● Works Superintendent, Mr. Lloyd Veal, receiving the Award of Honour from the Manager of the N.S.W. Division of the Safety Council of Australia, Mr. Bill McCosker. In the background are some of the men who made the two million man hours without a disabling injury possible. They include Ern Radnidge, Tom Young, Vern Avent and Wally South.

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The new "B.H.P. Journal," issued shortly before Christmas, is an informative publication with plenty of interesting stories on what is happening within the organisation. The Managing Director, Sir Ian McLennan, made these interesting comments: "Much of my confidence for the seventies stems from the fact that during the sixties, we made so much progress on so many fronts. But when I list the Company's resources upon which I placed greatest value, undoubtedly first place goes to the talents and enthusiasm of our own people. We have demonstrated that, as engineers, metallurgists, research workers, geologists, accountants and managers, B.H.P. people can handle new tasks, huge tasks, and very complicated tasks. This is just not good fortune. During the sixties, we paid close attention to our management structure, with the help of some of the world's best advisers. This has resulted in a new organisation, a new approach to management, the full benefit of which will be an important advantage in the seventies. I expect the 1970's to be as challenging and competitive as the 1960's proved to be. B.H.P. is in an excellent position to face such challenges."

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We've commented many times in the Newsletter on traffic, drivers and road safety. During Christmas holidays there was a huge volume of traffic on the highways. But it was pleasing to observe that the vast majority of drivers showed more care for the other fellow than in previous peak holiday periods.

It was a pity to see the destruction by fire of Mr. Henderson's Relic Shop, at Berrima, during the last days of December. Shops such as these always have an attraction, even youngsters never failed to find something to look at. Auctions sales when I was a boy were something to look forward to and talk about for days afterwards. A lot of the stuff was junk, not worth carting home. But always the fascination was there. I never seemed to have the time to look through Mr. Henderson's shop. But I'm sure there were many valuable items gathered over the last century destroyed in that early morning fire.

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The tinsel and pretty streamers are now in the garbage tins, or have been tucked away for next Christmas. The parties and the aftermath are something of an image in the misty past. The get-togethers of long parted friends are pleasant memories. It is this scribe's earnest hope that the goodwill and pleasantries of a short few weeks ago will continue throughout 1970.

Homelovers' Corner

LOOKING BEYOND

The title of this article does not portray a very exciting opening verse.

This is the year 1970 — a new era — sentiment, business and pleasure very rarely ever work hand in hand.

Occasionally, I take a "glance backwards" on life's mirror, to have absolute privacy in thought and deed is like a "pipe dream."

The majority are seething with chaos.

The exasperating futilities and failures; above all keep your own council. Adults are like children. They squabble if they cannot possess certain toys — study them and many answers will unfold — philosophy! No, just common sense.

Do we really know anybody in one to 50 years? A life is full of surprises, the new look about man himself as he probes the secrets of the universe.

Perhaps other planets have zombies made to order we must break through; see what we want to see and only hear what we wish to hear.

People never surprise me, only disappoint perhaps a little.

Life is full of rocky roads.

I realise a great majority fluctuate between goodwill, friendship and collaboration in everyday events. Some are easily swept away on the rising tides of "power" and "kingdoms," perhaps to eternity.

In assessment of apparent discrepancies, we live and let live, to each day brings forth new vision and perhaps understanding.

A bright and prosperous new year to all

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COFFEE STAINS: Treat with Borax dissolved in warm water, about $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint. It may be necessary to allow the stained fabric to soak for a while in the solution, giving a little gentle rubbing. A particularly resistant stain may be softened with glycerine.

CONDENSATION ON WINDOWS: To reduce this nuisance, rub the windows with a cloth dipped in equal parts of glycerine and methylated spirit.

TICKING OF CLOCKS. Place a glass case or tumbler over the clock, will muffle an aggressive clock tick without hiding the dial.

Heard on the Grapevine

Berrima

We regret to record the death on January 9, of Mrs. Allan Frederick Savage, wife of Captain Savage, local airline operator, and mother of Allan, one of our apprentices. She had been in ill health for about a month and was only 43. To all members of the family we offer our sympathy.

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Foreman Jack Brown and family are spending their annual holidays at Toukley, fishing and boating.

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Works Superintendent Lloyd Veal and family spent Christmas visiting friends and relations in Adelaide.

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Works Office Receptionist, Miss Helen Ferrier spent a well-earned rest over Christmas visiting friends in Sydney and tending her garden at Berrima.

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We hope that when this issue is printed Malcolm Fraser is back at work. He had a recurrence of an ailment before Christmas and was pretty miserable. Incidentally, he was due to complete his apprenticeship as a boilermaker this month.

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We regret to record the death in an accident in Bowral of John Arts, the younger brother of Hank, who was formerly an apprentice and is now doing his National Service Training at Ingleburn. To members of the family, we offer our sympathy.

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It was a happy fishing day for Vincent Humphries, when his father recently took him to the coast to try his brand new fishing outfit. He hardly wet the line when he had a "strike" and pulled out a rock cod!

Our General Manager, Mr. John McNicol, in December visited Singapore on business. He would be one of the busiest senior executives anywhere in the Commonwealth.

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Safety Officer Les Humphries is taking a well-earned three weeks holidays and hopes to get away for at least some of the time with his family.

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We were pleased to welcome Mr. G. S. McNae, Safety Officer at Wilson (N.Z.) Portland Cement Ltd., Portland, New Zealand. He was particularly interested in our safety programme and the results that have been achieved.

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We were pleased to see Robert Waide, his wife and young son on a visit from New Zealand. Robert served his apprenticeship with S.P.C. Ltd., and left for New Zealand on December 18, 1967. It did not take him long to find a job in the electrical world with a firm of contractors. He played first grade Rugby League with a club in Auckland. They stayed with Rob's parents, Tom and Mrs. Waide, of Garrett Street, Moss Vale, and took the opportunity of visiting their many friends in the district.

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New classification for Gordon Ross in the Works Office is Engineering Records Officer. Gordon has been in this position for a couple of years now.

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Recently returned from holidays are Mrs. Lafferty, Mari Madden, Brian Madden, Ron Budden and Grahame Anderson.

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Two men, well known to the older hands visited the Berrima plant early in the month. Bob Downes served his apprenticeship here and later became foreman fitter at the Marulan Quarry. He is now production manager in a Melbourne engineering plant. The other visitor was Ted Leonard, former chief engineer.

Eddie Johns has been in the Laboratory taking the place of George King, who has also been on holidays.

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Keith Graham and family spent a pleasant Christmas holiday at Ulladulla. Keith reckons it is one of the best holidays the family have had.

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Rick Mulready and family are spending their holidays at that delightful spot — Huskisson. This resort is also a Mecca for many of the Berrima and Marulan folk during the "season."

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Congratulations to Terry Brooks who celebrated his 21st birthday recently. He was guest of honour at a party in the Moss Vale C.W.A. Rooms. There were 60 guests who came from as far away as Wagga, Taree, Newcastle and Sydney.

Marulan

Congratulations to Stan and Joanne Kopec on the birth of a son on December 12. They have called him Darran.

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Best wishes are offered to Peter Knowles and Viki Fitzgibbon who were married in Goulburn on January 10. Peter completed his fitting and turning course on January 18 and has passed first year in the Mechanical Engineering Certificate Course at Canberra Technical College. We wish the couple well

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Two other apprentices completing their trades courses are Dick Bryant, fitting and turning, and Russell Thompson, electrical fitting. We wish them the best for the future.

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John Beaumont left the company on January 19 to work with the Department of Public Works as a draughtsman. John served a five-year apprenticeship with S.P.C. Ltd., and last year passed the second year of the Mechanical Engineering Certificate course at Canberra Technical College.

We heard that while on holidays at Red Head recently, one of our storemen managed to haul in a 10lb schnapper. This will be a good talking piece until the football season starts.

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Those on holidays from the quarry are George Rowley, Darcy Hadlow, Laurie Weston, Norm Bryant and Clarrie Steffensen; from the office, Ashley Cooper; and from the machine shop, Cliff Riley, Garry Greaves and Allan Gutzke.

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Euclid driver Ray Bell underwent an operation in Goulburn Base Hospital recently. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Eddie Cooper tells this one. Talking of fish tales. While recently having a quiet drink with a few mates in the Bowling Club, the conversation changed to snakes. A fitter from the quarry spoke of the time he went fishing near Crookwell with his mate. After arriving at the river, they walked across the paddocks for about a mile. As they neared the water hole they realised that bait had been forgotten. It was fortunate at the time they spotted a black snake sliding through the grass with a frog in his mouth. "Quick," said one, "grab that forky stick. I'll hold him while you take the frog." After this had been completed, the chap said to his mate: "Well, we can't leave the poor thing with nothing." So he took a flask of rum from his pocket and gave the snake a nip. The pair then went down to the water hole and started fishing. One of the two lay down for a nap and was awakened after a while with a tap on the boot. He sat up startled to see the same black snake they had caught earlier with another frog in his mouth!

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The many friends of Tony Shepherd are congratulating him on his engagement to Pat Garfield, from Victoria. Tony is the son of Joe and Mrs. Shepherd and a member of a well-known Marulan family. Joe worked at the quarry some years ago. Tony joined the Permanent Army and qualified in a very elite unit as a paratrooper. We would also like to add our best wishes to Tony and Pat.

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Congratulations to Engineer's Clerk Eddie Cooper and his wife Jeanette on the birth of a daughter. Jeanette is the daughter of Len and Mrs. Pole of Marulan.



Many of those employed at the Colliery have taken advantage of the annual holiday break to "get away from it all." George Preston and his wife went as far as Cairns, on the way visiting a daughter at Townsville. Bon Blair, Noel Hudd and George Finnemore spent some of the time in the Jervis Bay area prawning, fishing and diving for lobsters. Slim Bell and family went to Shellharbour and Max Thorpe and family enjoyed the Narooma surroundings, while Bill Barnett also spent part of the time there. Brian Hilton went to Newcastle, Roger Seville on an inland tour. Tom Jeffery to Queensland and Jack Hebblewhite with his wife and Mrs. Remington to South Australia. We hope they all had a happy and restful time.

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We hope to see Bob Jones around again soon. In December, he underwent an operation in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

Jimmy Bell retired from the Colliery on January 10, 1970, after 41½ years' service. He started work there way back in April, 1929 and was the longest serviceman there, covering four decades. In the February issue of the Newsletter, we hope to publish some of his reminiscences which we are sure will be very interesting.



Congratulations go to Les Stimpson who has successfully completed his Commerce Degree Course with a pass in auditing and internal control, a credit in Tax Law and Practice and in Business Finance and a Distinction for Corporation Law.

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John Portus returned recently to Sydney office after spending two years National Service training. We welcome you back, John!

SPORT

BOWLS . . .

Marulan Bowling Club was represented by President Les Cooper, Geoff Cosgrove, Barney Eddie and Bill McCallum at President's Day at St. Georges Basin Club. They were entertained at a delicious luncheon and high tea after the games. The Marulan team defeated St. Georges Basin 24-13. Order of the day was that the first man to take out a measure was to shout for the rinks of eight. Les Cooper was the first victim — but happily paid up.

On the home ground, Roy Penfold defeated Mox Cooper in the singles championship 31-12.

One of the keenest bowlers on the highlands, Tom Penfold has entered the fourth round of the State Singles Championships. We hope to record in due course that he won the title.

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GOLF . . .

Ern Radnidge continues to show good form. At the Highlands Golf Club, he won the Christmas Cheer trophy, he won a large tin of ham in a raffle and cracked a jackpot! Then at Mittagong, he won the Christmas Cheer trophy, at Highlands was runner-up in the monthly medal, and at Moss Vale won the December medal for back nine hole.

Russ Greaves Takes Us Fishing



Speaking with a friend at a Lake Illawarra caravan park, he informed me that there would be approximately 40,000 holidaymakers in the area — and he had seen 12 fish caught.

Of course, when this number of persons converge on a lake that one can see across and also from end to end, no wonder the fish are scarce!

Another friend has a photo of 40 flat-head, all over 4lbs. in weight, caught at Lake Burrill at Christmas — date — 1930.

Christmas is not a good fishing time. The fish just don't seem to be there, and also the people are very prevalent. Of course, there's nothing to stop people being just where they please at any time, but I like nobody about and in the vicinity of March, April and June.

Jack Brown thinks that round about The Entrance is still a very good spot without going too far afield.

It's peculiar that a first timer, Graham Beveridge, fishing at Kiama, landed a few small ones. Keep it up Graham!

Reports to date suggest that about 1½ lbs per person is the bag of prawns expected at Lake Illawarra. With larger tides this could improve.

Bill Strong suggested I mention a fishing club at the plant. No doubt one could be formed, but I personally think it would be hard going to keep it together.

There are so many organisations that demand one's time these days. Also the local R.S.L. has a club. But don't let my remarks deter anyone who thinks he could make a go of it.

Is there anyone who would like to form a club? If so, please contact the Editor of the Newsletter.

Gardening Notes



(By MRS. M. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Alyssum, Anemone, Bellis perennis, Calendula, Canterbury Bells, Carnation, Cosmos, Foxglove, Dianthus, Gailardia, Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula, Primrose, Salpiglossis, Stock, Sweet Pea, Viola, Wallflower. Plant — Ageratum, Antirrhinum, Aster, Carnation, Dianthus, Petunia, Pansy, Salvia, Stock, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Beetroot, Beans (dwarf and climbing), Carrot, Parsnip, Peas, Parsley, Spinach, Silver Beet, Sweet Corn, Swede Turnip, White Turnip, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumber, Squash, Pumpkin, Rock Melon, Endive, Lettuce, Mustard, Radish. Plant — Lettuce, Tomato, Cabbage, Cauliflower.

The rain in February, 1969, after three dry Summers, brought on an abundance of lush growth in gardens and pastures, a most colourful Autumn and a mild winter. Continuing rain gave an exceptionally bountiful Spring to follow.

Gardeners have had a busy year controlling weeds and insect pests, but modern sprays, used with caution and according to instructions, are a great help in this regard.

The New Year will bring many new varieties of flower and vegetable seeds and I always feel it is a good plan to try some of these, if only to compare them with some of the older ones.

Plant Nerines and also Gladiolus corms now, and Winter-flowering Sweet Peas. The main activities in the garden this month are cultivating to keep down weeds and watering. Water the garden at night, giving at least two good soakings a week, not a number of light sprinklings!

Remove the dead flowers from roses, dahlias and perennial plants, to keep the plants flowering.

Spray Fruit Trees with "Rogor 40" to control Fruit Fly, and pick up and burn all fallen fruit.

Keep baiting for snails and slugs, which have ben extremely busy during the last couple of months!

Best wishes for a successful gardening year during 1970!

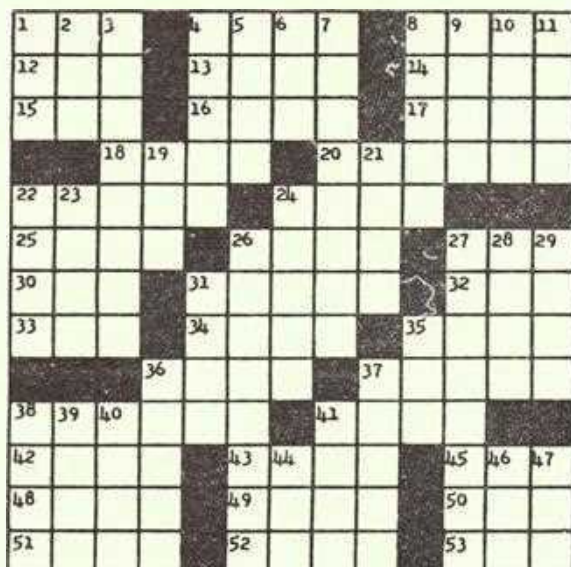
OUR PROBLEM PAGE

The name of Edwina Strong, of Mittagong was the winner of Problem No. 130. She was one of 63 who answered the problem correctly. She wins \$2.00.

PROBLEM No. 132

ACROSS—

- 1 Cry of contempt
- 4 Company of seamen
- 8 Variety of chalcedony
- 12 Past
- 13 Knowledge
- 14 Towards the lee
- 15 New (Comb. form)
- 16 Rowing implements
- 17 Small bottle
- 18 Musical instrument
- 20 Toat repeatedly
- 22 Cut with a saw
- 24 Oscillate
- 25 Great lake
- 26 Trash
- 27 Foot digit
- 30 Even (contr.)
- 31 Laughs loudly
- 32 Fishing pole
- 33 Mail (India)
- 34 Firm
- 35 Stun
- 36 Hodgepodge
- 37 Cloth made of flax
- 38 Lasso
- 41 Knocks
- 42 Foreboding
- 43 Suffix; natives of
- 45 At a great distance
- 48 Not coarse
- 49 Tidy



- 50 Prefix; upon
- 51 Trampled
- 52 Mountain passes
- 53 Scarlet

DOWN—

- 1 Prohibit
- 2 Grow old
- 3 Deceive
- 4 Fog or haze
- 5 Wander
- 6 Go astray
- 7 Towards the west
- 8 Kind of cabbage
- 9 Disembarked
- 10 Genuine
- 11 Remove (print.)
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# Editorial

## SPECIALISING AND PROGRESS

How many young people have confined their preparations for careers to the search for knowledge in one field of technology?

It is true, our world could not have made such remarkable strides in material progress without their contributions in technical approaches. So sophisticated has modern production become that we would be lost without the technicians. There's hardly any job left for the old "rule-of-thumb" workman.

But the greatest assemblage of technical specialists in the world could not likely meet even minimal production quotas by themselves — because they are interdependent — and their remarkable skills cannot be co-ordinated without effective supervision.

Skilled workers have reason to be proud of their achievements. They build the better world that is the hope of each generation.

But whether they realise it or not, they can achieve complete job satisfaction and personal fulfillment only through management, which provides the skilled supervision to control their efforts. Technicians are "things-oriented" while leaders can be called "people-oriented."

The supervisor must have broad knowledge of the technology required in his department, but without concern for the human factors he will be little more than another technical specialist.

The good supervisor, designed for higher responsibilities, must be a "generalist."

THE EDITOR.



# THE CONSTANT SAFETY DRIVE

We are indebted to the "Industrial Supervisor," an American publication, for this short article on the need for vigilance at all times in a safety programme.

We have often heard an announcement from our management somewhat like this:

"We must tighten up all along the line and start another safety drive."

Sometimes the announcement has to do with production and quality of our product. Sometimes these drives come so close together that we are prompted to ask ourselves some questions.

Why is it that we need these drives? Why can we not maintain high levels of production with quality and safety? Why should we have any slumps?

When, however, our record along any line of endeavour is plotted on a graph it usually looks like a series of hills and valleys — up one month and down the next. Why can it not be a smooth, steady, upward curve of high attainment?

It would seem that we tried to concentrate our efforts according to the various demands upon us. As the old saying goes — "The squeaking wheel gets the grease."

An actual safety record made in a plant which employs about 1,800 men illustrates our thought. One year a safety drive was made in that plant and the year ended with a total of 30 disabling injuries, which was a great reduction over the record of the previous year.

The next year, no special safety efforts were thought necessary. In the first three months, the plant had 22 disabling injuries as against a total of seven for the same period of the previous year.

The management realised then that safety was a constant job and other plans were devised to stimulate interest in it. The accidents fell off and the safety record began to improve.

The lesson that we learn from such a history is that safety must be kept constantly before us and no lasting benefits can be made by short-lived safety spurts.

What, after all, is a "drive?" It can best be described as an effort, by special methods, to enlist the hearty co-operation of every person in the plant toward the attainment of an ideal.

Why can we not maintain that effort constantly? Why should we ever relax our vigilance or decrease our effort towards better records?

The only reason that can be given is found in our unwillingness to apply ourselves consistently and constantly. To put it a bit more plainly, it is found in our own laziness. Often it is our fault in management in the presentation of safety to you.

However, to let down, even for a day, in our effort for general improvement, dampens the fire of our enthusiasm and permits our sinews to stiffen.

The trained athlete excels because of daily training. He dares not let a single day pass. The department which excels in quantity and quality of production and in its efforts for safety, excels because of its daily and constant efforts and in its pride in a job well done.

It has been noticed that the organisation which grows lax with reference to safety usually grows lax along the other lines as well.

The safety record is one of the surest barometers of the work of a department or a plant. Where there is a large number of disabling injuries, production rates are almost sure to be low and costs high.

A good safety record requires that everyone be on his toes doing his part all the time. That is good management.

We are sure of one thing — we can consistently make a good product in this plant at a reasonable cost without accidents — if we all continue to do our part and keep ourselves keenly interested in safety.

Keep driving for safety! It pays!



# RATS AND MICE PLAGUE US

A report from the Murrumbidgee area states that residents are having the worst time for years because of a plague of mice.

In other parts of the world, fortunes are being spent on the control of mice and rats.

Man has for thousands of years suffered bubonic and typhus plagues as the result of the rat's liking for his company, and history is studded with the epidemics as well as being reshaped by some of them.

One such plague completed the ruin of the Roman Empire in the 6th century after having been brought in by barbarian invaders in an involuntary introduction of germ warfare.

Another triumph for Roman-era rats was their slaughter through typhus of the Carthian army in 212 B.C. when it was within an ace of beating the legions at Syracuse.

Ancient Greece was a ghastly example of the rat's power, when the Athenians were beset by hordes of rodents while resisting the Lacedaean invasion during the Peloponnesian Wars. They lost so many defenders that they had to surrender.

The rat proved much mightier than the sword in the Crusades. A Christian army of 300,000 besieging Antioch was routed not by the infidel, but by typhus.

Chivalry and chain mail were of no avail against the tiny enemies spreading the dis-

ease, and only 60,000 Crusaders survived.

The rat will eat almost anything, and, with the hand of all men against it, it has developed extraordinary cunning and agility. It will even fight when cornered, and its bite is a serious matter.

Special breeds of dogs were developed for the specific purpose of killing rats and rat-catchers were long venerated — from Apollo, the Greek's god of protection to the cat, worshipped in ancient Egypt for its services in the country's granaries.

Tybalt, nephew of the Capulets in "Romeo and Juliet," was a respected rat-catcher, though the job seems to have slipped in the social scale, and the Pied Piper of Hamelin owes his fame at least partly to ridding the world of some rats.

Unfortunately, they were soon replaced, because the rat rivals the rabbit as an astronomically prolific breeder.

One pair, breeding three times a year and averaging litters of 10, would theoretically add more than 20 million rats in three years.

And as a jolt for complacent readers, who rarely see a rat, it is estimated that even in "clean" cities they usually at least equal the human population.

—THE EDITOR

## WHERE OUR LIMESTONE WENT

Marulan South limestone quarry in 1969 produced a record output of limestone, something in excess of 1.6 million tons.

Those who work there have often wondered where it is sent.

A breakdown shows what the following customers received.

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| S.P.C. Ltd., Berrima .....     | 38.2 per cent |
| S.L.D., Moss Vale .....        | 7.7 per cent  |
| A.I. and S., Port Kembla ..... | 41.7 per cent |
| Calcimatic Lime Kiln .....     | 12.2 per cent |
| Others .....                   | .2 per cent   |



# JACK LOOKS AT THE ENTRANCE

Jack and Mrs. Brown, as part of their annual holidays in January, spent a few days looking over The Entrance in north-eastern Victoria. It is a pretty little seaside resort, near which is the famous 90-mile Beach.

Jack left his Moss Vale home at around 4.00 a.m., had breakfast at Merrimbula, another very attractive spot, and went on to Eden, famous in the whaling days and now an industrious fishing port and centre of the cannery industry.

After leaving Eden, where there is a lot of roadwork in progress, they travelled five miles to the old road, with a bend every hundred yards or so, finally reaching a very good road.

Jack said he thought it was strange that there was no indication of the border and they were in the southern state before they realised it.

After reaching Genoa, Department of Agriculture officials stopped the travellers to check the car for fruit in search of the fly. The inspectors took a few pounds of tomatoes brought along the road at bargain prices.

(Incidentally, the Editor, who had the same experience in Queensland a few years ago, wonders what happens to the confiscated fruit?)

They continued on through Cann River to Orbost on the banks of the Snowy River when there is a good camping ground, with beautiful willow trees.

This district is rich in dairying, with many saw mills and the number of wallabies and kangaroos which had fallen victim to motorists was saddening.

At The Entrance, they found a holiday resort with many camping areas, a fishing industry, cannery co-operative society and other attractions.

They took several excursions to King Lake and other watering places and the scenery is magnificent from the Look-out about Lakes Entrance. The waters from King Lake seem to vanish into the distant horizon. On a clear day from this point, visitors can see the oil rigs that are operating in the Gippsland Basin.

At night the lights from the rigs are visible from the Lookout. They are between 30 and 40 miles out to sea.

The lakes extend some 50 miles down the coast, following close to the 90-mile Beach. They took several trips away from The Entrance, crossing large rivers such as the Tambo, Nicholson and Mitchell, all feeding into the lake system.

Jack said he was surprised at the size of Bairnsdale, with its 8,200 residents. It is situated on the Mitchell River in a beautiful rural setting.

Metung was also a very interesting holiday spot across the lake from the mouth of King Lake. There is one hotel where the thirsty traveller can buy a glass of Courage Beer if he feels like the challenge.

They did not have any luck fishing at The Entrance, but found conditions more favourable at Moruya Heads on the way home.

## SAFETY RUN BROKEN

The record safety run of something in excess of 2,090,000 man hours and 1018 days was broken at the Berrima plant earlier this month.

A couple of weeks earlier, Leading Hand Rigger Tom Aitken injured his elbow and the X-ray showed a fracture.

The injury was set in plaster, but the bones did not knit and, after specialist ad-

vice, it was decided to pin the bones.

This necessitated Tom spending a day or two in hospital with the result that the run was broken.

Marulan Quarry is moving steadily along with more than 100 days on the board and the Colliery is likewise chalking up the days again.



# JIM BELL RETIRES FROM COLLIERY

When Jim Bell was asked to come to the Colliery by his father in April 1928, there was little then that resembled the highly mechanised operations we see today.

Jim's father, Neil, and three others were driving the first tunnel and when they were 50 feet in, they struck water. Jim was sent for to look after the pumps and that call ended on January 10, 1970, when he retired with about 41½ years to his credit.

When production started, he went below hand wheeling and later was a wheeler with the horses. Most of his work was on the face.

When he received the call from his father Jim was employed at the Hoskins Steelworks, Lithgow, from 1926-27. He was a pile runner on the 10-inch mill.

During his days on the coal face as a contract miner, Jim said he earned about £40 a fortnight, but with the changes brought about by mechanisation he was put on the afternoon shift.

He said mechanisation had been talked about for some years before final plans were worked out and the work started.

Jim married a Bowral girl, Miss Margaret Cooper and they have two grown children.

He is a keen member of Bowral Bowling Club and between this fine sport, doing odd jobs around the house and meeting old friends his retirement should not become tedious. He and his wife have plans for a trip later.



● Jim Bell, one of our old friends to leave the Colliery.

## NEW DRILL AT MARULAN

With drilling a major part of operations at the Marulan South Quarry, a new type of drill is being tested. It is a Gardner-Denver RDC-30-C.

It is a crawler type machine with self-contained motor and air compressor. The motor drives the compressor and the rotary head is mechanically operated.

For some years three machines have been in operation for major drilling. They are the Drillmaster, Crawlmaster and Quarrymaster.

The new machine, on six months' trial, will do the work of all three other machines in one shift of eight hours, compared with three shifts for the others.

The capacity of the Gardner-Denver is in keeping with development planned in the years ahead when efficiency is needed to meet the demand for a much greater total production of limestone.



# ROGER WINS AGAIN!

Our good friend from the Colliery, Roger Seville, has been a consistent prize-winner in the monthly safety limerick competition. He won the January competition with the final lines: "All because his sunbake was not planned." He wins \$5.00.

Second prize went to Mrs. Bruce Burgess, of Bowral, with the line: "And the sorriest chap in the land." She wins \$3.00.

Mrs. B. Hilton, C/- of Colliery, won third prize of \$2.00 with "Now he's covered with Savlon cream, it's grand."

Write a last line for the unfinished safety limerick below and the chances are you will be a prize winner.

It's quite simple. All you need is a simple line of just nine syllables — rhyming with "race" — to complete the thought.

Think of the trouble old heedless Gus can cause by running around the Berrima and Marulan plants!

## DON'T RUN

Like a March wind Gus blew through the place,  
Down the stairs, around corners he'd race  
Like this bold, reckless lion,  
Like a lamb is now cryin'

## CLINKER PLANT FOR SINGAPORE

Southern Portland Cement Ltd., has been asked by the Singapore Government to make a feasibility study on installing a cement plant there.

Before Christmas, the General Manager, Mr. J. F. McNicol, flew to Singapore for talks with Government and other officials.

The survey includes raw materials and facilities available for the clinker making plant.

If approved, the plant will be installed with the advice of S.P.C. Ltd., and the B.H.P. Company.



Tarn Wrightson brought this picture in of the First Australian Eleven - 1878. They are back row, F. Spofforth, J. Conway (manager) and F. Allan. Middle row, G. Bailey, T. Horan, D. Gregory, A. Bannerman, T. Garrett, H. Boyle. Front row, C. Bannerman, W. Murdoch and J. Blackman.



## FISH POND AT WORKS

An area containing 100,000 gallons of water has been set aside near the works office at the S.P.C. Ltd. Berrima plant, for breeding fish.

The pond is being used by the Berrima District Acclimatisation Society for the breeding of indigenous fish.

The pool was built under the supervision of Mr. John Lake, a former biologist in charge of the Narrandera Research Station.

Considerable interest has been created among those working at the plant and many make inspections of the pond when they arrive at work.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Music that gentler on the spirit lies,  
Than tir'd eyelids from tir'd eyes;  
Music that brings sleep down from the bliss-  
ful skies. — Tennyson.

OOOOO

Where all alike no one thinks very much —  
W. Lippman.

OOOOO

Knowledge does not consist in what we have  
learnt but what we remember. —Goethe.

OOOOO

To be trusted is a greater compliment than to  
be loved. — Geo. MacDonald.

OOOOO

One touch of nature makes the whole world  
kin. — Shakespeare.

OOOOO

True nobility is exempt from fear.  
—Shakespeare.

OOOOO

Talkers are no doers. —Shakespeare.

OOOOO

Ridicule is the stifler of all energy amongst  
those she controls. —Lytton

OOOOO

He jests at scars that never felt a wound.  
—Shakespeare.

## 62 TO ATTEND COURSES

A total of 62 students from various sections of S.P.C. Ltd., will attend a variety of courses at Goulburn, Canberra and Wollongong Technical Colleges this year.

Students are from Marulan South Quarry and the Berrima plant. Courses and numbers are: Fitting and Turning, 15; Electrical trades, 9; Painting, 1; Boilermaking, 3; Chemistry Certificate, 2; Special Welding, 7; Industrial Engineering Certificate, 6; Electrical Engineering Certificate, 6; Chemistry Instrumentation, 1; Electronics and Communications, 1; Commercial courses, 5.

In addition, one student, Andrew Roseby, now on National Service training, has partly completed the Mining Engineering Certificate Course.

## DEATH OF CHARLIE WHEELER

We regret to record the death of Charles Malcolm Wheeler, of North Street, Moss Vale, on January 22, 1970. He was aged 58.

Charlie had been associated with S.P.C. Ltd. for many years, first working there before the war. During his three tours of duty, interrupted by work in other fields, he worked as a cement miller, stores clerk, purchasing officer, and more latterly as printing officer.

He was a director of the S.P.C. Employees' Credit Union for some time and was on the Loans Committee. He also found time for honorary work in other fields.

To his widow and two daughters and other members of the family we offer our sympathy.



# THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

A letter to Les Humphries from Spencer McNae, Safety Officer at Wilsons (N.Z.) Portland Cement Ltd., following a recent visit to the Berrima plant, expresses keen interest in the safety record. While here, Spencer said his plant record was not so impressive and he took back a lot of information on our methods of working. We appreciate visits of this nature and look forward to having more of them.



STEPHEN McNAE

OOOOO

Bobby Friend brought in this clever anecdote. The small boy walked into his father's study and when he noticed a map of the world, he tore it in pieces. The angry father asked him to piece it together. To his surprise, the lad turned the pieces over and quickly pieced them together. On the other side of the map was a figure of a man. The father in a puzzled strain asked the reason for his quick repair of the map. The lad replied: "That was easy. When I have the man right, I turn around the map and we will find that the world is right."

While Kevin Howard was at Whyalla in January, the local boys talked of the fishing there. Catches of 25 Schnapper per man, 10lb to 20lb in weight were usual. Some tow out old car bodies to a secret spot in the shallow gulf to encourage fish. Kevin said he finally believed them when one man showed him deep cuts on the fingers caused by the hand line. They now use the nylon cord one finds in venetian blinds. They scale and clean them with an axe!

OOOOO

An item in a recent Sunday newspaper gave details of a boat being built at Manly with chicken wire, steel rods and cement. When fully fitted out, the boat will have a displacement of 21 tons, a 12ft 10ins beam and 6ft 6ins headroom throughout. The builder, Mr. Needham plans to sail the vessel to the Barrier Reef when finished. I wonder whether they used S.P.C. cement for the job?

OOOOO

A recent fatal accident on the Tablelands when it was claimed the driver dozed off, calls to mind a report from the American Automobile Association that stimulated feet help to keep drivers alert while driving. The report says that by removing his shoes and driving in stocking feet for short periods, a driver can help himself stay awake and alert. Other aids suggested; Keep fresh air coming into the car, play the radio loudly, chew gum. Best thing however, say the American experts, is to pull off the road for a short nap when you get drowsy, and resume travel when you are refreshed.

OOOOO

A note for our prospectors, of whom we have several at Berrima, Marulan and the Colliery. The mining laws show no difference between amateurs and professionals when it concerns permission to prospect. According to the regulations, goldpanners and rock-hounds are in the same category. This means that in the majority of states you must possess a document known as a "miner's right," obtainable on payment of a fee which varies from state to state. Further information in this regard may be obtained from the individual mining authorities in each state.



The St. Georges Basin Bowling and Recreation Club issues a very tidy little magazine to members each month. It deals with all sporting activities and I think the Christmas message of the President, Mr. R. Vickery, is worth printing in part: "What could be better than for each member to be completely

united in the interests of the game of bowls and their personal relationship. Let mutual understanding, tolerance and friendship be your constant companion and may the blessing of good health be enjoyed by all." This is a thought that could be taken into many other phases of our daily routine.

## Homelovers' Corner

### LET US GIVE THANKS

'Tis sad how many, by their discontent, destroy the very peace and happiness they might enjoy. "For us," they sigh. "No smile has fate or fortune worn, ill-luck's pursued us from the day that we were born!"

No one in all the world has worries like their own; no one has had to face the troubles they have known.

Self pity blinds them, and they see not those who bear so gallantly far greater handicaps and care; too busy with the woes that passed with yesterday, they miss the countless blessings that bestrew their way.

O foolish ones! Lift up your eyes unto the hills, with thankful praise that love encompasses and fills both the vast universe and every human soul attuned to the vibrations of the perfect whole.

Thus linked, and free from all capriciousness of mood and laws of righteousness and truth are understood; whereby 'tis seen that

good all evil things outrides; that sin and wrong can find no place where love abides. And we quote from G. M. Hudson.

OOOOO

Here are more of Homelover's recipes:

**PLUM SAUCE** — Ingredients, 6lb dark plums, 3 pts vinegar, 3lb brown sugar, 6 tspns salt, 1 salt spoon cayenne, 1oz whole ginger (bruised), half oz cloves, half oz allspice, 6lb apples. Method: Boil all together till the stones separate then strain through a collander, bottle, tightly when cold.

OOOOO

**CARAMEL TOFFEE** — Ingredients: 1 tin condensed milk, half lb brown sugar, 1 tspn vanilla, quarter lb butter. Method: Melt butter first in saucepan, add sugar, condensed milk, stir till boiling, let it boil slowly exactly 15 minutes, then add vanilla, take off stove, test in cold water, pour on a buttered tin, when cold cut in squares.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## Berrima

It was pleasing to hear that Ern Radnidge was recently inducted as a member of the Mittagong Lions' Club. He has been a very active citizen in many fields for a number of years and in his new sphere we are sure he will be a worthy member.

OOOOO

Congratulations to Lesley Radnidge who was appointed to the staff of Sydney Hospital on January 27, as a Physiotherapist. She gained a distinguished pass in her final exams at Sydney University last year. The graduation ceremony will be at the university in March. Her husband, Philip completed with credit the third year of the accountancy course last year.

OOOOO

Congratulations to John and Margaret McGrath who are the proud parents of a son — Peter Joseph.

OOOOO

Welcome to a new starter, Miss Penny Firth, who is a typist. We hope she enjoys working with us.

OOOOO

Alice Boyd and Tom Bourne, from the General Office, have been on annual leave.

OOOOO

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Corine Patterson, of Duntroon, A.C.T., in a car crash near Fitzroy Falls on February 7. She was the sister of Lindsay Breen, one of our apprentices. She was only 19 and left a five-month-old daughter. To her husband and members of the family we offer our sympathy.

OOOOO

Congratulations to Jim Jones and Margaret Jackson, of Goulburn, who have announced their engagement.

OOOOO

Nick Anakin has been appointed Stationery Officer following the death of Charlie Wheeler. He has had considerable experience in the printing trade in the metropolitan area.

OOOOO

The death occurred in Bowral and District Hospital on February 9, of Sam Fleeton, who had been in ill-health for some time. He was employed at the Berrima plant some years ago until his retirement.

OOOOO

Ted Hall returned from his holidays with news of winning a small amount of gold. He and his wife visited Tuena and the upper reaches of the Shoalhaven.

OOOOO

New starters have been Charlie Turner, Mark Vermeulen, John Morris, Dennit Brittle, Peter Neilsen, Ray Chalker and two lads for the Laboratory, Bruce Jones and Chris Millbank.

OOOOO

We were pleased to hear that Nicholas Humphries has been admitted to the Faculty of Architecture, University of New South Wales. He has also started work with a firm of Sydney architects and will do the 'varsity course part-time.

OOOOO

Congratulations to Robert and Judy Fraser on the birth of a son, Andrew, a brother for William. Robert is the son of Gordon and Nellie Fraser, and Judy the daughter of John and Mrs. Wells.

OOOOO

Our best wishes are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Henderson following their recent wedding in Moss Vale. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack King, of Browley Street, Moss Vale.



## Marulan

The new police officer in Marulan is Allan Fiedler, formerly stationed at Jerilderie and Oberon. He replaces Ted Langley, who has been transferred to the Blue Mountains.

OOOOO

Cec and Mrs. Cluney are away on a caravan holiday with their boat. They plan to spend most of their time at Nelson Bay, on the North Coast.

OOOOO

Our best wishes go with Johnny O'Connor who will shortly take part in preliminary weight lifting trials for selection in the team to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh later this year. He has done exceptionally well since he took up the sport, winning several championships. There is also a possibility that he will be selected in a team to compete in games in Indonesia later in the year.

OOOOO

Bill McCallum and his wife are spending annual holidays at Culburra on the South Coast. They hope to do some fishing and boating. Incidentally, we are pleased to see Mrs. McCallum around again after treatment in a Goulburn hospital.

OOOOO

Eddie Cooper has returned to his many duties as Engineer's Clerk after annual holidays with his wife and an infant daughter.

OOOOO

Rodney Cooper, son of Peter and Mrs. Cooper, who lost an arm when he touched a high tension table, is receiving instruction at the Mt. Wilga Rehabilitation Centre, near Hornsby.

OOOOO

Jim and Mrs. Galloway are spending annual holidays along the North Coast. They intend to call on Alf and Mrs. Diemer at Port Stephens. Alf taught at Marulan South school for a number of years before his transfer.

OOOOO

Bill McCallum, who has the contract for the haulage of furnace fuel from Port Kembla to Marulan South for the lime burning kiln, estimates that since he started in June, 1968, he has delivered more than 4.5 million gallons.

OOOOO

Ian Cluney, son of Cec and Mrs. Cluney, who has been teaching at Goroka, New Guinea, for the past few years, spent the Christmas holidays on a tour of Europe. Among the countries he liked best was Spain. He has been commissioned as a lieutenant in the school cadets and his platoon at Lae before Christmas won the shield for the second year in succession for efficiency.

OOOOO

Congratulations to John Pole who recently celebrated his 21st birthday. It is almost five years since John dived into Jolly's dam one hot afternoon and suffered serious spinal injuries. He has been partially paralysed since, but with the courage of his parents, Len and Vera, and himself, he is living a life as near to normal as possible. And at the party, his friends presented him with a portable TV set.

OOOOO

We regret to record the death on January 31, of Edward Plonski. He was the brother of John, a first year fitting and turning apprentice who will later be transferred from Berima (during the preliminary training school) to Marulan Quarry. To members of the family we offer our sympathy.

OOOOO

Ray Bell has returned home after treatment in Goulburn Base Hospital. We hope to see him back at work soon.

## Colliery

Some new cars have been noticed lately in the park at the Colliery. Proud owners are Phil Lightbody, Bill Beaton and Brian Townsend.





## Rifle Shooting—

We were pleased to hear from Frank Bell that efforts are being made to reform the Marulan Rifle Club. It closed down last year because of the high cost of the new 7.62 rifle. However, Frank has arranged for eight of the old .303 rifles to be converted and he has had several inquiries from old and prospective members. At the annual dinner on March 7, it is hoped to take the matter a step further and we will anxiously await the outcome.

The annual dinner of the club will be held on March 7, following some delay owing to the club's temporary closure last year. The following prizes will be presented at the dinner: Club possibles, Allan Reid and Harold Fenson; Yearly off-rifle aggregate, Frank Bell; Yearly aggregate with handicap, Frank Bell; Yearly champion, Frank Bell; Junior champion, Daryl Bryant.

Prizes will go to: C. Shepherd, 1; Tom Shepherd, 1; Allan Reid, 1; David King,

1; Gordon Bryant, 2; Trevor Pearson, 1; Eric McIntyre, 3; Doug Taylor, 3; Jim Galloway, 2; Allan Bell, 1; Harold Fenson, 1; A. Walsh, 4; Keith Webb, 1; and Frank Bell, 21. There will be 15 trophies presented for the winning ladies.

## Bowls—

Frank Bell and Cec Cluney recently won the double championship. The club is progressing well and although it has been functioning only for a few years, it is one of the most popular on the Tablelands.

President's Day was held on February 15. Details of the play will be published in a later issue. Two new faces on the committee are Bill McCallum and Steve Brozek.

# Russ Greaves Takes Us Fishing



Just to prove that he cast, Col Ready measured 245 ft with a 1½ oz sinker in our recent casting competition. Reckons he could cast to Robertson with his Penn squidder!

He tells me that, although I painted a pretty poor picture of Windang at Christmas, a few miles north at Shoalhaven Heads everyone managed a good bag.

The flathead, bream and whiting were plentiful and to prove it, he bagged several nice flathead — one to 7lbs.

Seeing that he indicated piscatorial success, I hastened to that area. But, alas, all I could boast was two flathead — one to 2lbs. Fishing should be good off the beach here after the fresh.

Joe Bizjack, back from holidays, filled his bag on several occasions.

Reg Fitzgerald and Bill Aitken prospect off Kiama and boated a few nice Mowies and a 5½ lb Schnapper.

Eric Johnston and family (machine shop) holidaying at Sussex Inlet boated some nice fish, also a few prawns. Their catches were mainly flathead.

The daily paper reported a prawn tagged at Newcastle. When caught north had travelled 400 miles and trebled in weight. No wonder we can't find any in Lake Illawarra.

Executive Officer Kev Howard reports good fishing at Whyalla. Schnapper to 25lbs are considered small. (Don't rush for transfers, boys!)

Unfortunately, we have lost a good fisherman in the late Charlie Wheeler. Although he had not cast a bait recently, he has pulled a few nice ones in at Nowra in past years.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. M. CROWE)

**FLOWERS:** Sow — Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Candytuft, Carnation, Canterbury Bells, Cornflower, Delphinium, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Foxglove, Gaillardia, Godetia, Gypsophila, Hollyhock, Lupin, Nemophila, Nigella, Pansy, Penstemon, Iceland Poppy, Salpiglossis, Scabiosa, Schizanthus, Stock, Virginian Stock, Sweet Pea, Viola.  
Plant — Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Primula, Bellis perennis, Stock, Wallflower, Viola.

**VEGETABLES:** Sow—Beetroot, Broad beans, French Beans, Carrots, Onions, Parsley, Parsnip, Peas, Silver Beet, Swede, Turnip, White Turnip, Lettuce, Radish, Cress. Plant — Cabbage, Cauliflower, Leek, Eschalot, Garlic, Majoram, Sage, Thyme.

January has been a very unsettled month with some scorching hot days, followed by thunderstorms and then overcast, cool to very cold temperatures, which have retarded the development of many plants.

Bulb planting can be commenced this month, with Daffodils, Jonquils, Hyacinths, Lachenalias, Watsonias, Snowflakes, Anemones, Freesias, Grape Hyacinths and Ranunculus. Tulips can safely be left until March or even later for planting.

Check any newly-planted shrubs and see that they are growing strongly. The addition of a handful or two of blood and bone or a good dressing of old cow or poultry manure can be very beneficial at this time, forked lightly into the topsoil.

The planting of evergreen shrubs and trees can be commenced again about the end of March, when the nights are cooler. The plants will then establish new roots before the winter.

Any Hydrangeas which have finished flowering may be lightly trimmed about the end of this month. Remove all dead flowers from roses and lightly prune, to encourage a good supply of autumn blooms. These blooms are usually the best, showing more depth of colour than those produced in the spring.

Get the ground ready now for sowing lawn-grass next month, encouraging weed-seeds to germinate and cultivating to keep the area weed-free.

Give leafy vegetables a side dressing of liquid fertiliser to keep them growing and dig out any vegetables which have finished bearing, to prevent them from harbouring pests and diseases. Spray fruit trees with Rogor 40 to control fruit fly, set Dak-Pots in the trees to trap male fruit fly and pick up and burn or bury deeply, all fallen fruit.

What a quantity of Leaf-eating beetles, caterpillars, snails and slugs we have had this summer! Purchase the appropriate spray for these from the plant store and use as directed. Snails and slugs lay eggs this month, so every one killed now means hundreds less next spring.

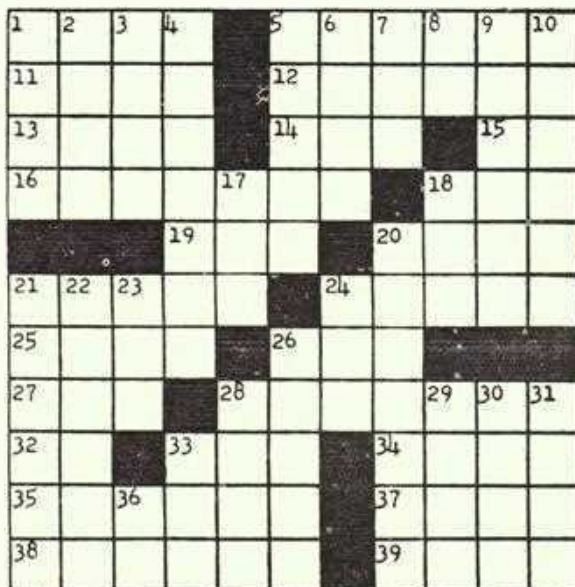
# OUR PROBLEM PAGE

Winner of PROBLEM No. 132 was Mrs. E. G. Johnson, of 11 Valetta Street, Moss Vale. She was one of any who sent in the correct solution. She wins \$2.00.

## PROBLEM No. 133

### ACROSS—

- 1 Wagers
- 5 Hesitated
- 11 Persia
- 12 Reach a place
- 13 River in Africa
- 14 Japanese coin
- 15 Short for Albert
- 16 Flaws
- 18 Fruit drink
- 19 Regret
- 20 Encourage
- 21 Sugary
- 24 Commerce
- 25 Trampled
- 26 American Indian
- 27 Thing (L.)
- 28 Bind more firmly
- 32 Each (abbr.)
- 33 Nothing
- 34 Scottish Gaelic
- 35 Walk leisurely
- 37 Trick
- 38 Hut
- 39 Plant ovule



### DOWN—

- 1 Tie with a cord
- 2 Great Lake
- 3 Story
- 4 Smiled scornfully
- 5 Adhesive
- 6 God of war (Gr.)
- 7 Footed vase
- 8 Yes (Sp.)
- 9 Avoided by dexterity
- 10 Erase
- 17 Carve
- 18 Arabian garment
- 20 Bowman
- 21 Emphasize
- 22 Garland
- 23 Goddess of dawn (Gr.)
- 24 Children's game
- 26 Foolish
- 28 Cause to slope
- 29 Loyal
- 30 Existence (L.)
- 31 Require
- 33 Prefix: not
- 36 Sun god (Egypt.)





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# Editorial

## TRANSPLANTS AND SAFETY

One of the most amazing adventures in all human experience has been the development in recent years of surgical techniques for transplanting vital organs from one body to another.

Science has not yet perfected these techniques, of course, because of the tendency of the human body to reject alien tissue. Nevertheless, much progress is being made in conditioning the recipient to tolerate the invasion.

Far more remarkable is the system of transplants practised by the human family for hundreds of thousands of years — so commonplace that no one ever thinks of it as a miracle. It is the amazing ability of one human being to create a thought in his own mind and transplant it through the skull and into the consciousness of another. We call it communication.

Frustrated surgeons who despair over slow progress in conditioning recipients for organ transplants should meditate on the probable history of human communication. It is not hard to imagine the desperate efforts of one primitive man to convince his neighbour that "we must band together to destroy the beast that eats our young." His neighbour, suspicious by nature, might have rejected the alien thought with a self-centred response: "What's in it for me?"

Perhaps such a setting marked the beginning of feedback, or whatever you call it — so necessary to the development of communication — without which primitive man could never have survived to dominate the world. Perhaps, in the primeval conversation, each man started to learn how to condition the mind of the other fellow, so that his thought transplants would not be rejected.

In the eons since then, human nature has retained much of its inborn tendency to reject transplants of new ideas — even such a beneficent idea as the importance of proper safety attitudes.

How much have you learned about communicating with people, with those, with whom you come in contact? Can you all condition your minds so that safety thought transplants will not be rejected.

This is my last issue as Editor, as I have resigned from the company to take a full-time position as a journalist with a newspaper. The years I have held the position have been very gratifying and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our contributors, especially Mrs. M. Crowe, for her gardening notes; Rus Greaves for his interesting articles on fishing; Homelover for her excellent articles and recipes; and our various plant correspondents. I would like to send my good wishes for the future to all our readers scattered throughout Australia and in many overseas countries.

—BARNEY CRESWICK

THE EDITOR.



# 7500 K.WATT TURBO ALTERNATOR FOR THE POWER HOUSE

At its February meeting, the S.P.C. Board approved that a tender be submitted, in conjunction with A.I. & S., to the Electricity Commission of N.S.W., for a 7500 K. Watt Turbo-Alternator, which would be installed in the Berrima Power House.

The tender, which has been accepted, was submitted in conjunction with A.I. & S., because they want two of the three turbines being sold.

Th turbines are at present installed in the old Lithgow Power Station which ceased operation about 1961. The Lithgow Power Station was originally built and run by the Railways Department. When the Electricity Commission was formed, it took over all major generating facilities throughout the state, including those at Lithgow.

As the Commission built bigger power stations, with 30,000 K. Watt then 100,000 K. Watts and now 550,000 K. Watt Sets, the need for the small Turbines at Lithgow decreased until the station was closed.

However, the set bought by S.P.C. has only run for two years, which is very short in a turbine's life, as shown by Nos. 1 and 2 Tubines in our existing station. These two have giiven very reliable service for over 45 years.

The new Turbine will be installed in the place of the existing No. 2 Set. This will cause some regret in the hearts of those who see No. 2 in its true light, as a fine example of engineering achievement in early turbine development.

However, the new Turbine will be more efficient, using less steam and therefore able to better use the steam produced in our existing boilers.

At present, some 15 percent of the manufactured cost of cement is the cost of power. Anything which can reduce this will help to keep S.P.C. competitive in a very difficult market.



## BERRIMA FIGURES INTERESTING

Berrima group safety figures are extremely interesting, with the exception of the Maintenance crew, whose run was broken, when Tom Aitken went off with an injured arm.

The figures as at March 6, were:

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Plant .....              | 35 days |
| Production A .....       | 1144    |
| Production B .....       | 2157    |
| Production C .....       | 1053    |
| Production D .....       | 1397    |
| Powerhouse/Elec. ....    | 1362    |
| Maintenance .....        | 35      |
| Stockhouse .....         | 1140    |
| General Office/Lab. .... |         |
| Works Office .....       | 3310    |

With the introduction of new types of machinery and equipment at the Marulan

quarry, work is proceeding on revising the rules and regulations on the use of danger tags.

Old employees, as well as new, are to be thoroughly indoctrinated in the use of tags, because they are considered vital in the safety programme.

During February, there were 16 minor injuries — seven in Maintenance and nine in Production. This is more than usual for a month. The average over the years has been nine to 11.

Groups runs to March 9, were: Plant 139; Group 1, 624; Group 2, 97; Group 3, 628; Group 4, 1887; Group 5, 1569; Group 6, 236; and Group 7, 450.

## JACK O'BRIEN LEAVES COLLIERY

Yet another well-known member of the Colliery work force, Jack O'Brien, retired on February 13, after about 24½ years' service.

He started there on 19/4/45 on the hand borers, later he operated the power machines and latterly was a beltman. Before he went to the Colliery he was at Bowral Brickworks, worked as a truck driver and on sheep stations.

During the latter part of his service, Jack did not enjoy good health and we hope that the retirement he is now having will assist him to better days.

"I have no regrets about my service there, which I enjoyed. But it is a pity I have entered retirement as a semi-cripple," he said.

He hopes to take a trip as far as Darwin and is interested in seeing and looking around Ayers Rock. He has a liking for the inland because he grew to know the people

around Bourke and Warren when he worked there.

Apart from his status as a miner, Jack is very well-known as a boxing trainer, having had his own gymnasium in Bowral for many years. He hopes when his health improves to start it up again. At one time he had as many as 35 boys in training.

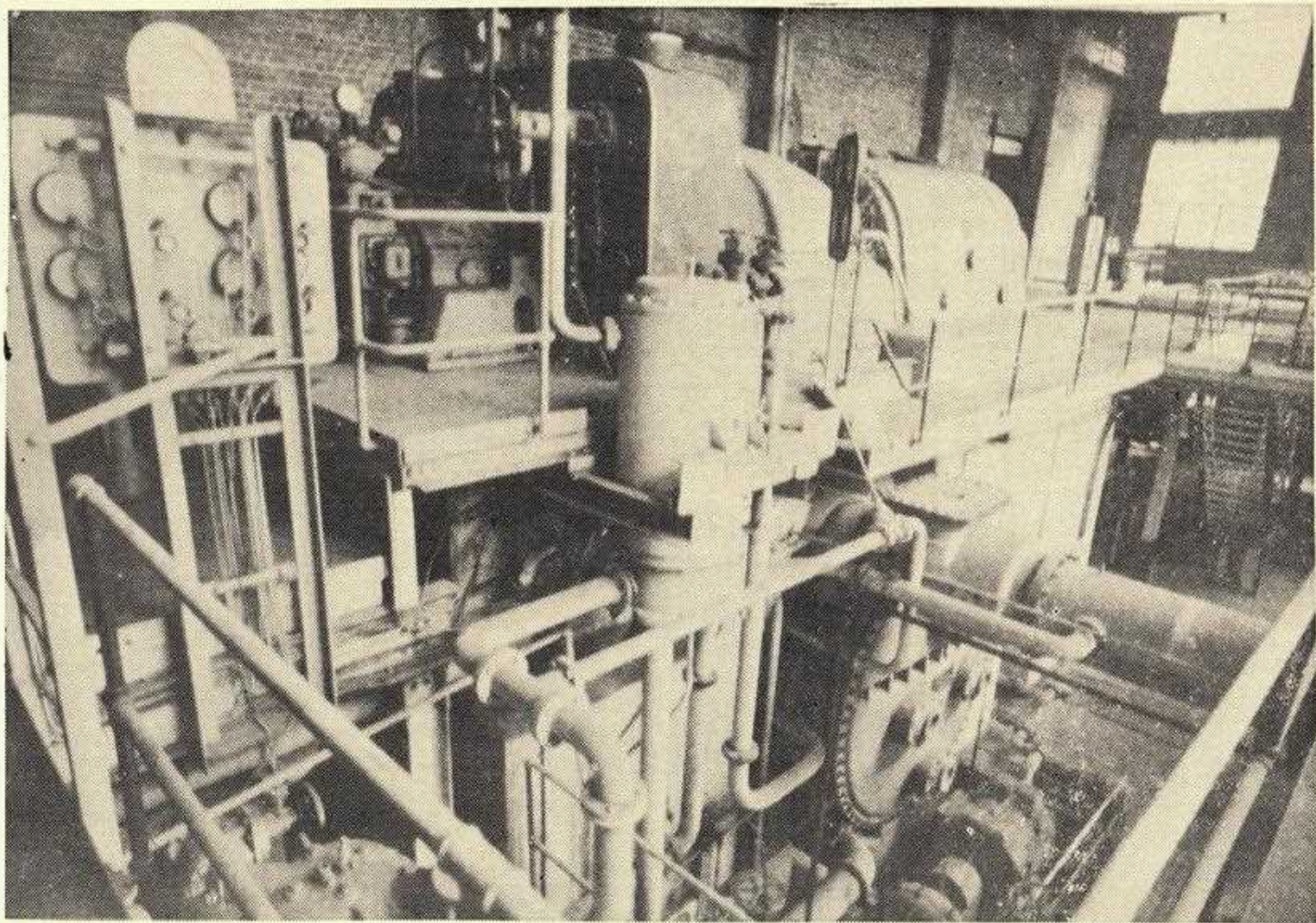
Perhaps, one of the best known was Graham Allen, who was well in line for a trip to the Commonwealth Games at Cardiff.

Jack is also a keen fisherman, owns a good boat and will follow his hobby during his retirement.

He has three sons, all miners, at Brimstone Colliery, two grandsons, and 10 granddaughters.

We wish him well in his retirement.





● This is a section of the turbine which will be installed in the Berrima Powerhouse. See story in this issue.



# MR. PARSONS NEW CHIEF ENGINEER

Mr. Walter Henry Parsons has been appointed to succeed Mr. Jim Mitchell, as Chief Engineer.

After leaving Wollongong High School, Wally served an apprenticeship in fitting and turning with A.I. and S., Port Kembla, and in 1954 gained the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at Sydney Technical College.

He served in various departments at the steelworks before transferring to the Combustion Department.

In 1957, he transferred to S.P.C. Ltd., Berrima, as Assistant Plant Engineer, and from 1960-66 was Maintenance Engineer. From 1966-70 he was Assistant Chief Engineer.

Apart from his busy life at the Berrima Plant, Mr. Parsons has been very active in Moss Vale Lions Club, the Moss Vale Swimming Club and the Scouts.

## FARADAY LECTURE IN CANBERRA

Five S.P.C. electrical apprentices will attend the annual Faraday Lecture in Canberra on March 18. They are Mike Millbank, Peter Galloway, Chris Bromfield, Malcolm Berry and Bernard Rowley. The invitation was from the Institution of Radio and Electrical Engineers. The lecture, with working models, charts, etc., was prepared as a cost of \$10,000.

## AN OUTING FOR FISHERMAN

A meeting of interested fishermen from Berrima Plant has decided on an outing to Comerong Island on April 12. Starting time will be nine o'clock and the weigh in at six o'clock.

The entry fee will be \$1.00 each and prizes will be awarded for the heaviest bag of fish, the largest fish and the biggest variety of fish.

If there are sufficient interested, it is hoped that the outing will be the forerunner for the formation of a fishing club. Other works of comparable size with Berrima have such clubs and it is felt that with so many

fishermen at S.P.C., there will be no trouble in forming a club.

Those interested in the outing on April 12 should contact Jack Brown.

## SCHOOL WAS IN

A special short course on Job Analysis was recently conducted by Mr. Peter Beale. The idea was to assist in the technical tie-up with the Maintenance Department. Those who attended were Keith Graham, John Grilz, Bob Magnus, Bob Strode, Alf Knapman, Rick Mulready and Bill Poland.

## JIM MITCHELL LEAVES

Our good friend, Jim Mitchell, left the company on February 27, after serving as its Chief Engineer for 12 years.

To mark the occasion, members of the staff gave him a farewell dinner at Moss Vale Golf Club. Chairman for the evening was the Technical Superintendent, Mr. Jack Schott.

Many tributes were paid Mr. Mitchell, who had always been approachable, helpful and, of course, highly efficient.

He was presented with a writing set, a "Digger's" Hat, complete with corks (like a true sundowner), a miniature spade and hoe (he intends to take up farming at a later date) and a scroll with the name of those present on it.





● Mrs. Russell Eirth, with her son, Douglas, at the annual Marulan Rifle Club Dinner.



● Jim Galloway carries away his trophy at the Marulan Rifle Club dinner.



● Veteran Rifleman, Tom Shepherd, with Mrs. Shepherd, discuss a point at the Marulan Rifle Club dinner. Tom has worked at the quarry for well over 30 years.



● Member for Goulburn, Mr. Ron Brewer, with Frank Bell, Secretary-captain of Marulan Rifle Club, presenting a prize at the annual dinner. Frank collected 21 trophies.



# THE B.H.P. WAGES EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

## ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ending 31st October, 1969

### REVENUE STATEMENT

| Year ending<br>31/10/68 |                                                                                         | Year ending<br>31/10/69 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$4,494,542             | Continuing Members' Accounts—<br>Carried Forward from Previous Year                     | \$7,023,119             |
|                         | <b>INCOME</b>                                                                           |                         |
| \$1,029,168             | Members' Contributions                                                                  | \$1,042,407             |
| 1,543,753               | Companies Subsidy                                                                       | 1,563,609               |
| 404,405                 | Income                                                                                  | 581,479                 |
| 3,183,795               | Additional Sum Required to Provide Minimum<br>Death and Incapacity Benefits             | 195,710                 |
| 7,678,337               |                                                                                         | 3,383,205               |
|                         |                                                                                         | 10,406,324              |
|                         | <b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>                                                                 |                         |
| 181,437                 | Deaths                                                                                  | 216,168                 |
| 98,581                  | Incapacities                                                                            | 104,014                 |
| 60,242                  | Normal Retirements                                                                      | 130,761                 |
|                         | Employees Staffed—Transferred to Officers'                                              |                         |
| 75,955                  | Provident Fund                                                                          | 74,247                  |
| 98,124                  | Other Retirements                                                                       | 127,255                 |
| 514,339                 | Total Settlements                                                                       |                         |
| 7,163,998               |                                                                                         | 652,445                 |
|                         | <b>LESS FORFEITED BENEFITS</b>                                                          | 9,753,879               |
|                         | Companies Subsidy not paid—<br>Terminations of membership under Rules 17<br>(b), 18, 20 | 189,958                 |
| 140,879                 |                                                                                         |                         |
| \$7,023,119             | Continuing Members' Accounts                                                            | \$9,563,921             |

Income was allocated to Members' accounts at the rate of 7.25 %.

Prior to taking into account uncompleted claims and cash in transit from the various member companies, investments totalled \$9,699,560.

Administration expenses of \$27,781, together with the shortfall in meeting death and incapacity benefits, have been debited to the Reserve Account and charged to the contributing companies.

### MEMBERSHIP

During the year to 31st October, 1969, members increased by 459 to 15,627, as follows:

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Membership at 31st October, 1968: | 15,168 |
| Add New Members                   | 1,938  |
|                                   | 17,106 |
| Less Normal Retirement            | 155    |
| Early Retirement                  | 13     |
| Resigned                          | 914    |
| Deceased                          | 95     |
| Incapacity                        | 69     |
| Retrenched                        | 6      |
| Ill Health                        | 1      |
| Transferred to Staff              | 176    |
| Other Retirements                 | 50     |
|                                   | 1,479  |
| Membership at 31st October, 1969: | 15,627 |

Total membership represents 66% of employees eligible to join the Fund.

### DEATH AND INCAPACITY BENEFITS

Since the inception of the Fund on 1st November, 1965, death and incapacity benefits amounting to \$920,918 have been paid.

### APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTING THE CONTRIBUTORS

Rule 28 provides that each Trustee representing contributors shall be appointed to hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment. It has been considered desirable that Trustees should normally serve two terms for a maximum of six years. To satisfactorily implement this system, it is necessary for two of the four Trustees to retire every three years. Mr. I. S. Travers of Whyalla retired in 1968 and was replaced by Mr. H. R. James, whilst Mr. F. Smith of Port Kembla retired after the close of the year.

### TRUSTEES AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1969

Sir Colin Syme — Chairman

|                         |                                           |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>B.H.P. Melbourne</b> | <b>Newcastle Steelworks</b>               | <b>Port Kembla Steelworks</b> |
| J. C. McNeill           | F. J. Ferris                              | G. W. Ferris                  |
| J. F. Rich              | R. B. Wilton                              | F. Smith                      |
| <b>B.H.P. Whyalla</b>   | <b>Commonwealth Steel Company Limited</b> |                               |
| H. R. James             | J. Kennedy                                |                               |
|                         | R. D. OSBORNE,                            |                               |
|                         | Registrar.                                |                               |

A copy of this report may be obtained on application at General Office, Cement Works, Marulan South.





● Wally Parsons, who succeeds Jim Mitchell, as Chief Engineer, chatting with Col Pickering.



● Jim Mitchell, the guest of honour, at his farewell, wearing his Digger's hat, complete with anti-fly corks, and miniature spade presented to him for his farming plans.

## MRS. DICKSON THE WINNER

Mrs. J. Dickson, of New Berrima, won the \$5.00 prize for the February Safety Limerick contest, with the final line: "For he can't rush around in a brace."

Second prize was won by Mrs. K. Howard, of Bowral, with the punch line: "Gus fell and made a mess of his face." She wins \$3.00

Mrs. E. Winner won third prize of \$2.00 with the line: "He's got us all thinking safety around the place."

Let's resolve throughout 1970 that we will all give thought to safe practices, and that we'll spark our own safe thinking by meditating on the thoughts presented in each monthly safety limerick contest.

The mental exercise involved in contest participation is likely to enhance your safety awareness — who wants to overlook the possibility of winning a few dollars?

For a change this month, the finishing line must have 10 syllables, and must rhyme with "solution."

### RESOLUTIONS

Now's the time to make firm resolution  
For each hazard to find a solution;  
No mere flash in the pan,  
But a real sincere plan.



# THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Alex Donaldson brought in some copies of "The Spectator," one of the early newspapers published in Moss Vale. The dates were in the 1870's and the printing is something that any publisher would be proud of. Letters to the editor were interesting and still have a bearing on local affairs. For instance, in those far-off horse and buggy days, there were complaints about not enough money being available to improve the roads; a group of Moss Vale citizens met to demand the appointment of a full-time constable in the village to try to control what they described the "larrikin element" from acts of vandalism. The publican at Burrawang offered first class accommodation, with plenty of stabling for horses, at reasonable prices. He also advertised an interesting wine and spirit list.

Stan Munday, who has taken a leading part in the Berrima Bush Fire Brigade for some years, has a powerful radio which has proved an interesting hobby for him. Some evenings where there is little else to do, he twiddles the dial and picks up broadcasts from many parts of the world. Lately he had been listening to conversations from the Choctaw derrick barge in Bass Strait. Included are instructions during oil drilling operations. Another dramatic broadcast he monitored was the search for the missing vessel Noongah — he heard instructions and progress reports from the warships engaged in the search. Jim Galloway at Marulan South had a powerful receiver and spent many interesting hours listening to the broadcasts from different points of the globe.

OOOO

The N.R.M.A. always has some interesting notes for the motorist. It reports that the Department of Main Roads has accepted a tender of \$507,219 for bridgework which will duplicate the existing bridge over Lake Illawarra at Windang. A new concrete two-lane structure with footway, will be erected alongside the existing timber bridge. The N.R.M.A. has been advised that traffic will be diverted onto the new structure whilst the second stage, involving replacement of the superstructure of the old bridge, is in progress. When the new bridges have been combined as a single structure, the new bridge will have a four-lane

divided carriageway. The bridge will benefit motorists using the Port Kembla-Shellharbour Road. Work is scheduled for completion by mid-1971.

Prospecting has always fascinated me because of its colourful history in Australia. Gold was discovered in the Wellington district, Central N.S.W., in 1849, at a place known as Mitchell's Creek. It was not long before the "rush" to the west was on. In the 1870's, mining companies were using machinery for crushing both gold and copper-bearing quartz on the site. Relics of the early gold rush days can still be seen at Bodangora, eight miles from Wellington. However, the most colourful gold rush town of the district was Ironbarks, today known as Stuart Town. This town was immortalised by Banjo Patterson in his rollicking poem, "The Man from Iron Bark." From 1875 to 1914, 140,000 ounces of gold were obtained by alluvial and reef mining methods from this area, and on present day values this would be worth more than \$2 million. The district is worth visiting, for apart from the relics of the golden days, it is famous for its gemstones, which attract thousands of tourists.

The B.H.P. Journal, autumn issue, has a very interesting article on Captain James Cook, described as the Hydrographic Surveyor Extraordinary. The article gives an outline of his career before he was appointed to the Royal Navy, and describes his expeditions to the Pacific. It states in part: "From a technical point of view, Cook's success as an explorer and navigator was due in a very great measure to his training as a hydrographic surveyor. His early training taught him how to navigate among shoals and in dangerous waters, and his intense survey training to chart only that which he could plainly see and honestly plot. He demonstrated by his three momentous voyages that the only practical route by which the English could penetrate the Pacific was by the south-west and that settlement on the N.S.W. coast offered the best prospect to further that British penetration. These are, therefore, good reasons why Australia owes a considerable debt of gratitude to that eminent hydrographic surveyor, Captain James Cook, R.N., F.R.S."



## Homelovers' Corner

# THE FIVE MOST WORTHWILE QUALITIES

Like everything else in life, we must quite simply, on the basis of common sense, search and ponder with a never-ending desire to find the very important points in each character amongst people today.

These ideas are listed in sequence:—

**Love and Tolerance:** Perhaps the significance of the words "Love and Tolerance" has been lost among many lines. This is because of misrepresentation, abuse and sentiment. Both words, "Love" and "Tolerance," are very closely related. They are symbols which we all hope to achieve or have a nature disinclined to interfere with others.

Time goes very quickly and we learn, perhaps, through bitter experience the art of shutting our eyes to many things; sickness in the aged calls for great tolerance and love.

For without love all is lost; it can only give of itself and cannot be possessed. Is it not possessing a security of warmth and sincerity in all we do, without thought of reward?

**Straightforwardness:** It is absolutely essential to have an eye for truth. Be right down to basic facts to find such a person who is not afraid of the truth.

It is very rare to find one straight and dependable in one's ways, to think and act as one, not to be interested in which way the wind is blowing.

This calls for a very strong personality, afraid of no one.

Possessing strength and firmness in decisions, leadership and every day living are other qualifications under this heading.

**Courage:** I often have the impression that courage has many forms and relationships.

The courage to face whatever lies ahead, to be able to go forward in cases of adversity, having the insight to accept the task which has been placed before our eyes, without shirking and whining.

**Kindness:** Is a wonderful trait in anyone's character, to see the gentleness which is required to nurse the sick, and, above all, loving kindness to the aged, and the children.

Some are hopeless and helpless, most can

look back over their lives to appreciate many things, the lessons and reasons for much neglect among the aged and the little children around us each day.

The many dumb creatures we see about us each day respond very readily to kindness and affection. Life without these little beings would be very dull and uninteresting.

Our little feathered friends build their nests about our roofs, peck the ripe fruit in the orchards. But they have a kindness of their own, eliminating the bugs and pests which frequent the garden and trees during the year.

Perhaps kindness is loving people at all times far more than they deserve.

The five items which are very important in anyone's character have been outlined.

Perhaps to find all five would be a pipe dream or just one of life's gigantic gambles. Nevertheless, strong and just people live everywhere only they are just a little harder to find than the average man or woman.

**Courage** is a form of endurance and self-denial. To stand and believe what you are about to do is right, sometimes we go on facing each day, each year without complaint, and wonder just how and why you keep on because it is the only way.

There is, however, a great light over every horizon for all who care enough to go forward and keep on trying.

**Loyalty:** The hardest task of all is to find the quality of loyalty. The average is about one in every thousand. One has to wait a long time to find such a gem, with wisdom, knowledge and great understanding, quietly abiding at peace with life, never to betray a trust where position or life is concerned.

The great thing is to keep a trust above and beyond the call of duty; be dependable and reliable to the Firm, Factory, Establishment or personnel.

Go about each daily task in a most conscientious way; people who perform these tasks are of a very quiet nature, unseen and without disturbance to any part of the community.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## Berrima

We regret to record to death on February 16, of Mr. Sid Parker, at the age of 70. His son, Allan, is Spares Supervisor at the Berrima Plant. To members of the family, we extend our sympathy.

OOOO

Bill and Mrs. Brooks were hosts to American serviceman, Sergeant Larry Hill, whose hometown is Fairmont, Virginia. He said the Moss Vale area reminded him of Virginia, with its green fields and copses of trees. Bill took him driving as far as the coast and they inspected the Berrima Plant. Larry was on a couple of days' R. and R. leave from Vietnam.

OOOO

Congratulations to Gwen Whatman and Clive Sheppard who were married at St. David's Church, Burrawang, on February 21. Gwen, who worked in the Stationery Department, is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Whatman, of Burrawang, and Clive is the first son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sheppard, of Wildes Meadow. Bridesmaids were Lyn Wheatley, who came from Atherton, Northern Queensland, and Jenny Mackay, one of our Credit Union girls. The honeymoon was spent on a tour of the South Coast and their home will be in Robertson.

OOOO

Welcome to new starters Jim Darcy, Bob Mills and Bob Jackson (a New Zealander). We hope their stay will be happy.

OOOOO

Mark Jones, who retired from the company a few years ago, has left the Gosford district and is now residing with some friends at Berry. His health hasn't improved, but we hope that the Berry air will suit him.

OOOO

Ern Radnidge was one of three Mittagong Lions to attend a convention at Wollongong

in February. He flew with Dr. Lochhead and Mr. Lickerman, for the occasion.

OOOO

It is pleasing to hear that Nicholas Humphries is liking his work with a firm of architects in Sydney. He has started a part-time course in architecture at the University of New South Wales.

OOOO

Third year electrical apprentice, Malcolm Berry spent a fortnight in the C.M.F. Camp at Singleton during February. He said he enjoys the life as a part-time soldier.

OOOO

Just returned from holidays are Dennis O'Keefe and Gwen Sheppard, who was recently married. They both said they enjoyed the break away from their tasks at the General Office.

OOOO

Our fishing correspondent, Rus Greaves, with his wife, are spending their annual holidays at Crescent Head, on the North Coast. No doubt he will have some interesting tales to relate when he returns.

OOOO

We wish John Hackett and his wife everything they wish themselves. John and Sandra Brooker, of Kangaloon, were married in Bowral in February and have made their home in Mittagong. They spent their honeymoon on a tour taking in The Entrance, Cooma and the far South Coast.

OOOO

We offer George Pridgeon and all members of the family our sympathy on the death of his mother, who lived at Castlereagh.

OOOO

Alf, Mrs. Knapman and Greg have been on a two weeks' holiday to the sunny north.

OOOO

It was pleasing to learn that Mr. Lloyd Veal, Moss Vale, and Doug Watson, Bundanoon, won prizes in the recent district garden competition.

OOOO

Bob Magnus has been transferred to the Works Office as Construction Foreman. For



some years, he was an Assistance Foreman in the Machine Shop.

OOOO

We said goodbye to Lindsay Breen a couple of weeks ago, before he left for the Talbingo area to work with Thiess Bros. He recently completed his apprenticeship in fitting and turning. We wish him well.

OOOO

John Vis, who worked in the Laboratory before being called up for National Service, spent some leave with his people in February. He had been in Vietnam.

OOOO

Another former apprentice, Jim Manning, dropped in to see us while home on leave from Singleton Camp, where he is attached to the Dental Corps. Appropriate that a fitter should be in this section?

OOOO

We were pleased to see Ted Chessell earlier this month. He left the company to join the Department of the Navy, Canberra, as a draughtsman. By coincidence another former S.P.C. apprentice, Don Connors, who was reared in Marulan, also works for the same department.

OOOO

We were sorry to see Gwen Shepperd leave the Stationery. She was recently married. We knew her as Gwen Whatman. Gwen did a sterling job while she was with us.



Camp steward, Jim Keegan has an interesting display of plants and flowers around the mess room. Latest additions are some species of palms. It will be interesting to see what progress these tropical plants make in the Marulan climate.

OOOO

Bill McCallum was in good form bowling while on holidays at Culburra recently. Playing at the Culburra and District Recreation Club during his stay, he won five out of six matches.

OOOO

Quarry Superintendent, Dennis Marsden, has started building a 16ft yacht. Considerable planning has gone into the project and we will watch its construction with interest. This will

be the first time that such a project has been built in the Marulan district.

OOOO

We are pleased to record that Angus Murphy is around again after his hospital treatment.

Congratulations to Alan and Ann Chaplin on the birth of a daughter. They have named her Narelle Ann.

OOOO

We regret to record the death on February 23 of Mr. Mick Cosgrove, in his 83rd year. He had a long association with the B.H.P. Company and S.P.C. Ltd. During the war years he was in charge of the iron ore deposit in the Crookwell district and when peace came, he was transferred to Marulan South. He worked at the quarry in various capacities until his retirement. Several members of his family work there. They are Tony (Maintenance Planning Officer), Vince (shift foreman), Geoff (driver), Mick (fitter) and grandsons Des and Garry (who is now on National Service). To all members of the family, we extend our sympathy.

OOOO

We are pleased to report that Hec Johnston is progressing in Goulburn Base Hospital, following an injury he received while helping to move a tank in Marulan. Apparently, Hec was on the stand, slipped and fell, striking his side on a post. Apart from broken ribs, he sustained internal injuries.

OOOO

We welcome a new starter to the Hydration Plant — Bob Kennedy, who formerly worked at the Goulburn Abattoirs.

OOOO

It was pleasing to hear that Tex Cooper won several prizes for his fowl exhibits at the Goulburn Show.

OOOO

Those travelling from Goulburn to the Quarry every day can now spend a few extra minutes in bed. This is because of a new section of divided roads near Goulburn resulting in a faster trip.

OOOO

Congratulations to Geoff and Carmen Bell on the birth of a son on February 25. He is a brother for Vicki and Angela.

OOOO

The conventional holiday season is now tapering off. Those who have recently returned are Jack Read, G. Buchan, Mick Cosgrove, George Ibbotson, Jim Bradley, Bill McCallum and Jim Galloway.



OOOO

Barry Armitt, the Technical Assistant, is learning to play the guitar. And his teachers are from the Conservatorium of Music. The guitar has appeal of its own and when played expertly is a delight to the lover of music.

## Colliery

Ian Jones, his wife and family spent a couple of weeks relaxing in the Brisbane area.

OOOO

Another, Brian and Mrs. Townsend, and daughter, headed for Cairns. A long way, but for those interested in a caravan trip, really worthwhile.

## Sydney

Congratulations and very best wishes to Les and Bev Stimpson on the birth of a son—Andrew Mark.

OOOO

Hearty congratulations to Don Millhouse and his wife, Denise, who were recently married. Many will remember Denise, then Miss Fice some four years ago. We wish them every happiness.

OOOO

We welcome Tony Cachia who has joined the Company's Sydney office as a commercial trainee.

## Canberra

Reg Fitzgerald has moved to Canberra Depot for a while. Reg is used to that area.

OOOO

We regret to record the death of Reg Brown, who had been in charge of the Fyshwick Depot for some years, on Sunday, March 15. To members of the family, we offer our sympathy.

# SPORT

## RIFLE SHOOTING—

The annual Marulan Rifle Club dinner was held in the Marulan Memorial Hall on March 6, when prizes were presented for last year. In October, the club disbanded because of the cost of the new .276 rifle ammunition. However, the club is now well on the way back to functioning because some of the .303 rifles are being converted and some members said they intended to buy the new .276. Winner of most of the prizes was Secretary/Captain Frank Bell with 21. Chairman for the night was Ted McIntyre, one of the club's most loyal supporters. In fact, when he worked with a wool firm in Sydney a few years ago, Ted used to make a special trip home every Saturday to shoot. Ted has now gone to higher things in the business world, but still maintains his interest. Another speaker was the ever-

green Mr. McIntosh, of the National Rifle Association, from Canberra. Local Member Ron Brewer, also a one-time keen shot, handed out the trophies.

OOOO

## BOWLS—

Night bowls at Marulan South have proved popular with the added attraction of a barbecue on Friday nights. Visitors have been from Moss Vale, Goulburn and other Tablelands clubs. The club pairs and triples championships will soon start.

OOOO

## GOLF—

Brian McIntosh was beaten by one stroke for the Southern Tablelands Cup at Moss Vale during the Golf in Australia Day. He carded a 74 and a 73 and was beaten by a chap named Beasley from the Coast. Phil Radnidge, one of the up and coming golfers, returned a 74 and a 79.



# Russ Greaves Takes Us Fishing



Just so that it does not miss out, I must remind all readers that our fishing expedition to Comerong Island is well on the way to being organised. An early date had to be cancelled due to many "leadswingers" being on shift or on holiday.

However, good notice will be given, and all entrants will be oiled up on the Champion Fisherman dope. Something that will not be too fully detailed with the rules is — don't forget you will be mostly on private property, so please make sure all fires are safe and

that rubbish is not left lying around, or farmer's property damaged.

Also, I have struck a few sand flies there recently, so don't forget some protective spray or ointment.

Jack Brown and friend Tony, had a great time at Kiama. They got among a school of salmon and managed to land one at eight pounds. Unfortunately, their gear was too light and much to their dismay all subsequent fish could not be landed.

Snakes have generally been seen in queer places by certain folks in certain conditions! But Bill Strong tells me that at Huskisson recently, all he could land was sea snakes.

I fished at Greenwell Point recently. It's not bad where it has been dredged at the wharf. Fish on the northern side where, when there isn't much run. A few small ones were bagged — Flathead, Whiting and Bream.

I also gave the Canal a go and managed, after great effort, to land three toads, one Yellowtail (to four inches) and one Bream at one pound.

Anyhow, Reg Fitzgerald continues to pull them in off Kiama. He boasts on 8lb. 6oz. Morwie. Now that's a nice fish.



# OUR PROBLEM PAGE

Mrs. E. Winner, whose entry was sent from the Colliery, was the winner of Problem No. 133, and her award is \$2.00. Her's was one of many correct answers submitted.

PROBLEM No. 134

## ACROSS—

- 1 Fish Spear
- 4 Harvest
- 8 Tree trunk
- 12 Fuss
- 13 Ear part
- 14 Mischievous
- 15 Ocean
- 16 Foretoken
- 17 Minus
- 18 In the middle
- 20 One's strong point
- 21 Hotel
- 22 Report of recent event
- 23 Intersect
- 26 In what way
- 27 Greek Letter
- 30 Fem. relative
- 31 Tavern counter
- 32 Pod vegetable
- 33 Very small
- 34 Motor coach
- 35 Stay
- 36 Recited
- 38 Knight's title
- 39 Man's garment
- 41 Term of affection (2 wds.)
- 45 Min. deposit
- 46 Dwarf
- 47 Enraged
- 48 Encourage
- 49 Scottish Gaelic

- 50 Hen product
- 51 Method
- 52 Forest animal
- 53 Perceive by the eye

## DOWN—

- 1 Deep and long cut
- Thought
- End of journey
- Circus buffoons
- Man from Rome
- Execute an order
- Writing tool
- Beneath
- Supervisor
- Catalogue
- Otherwise
- Clenched hand
- Not many
- And not
- Crow's cry
- Regret
- Partial (comp. wd.)
- Possesses
- Thick, black liquid
- Indefinite number
- Undeveloped stem
- Farm building
- Bridle part
- Snicker
- Mountain crest
- Intelligence
- Shut noisily
- Professional tramp
- Clear
- City in Iowa
- Magician
- Border
- Ruby color





## Gardening Notes



(Mrs MRS. C. CROWE)

**FLOWERS:** Sow — Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Calendula, Campanula, Carnation, Cineraria, Delphinium, Dianthus, Digitalis, Gaillardia, Gypsophila, Larkspur, Linaria, Lobelia, Lupin, Mignonette, Nemophila, Nigella, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Polyanthus, Shirley Poppy, Primula, Stocks, Sweet Pea, Viola, Virginian Stock, Wallflower. Plant — Bellis perennis, Calendula, Carnation, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Primula, Stocks, Viola, Wallflower, Bulbs of Daffodil, Freesia, Hyacinth, Ixia, Jonquil, Nerines, Lachenalia, Watsonia, Anemone, Ranunculus, Sparaxis, etc.

**VEGETABLES:** Sow — Beetroot, Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Parsnip, Peas, Silver Beet, Swede Turnip, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Leek, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce, Parsley, Radish, Eschalots, Garlic. Plant — Cabbage, Cauliflower, Lettuce.

The month of February has been very much cooler than usual, with a few scorching days, followed by violent electrical storms and a good deal of rain. As a result, general growth of plants has been slower than usual, but the grass has grown apace, so that lawnmowers have been busy at every available opportunity. Sow lawn grass seed this month, either for new lawns, or to cover over any bare patches which have resulted from the removal of heavy weeds or from general "wear and tear."

Lift Gladioli corms six weeks after flowering and hang up, with growth attached, to dry out thoroughly. When quite dry, clean off the leaves and the other dead skin and store on a dry shelf or in shallow boxes of dry sand which has a fungicide mixed in.

Most of the Summer blooming annuals will need to be removed at the end of this month to make way for the Winter and Spring flowering shrubs. Evergreen shrubs can be planted from the end of this month, onwards.

Cultivate all growing crops and plants to keep down weeds. Any mildew in fruit, flower or vegetable garden should be promptly dealt with. Any diseased growth should be burnt to prevent spreading to other plants.

Keep baiting for slugs and snails.

There is a new cat and dog repellent on the market now, so you can try some of this where our four-footed friends become a nuisance.



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For the influence of the Trained man.  
For the power of the Courageous man.

From Roy L. Smith's "Science Sermons."

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# Editorial

## PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

Your "Newsletter" has had, over the years a steady and constant climb, to the prominence it now enjoys.

It was born in 1959, and in those early days was simply a few duplicated sheets, but it filled a need. As far as I can ascertain, the first editor was Mark Hauber, followed by Alwyn Counsel, Terry Saker, Kevin Moore and for the past six years Barney Creswick has held the reins.

The "Newsletter" now serves the very useful purpose of keeping every employee in touch with what is happening at the Berrima Plant, Marulan Quarry and the Colliery at Medway. In addition we can share various interests, hobbies and experiences.

What of the future? Barney Creswick has moved on. I have been asked to fill his place as Editor. I realise my inadequacy for the task. To a great extent I have been isolated at the General Office. It is true that I have come to know by face and name some of you who carry on the work of the Plant, the Quarry and Colliery, as I have for some time assisted our Paymaster Terry Whatman. I will need to know many more of you, and much more about you and your families, if this magazine is to continue successfully, as in the past. So I need your help. Departmental Representatives, please keep up the good work. Foremen and workers, please let me know all those interesting happenings regarding families and friends. Office workers, Supervisors and Executives, it's your magazine too.

If we all pull together, we can do it!

Let's keep up the good work.

CHRIS KNOWLSON,

THE EDITOR.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## MARULAN

Gordon and Margaret McCallum, who have been in Moree for the past two years, are returning to Marulan. Gordon worked for many years for the Department of Motor Transport as an Inspector at the old checking station. He has accepted a promotion and will be working at the new Checking Station now being constructed.

OOOO

On Good Friday, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kopec. Joe works in the Electrical Department. That **WAS** a god Friday, Joe!

OOOO

Barry and Beverley Greaves have left Marulan Eouth to live in Goulburn. Barry is still working in the Marulan Shop as a welder. We wish them well in their new home.

OOOO

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rowley on the birth of a daughter. Bill is a brother of George and Howard, who work at the Quarry.

OOOO

On holidays are Geoff Bell, Les O'Brien, Noel Steffensen, Terry Bell, Sid Turner, J. Keegan and Dfl Hill. We wish them all a happy and refreshing time.

OOOO

Alax Nekrasius, Carpenter for 10 years at the Quarry, was married on the 7th March, to Tina Anglis of Lithuania, and is living in Brayton Road, Marulan.

OOOO

Two enthusiastic apprentices are busy building Stock Racing Cars. They are Angus Campbell and Don McCallum of Marulan. They hope to compete with others at Kembla Grange and various other Tracks.

## BERRIMA

Allan King is now back at the General Office after a holiday in Quensland. He stayed for two weeks at Palm Beach. While in this area, he visited the Bird Sanctuary at Corrum-

bin. His last week was spent in and around Brisbane. Two highlights were a plane flight and a visit to the Auto Museum. (Fortunately, or should it be unfortunately, he didn't have his car with him. —Ed).

OOOO

The General Office has had quite an influx of new starters. Margaret Holleley: Costs; Gail Missingham: Comptometrist; Barbara Teague: Accounts.

John Teague, Barbara's husband is a research chemist, at present attached to the Drawing Office.

Rhonda Churchill, helping Nik in the Printing Office.

Robert Boyd has transferred from the Store to Costs, and David Bowls to Stores Clerical, also from the Store.

OOOO

More men die of drink than of thirst.

OOOO

Doctor, illustrating a point during a lecture, "Every time I breath a person dies!"

## COLLIERY

Bruce Fraser and his wife recently had another addition to the family, a boy. "That makes two of each," says Max Thorpe. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Fraser.

OOOO

The big question at the Colliery during April was how a certain surface labourer got such a beautiful black eye! He claims that a piece of wood flew up and hit him while he was at work, but of course no-one believes him.

OOOO

An apology to Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Brien. In last month's article in the "Newsletter," regarding Jack's retirement, it was reported that there were three sons. I have received information from the Colliery that Jack had four sons. The eldest, John, who works at the Bowral Brick Works, was unfortunately missed from the report. —Editor.





## GOLF

Bert McIntosh was runner-up in the April monthly medal.

Ron Budden and Bill Charlesworth have entered the quarter finals of the Jordan Cup at Moss Vale after their recent wins.

## BERRIMA BOWLS

Saturday, 11th April, was a big day at Bowral Bowling Club. Forty-four S.P.C. bowlers, representing the Colliery, Marulan and Berrima, played Bowral for the S.P.C.-Bowral Shield.

S.P.C., who have held the shield for the past year, arrived full of confidence, although a few of the familiar faces were missing. As the day wore on, it became increasingly evident that the shield was on its way back to Bowral. This was confirmed at high tea, when Mr. K. Howard (playing member) presented the shield to president Roy Broadfoot, of the Bowral Club. The score was, Bowral 229 — S.P.C. 219.

Mr. McNicol and Mr. J. Scott represented the S.P.C. management.

Winners of the trophies for the day for S.P.C. were Tom Jeffries, Jack Douglas, Lew Wilson and Jim Bell. The runner-up prize went to Kev. Moore, Tom Lafferty, Bob D'Adam and Bill Rutter.

Congratulations also to Bryn Jones, Jim Colquhoun, Bob Magnus and Bill Thurstle, who scored an eight!

## MARULAN BOWLS

Marulan South and District Bowling Club, Pairs Handicap Championships, is well under way. The first round was played on Saturday 4th April.

Bill McCallum and Steve Brazac were defeated by Tony Cosgrove and Len Pole 29-37.

Barney Eddy and Max Cooper were defeated by Ray Penfold and Percy Penfold.

Jim Galloway and Col Woods were defeated by Alan Bushell and Ashley Cooper 25-23.

Alan Turner and Stan Bell defeated Ken Keegan and Mike Keegan.

## MARULAN CYCLING

Ray McCallum who is a carpenter at Marulan Quarry, came third in the Southern Districts Cycling Championships at Goulburn earlier this year.

He also came third in the Club Championships, and in the five-mile event.

## COLLIERY SPORT

Bowral Bowling Club No. 2 Pennants team, including G. Preston and J. A. Bell of the Colliery, won the district and Zone Pennants finals recently.



## CLASSIC CAR RALLY

A total of 489 cars and motor cycles, the oldest built in 1900, took part in Australia's first international event for veteran and vintage cars.

Cars and competitors from more than six countries drove the 1000 miles from Sydney to Melbourne in just two weeks.

The Rally started at Warwick Farm on Saturday, the 4th April. Many of you saw the cars in Bowral and Moss Vale.

An N.R.M.A. team composed of a supervisor and two patrols gave road service to competitors while the rally proceeded through N.S.W. and the A.C.T.

OOOO

Until recently, I was in ignorance of the fact that there had ever been a circular ship. It was interesting to learn that the Rusians experimented with this type of vessel in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

The Russian Coastal defence ship, Novgorod was a circular ship with a diameter of 101 feet. It was launched in 1873. It had six propellers and two 11 inch guns. It was one of the so-called Popoffkas, named after the designer, Admiral Popoff.

(This is not a joke. — Ed.).

OOOO

In a very interesting article in the March National Geographic, T. J. Abercrombie of the Foreign Editorial Staff, writes, that to Western eyes, Japan seems to be topsy-turvy. He gives a few instances as follows. When entering a house, you take off your shoes, not your hat, you scrub yourself outside the bathtub, not in it. Japanese mourners wear white. "Footnotes" are printed at the top of the page, wine is heated. Fish is served raw. Cats have no tails, and women help men off with their coats.

OOOO

In the Autumn edition of the B.H.P. Journal an informative article treats of Australia's futuristic pavilion at Expo 70: To quote one paragraph.

The irregular shapes of all main components in the model made the work of structural analysis a complicated one. Computer runs of 40 minutes on the Adelaide University's C.D.C. 6400 computer were necessary to furnish the required information. By comparison, runs of only three to five minutes are needed to design the structure of a typical multi-storey city office block!

## BIRD NOTES

Many of our birds, after raising families in this district, are now migrating north, while others are arriving to spend the winter with us. The latter include the Satin Bower Birds, Scarlett Robins and Butcher Birds, which are among our most notable songsters. The Magpies also have now changed to their winter notes, their carolling ringing out from early morning until dusk. Encourage some of the smaller birds to stay in your garden during the winter by planting some of the Winter-flowering shrubs!

OOOO

A member of the landed gentry wanted some acreage cleared and hired a handyman. The latter appeared promptly carrying nothing but a tomahawk. After some discussion, the handyman went out, and in half a day cleared almost an acre, using only the little tomahawk. The landowner was highly impressed, and asked where the fellow had learnt to cut down trees like that.

"Sahara Desert," came the reply. "But there are no trees on the Sahara," the landowner replied, "Ain't now," said the tomahawk man.

—Graeme Gardiner: Readers Digest.



## MRS. M. ROACH GAINS FIRST PRIZE IN SAFETY LIMERICK

The wife of Tom Roach, stores clerk, Berrima, topped the March entries with the following:

Now's the time to make firm resolution,  
For each hazard to find a solution:  
No mere flash in the pan,  
But a real sincere plan,  
**For an accident-free institution.**

The complete limerick is given to show the splendid rhythm and rhyme of this entry. You will remember that the editor asked for a line of 10 syllables.

Mrs. Roach will receive \$5.00.

The second prize of \$3.00, goes to Roger Seville of the Colliery. His last line was, **"To make safely our new constitution."**

The Colliery also claims third prize of \$2.00. Bryan Hilton's line was, **"To help solve the problem of pollution."**

Now for this month's competition:

There was a young man from Perth,  
Who was accident prone right from birth,  
Came to live with his aunt  
And work at the plant

The last line needs nine syllables and must rhyme with "birth."

If you haven't tried this competition, give it a go. You might find that you have extra dollars next month.

## NEW ROCK BREAKER

From Bill McCallum comes news of a Rock Breaker at the Quarry. To use his own colourful words.

"The New Rock Buster machine at the Quarry doesn't like big rocks, and is 'busting' them up as soon as they get in front of it."

It surely sounds like a huge monster with a voracious appetite.

This new addition will be used to break up rocks that are too large to be managed by the Crusher.

## SAFETY FIRST

Berrima plant has now more than 60 days on the board without a disabling injury.

The Quarry is going nicely with more than 160 days up.

It was unfortunate that the Colliery broke down during March, as also did the Depots group. Both recorded one lost time injury.

The overall Frequency Rate for the four plants during March was 20.5.

## GLIDING CLUB

Wollongong Gliding Club has set up at Marulan South Road Airstrip owned by Mr. Les Cooper.

Two gliders and a plane for towing were operating during the long week-end. Flights in plane or gliders were available for \$3.00.

One local lad was gliding for three-quarters of an hour and travelled almost over Goulburn and Crookwell. He managed to land safely at the airstrip.

Officials say that the conditions here are extremely good for this form of pastime.

—BILL MCCALLUM.





Barney Creswick being farewelled by Cec Warner.

## SEND OFF TO ROY SEFTON CRESWICK

### BETTER KNOWN AS "BARNEY"

Well over 100 friends met at Moss Vale Services Club on Friday evening, 4th April, to say farewell to Barney Creswick.

The esteem in which Barney was held, was shown by the gathering, representing all departments of the Berrima Plant, the Quarry, and the Colliery.

Barney has been with the Company since the 5th of June, 1961, first at the Quarry and later at Berrima.

His work brought him into contact with most of the employees. He was connected with Safety, Welfare, Credit Union, and the Entertainment Fund. In addition he was Editor of the Newsletter for the past six years.

A number of very useful gifts were made to Barney in token of his services.

LES HUMPHRIES,  
Safety and Employment Officer.

OOOO

As you perhaps already know, Barney Creswick has gone back into journalism. He will be working in Gosford.

In tribute, I quote from the "Australasian Manufacturer." The comments which follow were written by Ben Trovato, who is known as the 'Controversial Columnist.' He writes: 'I have received from Mr. J. Willard, of Kaiser Refractories Pty. Ltd., copies of the Southern Portland Cement Ltd. works magazine. Mr. Willard rightly thinks that the S.P.C. 'News-letter' is well above average of most house publications.

"The editor of S.P.C. Newsletter takes a great deal of justified pride in his work, and his editorials seem to reflect a concern for the community as a whole rather than just the narrow interests of the traditional works magazine."





Alf Knapman makes a presentation on behalf of the Powerhouse employees.



Don Moore, making a presentation to Barney, on behalf of the Entertainment Committee.





M.C. for the evening, was Lioi Bush, who, together with Kevin Moore, made all necessary arrangements for the evening.

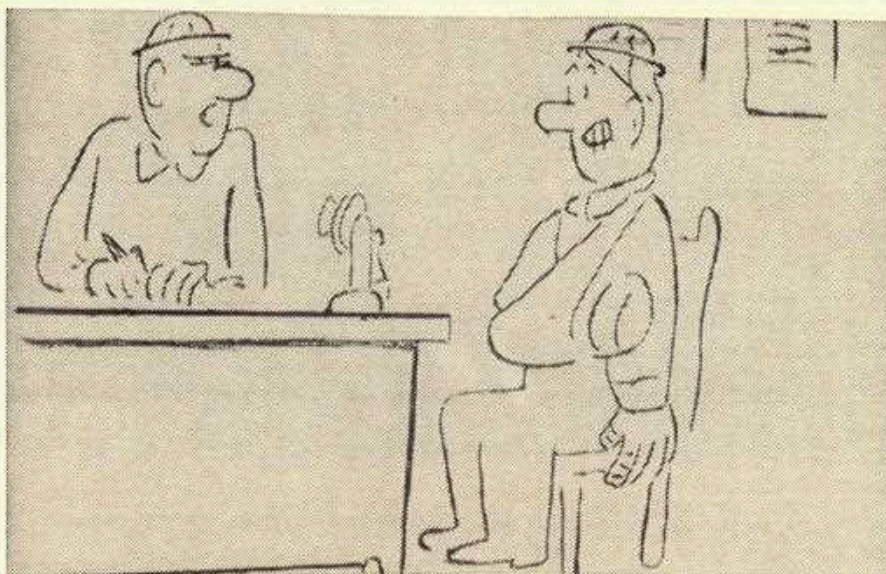


Bill Strong making a presentation to Barney on behalf of the Sick, Accident and Welfare Fund.



# FLASHBACK

Cartoon from Vol. 1, No. 2 of the S.P.C. "Newsletter"



"If I put down you were hurt on the job,  
our safety record's ruined — So I'll say  
You were thrown out of a bar!"

## FIRST NEWS FROM BARNEY

It is difficult to put into words my very deep appreciation of what you gave me and said about me when I left Berrima. The projector is magnificent (after the send-off I went home and viewed some of my collection for a couple of hours); the lighter is one of the most practical pieces of machinery a smoker can have (I've never had one before); the ice bucket will restore me to this world on the rare occasions I go into orbit; and the wallet with its contents was truly something that left me speechless.

You will note that I have at present a Sydney address. I'm doing Parliamentary writing and features for a few weeks — mainly

seeking background information — for my own paper at Gosford, where I'll spend about three days a week for the next six weeks.

Although I had been away from daily journalism for some years, I found it easy to return and feel that the decision I made was correct, although it took me a long time to make up my mind.

I'll be in residence at Gosford, as I mentioned, in about six weeks and we'll be very happy to have any of you call for a stop-over, a week-end or a week or two. The climate is good and I like the area. Am sure you will call and spend some time with us when you can.

However, I will be back to Moss Vale fairly often and will not lose touch.

(Extracts from a letter by permission of Kev. Moore, from whom Barney's address would be available if you wish to write).



# Russ Greaves Takes Us Fishing

Fishing is simplicity itself, all you have to do is to get there yesterday when the fish are biting.



Bobby Friend — Grand Champion!

Well, we all know that Bob is a very keen fisherman and has been for many years. Now his skill has paid off by his great effort at the first fishing contest held by S.P.C. at Comerong Island on Sunday, 12th April.

The day was good and many points were noted to be used in improving subsequent outings of this nature.

The results of the contest are as follows:

Bobby Friend, Grand Champion with the largest bag. It comprised bream and whiting. Two of the bream were 2 lbs. each. Awarded half the entrance fee as prize money (open order).

Bobby Friend, largest bream, 2 lb. awarded Diawa Reel. (Donated by Mr. Jack Brown).

Tony Suro, largest flathead, 2 lbs. Awarded Taft Wind Jacket. (Donated by Mr. Gordon Fraser).

Bert Garbutt, greatest variety, awarded quarter entrance fee. (Open order).

The prize for the largest fish, quarter of the entrance fees was a draw between Bobby Friend (bream, 2 lbs.) and Tony Suro (flathead 2 lbs.). (Open orders).

It is now hoped that we can get under way in forming a fishing club.

The thoughts are at the moment that we can make the big contest an annual event, but there could be opportunities for in between competitions with an additional ladies prize, also one for the children.

Unfortunately, I was well down on the bag list with three three-quarter pound fish!! My best catch of the day was a cup of Mrs. Reedy's tea on my return to the weigh-in point.

As usual, I was using my 6 lbs. line on a 7' 6" fibre glass rod. This gear I find is very light for a day's fishing and the 250 yards on my small reel will handle all but an accidental large one. And believe me, large ones are accidents, these days.

I wouldn't be surprised to see Nev Gilby give smaller gear a go at any time. Bobby Friend on the other hand may still stick to the larger gear! He certainly knows how to use it!

The bait used was very varied. I would think that prawns, worm and pippies would predominate. Jack Brown's bait cannot be mentioned in a clean column in this magazine, but anyone wanting details could refer to Keith Graham, who would, I am sure, be only too pleased to go into the finer details of the derivation, handling and processing of this material!!



# JUNIORS' PAGE

Children, here is your very own page! I have heard that many of you look through the Newsletter, now you can have a part in it.

We are planning to have short stories and all kinds of things so that you will like it very much.

You also have a chance to win a 50 cent piece. This is how you can do it. Write a short letter to Uncle Bill about your pets. Tell us about them, how you look after them, and the funny things they do.

If you don't have a pet, tell us about your hobbies, the things you like to do.

There will be a 50 cent prize for the best letters used in the magazine each month.

Remember, the letters must be short, and you must not be over 12 years old.

Uncle Bill, C/- The Editor, S.P.C. Newsletter. Give it to your Dad so that he can bring it to the works.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

I heard, recently, about a little girl who went paddling in the sea for the first time. A big wave came and knocked her over. She struggled to her feet and ran to her mother. "Mammy!" she shouted, "Somebody's put some salt in the water!"

What makes the sea salty?

For a very long time, rivers have been carrying all kinds of salts into the sea. As the rivers flow down to the ocean, the water dissolves anything that will dissolve in water and carries it along. River water is slightly salt, but we don't notice it. Sea water is much more salty because rivers have been carrying salt to it for such a long time. Sea water is evaporated by the warmth of the sun, but it is only the water molecules that go into the air, leaving the salts behind in the body of water.

The salt we use, known as table or cooking salt, is only one of many "salts" in the sea. Because of the constant evaporation of water molecules, the sea becomes very salty.

## The Farmer and His Sacks

A farmer was taking his grist, that is corn, for grinding, to the mill, in sacks thrown across the back of his horse. On the way, the horse stumbled, and one of the sacks fell to the ground. It was too heavy for the farmer to lift, and he didn't know what to do. As he stood wondering, he saw a horseman coming towards him.

When the rider came nearer, the farmer saw that he was none other than the nobleman who lived in the great house at the top of the hill. It was possible to think of asking help from one of his rank.

The nobleman, however, was something more than a man with a title, he was a gentleman, and he dismounted.

"I see you have had something of a mishap, friend," he said. "It is fortunate I came along just now, for help is not always handy on these roads."

So saying, he took one end of the sack, the farmer took the other, and the load was once more placed on the horse's back.

"My lord," said the farmer, lifting his hat, "How can I thank you?"

"Easily enough, my good fellow," said the nobleman. "Whenever you see anyone in a difficulty, help him all you can, and that will be thanking me."

A PROVERB STORY-SELECTED

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## YOUR CAR'S "FIRST AID" KIT

What are the most useful spares to take on a long journey without using up too much valuable luggage space?

The N.R.M.A.'s engineers have found that a fan belt, spare spark plug, a quart of oil for worn motors, a roll of insulation tape, headlamp bulb, and the much neglected tyre pump, are the most useful accessories.



# An Aptitude Test For You

This test could be used by employees to determine the ability of staff. However, you are well advised to try the test first yourself as the result could be of some embarrassment to you.

(1) If you went to bed at 8 o'clock to-night and set the alarm to get up at 9 o'clock the next morning, how many hours sleep would this let you have?

(2) How many birthdays does the average man have?

(3) Why can't a man living in Sydney be buried west of Katoomba?

(4) If you only had one match and entered a room in which there was a kerosene lamp, a gas ring and a fuel stove, what would you light first?

(5) Some months have 31 days; some have 30, how many have 28?

(6) If the doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?

(7) A man builds a house which has four sides and is rectangular in shape. Each side has a southerly aspect. A big bear comes wandering by. What colour is the bear?

(8) How far can a dog run into a forest?

(9) I have in my hand two Australian coins with a total value of 15 cents. One is not a five cent piece. Please remember that. What are the two coins?

(10) A farmer has 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left?

(11) Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , add 10. What is the answer?

(12) Take two apples from three apples and what do you have?

(13) An archaeologist claims he found two coins dated 46 B.C. Could they be genuine?

(14) A woman gives a beggar 20 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How is this?

(15) How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark with him?

(16) Is it legal in Australia for a man to marry his widow's sister?

(17) What word is misspelled in this test?  
The answers to this test are shown on page 15 of this issue.

(Used by courtesy of "Scouting in N.S.W.")

## JIM RENNIE

It is with sorrow that these words have to be written. The death of Jim Rennie on 4th April last, came as a great shock to his wife and all his old friends.

Jim retired in August of last year. He was then the oldest hand in the Stockhouse. He commenced his long service with the Company in April, 1927.

On behalf of all who knew him, we convey our deepest sympathy to his wife, his married daughter and son-in-law, and the two grandchildren.

Jim will long be remembered at Southern Portland Cement, and especially at the Stockhouse.



## Homelovers' Corner

### BAKED CELERY—

2 heads celery,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt milk, 1oz butter, rolled in flour, pepper, salt, 1 egg, fine breadcrumbs.

METHOD: Prepare the celery as for salad, stew in plenty of boiling water for 10 minutes, drain off water, add milk, butter, seasonings, simmer three minutes, then pour in a basin to cool. Butter a pie dish, sprinkle well with breadcrumbs. When the celery is cold beat in the egg, pour into a dish, sprinkle breadcrumbs on top, cover and bake 20 minutes, then remove, cover, and brown.

### APPLE TURNOVERS—

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb s/r flour,  $\frac{1}{4}$ lb butter, 1 egg, 2 tbsps sugar, 2 tbsps water, pinch salt.

METHOD: Mix as for cake, adding flour last, roll out thin, cut into squares, fill with nicely-stewed apple, double over, wet the edges, bake in a hot oven.

### FRENCH PANCAKES—

2 eggs, 2ozs each of sugar, flour, butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$ pt milk, pinch salt.

METHOD: Beat eggs well, add butter (previously beaten to a cream), stir in the flour, salt, mix in milk, stir all well together, put on butter plates, bake 20 minutes. Serve hot with sliced lemon.

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### HAPPINESS IN REALITY

Equal parts of healthy, honest work, rest and recreation, mixed carefully together with diligence, cheerfulness, and an even temper. Sift the above through the sieve of determination to get out any lumps of idleness, covetousness, or despondency, and then bring all to a cream by adding sympathy, stirring each

in gently with an unsparing hand. Add to the whole a light sprinkling of smiles and colour with laughter. Keep it where it can be seen. In season at all times. Costs a mere thought and a few illusions. This mixture can be made at home by anyone.

## BERRIMA BRIDGE NURSERIES

Many of you are well acquainted with Berrima Bridge Nurseries, others, perhaps, have not had the privilege of paying a visit. In early April, Eric Saxton of the General Office took me over to meet the author of our "Gardening Notes," Mrs. M. Crowe.

I was curious as to how she had commenced writing her notes for the "Newsletter." I learned that in the early days of the magazine, Mark Hauber had asked for a contribution. This was in 1959. Mr. Crowe passed on the privilege to Mrs. Crowe, and unfailingly since then, the Gardening Notes for this district have appeared.

Many have found the notes of great help in planning their gardens. If you should need guidance regarding what to plant, when to plant, and where, Mr. and Mrs. Crowe will be only too pleased to help. Mr. Crowe has an extensive knowledge of the soils of the district.

Visitors are welcome at Berrima Bridge Nurseries any day except Sunday.

When you call, say that you are a reader of S.P.C. Newsletter, you will find it an open Sesame.



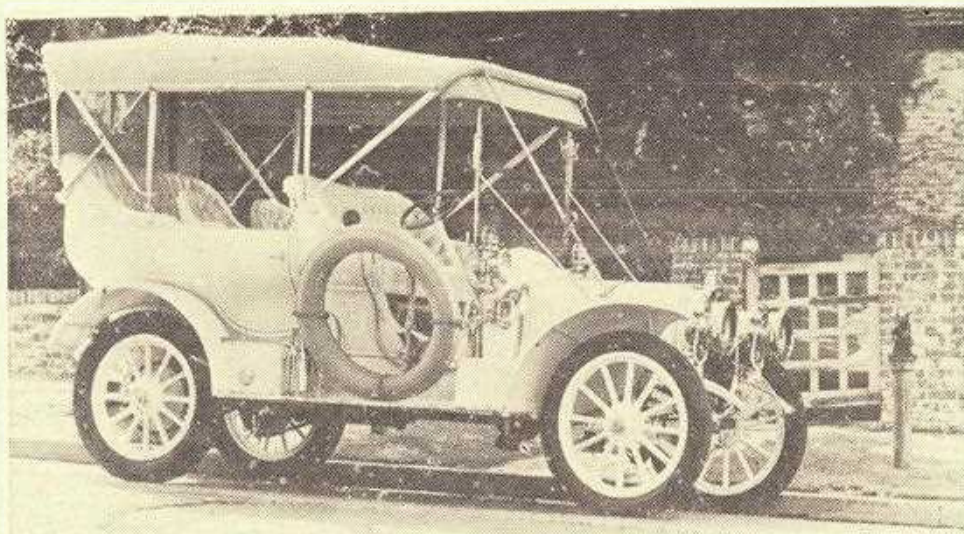
### ANSWERS TO THE APTITUDE TEST

- (1) One hour. The alarm would go off at 9 o'clock tonight.
- (2) Only one.
- (3) Because he is LIVING in Sydney.
- (4) The match.
- (5) All of them.
- (6) One hour, if you took the first one now.
- (7) White. It could only be a polar bear, as the house is at the North Pole.
- (8) Halfway. After that, the dog is running out.
- (9) A ten cent piece and a five cent piece. One (the ten cent) is not a five cent.
- (10) Nine.
- (11) 70.
- (13) No! The term B.C. could not have been used before the time of Christ.
- (14) The beggar is the woman's sister.
- (15) None! Noah took them.
- (16) It's impossible! If any woman is the man's widow's sister, then he's dead himself.
- (17) Aptitude in the title.

## CAN YOU REMEMBER

### Endeavour to answer from memory before turning back

1. How many Editors has the "Newsletter" had since its inception? Name three?
2. Who won second prize in the Limerick?
3. In what country are "Footnotes" printed at the top of the page?
4. Who designed circular ships in the 19th century?
5. What was the colliery mystery during the month of April?
6. Who was the Grand Champion on 12th April?
7. How long was Barney Creswick editor of the Newsletter?
8. What's new at Marulan? What is its purpose?
9. To whom was a son born on Good Friday?
10. How long has Mrs. M. Crowe written the Gardening Notes.



Mr. W. Harrah's 1909 70 h.p. Six-cylinder Thomas Flyabout, from the United States.

—Photo by courtesy of the N.R.M.A.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. M. CROWE)

**FLOWERS** — Sow: Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Eschscholtzia, Candytuft, Larkspur, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Pansy, Sweet Pea, Voila, Stock. Plant: Anemone, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Bellis Perennis (English Daisy), Calendula, Canterbury Bells, Carnation, Dianthus, Digitalis, Iceland Poppy, Lobelia, Nemesia, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula, Ranunculus, Stock, Verbena, Voila, and Spring Flowering Bulbs.

**VEGETABLES** — Sow: Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Peas, Parsnip, Parsley, White Turnip, Lettuce, Radish, Endive. Plant: Endive, Lettuce, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Bussels Sprouts.

Autumn tints are already showing in Poplars, Liquidambers, Willows and Maples, so this is the time to start thinking forward and preparing for Winter planting.

During March we had a devastating hailstorm and torrential rain which flooded gardens, ruined flowers and leaves and washed away large quantities of topsoil. Flooding of this nature will often expose the roots of seedlings and even quite large shrubs and trees, cutting off the flow of sap and leading to the death of the plants unless immediately attended to.

A good handful or two of complete fertiliser such as Blood and Bone can be worked into the soil around all trees and shrubs at this time.

Evergreen shrubs can safely be moved now. Lift them with a ball of earth and replace into new positions, which have been thoroughly watered. The foliage should be sprinkled with water a couple of times a day for the following week and the soil kept damp for at least a month.

Grass seed can still be sown while the soil is warm but care must be taken to see that the soil does not dry out after the seed is planted.

Plant Liliiums this month, choosing a cool, protected position, and surrounding each bulb with a light dressing of sand. This helps to prevent moisture seeping into the scales of the bulbs.

Prepare garden beds now for Winter planting of Asparagus and Bush Fruits such as Currants and Goosberries.

Young snails have already hatched and are eating their way through everything. This year they have even been found around the stems of apples still hanging on the trees. After harvesting it would be a good idea to put some snail bait under the trees.



# OUR PROBLEM PAGE

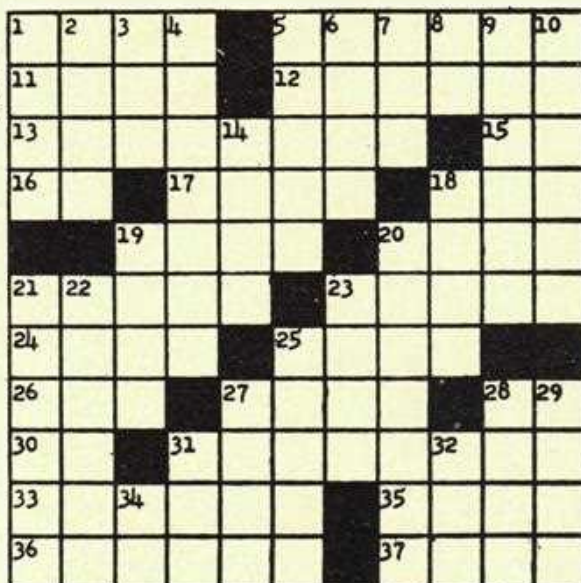
## CROSSWORD No. 134 RESULT

Jim Dray, Crane Driver, Berrima, receives the \$2.00 prize for last month's problem. Jim's entry was one of 12 correct entries received. The winning name was drawn by Owen Jacobson, assistant accountant, Costs.

## CROSSWORD No. 135

### ACROSS—

- 1 Aquatic animal
- 5 Husband or wife
- 11 Opera melody
- 12 Nook
- 13 Corn bread (2 words)
- 15 Land measure (var.)
- 16 Type measure (print.)
- 17 Flatboat
- 18 Our America (abbr.)
- 19 Black
- 20 Soon
- 21 Sea skeleton
- 23 Impression from type
- 23 Suspended
- 25 Means of trial
- 26 Consumed
- 27 Extend upright
- 28 Excla. of delight
- 30 In case that
- 31 Explode
- 33 Religious ceremonial
- 35 Assert
- 36 Steadfast
- 37 Smaller



### DOWN—

- 1 Dignity
- 2 Golf club
- 3 Title of respect
- 4 Grip
- 5 Taunt
- 6 Small horse
- 7 Mined material
- 8 United Nations (abbr.)
- 9 Spring, e.g.
- 10 Wandering
- 14 Puddle
- 18 Single thing
- 19 Sea eagle
- 20 Storehouse for arms
- 21 Seats
- 22 Equipment
- 23 Mexican coin
- 25 Descriptive name
- 27 Genuine
- 28 Sweetsop plant
- 29 Belong to her
- 31 Name
- 32 Hail!
- 34 Tantalum (abbr.)



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# FLASHBACK —

## GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES FROM VOL. I, NO. I, 1959

It is my sincere wish that this Company magazine should be a medium for informing all employees and their families of what is going on in our midst, and so develop a greater appreciation of what the Company does and stands for.

Over the past twelve months, considerable improvement has been made in plant cleanliness at Marulan, Medway and Berrima. Recently, whilst on the works with Mr. Knight, we saw a dirty window amidst a lot of clean ones, and on it was traced by finger "wot — not clean!"

It gave us a great deal of satisfaction to see that, at last, we are becoming conscious of dirt and untidyness around us. That we want Southern to be a better company to work for, a company of which we can be proud.

J. F. McNICOL.

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# Editorial

## CO-OPERATION — ESSENTIAL TO PROGRESS

In last month's Editorial, you may remember that emphasis was laid on the importance of working together for the success of the Newsletter. All who have been approached have already shown a great willingness to help. Built on this foundation we can maintain our present standing and what is more, climb to greater heights.

You will notice some new features, and it is hoped they will prove of interest. The juniors who used to look through your Newsletter, can now turn to their own page. For those who have started work here since the first S.P.C. News, the new feature "Flashback" may be enlightening.

Progress has marked the path of the company since those early days of our magazine. The secret has been co-operation between the management and every worker at Marulan, the Colliery and the Berrima Plant.

Co-operation comes from knowing and understanding something about the kind of work each one of us is engaged in. Just what effect does your job have on the ultimate progress of Southern Portland Cement? Every job is important, each one has his, or her special talent, and really has a part of play.

It is planned to publish, with your help, monthly features that will help each one of us in this understanding.

In this way, the Company and the Newsletter will continue to go forward together.

THE EDITOR.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## BERRIMA

Richard Knapman and Henry Newman are on a trip to New Zealand for their holidays.

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Cec Warner is off on sick list.

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Keith Graham M/Shop Foreman is caravanning around the state on holidays.

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Ern Radnidge is on holidays at Forster.

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Harry Chapman, Roger McAndrew and Noel North are at present touring Central Australia.

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Arch Browne is still in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

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John Long has been appointed assistant Maintenance Foreman.

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Lynnette, daughter of Eric Johnston is touring New Zealand with members of Wagga Teachers' College.

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Pop Wrightson's wife entered Port Kembla Hospital for further facial surgery. We all hope and trust that the treatment will be completely successful, and that she will be home again soon.

OOOO

Terry Snowden returned to work after a week off through football injuries.

OOOO

Ronny Monk started his holidays on the 16th May. Mrs. Monk is expecting another child in the near future.

OOOO

Bert McIntosh is on holidays. His son Brian is to be married at Canberra on the 9th May.

OOOO

Helen Ferrier is back from a two week's break.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and continued health to Mrs. Shaw, of Bundanoon. Les Shaw works in the General Office, Berrima. His wife was in hospital earlier this month.

OOOO

Tom Jones completed his apprenticeship and left S.P.C. during April for Port Kembla.

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On leave at present, Electrical Shop, J. McKinley, T. Wrightson, J. Colless, N. North.

OOOO

We are glad that Gunars Hincenburys has now returned to work. He was absent for almost a month because of a very painful back. He works in the Lab.

OOOO

Harry Wallace of the Wages Department, General Office has recently returned from annual leave. He spent some time at Killarney, which is situated at the southern end of the Darling Downs in Queensland. It is a rural area, the population being only about 1500. In December, 1968, 80% of the homes and buildings were completely destroyed by a cyclonic squall. It is now completely rebuilt.

OOOO

When Bob Boyd moved up to the General Office, Barry O'Neil took his place at the store. Some time ago Barry worked in the Laboratory.

OOOO

Bill Brooks on holiday recently spent the time building a weekend at Jervis Bay.

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Tony Vermeulen spent his holidays at home.

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Whilst in the Power House recently I was interested to hear that Bob Friend had started in 1933, and except for a break of 3½ years whilst in the army, he has worked in the Power House ever since.



## **SYDNEY OFFICE**

"We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Wadhera back in the Office recently after a trip to his homeland, India, to bring back his wife and daughter. Mr. Wadhera many may remember came to Australia four years ago to work in Sydney Office. We extend to his family a very warm welcome."

OOOO

It seems Ross King has been keeping some news quiet — he announced his engagement of a couple of months ago. Congratulations Yvonne and Ross.

OOOO

Congratulations to Bruce Vance and family on the birth of a son last month.

OOOO

## **MARULAN**

On annual leave at present are J. Koschenow, C. Potter, S. Kopec, B. Greaves, Gerald Fitzgerald, M. Butts, A. K. Newman, C. Ogilvie, G. Bryant, R. Armstrong and A. Koschenow who is on six week's long service leave.

OOOO

Mr. Cec Cluney who had a severe heart attack on 23rd April is now out of the Intensive care ward, and back into the General Ward in Goulburn Base Hospital. He is now progressing favourably.

OOOO

## **STOP PRESS**

It is now the unanimous conclusion of all concerned that the Battle of the sexes will never be won by either side. There is too much fraternising with the enemy!

OOOO

How can you have a set of teeth inserted free? . . . Tease a watchdog.

## **COLLIERY**

Jim Jeffrey used to work at the Colliery. He transferred to A.I.S. At present he is spending some time in Franklin, Pennsylvania to further his experience in mining. He is flying home in May, and on the 6th June will be married to Georgina Lear.

OOOO

Mr. G. Preston and Mrs. W. Meredith, who have spent some time in hospital are home again. We wish them full recovery and renewed health. Mr G. Preston and Mrs. W. Meredith both work at the Colliery.

OOOO

Jack Lockwood recently bought a fishing boat and trailer. The boat is an aluminium Quintex, with an outboard motor.

OOOO

Two new starters at the Colliery, Lloyd Murchie and Jim Aston, but they're not strangers, both worked at the Mine before mechanization.

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## **BERRIMA STORE NEWS**

Les Heyhorn and Ron Spence have been on annual holidays. Les and his wife had a happy and pleasant time with relations and friends at Port Macquarie, Lithgow and finally Yass. Ron didn't move too far from home. We appreciated why this was so when we learned that he expects to be called "Daddy" for the third time by a new and additional voice.

Bob Croese junior, was lent to the stores for a fortnight, to help a sadly depleted staff. Ken Talbot, from Medway, joined us as a young storeman, and appears to be settling down for a long stay.

Because of the store's "skeleton crew" Jack King voluntarily deferred his holiday for a week. He is back again after a very nice break, fishing at Nowra, and later in Sydney for the Captain Cook celebrations.

What with stocktaking, annual holidays, "goings and comings" the month of April was quite hectic, but we are once more back to normal. NORMAL? "What about this 'ere COMPUTER thing, Mate?"



## SUCCESS STORY

Mr. Matsushita entered the business world at the age of 10. He was a cycle merchant's apprentice. Later he worked for an Osaka utilities company.

In 1917 he decided to manufacture an invention of his own in his backyard workshop. It was a simple light socket, but it was the beginning. Soon he formed his own company, and added bicycle lights and electric heaters. A little later came radios and household appliances.

As early as 1935 the firm was experimenting with television. It now ranks as one of the world's largest producers of T.V. sets.

Chairman Matsushita now presides over a hundred factories, employing 50,000.

Mr. Konosuke Matsushita, chairman of the Board of Matsushita Electric Industrial Company Ltd., now enjoys Japan's highest income, more than \$2,000,000 a year.

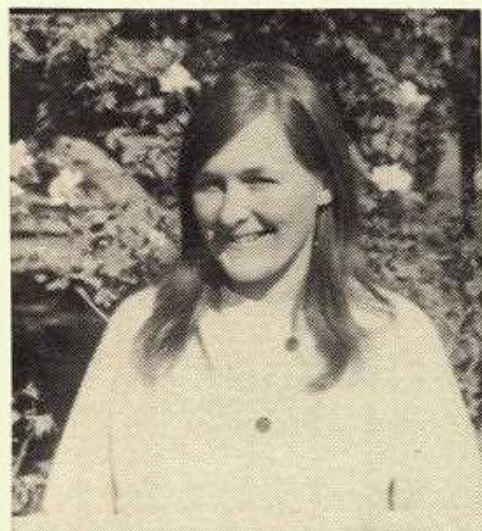
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Sweet Sue: "What's the matter? You look worried."

Lazy Lou: "Work — Work — nothing but work from morning till night."

Sweet Sue: "How long have you been at it?"

Lazy Lou: "Oh, I start tomorrow."



JENNY KRAHENBUHL — Left us recently for the United States.



Mr. and Mrs. Murchie

Penny Firth of the Typiste's Pool was married at 5 p.m., on 10th April, at Bowral Registry Office. She dressed in a pale blue coat-dress, with white accessories and looked cool, calm and collected in spite of a mix-up at the hairdressers, which left her with only one short hour to get ready and not keep the groom, Mr. Brian Murchie, waiting. She is wearing beautiful matching engagement and wedding rings, which caused not a little envy when she returned to the office the following Monday.

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## BERRIMA GENERAL OFFICE

Last month we said goodbye to one of our hard-working girls, Mrs. Jenny Krahenbuhl. She has assisted in the Accounts Department for the last 3½ years.

Jenny is taking up the much busier, but unpaid, occupation of housewife, and has recently moved into her new home on the Hume Highway in Old Berrima. Jenny has served faithfully as a representative for the "Newsletter" in the General Office.

The following recently commenced work with S.P.C. at Berrima. Darryl Lenholm, Paul Humphreys, Robert Bendeich, Collin Carey, Andrew Carey, Ken Talbert, Peter Hremeviuc, and we welcome back Peter Van Haef after service in the Army and Vietnam for the past two years.



## NEW RECORD AT MARULAN

Whilst at Marulan with the pay on the last day of April, it was apparent that something out of the ordinary was taking place.

Employees were issuing in a steady stream from the back of the office, each laden with four large cans of beer.

Curiosity got the better of me, and I just had to make enquires. Russ Holt furnished me with the information.

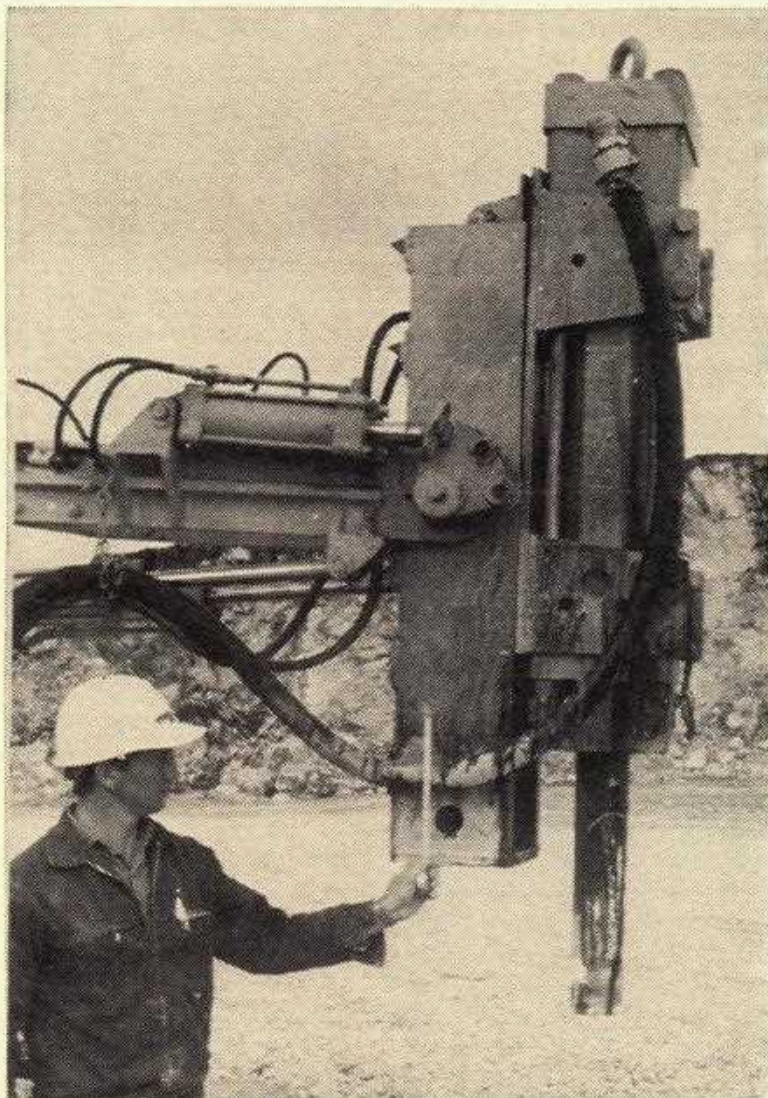
New production records had been estab-

lished. The beer was the bonus.

The previous "day" record was on the 16th October, 1969. 9240 tons of limestone crushed. The new "day" record established on the 24th March, 1970, was 9330 tons. 270 tons up!

The "shift" record on the same dates was 4770 tons and 5040 tons respectively. 90 tons up!

Good going Marulan.



Head of the Rockbreaker.



# Secondary Rock Breaking



The New Rockbreaker, Marulan.

A Tokyo Pneumatic Crawler Breaker, Model CDG-B recently commenced operation at the Quarry and it is expected that this machine will replace nearly all secondary blasting. Tests carried out at the Quarry prior to the purchase of the machine indicated that it is capable of breaking large stones into crushable sized stone. Approximately three times faster than the second blasting operation. The method of breaking is similar to that of a jackhammer, the exception being that the large pile hammer does not rotate as does the drill bit on a jackhammer.

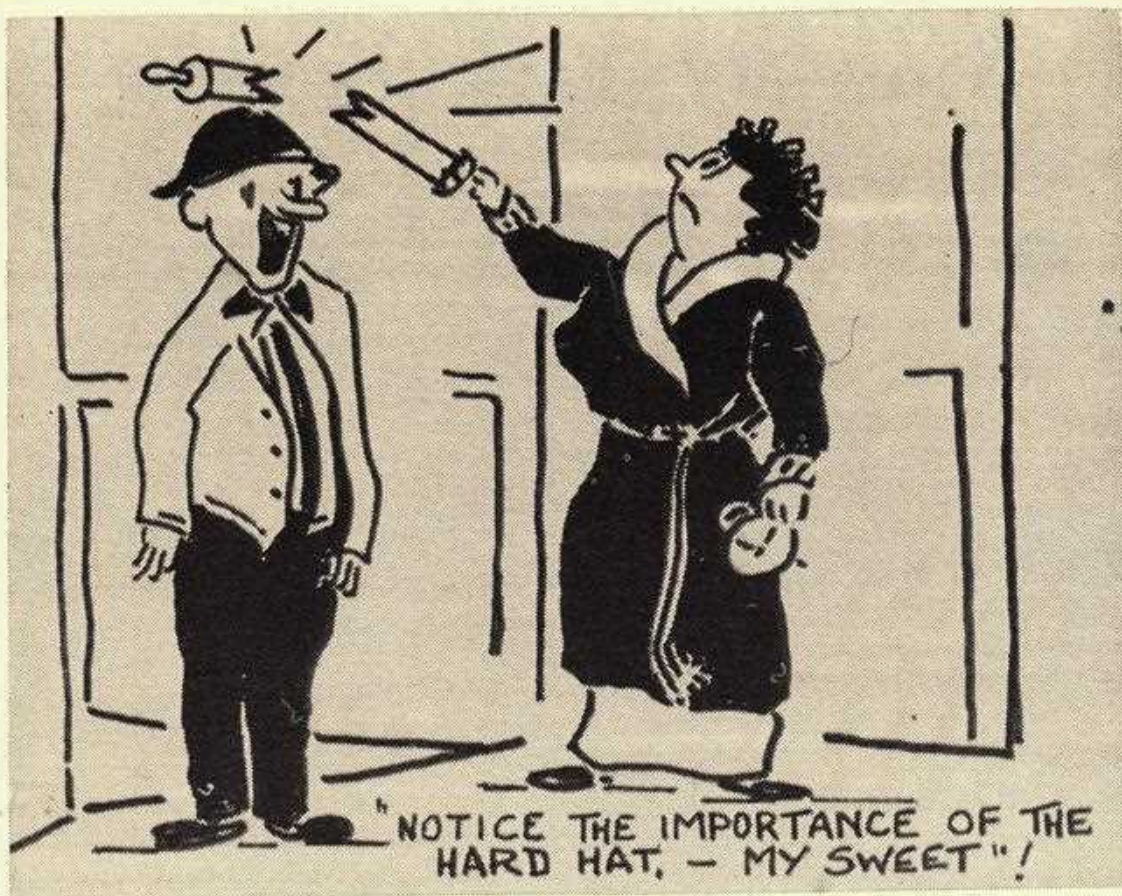
## AUTHORISED BY APRIL BOARD MEETING

A new 400-ton Burnt Lime Bin at the Calcimatic Kiln, Marulan, to increase burnt lime storage.

A feeder between the Jaw Crusher and No. 1 Conveyor.

Numbers 1 and 2 conveyors to be joined into one unit, and a 200 hp. drive to be installed on the combined conveyors.





## SAFETY LIMERICK RESULT

Alan King of the General Office tops the list with his line, which fits perfectly. Notice the completed limerick.

There was a young man from Perth,  
Who was accident prone right from birth,  
Came to live with his aunt,  
And work at the plant,  
**To see what safety was really worth!**

The second prize goes to Mrs. M. Roach,  
**"With caution he has now proved his worth!"**

The third prize again to the Colliery,  
Roger Seville. "Taking Compo for all he was worth!"

Our judges had a problem. So many good lines were received. We thought as some slight compensation we should share some of the others with you.

They are as follows:—

"Which made him the safest man on earth,"  
Eric Winner, Colliery.

"His mates wish him elsewhere on earth!"  
Jack Dickson, Berrima.

"Where safety is first, he proved his worth!"  
B. Hilton, Colliery.

"To look at safety for what it is worth!" Mrs  
E. Winner.

"He proved to be more trouble than worth!"  
Mrs. Kevin Howard.

Safety Limericks will be discontinued for the time being.

Don't forget:—

Try our new competition

"Safety Slogans."

Seven chances to win a prize!



## Try your hand at the new competition SAFETY SLOGANS

### HOW TO ENTER:

The slogan can be of one or two lines. Think about safety and how it concerns you in your individual life, in your work, your home and recreation. Take a piece of paper and write down ideas, any thought that might come to you concerning safety. Then change around the words and try to make them into a slogan.

All you need is one or two lines with a safety message. You can use rhyme and rhythm if you wish, but this is not absolutely necessary.

Entries will be judged on the message and presentation. A slogan that can be easily remembered, is, of course, of greater value.

Here are examples:

"Keep alert, or you may get hurt."

"Safe working pays the best bonus."

"If you would live a life that's full,  
in safety drives your weight you'll  
pull!"

You have more chances to win a prize!

1st prize — \$3.00.

2nd prize — \$2.00.

Five prizes of \$1.00 each.

**YOUR SAFETY MESSAGE COULD SAVE A LIFE**

Please note, the closing date for this competition is June 11th.

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## SAFETY

100 days without a disabling injury was reached on 14th May. The position of Safety Groups at Berrima is as follows:

|                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Apprentices                           | 2350 days                     |
| Production "A"                        | 1210 days                     |
| Production "B"                        | 2220 days                     |
|                                       | (reached 6 years in April)    |
| Production "C"                        | 1120 days                     |
|                                       | (reached 3 years in April)    |
| Production "D"                        | 1460 days                     |
|                                       | (reached 4 years on 12th May) |
| Maintenance                           | 100 days                      |
| Power House Elec.                     | 1425 days                     |
| Stockhouse                            | 1205 days                     |
| Gen. Office, Lab.<br>and Works Office | 3375 days                     |



MARGARET HOLLELEY — Costs, General Office.

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## TO ALL READERS

If you have anything of interest for publication in the Newsletter, would you jot it down and pass it along to the representative for your department. The list of representative will be found on Page One.

Your help in this way will be greatly appreciated.

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The Editor wishes to thank Mrs. Madden, Penny Murchie and Rhonda Churchill for typing this "Newsletter." It was accomplished in spite of the fact that the Typing Pool was shorthanded and inundated with other work.

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MICHELLE PEDERSEN — General Office.



# Russ Greaves Takes Us Fishing



illegal this is not much fun. My wife landed a 2½lb flathead, which I think was the heaviest fish caught! I saw a nice bag of six bream at about 2½lbs. The fishing generally was patchy.

If one got on to a passing batch he would do alright, but on the other hand, one could fish all day without a bite. Just as I was leaving the Tailor came on. One fisherman collected 500 boxes off Pt. Plomer. The job is to know what to do with them! Also the mullet were starting to run. This gave the locals quite a deal of illegal sport. "Jagging." Providing one has a sufficiently strong back, it is only necessary to cast into the seething mass of mullet with a murderous looking buch of hooks called a jag, and heave! You are pretty certain to hook one in the eye, back, tail or anywhere else! Needless to say, a 4 or 5lb mullet, when hooked in the tail takes a bit of landing, and strong gear is required too — lines anything up to 100lbs!!

Well, now that all the hullabaloo in connection with the fishing contest has died down, we can all go back to our corners and start preparing for the next one! What we will use in the way of gear and bait will be to the fore (I think the bait should be aft!).

During my annual holidays, I fished the north coast pretty hard for not many fish. However, the fish I did catch kept us going. The main catch was whiting. I caught a few nice ones to 1lb. One could go all day hauling in tiddling whiting, but besides being

Unfortunatley, we struck the tail end of a cyclone that started on Easter Sunday and blew for four days. Gusts of wind up to 70 m.p.h. were common. These gusts kept the canvas dwellers on thier toes! Quite a number of caravaners lost annexe poles, both wood and aluminium and I think that, had we known what was to come all annexes would have been taken down and stored. However, back to the mullet! Each year the mullet "run" from south to north, and the marvellous thing is their precision! The first lot always reaches the mouth of the Clarence River on the 27th April — without fail!! I always thought mullet were silly!



# READERS' TRUE SHORT STORIES

## IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

The Apollo 13 was due to splash down at 4 a.m. After such an agonising and uncertain return from their unsuccessful moon flight, I was determined to see the "live telecast."

My alarm clock, seldom used as such, was stopped, so, carefully setting it for 3.30 a.m., I made sure to wind everything properly

In due course the alarm had me out of bed with a bound. I was dressed, with 20 minutes to spare, time for a cup of tea.

Filling the electric kettle, I turned to switch it on. I rubbed my eyes, then groaned. Just above the switch was the electric clock, the time was 10.45 p.m. It was only one and a half hours since I had turned in. I had forgotten to check the time registering on the alarm clock!

ERIC SAXTON,  
General Office.

## THE MAN IN THE MOON

The day the first Astronauts stepped on to the moon, I walked into the Exchange Hotel. In the Lounge bar, I found two chaps eating dinner and watching a six-inch portable T.V. The obvious owner of the television set was criticising the pictures of the actual moon landing.

"I tell you I've had 20 years experience in photography, and these are pretty poor pictures."

His mate disagreed.

Then some landscape shots appeared on the screen, and the expert started again. According to him, the slant and contrast, etc., etc., etc., were awful.

By his time his mate was losing his patience.

"Ok, Ok, Charlie, I know you've been 20 years taking photos, but you weren't taking yours on the blooming moon — were you."

BILL McCALLUM.

## ANOTHER PUZZLE

You have probably seen this one before, but you may not remember the answers. Hope you don't end up with a headache. It does work out — try it. The solution will be in the next issue.

1. There are five houses in a row in a street.
2. The Englishman lives in the red house.
3. The Spaniard owns a dog.
4. The Ukrainian drinks tea.
5. Coffee is the drink in the green house.
6. The Green house is immediately to the right of the ivory house.
7. The Old Gold smoker owns snails.
8. Kools are smoked in the yellow house.
9. Milk is the drink in the middle house.
10. The Norwegian lives in the first house.
11. The man who smokes Chesterfields lives in the house next to the man with the fox.
12. Kools are smoked in the house next to the house where the horse is kept.
13. The Lucky Strike smoker drinks orange juice.
14. The Japanese smokes Parliaments.
15. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.

### QUESTIONS??

1. Who owns the zebra?
2. Who drinks water?

—By courtesy of Tarakohe and Waitomo News

## JUST TWO CHANCES

If you are careless, you have two chances—  
One of having an accident and one of not.  
If you have an accident, you have two chances  
One of being injured and one of not.  
If you are injured, you have two chances—  
One of dying and one of not.  
AND if you die . . .  
Well, you still have two chances—  
**Buy why be careless in the first place?**

—By courtesy of "KEMBLA NEWS"



# JUNIORS PAGE

Dear Uncle Bill,

**I have a cat called Fluff he likes to sleep by the fire and chases birds and mice but hurt his foot in a trap but now it is all better. He likes very much to chase rabbits and one day came home with a little rabbit my cat has his own dish and I feed him every night.**

age 6½

Love from Vicki.

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Mary Halls

9 years

Dear Uncle Bill,

**I have a cat named Spooky he is a black cat with green eyes. And some times I think he is silly.**

**Spooky plays under a red chair we have in the lounge room. He does somersaults, and slides under the chair on his back—He jumps out and bites our legs and then runs away and hides. He likes to sleep on my bed but purrs so loudly he keeps me awake.**

**We all love Spooky very much and hope he stays with us for a long time.**

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Thank you Vicki and Mary for your good letters about Fluff and Spooky.

Three of the best letters received will be published each month. Remember to put in your age. Tell us about your pets and hobbies.

Vicki Lansdown and Mary Halls will each receive a 50 cent piece.

Address letters to Uncle Bill, C/- Editor, S.P.C. Newsletter, P.B.S. No. 4, Moss Vale, or send it with Dad.

## SHORT STORY A Good Turn

Valerie was very excited. She was wearing her best, hurrying along the sidewalk, going to a party.

She noticed a man standing near the curb, he had a white stick which he tapped on the pavement.

Valerie thought she should see the man safely across the road, but she didn't want to be late for the party: someone else will see him across, she thought, and was hurrying past. She looked around, there was no-one else in sight. What should she do? She really knew — but the party!

Rather reluctantly Valerie walked to the blind man.

"Excuse me, do you wish to cross the road?"

"Yes please, Miss, the cars keep rushing past, and I don't know this part of the town very well."

Val took his arm, and waited an opportunity.

"How old are you miss?"

"My name's Valerie, and I'm eleven years old."

The man was quiet for a moment. "I once had a daughter, I remember her when she was your age. Then I had to go to the war, and I lost my sight."

"We can cross now," Val said. They started across.

"Where is your daughter now?"

"I don't know," he paused, "but I think she would have been thoughtful and kind like you."

Val didn't think she was very kind. She thought of how she was going to walk past. They were across now.

"Can I help you further, I mean, can you find your way?"

"I think so, you'll be late home."

"Oh, I'm not going home just now, I'm going to a party."

She thought, how late she would be, then she thought, I would really like to help without being forced into it.

"Where do you want to go?" Val said.

"Number fifty, Bourke Street."

"Bourke Street!" Val broke in.

"Yes, why?"

"That's where I'm going to my friend's party, it's next door, fifty two!"

"Well, that's wonderful, we'll go together."

Valerie felt a happy glow in her heart as she arrived at the party. She felt she had really done something worthwhile. She was happy and had that "wanting to sing" feeling.

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What animals have thei reyes nearest together? — The smallest.



# THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

William Talman, a famous television actor, died of lung cancer a short while ago. Six weeks before his death he taped a one-minute television commercial on the hazards of smoking.

Talman played the losing prosecutor on the Perry Mason television series.

When Talman was a boy his father offered him \$1,000 and a gold watch if he could get to the age of 21 without smoking. He lost that before he was twelve.

During the shooting of the commercial, Talman was in obvious pain and heavily sedated.

He concluded "So take some advice about smoking and losing from someone who's been doing both for years. If you haven't smoked — don't start. If you do smoke — quit. Don't be a loser."

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Fred Bonnar appeared on the scene again in April issue of B.H.P. News. It was his first visit to Whyalla since 1941. He renewed acquaintance with many of his former workmates.

Terry Whatman recently spent a day at Canberra. He says that the new fountain on Lake Burley Griffin is well worth seeing. He also visited the Botanic Gardens, which are unique in that they feature only Australian plant life. The gardens will be officially opened on 28th September.

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What's so peculiar about the way a horse eats. He eats best without a bit in his mouth.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

Sir Walter Raleigh was a prisoner in the Tower of London, and whilst he was there, he started to write a history of the world. It was to have taken three volumes, but only the first was published. It dealt with the period from the Creation of the World to 130 B.C. It took Raleigh seven years. The famous Ben Jonson helped him a great deal. Altogether Sir Walter was in the Tower for 13 years (1603-1616). During this time he also interested himself in chemistry, medicine and literature.

The laying of the longest of the submarine pipelines has been completed on the oil and gas project in Bass Strait.

This line, the 24-inch diameter pipeline from the Halibut platform to shore, was laid by two barges working from opposite ends, and the two lines are now joined on the sea bed.

The work involved the use of a sub-sea "habitat" with an open bottom which was positioned over the unjoined ends of the pipeline.

Water was expelled from the "habitat" by an oxygen-helium mixture which maintained a pressure of plus 4 p.s.i. inside the "habitat." Hydraulically operated manipulating arms, mounted externally at each end of the "habitat," positioned the pipe ends inside for the cutting, measuring and welding operations that were carried out inside the chamber.

The operation was completed by skilled welders, trained to work at considerable depths, who lived in special chambers at pressure conditions similar to those of the "habitat" until the work was completed.

After joining the ends, pigging and pressure testing of the pipeline was completed, and soon after this oil began flowing ashore from the Halibut field at approximately 40,000 barrels per day. (A barrel is 35gals.).

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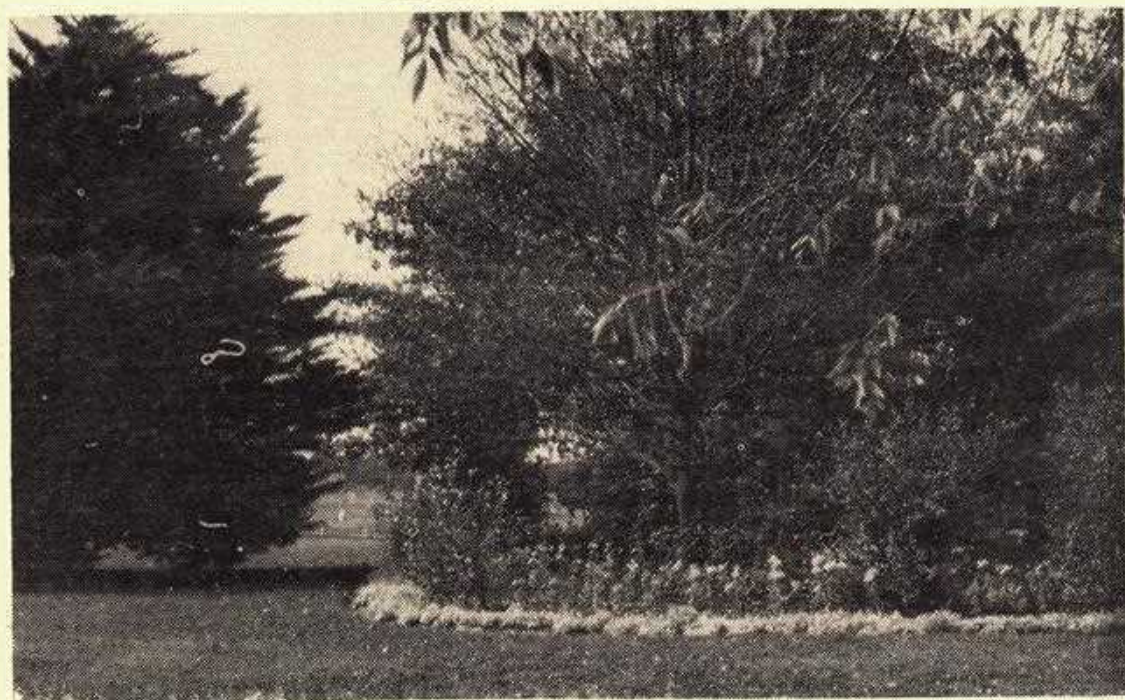
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A flea and a fly in a flue  
Were imprisoned; so what could they do?  
Said the fly, "Let us flee."  
Said the flea, "Let us fly."  
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.



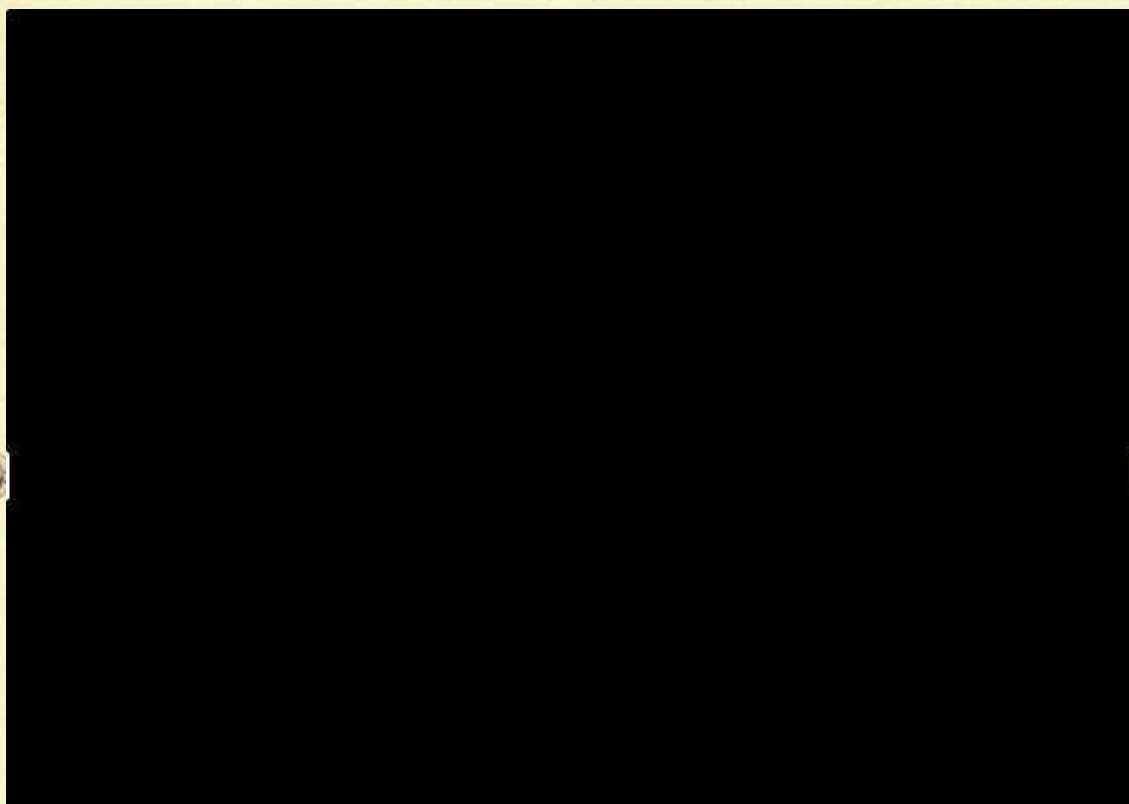


S.P.C. Parkland behind General Office.



Part of S.P.C. Gardens.





Corner of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Schott's garden, Old Berrima.

## GARDEN COMPETITION

First prize in the second section, a silver cup donated by Angus & Coote Pty. Ltd.

1st prize: Southern Portland Cement Ltd.

2nd prize: Berrima Training Centre.

To Mr. Liol Bush and his team must go our congratulations.

Steadily over the years the landscape surrounding S.P.C. plant and offices, has improved. The section between the General Office, Assay Office and No. 5 Cement Mill, always presents the appearance of a park. This is shown in one of our photographs. The second picture was taken between the railway and the General Office.

Around the Works Office, and on either side of the driveways, improvement is very evident.

The garden near the machine shop has also presented colourful displays in the various seasons. Thank you, gardeners, for beautifying our surroundings.

## First Prize to Mr. and Mrs J. G. Schott

The Berrima Garden Competition brought the first prize in the first section to Mr. and Mrs. Schott.

A great deal of hard work and loving care must have gone into this garden, and the recognition received must be very gratifying.

The first prize was a silver trophy cup donated by Angus & Coote Ltd.

Mrs. Scott gives the following description of the garden:

As the house is set well back on the block, about twenty gum trees were left on the portion fronting Wingecarribee Street.

To these have been added a Mexican Pine, a Deodar, two Scarlet Oaks, a Claret Ash, a variegated Pittosporum, a Cypress and several Cootamundra Wattles, which have grown from seedlings. This area is mown and raked from time to time.

—P.T.O.



From Page 15—

Inside the fence some of our favourites have been grown: Three Japanese Maples, two Prunus, three Cupressa, a Chinese Beauty Bush, a Liquidamber, a Blue Spruce, a Birch for height, a Golden Ash, a Camellia, two Weigelia and two cotoneasters.

The garden beds near the house contain Azalea, Hydrangea, Fuchsia, Aucuba, Thuya and some cover plants.

At the back of the house the Torulosa have grown very well and a Virginia Creeper has completely covered the tankstand.

The vegetable garden provides corn, potatoes, tomatoes, beans, onions, cucumbers, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, squash, rhubarb, and herbs, parsley, thyme and mint.

The Ash, Maples, Liquidamber and Virginia Creeper produce lovely Autumn colours.

The Prunus, Weigelia and Beauty Bush are delightful in Spring. Honeyeaters love the Abeias and the Cotoneasters provide food for parrots and Bower Birds.

Mr. Crowe supplied most of the trees and suggested the position for many. It is the garden of busy people. Many additions could be made and no doubt will be. Judge Conley said "Keep Trying." Or was it "Keep working?"

The second prize in this section went to Mr. Austen Kennedy, of Berrima Training Centre.

## CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Endeavour to answer from memory, before turning back.

1. When the mullet "run," on what date do the first of them arrive at the mouth of the Clarence River?
2. Where is he following found, "Wot — not clean!"
3. Who recently returned to Sydney Office from India?
4. Who returned recently from Franklin, Pennsylvania?
5. What is the closing date for "Safety Slogans" and the Crossword?
6. What Production Safety Groups reached three years without a disabling injury in April?
7. Who receives \$2,000,000 a year?
8. To whom was \$1,000 and a gold watch offered?
9. Who has a cat called Fluf?
10. How can you get a set of teeth inserted free?

## Marulan Bowls—

At the time of writing, good bowls weather seems to be a thing of the past, nevertheless the club Fairies championships are well under way.

Barney Eddie, Frank Bell, and John Penfold v Bill McCallum, Steve Bozac and Tom Sharkey was played on Sunday, May 3rd. 21 ends ended in a draw 23-23. Accordingly an extra end was played, and Barney, Frank and John were the winners by one point.

Ashley Cooper, Alan Bushell and F. Weston defeated Ken Keegan, Mike Keegan and Les Cooper, 24-10.

Alan Turner, Tony Cosgrove and Roy Penfold defeated Stan Bell, Len Pole and D. Hill 26-14.

Goulburn Bowls Club district president Alan Piere will be holding his President's Day on Marulan South Greens on the 6th June.

We consider this an honour for our club to be chosen for such an important event.

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## Marulan South Junior Rugby League—

The 13-year-old team was defeated in their first match 39-0. Age and weight were against them, but they played a determined game. They must be congratulated on their performance.

The 10-year-old team won by 3 points to nil, and played a solid game in their first match of the year.

Coaches, T. Bell for the 13 year olds and G. Rowley for the 10 year olds, say they are confident of good play this season.

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## Colliery Bowls—

G. Preston, J. A. Bell and K. Chadwick won Bowral Bowling Club's Triples Final.

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Young Peter had just come back from an agricultural college. He was showing off to the neighbouring farmer.

"Your farming methods are so old-fashioned," he said. "Why, I bet you don't get ten pounds of apples from that tree."

"I daresay you're right," said farmer Jones. "That there's a pear tree."



(By MRS. M. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Calendula, Godetia, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Sweet Pea, Stock. Plant — Anemone, Antirrhinum, Bellis perennis, Dianthus, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula, Iceland Poppy, Ranunculus, Stock, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Broad beans, Endive, Peas, Parsley, Onion. Plant — Cabbage, Rhubarb, Eschalots, Garlic, Jerusalem Artichoke.

The red-gold tonings of Flowering Cherries, Japanese Maples and Flowering Pears, the Scarlet of Oaks, Liquidambers and Pistacias and here and there still a patch of "liquid gold" of Poplars and Parrotias, means that the splendour of Autumn glory is not yet quite over.

To add to all this colour, a number of Geranium Red and Old Gold coloured cars have suddenly appeared on the highways, these resembling so many large, brightly coloured beetles, as they move along the roads.

Crataegus, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha and Holly berries are particularly bright this year and the birds are enjoying this bountiful supply of food which they apparently have decided is provided for their benefit.

Nerines, or Spider Lilies, as they are called, have been flowering well and Camellia sasanqua shrubs are now in full flower. The early Chrysanthemums are blooming, but with the frosty mornings, some of the later ones may not develop.

When the Dahlia plants have thoroughly died back and the stems are quite yellow, cut to within 12" of the ground.

Lift and store in dry sand to which some Bordeaux powder or one of the other copper mixtures has been added, to prevent the tubers from rotting, and to keep slugs and other troublesome visitors away.

Cut back to the ground, any perennial plants which have finished flowering. Plant out or move evergreen flowering shrubs and trees this month, watering the ground well before planting these in new positions.

Decide what deciduous trees and shrubs you wish to plant next month and prepare the holes well in advance.

Make sure that any fruit which has fallen is picked up and burnt or buried deeply. There has been practically no fruit fly this year. Let's all try to keep it that way!!



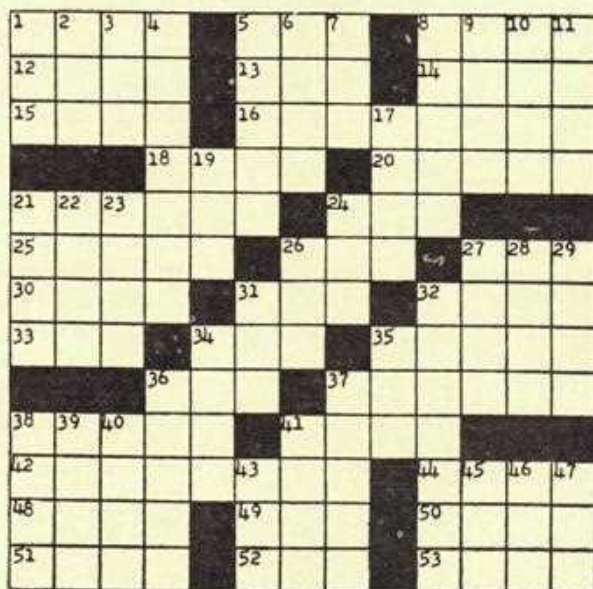
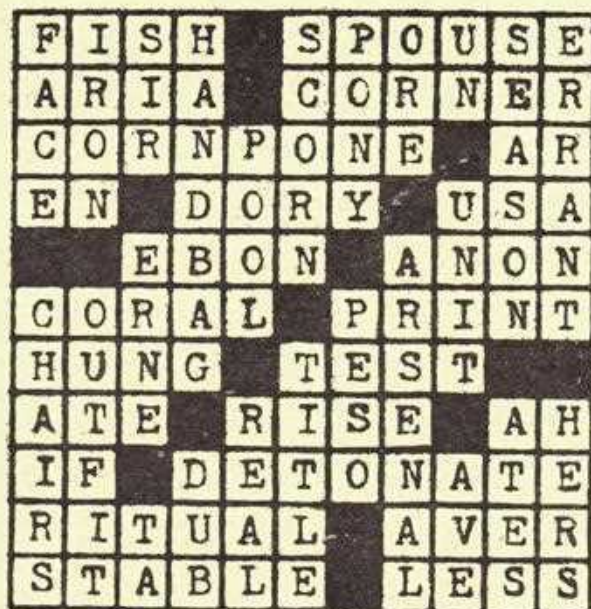
# OUR PROBLEM PAGE

The Crossword Puzzle this month goes to Mrs. M. Johnson of 11 Valetta Street, Moss Vale. Seven correct entries were received. Mr Graeme Anderson of the Costing Section, General Office, drew the winning name. Mrs M. Johnson will receive \$2.00.

PLEASE NOTE — THE CLOSING DATE FOR CROSSWORD No. 136 IS JUNE 11

## ACROSS—

- 1 Tardy
- 5 Plant juice
- 8 Outer tree covering
- 12 Region
- 13 Japanese sash
- 14 Great Lake
- 15 Breathe quickly
- 16 Turncoat
- 18 Short in language
- 20 Mark with a name
- 21 Small round fruit
- 24 Public disapproval
- 25 Pretend (2 wds.)
- 26 Offense
- 27 Defective bomb
- 30 In a line
- 31 Undeveloped stem
- 32 Empty
- 33 Gained the victory
- 34 Not bright
- 35 Suit fabric
- 36 Drinking cup
- 37 Large placard
- 38 Educate
- 41 Pursue game
- 42 Second-prize winner (comp. wd.)
- 44 Female horse
- 48 Female voice
- 49 High mountain



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# WAGES EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

The Retirement Fund provides substantial benefits to employees eligible to join. There are sound provisions for retirement and worthwhile protection for your wife and children if you should die or suffer a permanent breakdown in health whilst in the service of the Company.

Membership is optional, but you are urged to take advantage of the benefits available to you.

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Contributions to the Fund are allowable deduction for income tax purposes.

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Membership is transferable should an employee transfer to an associated company.

Further particulars may be obtained from Reg Larsen (Electrical Shop), and Bert Garbutt (Power House) at Berrima, or Allan Gutzke and Ashley Cooper at Marulan South.

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# Editorial

## "HAVE A HEART"

We all have a heart, but what kind of a heart? A recent report shows that FIFTY-SIX PERCENT of all deaths in Australia stem from heart disease, compared with 33 1/3% in England and New Zealand. We surely need to take care of our hearts. Strangely enough, with the increase in ease and luxury, there comes a corresponding increase in cardiovascular illness, and a seeming apathy toward doing anything about it.

Great, as is the tragic toll in human suffering and loss of life, this is not the whole story. Australia estimates the dollar loss to the economy as seven hundred million dollars annually. Three hundred and fifty million dollars are attributed to loss of output alone.

Medical treatment, pensions and social services account for \$200,000,000, while permanent disability is estimated at \$125,000,000.

What can we do about it? Whatever kind of a heart we may have we can take steps to care for it. It will pay.

In this issue you will find certain suggestions which will help each one of us to have a heart that will serve us faithfully for a good number of years.

THE EDITOR.

For much of the information in this editorial, and in the Editor's Notebook, I am indebted to the magazine "PLAIN TRUTH."





Production "D" Group Leader, J. Colquhoun, completed four years without a disabling injury on 12th May, 1970.

## First Aid Corner

Now that winter is with us again, we are using more heating appliances. This increases the likelihood of burns.

It is natural to run away from danger, but when clothes catch fire, running can prove fatal. Running creates draught, and the flames will engulf the victim.

If your clothes catch alight, lie down and roll on the floor. The flames will then not spread so readily, and there is less risk of inhaling smokes and fumes.

If you find someone with their clothes on fire, roll the victim in a blanket or carpet, so as to smother the flames. Keep his head outside. Call a doctor.

Remember, the greatest danger from burning is from shock.

Minor burns can be treated by running cold water from a tap over them for a few minutes and applying a clean dry dressing.

Remember, never break blisters caused by burns or scalds.

—JACK DOUGLAS.  
Ambulance Room.

## S.P.C. APPRENTICE SUCCESSES

The following S.P.C. Apprentices won prizes at Goulburn Technical College in the 1969 examinations.

Prizes were presented at the Lilac Time Hall, Goulburn, at 8 p.m. on the 24th June, 1970. The deputy director of Technical Education was in attendance.

Electrical Fitter/Mechanics: G. TURCZYNSKI, 1st prize, Stage III.

Carpentry and Joinery: G. STOKES, 2nd prize, Stage II.

Painting and Decorating: P. BURGOYNE, 1st prize, Stage I.

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ERNIE RADNIDGE,  
Apprentice Training Foreman.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## BERRIMA

Ston Souter and Johanna Vermuelan have announced their engagement.

OOOO

T. Young and family spent their holidays in the Gosford area.

OOOO

Ernie Radnidge, with John Medland and their wives spent a fishing holiday in Forster. All told, they caught about 290 fish, bream and garfish, but mostly flathead.

OOOO

Back at school again after a wonderful three weeks holiday in New Zealand are Carol Magnus and Leonie Cavanagh, both 5th year students at Bowral High. The girls stayed at the home of Mr and Mrs Bernie Magnus of Auckland, and were completely captivated by the beauty of the country and the friendliness of its people. Carol is the daughter of Bob Magnus, now construction supervisor at S.P.C.

OOOO

Anthony James Spence arrived safely at Bowral District Hospital on Thursday, 21st May, and we are pleased to hear that the baby, Mum — and Dad — are all doing well. Dad, of course, works in the store.

OOOO

All of us at the store regret the illness of David Parker our Stock Supervisor, and hope that he will soon be fully recovered, and back with us.

OOOO

Jack King had the misfortune to collect a foreign body in his left eye, whilst walking down from the weighbridge. It was painful, and Jack Douglas advised a visit to the doctor. Jack still carried on his work, in spite of his bandaged eye.

OOOO

Cec Warner is now home after spending two weeks in the Lewisham Hospital.

OOOO

Bob Vincent is at present on annual leave

Pop, Mrs. Wrightson and their son Darrell depart Sydney on 2nd July for a two week cruise on the "Orcades." They will visit Brisbane, Noumea, Suva, Pago Pago and other islands.

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Clarrie Cartwright, Stockhouse clerk has just gained his pilot's licence.

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Ron Monk has retruned from his three week's holiday.

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Recently Liol Bush visited Bill McDowell in Concord hospital. Bill who will be remembered by many employees at S.P.C. is out of bed again after recovering from an operation. Bill is now over 80 and before his retirement was construction foreman.

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## SYDNEY OFFICE

Our Villawood Depot Foreman, Jack Stedfut, recently caught his right hand in the blending machine losing part of his little finger and cutting the hand. We understand Jack will be back at the depot soon.

OOOO

Sydney office has been joining in with B.H.P. Social Club activities lately, and Sydney Office ten-pin bowling team were outright winners in the B.H.P. Championships. The trophy — A Troll.

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We wish to welcome Wendy Lofburg to the Company. Wendy has become our new operator on the Telex Machine.

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Diane Stephens left us this month to tour Australia before returning to her homeland in Canada. We wish her a wonderful trip.

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Sylvia Stocks of Sydney Office writes that the Troll which the office ten-pin bowling team won, was a doll made up by BHP members of the social club. The idea of Trolls originated on the continent of Europe, they are regarded as lucky and goodwill charms.



## MARULAN

Congratulations to Miss Dianne Smith and Richard (Dick) Bryant who recently announced their engagement. Dick is a fitter at the Quarry and Dianne is the daughter of Mick Smith a Fitter's Assistant at the Quarry.

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Congratulations to Miss Narelle Hawke and Bruce Murphy on their Marriage on the 16th May in Goulburn. Bruce is an assistant in the Marulan Store.

OOOO

Heard on the grapevine that our switch girl at Marulan, Mrs. Carol Johnston will be leaving in June. We wish her well in the future and would like to take the opportunity of thanking her for such a fine job she has done in the past. Mrs. Pamela Cooper will be taking Carol's position, so we would like to welcome her and hope that she has a long and pleasant stay.

OOOO

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Tom Shepherd, wife of our gardener, Tom Shepherd, is sick in hospital, we wish her well and a quick recovery.

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Garry Cosgrove, son of Vince, Hydration Plant Foreman, has just returned from National Service in Vietnam. Garry is also an employee of S.P.C. Welcome back Garry.

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We have also heard that Garry and Miss Elizabeth Karpuik will marry in June. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. C. Karpuik ("Snow") a welder at the Quarry. Congratulations and best wishes to you both for the future.

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New starters: J. Ferguson, L. Marjanovic.

OOOO

Sorry to hear that one of our employees, Jack Wilcock was forced to retire through illness. Jack has been with S.P.C. for 10 years. He started as a general labourer then to a crusher operator, and finally to an electrician's labourer. We wish Jack well in his retirement and hope he has better health in the future.

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Cec Cluney has been discharged from hospital, and is recuperating at home.

OOOO

Barry Armitt wrote the article on the New Rock Breaker in last month's Newsletter. We apologise for omitting his name. — Editor.

A large R.A.A.F. helicopter landed on the cricket oval at Marulan South on Saturday, 30th May. Bad visibility had prevented the completion of the journey from Sydney to Canberra. The four R.A.A.F. personnel were delayed until 3.00 p.m. when the fog lifted.

OOOO

On annual leave: S. Karpuik, F. Golowenko, Dennis Lawler and C. Ogilvie.

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Seen on a recent requisition for lime storage bins, Marulan: 10 Hamburgers.

... I wonder?

OOOO

There was a young lady of Lynn  
Who was so excessively thin  
That when she essayed  
To drink lemonade  
She slipped through the straw and fell in.

OOOO

### WLADYSLAW ("WALLY") GLANC RETIRES

Wally Glanc commenced working for S.P.C. in 1952. For 16 years he was in the machine shop working as a fitter's labourer. He was then transferred to the gardening staff. He retired officially on the 5th June. He was farewelled by his mates, and Keith Graham Maintenance Foreman made the presentation of a wallet containing notes. Mr F. L. Veale also presented Wally with a cheque on behalf of the company.



Keith Graham farewells "Wally" Glanc on his retirement.



# Safer Nightclothes for Children

The subject of safer nightclothes for children is most important because, each year, three or four children in New South Wales have died from clothing catching fire. The first duty of parents and others who have charge of children is to keep them away from the fire or source of heat. But the use of suitable styles and materials in childrens' night attire will help greatly in avoiding burn injuries.

Each year many people suffer burns in the home. The greatest number of these are scalds from hot water and heated beverages, but the most severe burns result from clothing catching fire.

Major causes of clothing catching alight are open fires, heating appliances and children playing with matches.

With fires and heating appliances, proper guarding of the flame or element is not necessarily sufficient protection because, with some modern fabrics, actual contact with the open flame is not the only way in which clothing can be set alight. A spark, or even radiant heat from gas or electric fires and radiators, can, in certain circumstances, be sufficient to ignite clothing material.

Clothes are manufactured from many types of fabric, but all clothing will burn.

Pure wool, for instance, does not usually ignite. It has a high flame resistance and tends to smoulder then die out. Woollen fabrics weighing more than 5oz. per square yard are, therefore, the safest fabrics for the manufacture of children's nightwear.

But pure woollen fabrics and garments are relatively expensive. The majority of clothing fabrics in common use for children's nightwear is less expensive, but highly flammable!

In many cases they can be treated chemically to make them "flame retardant" (i.e., less likely to catch alight), but this treatment is costly and makes the fabric more expensive.

If this type of treated fabric is used, see that it carries detailed instructions for washing; otherwise the treatment can be rendered less effective through washing. Bleach, in particular, has a deleterious effect on most forms of treatment.

Light fabrics made of cotton, linen, viscose, rayon and acetate have very little flame resistance. They are a serious fire hazard to the wearer. Acetate also melts and gives third degree burns.

Fluffy materials or fabrics with a pile such as brushed cotton and garments made of the fabrics with the pile on the outside, are equally dangerous.

In close proximity to a source of heat they are inclined to "flash" alight. In all cases, the pile should be on the inside of garments.

Night garments for children between the ages of 12 months and 12 years should be in a form-fitting style of pyjamas, ski-pyjama, or track-suit pyjamas. They should be close fitting at the wrists, waist and ankles. Definitely not flared. Always avoid loose, free flowing garments with free edges or hems, attractive though they may be. Unless rendered "flame resistance" by special processing of the fabric, they are dangerous.

## LOOK FOR THESE MARKINGS

The Standards Association of Australia publishes its codes only after a full enquiry into all aspects involved. The code resulting from its research into the burning behaviour of fabrics used in the manufacture of children's nightwear, has been published under the title "Safe Design Practice for Children's Nightclothes" and designated Australian Standard CL3-1969.

If a garment has been manufactured in conformity with the code, it will have a sewn in label marked AS CL3. If the nightclothes are not manufactured in accordance with the code they should be marked, "Keep away from Fire," or some such similar wording.

Condensed from the Consumer Affairs Bureau Publication, "Safer Nightclothes for Children."

OOOO

Visitor: Is this a healthy place?

Native: It sure is. When I came here I couldn't utter a word. I had scarcely a hair on my head. I hadn't the strength to walk across the room. Why, I had to be lifted from my bed.

Visitor: That is wonderful! How long have you been here?

Native: I was born here.



## NATURE NOTES WITH CHRIS SONTER

Ever thought of getting away from it all; of relaxing and doing something different, something that is beneficial to one's health?

I suggest that you take up some form of study in the field of wildlife and conservation. There is so much to interest the mind. These subjects, to mention just a few, include, bush-walking, birdwatching, plants, insects and rocks. They help to unlock a great part of the mysterious and captivating world of nature.

This district is fortunate in having a wide variety of landforms (habitats) in which we can study these topics. I think we should include the coastline nearest us, simply because that wonderful machine, the motor car, has brought it to our doorsteps.

Through this column I hope to introduce to you, some of the wildlife of our district, and where you can see or study it. We are fortunate in having three National Parks in close proximity, that we can use, each being different in vegetation and other ways.

A word of advice here. Should you happen to pursue a subject that will take you onto private property, make yourself known to the landowner. In most cases, you will find he is willing to assist you.

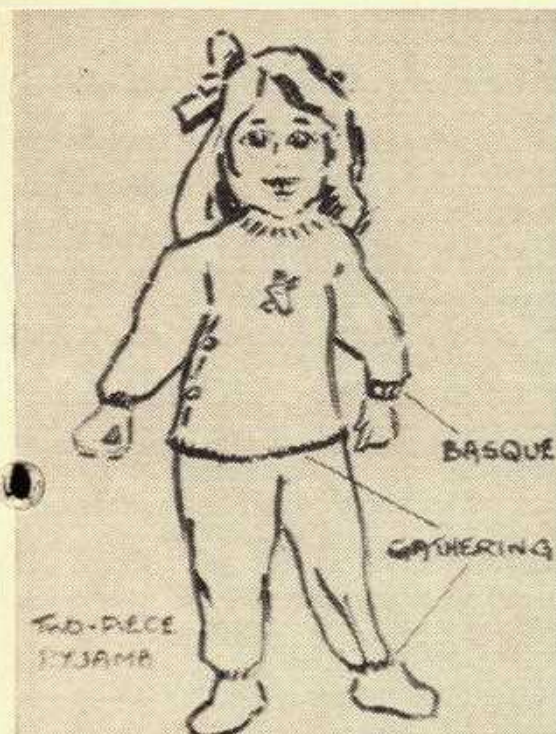
For those interested in photography and sound recording, and who have not reached nature and wildlife as a subject, there is a most rewarding field of adventure ahead.

An interesting bird that can be found and studied in our district is the superb Lyrebird (*Menura novae-hollandiae*) found on the south eastern side of our district.

During winter it is found at its best, singing and displaying (male mainly) while the breeding cycle takes place. Usually one egg is laid, being of a deep purple-black.

I am hoping to form a Wildlife Preservation Society in the Berrima district, would anyone interested in such a club contact the Editor.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Chris Sonter is the son-in-law of one of our loco-drivers, Joe Lewis)..



Example of **CORRECT** Nightwear



The above is **NOT RECOMMENDED**



# NEW ZEALAND HOLIDAY

By H. Newman, R. Knapman and a friend,  
R. Sully, from Bowral.

We departed from Mascot at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday morning flying by Qantas 707 V Jet to Auckland. The Boeing Jet can seat 140 passengers, has a fuel capacity of 19,850 gallons and consumes 1640 gallons per hour, giving it a range of 5000 land miles.

As this was the first time any of us had travelled by jet, it was an exciting experience which we thoroughly enjoyed.

As we had time to spare in Auckland we called on Bob Waide who served his apprenticeship at S.P.C. at the same time as ourselves.

He and his wife made us welcome and he sends his regards to all at S.P.C.

On the Sunday, we joined up with our Guthreys tour for a sight-seeing trip in and around Auckland, including a visit to the New Zealand War Memorial where some small pieces of moon rock were on show.

The next morning we began the first leg of our trip down the North Island to Rotorua. On the way to Rotorua we visited the Waitomo Caves and were shown one particular section where famous singers had come to record their voices, where, because there was no echoes, sound reproduction is excellent. A short distance further in the cave we saw the glow worms which was an unforgettable experience.

At Rotorua we went to a Maori concert on the night we arrived there. The next day we were escorted by a Maori guide through the Thermal Wonderland of Geysers, Steaming mudpools and hot springs. Here we also inspected the Maori woodcarving workshop where about eight apprentices are learning this intricate art.

After lunch we travelled south to Taupo and on the way visited Wairakei, an area where Geothermal Steam is tapped from a vast hot water system underground and harnessed to provide power for the North Island. The steam is piped to the Power Station through steel mains and is eventually condensed to water and discharged into the Waikato River. The steam is approximately 370°F.

Nearby we stopped to see the awesome Rogue Bore which is a 100ft diameter boiling mud pool which cannot be controlled by any method known to man. Within about a half mile radius of the bore there is a continual earth tremor caused by the activity of the steam built up beneath the bore.

Our accommodation right throughout the tour was really first class, but perhaps the most outstanding was at the De-Brett Thermal Hotel at Taupo. The hotel had its own private thermal mineral swimming pools which were approximately 100°F and these we used to full advantage.

On the way to the beautiful town of Wanganui we travelled along Lake Taupo, the largest of New Zealand's many lakes which has an area of 234 square miles.

At the southern end of the lake at Turangi a power station complex similar to the Snowy Mountain scheme is being built.

From Wanganui we drove to Wellington for a short sightseeing tour before flying to Christchurch that afternoon. From the main lookout at Wellington we could see where the "Wahine" went down in the harbour.

Early the next morning we started off for Dunedin with our new driver and coach and a few new passengers who were only visiting the South Island.

As the shops in New Zealand remain open for Friday night shopping until 9.00 p.m., it gave us an opportunity to do some shopping before going to see the Star Fountain.

This was a sight well worth seeing, as the water dances to music.

After an overnight stop at Dunedin we travelled through the Takatimu Mountains and across many rivers to Te-Anau.

From Te-Anau we took a day trip to Milford Sound passing the Mirror Lakes. The water here is perfectly still and the reflections of mountains in the background is absolutely perfect. Further on we passed mountains as high as 8200 ft and then on through the Homer Tunnel which is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long and is cut through solid granite. It drops 400 ft. from an elevation of 3023 ft. From the tunnel we travelled through more native forest, dropping 2300 ft in 12 miles to Milford Sound. The rainfall here is 250 inches a year.





The main attraction at the Sound is Mitre Peak rising 5560 ft. and is the highest mountain to rise out of the sea in the world.

Milford Sound was formed during the Ice Age by large glaciers. The average depth of water at the Sound is 1710 ft.

The following day we travelled through some magnificent country to beautiful Queenstown.

We had lunch at the Skyline Restaurant at the top of the mountain that overlooks Queenstown. To reach the restaurant we rode in a gondola, which is a covered-in chairlift and covers a distance of 2500 ft.

The next morning we drove to Coronet Peak where we went by chairlift from 3800 ft. to 550 ft. at the top, from which there was a glorious view of the country-side.

Continuing on our tour we stopped at Lake Wanaka which rises and falls 3" every 15 minutes. From here we travelled through the Haast Pass and on to the Fox Glacier. We were taken on a conducted tour and after a walk of about a mile and a half along the path where the glacier had been we came to the foot of the glacier and with our guide cutting steps in the ice we were able to walk

some distance on the glacier. The glacier has receded about two miles since 1750 and as it is some seven miles long it will be there for many years to come.

We can recommend Scotch and glacial ice as a refreshing drink after such a long and tiring walk.

Proceeding on to Greymouth we were able to view the Franz Josef Glacier. From here we travelled over the Southern Alps, down to Arthurs Pass to the farming areas of the North Canterbury Plains and on to our last stop — Christchurch.

On Sunday, our last day in New Zealand, we spent the morning with a few other people from the tour, walking around Christchurch, with its lovely gardens and Cathedral.

Before being driven to the airport we went on a bus tour of Christchurch and finally boarded our Qantas Jet at 5.15 p.m. New Zealand time, arriving in Sydney at 6.25 p.m. Sydney time, thus ending a fabulous and unforgettable 16 days in New Zealand.

The entire trip, including accommodation and meals, was first class and we had no complaints about the tour except that the holiday finished too soon.



# FISHY TALES

(By RUSS GREAVES)

The Director of Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney is sorry that more people don't visit the aquarium! Many famous specimens may be viewed. One of special interest would be the recently acquired lung fish. He writes on the lung fish or Burnett Salmon as follows:—

"It is almost of the essence of a fish that it breathes by gills. Land living vertebrates breathe by lungs. The lung fish uses both methods.

"The nostrils of ordinary fish are blind pits, whereas those of four legged (air) breathing animals lead into the mouth cavity. Lung fish have the same arrangement as four-legged animals. The types of gill breathing fish are counted in thousands, but there are only three types of lung fish, one from Africa, one from South America and one from Australia.

"Our Australia lung fish is almost identical with the fossil *Ceratodus* which was wide spread over the world 150 million years ago. It is literally a "living fossil," but one which has had a far less spectacular pass than its remote relative, the *Coelacanth*, which has a gap of only 50 million years between its last appearance as a fossil and its rediscovery a few decades ago in the Indian Ocean.

"To the Zoologist, the great interest of lung fish lies in their survival as representatives of a group of fish which flourished about 150 million years ago. They were solidly built creatures with fleshy, mobile fins. Some of them lived in tropical swamps and water-holes and probably developed the ability to breathe air in order to cope with this oxygen poor environment. It seems reasonable to suppose that they were able to waddle from one pool to another with the aid of their stout fins and there is sufficient fossil evidence to indicate that some of them came to live more and more on the land, becoming, in fact, the first amphibians."

Apparently there was no difficulty in bringing the fish to the Sydney Zoo from Queensland. The fish were loosely wrapped in damp hessian, placed over a little ice in a large polyurethane picnic cooler and flown down air freight.

The fish has a soft mouth, not unlike a cat fish, but does not sport the barbules or feelers. Apart from the report that Bob Dyer made a record making catch off Crookhaven, no one reports any large bags, except Jack Brown, who always manages to bag a few at Kiama. He must have that new electronic device for fish calling!, or is it that bait he uses??!!

## MOSS VALE ROTARACT CLUB

The Rotaract Club recently formed in Moss Vale, sponsored by the Rotary Club, is for young people between 17 and 25 years.

The purpose, aims and activities of the Rotaract Club are of service. Each club must undertake three activities each year, which will either give service to individuals, the community or even a nation.

This being the inaugural year of the Moss Vale Club, members have undertaken a park project — a community service.

Each Rotaract Club has to raise the funds needed in their projects. To raise funds for the park project, Moss Vale Club was part organiser of the Bush Week dance.

Whilst undertaking projects, the Club also carries out social functions within its group. Meetings are held along the lines of a dinner, with a business discussion followed by a guest speaker.

Club members from S.P.C. are, Ian Dickson, Roger McAndrew, Harry Chapman and Kerry Jervis, all of whom are office bearers.

A Rotaract Club is sponsored only, by a Rotary Club — not controlled. At each meeting there is a Rotarian to aid or guide the club.

The club itself is controlled by its members, and each project or function is suggested, organised, carried out and completed by members.

Each member is on a committee and is a determining factor in the worth of the club.

In being a member of a club such as this — serving the community — each member is, in fact, serving himself.

—KERRY JERVIS.



## TYRE CARE

(By IRVINE FORD)

Editor's note:

Irvine Ford, of the garage and grounds section, has had 30 years' experience in the tyre business. Previous to his coming to S.P.C. he served with South Coast Tyres. We hope to have the benefit of his knowledge published from time to time in the Newsletter.

The care of tyres begins with the mounting of each tyre correctly on the rim of each wheel. The next all-important stage is correct air pressure, as under inflation makes the tyre more prone to bruises and cuts, and will fray the cords inside the tyre. It will also cause extra wear on the outside edges of the tread. On the other hand, over inflation will wear the centre of the tread more rapidly.

High speed increases the rate of tread wear, causing wheel slippage and increased friction between tyres and the road. Watch cuts in the walls and tread of the tyre, as they grow larger with the constant flexing, allowing gravel and dirt to penetrate, so have cuts, etc., repaired immediately.

In fitting a new tube, always fit a new tyre, as old tubes stretch and leave creases, causing more friction.

Watch tubeless tyres for cord separation which causes bubbles to appear on the tyre.



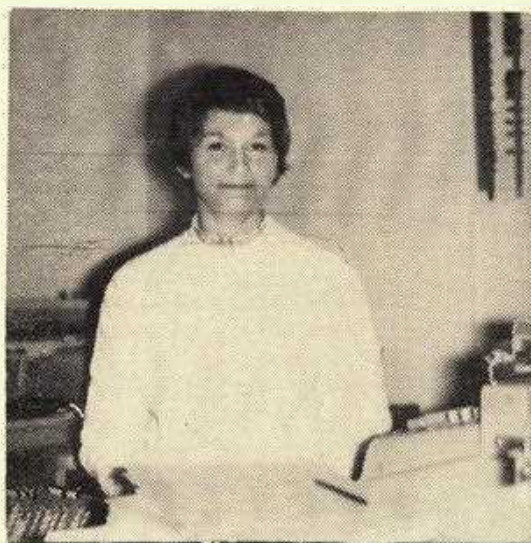
Nik Anikin, our Printer at S.P.C., with his machine.



Rhonda Churchill, Printing Assistant and Newsletter typist.

## THE MONTH OF "JUNE"

On the 20th June, June Costa, one of our machine operators, flew to Munster for a seven-week tour of Germany. Her husband Danny, who worked at the Colliery, is already there. June will be meeting Danny's parents, who reside in Czechoslovakia, and also hopes to visit Holland if time and money permit.



June Costa, Machine Room, General Office.



# JUNIOR PAGE

Box 169, P.O.,  
MOSS VALE.  
11th June, 1970

## THE STONE IN THE ROAD

There was once a very rich man who lived in a beautiful castle near a village. He loved the people who lived in the village and tried to help them. He planted beautiful trees near their houses, and had picnics for their children, and every Christmas he gave them a tree.

But the people did not like to work. They were unhappy because they, too, were not rich like their friend.

One day the rich man got up very early in the morning, and put a large stone in the road that led past his home. Then he hid himself behind the hedge, and waited to see what would happen.

By and by a poor man came along driving a cow. He scolded because the stone lay in his path, but he didn't pick it up. He walked around it and went on.

Then a farmer came on his way to the mill. He complained because the stone was there, but he too, merely drove around it and went on his way.

So the day passed. Every one who came by complained because the stone lay in the road, but nobody touched it.

At last, just at nightfall, the miller's boy came past. He was a hard-working fellow, and he was very tired, because he had been busy since dawn at the mill.

But he said to himself, "It is almost dark. Somebody may fall over this stone in the night and perhaps be badly hurt. I will move it out of the way."

So he tugged at the heavy stone. It was hard to move, but he pulled and pushed and lifted until at last he moved it from its place. To his surprise he found a bag lying beneath it.

He lifted the bag. It was heavy, for it was filled with gold. Upon it was written "This gold belongs to the one who moves the stone."

The miller's boy went home feeling very happy indeed, and the rich man went home to his castle. He was glad that some people are willing to do hard things, and he was glad the miller's boy had been rewarded for his good work.

Our thanks for this story go to the "Book shelf for Boys and Girls," The University Society, New York.

Dear Uncle Bill,

I have a lamb his name is Bobo. When he was small we fed him milk from a bottle. He grew fatter and bigger each day until he was a sheep. We miss him very much now because when we were moving to another house he disappeared, and now when we call his name he doesn't answer us any more.

Love from,

LARISSA ANIKIN — Age 7 years.

Dear Juniors,

Everybody likes to get letters, but not many people like writing letters. I write you each month on your page, but not many of you write to me. This month I have only one letter, Larissa Anikin wrote to me about her pet lamb. I'm very sorry you lost him Larissa, and I do hope you find him, or one just like him.

Larissa is now seven years old, but when she was only two, she was helping daddy, as you see in the picture.

Don't forget, write and tell us about your pets. The 50 cent pieces are waiting to be sent to you. Larissa will get one.

Cheerio from Uncle Bill.

OOOO

A canner, exceedingly canny,  
One morning remarked to his granny,

"A canner can can

Anything that he can,

But a canner can't can a can, can he?"

OOOO

What kind of coat is made without buttons and put on wet? — A coat of paint.

Why is the letter B like fire? — Because it makes oil boil.

When the clock strikes 13 what time is it? — Time to get it fixed.

OOOO

What animal took the most luggage into the Ark and what animal took the least? — The elephant took his trunk; and the rooster had only a comb.

OOOO

LADDIE: What has 24 feet, green eyes, and a pink body with purple stripes around it?

MADDIE: I don't know. What?

LADDIE: I don't know either, but you better pick it off your neck.



OR'

### HI YOU!

As soon as a New Australian has found a snakeproof guunyah to settle, in he should learn these two words:

Tey are pronounced: "HIGH YEW!"

When you are confident you can make them heard above the clatter of pneumatic drills, pub radios, clashing gears, barrow-men and commando raids on bargain counters, you can get a job at a Sydney traffic cop.

Extract from "So you want to be an Australian" by Cyril Pearl.

OOOO

The minister had reached the end of his sermon and he gave his exhortation to the congregation before the collection.

"And now, good friends, let us all give in accordance with what we reported on our income tax."



Larissa Anikin, aged 2, helping daddy.

### HEART DISEASE

At various times we have all heard and read information about the human heart.

The work performed by your heart is staggering. In the average lifetime the average heart beats two and a half billion times. Daily, it pushes through the circulatory system an amount of blood which weighs nearly six tons.

In a healthy circulatory system, the lining of the coronary arteries is clean and smooth, the flow of blood is even and unimpeded. In an unhealthy system, the arterial walls become rough and begin to thicken as a result of the slow deposit of a fatty wax known as cholesterol. This constricts the flow of blood.

When an increased demand for more oxygen arises, the heart beats faster to supply the oxygen-carrying blood, but the clogged arteries restrict the flow. Pressure mounts as the heart tries desperately to force the needed blood through. Finally a weakened, unresilient blood vessel or artery ruptures, because of the pressure, and a coronary results.

Authorities world-wide agree that there are eight basic factors which contribute to the high percentage of heart disease. They are as follows: high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, physical inactivity, increase in weight, nervous stress, excess fat in the blood, diabetes and genetic factors. Three stand out as prime offenders:— improper diet, lack of exercise and smoking.

These are all things we can personally control with just a little care. More on this topic in next month's issue.

OOOO

Pop Wrightson tells me that the Holy Trinity Church, Berrima, was packed on Sunday, 7th June for the 121st Anniversary Service. The Reverend Barrand conducted the service, Archdeacon Pitt preached the sermon.



## CYRIL MUNDAY

Recently, Cyril was appointed a J.P., which led me to make a few inquiries.

From the age of three years and up to the age of 16, Cyril lived with his aunt and uncle in Reading, England.

In 1925, he came to Australia, his uncle paying his fare, which in those days, was twenty-two pounds sterling. Landing in Sydney with only one pound in his pocket, he began searching for work. He started eventually, at Marulan, employed by a local farmer

Later, for four years, he drove a limestone truck for Col Pickering's father, who was a contractor. He transferred to Berrima, and soon after, started at S.P.C., staying for three years.

Then he became chauffeur for the then secretary of the Maldon cement works. After four years he was back at S.P.C. truck driving. About 12 years later he was transferred to his present position in and around the General Office.



Cyril Munday.

On his first Monday, he entered the front door, and told the receptionist that his name was Munday. She evidently suspected some kind of leg-pulling, for she didn't believe him.

Cyril took the oath as a J.P. on 17th June. I feel sure that I speak for all when I say, "Congratulations, Cyril."

## Berrima Bowls

Fred Williams of the store, has returned from his week's holiday in Sydney, where he took part in the Country Pennant Bowls Championships. Fred and his team mates, among whom were George Preston, Jim Bell, and Tom Beattie, ex S.P.C. miners, had a successful tournament, returning to Bowral with the winning Pennant for the fourth final. They had defeated the other finalists, Muswellbrook.

Bowral now moves on to the state competition, when, on 20th June, they meet Hurstville at Camden.

Well done, Bowral, and good luck on the 20th. Incidentally, Fred says that he owes his skill and success to hard work and Toohey's.

## GOLF

The Stableford event at Bowral Country Golf Club on Saturday, 30th May, was won by Sam Marshall, with 39 points.

## Marulan

### BOWLS

Further results in the Triples Championships on Saturday 30th May:

John Penfold, F. Bell, B. Eddie 17 defeated A. Bushell, Ashley Cooper, Fred Weston 16.

The winning team will now play Tony Cosgrove, Ray Penfold and Alan Turner in the final.

The Pairs Championships are now entering the second round.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

Playing against Southern Goulburn teams on Saturday, 30th May, both Marulan teams were defeated.

Scores: Under 10, 10 points to nil.

Older boys 12 years, 18 points to five.

Both teams showed marked improvement and should do much better as the season progresses. Special mention in the under 10s goes to Tony Bush, Geoffrey Pender and Andrew Grieves. Older boys, special mention to Graham Cosgrove, Steven Weston and Danny Murphy.

Graham Cosgrove was selected for interview on the Barry Cranston Rugby League show over 2GN, Goulburn, on Saturday morning.



## Homelovers' Corner

### THE DIGNITY OF LABOUR

On behalf of those who, by choice or necessity, are destined to a life of labour, it is desirable to show how the worker with the hands may be not less deserving of honour than the worker with the brain.

The difference between the two, when any exists, will depend entirely upon the manner in which the work is done. Each, to be worthy of honour, must be characterised by certain qualities — the same, in fact, as are required to secure public esteem in any walk of life.

In the first place, manual labour, to be successful and honourable, must be honest. There must be no pretence. Every one concerned must be able to place implicit confidence in the work.

Work, to be deserving of credit, must also be intelligent. It does not suffice to endeavour honestly to produce good work, though that is a good and honourable effort; but there must also be a rational attempt to do it in the best, that is, the most intelligent manner. A man may find it necessary to earn his living by breaking stones for roadmaking; and though this is not generally considered an occupation requiring much intelligence he may exhaust himself in his efforts to accomplish an honest day's work, and yet fail, because of sufficient knowledge and thought about the process.

A third requisite of honourable work is thoroughness, which presupposes honesty of intention and intelligence of execution. Work of any kind, even the most humble, when performed in this manner will infallibly secure esteem, and render the workman honoured by all who know him, and in this way help to render his career successful.

HOMELOVER . . . JUNE, 1970

**TOOTHBRUSH, AS AN AID TO HOUSEWORK** — For many fiddly cleaning jobs, a toothbrush reserved for housework equipment is most useful. It comes in handy, for example, when cleaning round cup handles.

**TOBACCO STAINS** — These generally yield to a rub with methylated spirit.

**TIDY FOR A BROOM** — Two empty reels screwed to a cupboard wall make a simple rest for a broom.

**TEACUPS** — To remove stains, if these do not yield to ordinary lather in the washing-up bowl, rub the stains with a little salt.

**TELEPHONE TO CLEAN** — Cold germs lurk cosily in telephone mouthpieces. Occasionally (and regularly in the season of sneezes and sniffles) wipe out the mouthpiece with a soft clean cloth well wrung out in warm water plus a little agreeably scented disinfectant.

**HANDKERCHIEFS** — Before washing soak in cold salted water. Rinse thoroughly before beginning the actual lathering operation. An occasional borax stew is helpful to keep white handkerchiefs a good colour: about teaspoon to a dozen handkerchiefs.

**FLOWER VASES — TO SAVE THESE SCRATCHING FURNITURE** — Fitting patches cut from an old rubber hot water bottle can be glued under vases which tend to scratch furniture. Cocktail mats also come in useful as protective stands for flower bowls and vases.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Recently when we had a visit from father and mother-in-law, during a plague of rates, dad parked his car in the garage with the window down.

Later, my wife was seeing them off, and was astounded to see the front door of the car suddenly fly open, passenger and driver emerging in a state of panic, the car, meanwhile, proceeding to "kangaroo" down the drive. The driver jumping up and down stamping around and slapping his thigh.

A rat had run up his trouser leg!

Moral: Keep kindows shut, or wear bicycle clips.

LINDSAY LANSDOWN.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. M. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Antirrhinum, Godetia, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila. Plant — Antirrhinum, Anemone, Calendula, Dianthus, Hollyhock, Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Polyanthus, Primula, Viola, Ranunculus, Stock.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Peas, White Turnip. Plant — Asparagus, Eschalots, Garlic, Artichoke, Rhubarb, Horse Radish, also Bush Fruits such as Currants, Goosberries, Raspberries, etc.

Heavy frosts and wind during May have slowed growth and also caused most of the leaves to fall from deciduous trees and shrubs.

Now is the time to commence planting deciduous trees, shrubs, and roses, so make up your lists, order, dig the holes and then collect the plants to fill them.

The size of the holes should be three feet square and fifteen inches deep. Do not dig into clayey sub-soil. If clay is found to be just under the surface of the topsoil, increase the width of the holes and decrease the depth. Water well and firm the soil around the roots when planting. Do not make mounds on top of the soil as these tend to make water run away from the roots instead of soaking into the soil. June is pruning month, but before commencing, see that the pruning saw and secateurs are sharp and ready to use. Keep some disinfectant handy to dip the pruning instruments into from time to time.

Shrubs which flower on new-season's wood can be pruned this month. These include Hydrangeas, Ceratostigma, Crepe Myrtle and Deciduous Hibiscus.

Do not prune Spring-flowering plants such as Flowering Fruit Trees, Lilacs and Spiraeas which flower on the old season's wood. These are pruned when in flower or after flowering. The middle of July is rose-pruning time in our climate. The running of deciduous fruit trees can be commenced this month.

For the first few years a fruit tree should be pruned to build a strong frame to carry the weight of mature fruit. Remove all dead and decaying wood and burn all prunings. Give Iris, Delphiniums and Larkspur a dressing of lime now. Dig over the vegetable garden thoroughly to get it ready for Spring planting.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any questions regarding your garden, remember that Mrs. Crowe will do her best to answer. Write or call the Berrima Bridge Nurseries, or write to Mrs. Crowe, care of the Editor.



## TRY SAFETY SLOGANS

**CLOSING DATE 10th JULY**

Win a prize and become safety conscious at the same time. Write one or two lines, with a safety message.

Study the winners to find out how it's done.

Seven chances to win a prize, 1st \$3, 2nd \$2 and five of \$1, every month.

Each person allowed one entry only.

A number of excellent safety slogans were received—

**1ST PRIZE — \$3:**

**"In order to collect full pay  
Just work safely every day."**

—Roger Seville, Colliery.

**2nd PRIZE — \$2:**

**"Safety helmet always on head  
May save time in a hospital bed."**

—Mrs. Jack Dickson, Berrima.

**CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$1 EACH:**

**"A thought before action  
Is a safety attraction."**

—Debra Magnus, Bowral.

**"Cigarettes left burning bright  
Could cause homes to ignite."**

—Mrs. M. Roach, Berrima.

**"When in doubt, if wires are about  
Call the electrician out."**

—Brian Hilton, Colliery.

**"Machines are protected, are you?"**

—Alan King, General Office.

**"Let 'Safety First' be your slogan  
Then you'll grow up to be on old 'un.'"**

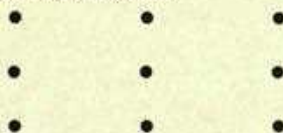
—Carol Magnus, Bowral.

This month's slogans were judged by the safety officer Mr. L. Humphries, Miss Helen Ferrier, Works Office and Mr. Owen Jacobson, General Office.

OOOO

See if you can draw four continuous straight lines so that a line touches each of the nine dots. This is to be done without lifting your pencil from the paper.

Answer next month.



—from FAMILY HORIZONS.

## EASY TEASERS

1. A clock strikes six in five seconds. How long does it take to strike twelve?
2. If five spiders can catch five flies in five minutes, how many spiders are required to catch a hundred flies in a hundred minutes?
3. In the centre of a circle 9ft. in radius is a frog. It begins to jump in a straight line to the circumference of the circle. Its first jump is 4ft. 6ins, its second 2ft 3ins and it continues to jump half the length of the preceeding jump. How many jumps does the frog make to get out of the circle?
4. Three travellers arrived tired and hungry at a lonely inn. The inkeeper apologised and said he could only offer them a meal of potatoes. When he brought in the dish all the men were asleep. After a while one of the three woke up, ate a third of the potatoes, and went back to sleep. Soon afterwards another woke up, ate a third of the potatoes that remained, and promptly fell asleep again. Then the third man did likewise. When the inn-keeper came back he found that eight potatoes were left. How many had he put on the dish?

—Answers next month.

—Solution to the problem in the May issue

1. Why owns the zebra?  
The Japanese.
2. Who drinks water?  
The Norwegian.

It works out like this:—

|                 |               |              |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Yellow          | Blue          | Red          |
| Norwegian       | Ukrainian     | English      |
| Fox             | Horse         | Snails       |
| Kools           | Chesterfields | Old Gold     |
| (Water)         | Tea           | Milk         |
| Green           |               | Ivory        |
| Japanese        |               | Spaniard     |
| (Must be zebra) |               | Dog          |
| Parliaments     |               | Luckies      |
| Coffee          |               | Orange Juice |

This result can be arrived at using a calculator, algebra, geometry, calculus, or by process of elemination, substitution or confusion.



# PROBLEM PAGE

## CROSSWORD No. 136

Winner Gregory Magnus, Bowral — He receives \$2. Several correct entries were received, the winning name was drawn by Mr. Eddie Johns, General Office.

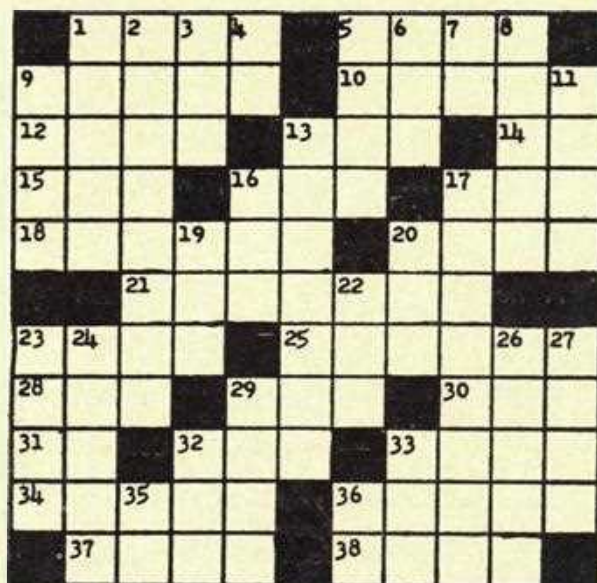
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#### ACROSS—

- 1 Aleutian Island
- 2 Twining stem
- 9 Regions
- 10 Elevate
- 12 Curve
- 13 Human being
- 14 Touchdown (abbr.)
- 15 Compass point
- 16 Tatter
- 17 River bottom
- 18 That which damps
- 20 Of aircraft
- 21 Oriental
- 23 Company of musicians
- 25 Signify
- 28 Ignited
- 29 Melancholy
- 30 River in Scotland
- 31 Paid notice
- 32 Brown color
- 33 Tear apart
- 34 Broom of twigs
- 36 One who paces
- 37 Withered (var.)
- 38 Social insect (pl.)

#### DOWN—

- 1 Sphere of action
- 2 Dwelling house
- 3 Small child
- 4 Him and me
- 5 Boost
- 6 Masculine name
- 7 Symbol: nickel
- 8 Chemical compound
- 9 In bed
- 11 Taro root



- 13 Pert. to Mars
- 16 Thing, in law (L.)
- 17 Masculine name
- 19 Cushion
- 20 Skill
- 22 Tip
- 23 Tattle
- 24 Assistants (milit.)
- 26 Firm (pl.)
- 27 Antlered animal
- 29 Identical
- 32 High, craggy hill
- 33 Moved swiftly
- 35 Compass point
- 36 E. state (abbr.)

### RESULTS OF LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

#### ACROSS—

- 1 Late
- 5 Sap
- 8 Bark
- 12 Area
- 13 Obi
- 14 Erie
- 15 Pant
- 16 Renegade
- 18 Curt
- 20 Label
- 21 Cherry
- 24 Ban
- 25 Leton
- 26 Sin
- 27 Dud
- 30 Arow
- 31 Bud
- 32 Bare
- 33 Wan
- 34 Dim
- 35 Serge
- 36 Mug
- 37 Poster

#### DOWN—

- 38 Train
- 41 Hunt
- 42 Runnerup
- 44 Mare
- 48 Alto
- 49 Alp
- 50 Alan
- 51 Peer
- 52 Gay
- 53 Nine
- 1 Lap
- 2 Ara
- 3 Ten
- 4 Eatcrow
- 5 Sorry
- 6 Abet
- 7 Pin
- 8 Began
- 9 Arab
- 10 Ride
- 11 Keel
- 17 Elan

- 19 Urn
- 21 Claw
- 22 Hero
- 23 Eton
- 24 Bid
- 26 Sum
- 27 Dart
- 28 Urge
- 29 Deer
- 31 Big
- 32 Bestman
- 34 Dune
- 35 Son
- 36 Minor
- 37 Puppy
- 38 Trap
- 39 Rule
- 40 Ante
- 41 Hula
- 43 Rag
- 45 Ali
- 46 Ran
- 47 Ene



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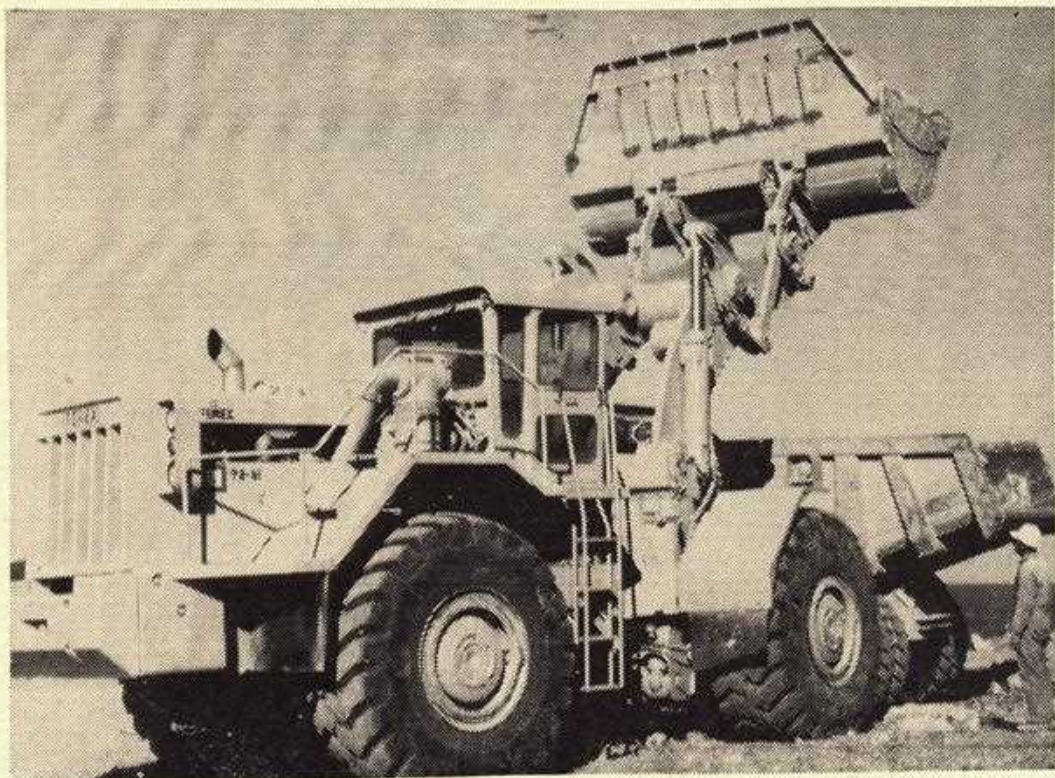
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The new Terex Loader on trial at Marulan, dwarfs David Byrne, Shift Foreman.

## The New Terex 9-Yard Loader

The new loader is at present on trial at the Quarry..

Its present loading rate is 480 tons per hour, providing that digging conditions are suitable, and the Euclid return from the Jaw Crusher is not delayed.

The Terex loads a 30-ton Euclid truck in

three passes, at 30 seconds for each pass. A pass consists of the loader tipping a loaded dipper into the truck, return to head of stone, reload dipper, return to truck and tip. The dipper capacity is about 10 tons.

—TREVOR PEARSON.

## Authorisations Passed at Last Board Meeting

Slurry classification on numbers 1 and 2 Raw Mills similar to that at present working very successfully on number 3 Raw Mill. This will increase the production of these two mills, and also improve the quality of slurry to the kilns.

A new dust return system for No. 5 kiln

by which the dust will be pumped into the firing end of the kiln.

A new mobile crane for Berrima, 13 tons capacity with a 75 foot jib hydraulically operated. This will be a big improvement on the existing Coles Crane, which has a capacity of six tons.



# Editorial

Recently I was greatly impressed by the warning expressed by Mr. W. Mason, General Secretary of the N.R.M.A.

He said, "according to statistics, one in four of today's 17-year-old drivers will be injured or killed in a traffic accident before he reaches 30."

"This demonstrates the urgency of really positive action to train young people properly before they receive a driver's licence." "Few new drivers take to the roads properly trained in car handling and driver behaviour, or with a full appreciation of all the risks and consequences of accidents."

"Apart from the humane aspect of reducing traffic accidents, the millions of dollars we spend in raising and educating young people should not be lost in this inexcusable way."

"This is why A.A.A. and the N.R.M.A. continue to press for a better system for training drivers."

"Road survival training should begin in Kindergarten and be graduated through primary and secondary school, until it culminates in turning out young citizens properly trained to deal with ever-increasing road hazards."

I feel sure that every responsible driver would agree with these words. The loss of life is appalling. Are we, as older, mature drivers, setting the right example?

We realise the importance of safety in the plant, and because of the care exercised we reap the benefits. But how often do those who advocate safety at work, forget all about it when on the road, behind the wheel of a powerful modern car? The excuse may be that they haven't much time, that they have to rush from one appointment to another or that they must get home in order not to miss a certain T.V. programme, or must not be late at the club, and often caution is thrown to the winds!

How can we expect young drivers to follow our admonitions, if we do not practice what we preach!

There's an old saying about charity beginning at home, what about safe driving beginning at home!

THE EDITOR.

**NOTE:** An Australian Driving Manual has been prepared by A.A.A. It is comprehensive. It provides text for students taking traffic and driving education courses in Australian schools, and is also a general guide for people of any age wishing to learn to drive or to improve their own driving performance.

The manual is available from all N.R.M.A. branches.





"NOW — You wear it!"

## TAKE A DOSE OF THIS

The following are genuine selections from insurance claims by drivers involved in accidents:

I consider that neither vehicle was to blame, but if either were to blame it was the other one.

I knocked over a man. He admitted it was his fault as he had been run over before.

I collided with a stationary tramcar coming the other way.

Car had to turn sharper than was necessary, owing to an invisible lorry.

I collided with a stationary tree.

The other man altered his mind, so I had to run over him.

I told the other idiot what he was and went on.

I can give no details of the accident as I was somewhat concussed at the time.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

I blew my horn, but it would not work, as it was stolen.

I unfortunately ran over a pedestrian, and the old gentleman was taken to hospital much regretting the circumstance.

I thought the side window was down, but it was up as I found when I put my head through it.

Cow wandered into my car. I was afterward informed that the cow was half-witted.

A bull was standing near and a fly must have tickled him as he gored my car.

She suddenly saw me, lost her head, and we met.

I ran into a shop window and sustained injuries to my wife.

I misjudged a lady crossing the street.

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I haven't got.

KEMBLA NEWS



# Heard on the Grapevine

## BERRIMA

Miss D. Saxton, daughter of Eric Saxton of the General Office, was discharged from Prince Henry Hospital early this month. Her enforced stay at the hospital was due to a motoring accident at Parkes. Although still using crutches, Dianne is finding life at home easy to take after her four months in hospital. Dianne has been teaching for four years, and at the time of the accident was at Forbes High School.

ooOoo

Kevin Moore is back again after being off work about eight weeks. I'm sure that all who know him join in saying "welcome back, Kev."

ooOoo

Leona Lafferty, aged 10, daughter of Tom at Colliery, and Mrs. Lafferty, General Office, is now a budding musician. Gordon Ross is teaching a brass band formed at the Moss Vale Primary School, and Leona came home dragging a trombone, with a promise to practice one hour per day. The "music" has to be heard to be believed! Incidentally, she had trouble getting it back from both parents and sisters, all of whom wanted to make weird noises.

ooOoo

John Clarke, of the Electrical Shop, who served his apprenticeship at S.P.C., has left to work in Queensland.

ooOoo

News from Western Australia from Chris Boyd who is very interested in his new job as Technical Representative for Steel Mark a B.H.P. subsidiary which is a large distributor of steel in the west. Chris is currently studying for a managerial position, and is looking at land in a seaside suburb for home building. He says land prices have eased considerably in recent months.

His elder brother, David, who is with Titan in Newcastle, is busy commuting between Newcastle, Unanderra and Whyalla setting up the machinery for estimating costs for all mining equipment in the Titan branches, they have a commuter plane.

David, in recent months, has studied with management consultants, done a computer programming course and time and motion study. (Both served their apprenticeships with S.P.C.)

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Barry O'Neill, record clerk, left the stores on the 15th to team up with Nik Anikin in the Printing and Stationery Department.

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Margaret Holleley, after only a short stay with us in the General Office, has left to further her education at Canberra College for Advanced Education. She plans to become a Librarian.

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Ross Fisher has joined the Stores Department, Ross returns to S.P.C. after leaving a few years ago.

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Jack King is ill with pleurisy and pneumonia. We wish him a quick and complete recovery.

Tom Roach and his wife headed north, to Queensland on the 9th July, on annual leave. Tom took his paints in the hope that he might see something or somebody worth painting, he will be back about the time this magazine is distributed.

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All in the General Office are glad to see David Parker back again after a rather long spell of illness.

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Jack Brown, Assistant Yard Foreman, is in hospital recovering from a heart condition.

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Alf Knapman is now home after a spell in hospital. He sustained severe burns from an ash blow back in the Power House.

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Apprentice Michael Millbank returned to work early this month after a severe attack of pneumonia, welcome back, Michael.

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New starters in the General Office: Mrs. Nancye King who is working on the calculating machines and Vicki Bennett, Filing and Mailing Clerk.



## SYDNEY OFFICE

We were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Wyee Plant Foreman, Alick Deaves, on 30th June. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Deaves and son, Paul.

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Villawood made a record tonnage for June. Our congratulations to the depot staff.

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We are proud to mention that our sales for June were the best since July 1967.

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Irene Wark will be transferring to BHP Sydney Office early in July. Irene joined us last year after returning from a working holiday in New Zealand. While in N.Z. she worked for BHP.

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As part of the change to the IBM/360/20 computer system, John Portus will attend a system design course this month.

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A new specialised telephone system has been installed in Sydney Office to give better customer service by providing direct access to our sales staff. The system incorporates intercom and conference facilities.

## MARULAN

Mr. Hec Johnson, who has been off work for the past 3½ months returned to work this month. He has been in hospital in Goulburn and Sydney with broken ribs and punctured liver etc., caused when he fell from a tank stand on to a fence post. He was in a serious condition for quite a while. We welcome him back. Hec is Quarry Powderman.

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Roy Clack, Leading hand Quarry man who lived two miles out of Marulan, has acquired a home in Marulan and is now a city dweller.

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Cliff Shepherd Crane Driver has returned to work after several weeks off with a broken ankle which happened at home.

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David Read, son of Foreman in Maintenance, Eddie Read is in Base Hospital with a severe virus complain. We wish him a speedy recovery.

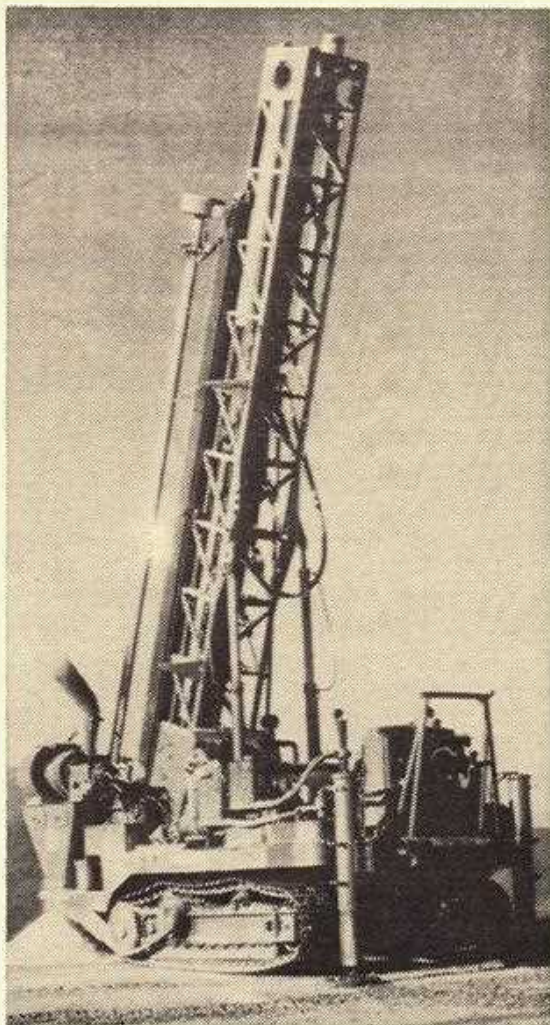
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Russell Holt, Office Clerk, has returned from two weeks' holidays, which he spent at Kosciusko in the snow. He is looking very fit.

Mrs Tom Shepherd, wife of Tom the Gardener, and mother of Cliff has been a patient in Goulburn Base and Canberra Hospitals, she suffered severe haemorrhage and had to have a blood transfusion. She is now home and improving.

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Carol Johnson has terminated her duties, with the company as office typist, etc., after five years service. She finished on the 19th June. She will be missed by all at the Quarry. Mrs. Pamela Cooper has taken Carol's place and commenced on 1st June. We wish them both well.



The new rotary drill rig, Gardner-Denver RD 30 also on trial at the Quarry.



# THE LAW

Every civilised nation is subject to law. Even barbarous tribes acknowledged some rule by which their actions are governed and restrained.

The aboriginal possesses some such rules, which he is compelled to obey. Certain kinds of food were forbidden to women and young persons. In some tribes, the law regulating marriage was of a stringent character. A law may be a positive injunction to perform some act deemed necessary for the public good.

A man may, for instance, be required to pay taxes for the support of the government, or for other public purposes. Or a law may forbid the performance of an act considered injurious to an individual or to the community at large. The law, then, may be defined as the body of rules which all the members of the community are bound to obey.

As will be seen in subsequent remarks, this definition is not strictly correct for all countries or all manner of thoughtless words or deeds.

Obedying the law ourselves, we should be careful to consider the feelings of the many people that we come in contact with each day.

I do not profess to be able to produce the answers to all these deep problems, nevertheless they occur and people can become agitated with the job or the people around them. Although at times it can be hard to recognise this apparent unwritten law, we should realise that neither our words nor our actions should tend to bring the law into disrepute, they should, on the contrary, tends to uphold and strengthen it, and place it in its true light as the will of the people.

Therefore do not say it is not always easy to pray, when it rains on washing day, or that the pots and the pans, or the many tasks which we perform have encumbered us in each and every way. Pause, and think, then you will realise that the greatest law of all is the love and deep respect of your fellow man, in the office, factory or anywhere you may tread. Far too much emphasis is placed upon the position, and not the person.

—HOMELOVER, 1970

## Homelovers' Corner

### SCANDINAVIAN ICE-BOX CAKE

Ingredients: 15oz tin crushed pineapple;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup castor sugar; 4oz butter; 4oz brown sugar;  $\frac{1}{4}$  tspn nutmeg;  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn vanilla essence;  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn cinnamon; pkt wheatmeal biscuits; 1 tspn grated lemon rind;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt whipping cream; 1 tbspn castor sugar.

Method: 1. Empty contents of pineapple can into saucepan, add the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar and bring to boiling point, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Set aside to cool. Stir in lemon rind; 2. Crush biscuits finely. Melt butter in saucepan, add brown sugar and spices, stir over low heat until blended, then pour over biscuit crumbs. Stir to blend; 3. Make layers of crumbs and pineapple in an 8" square cake pan, starting and ending with crumbs; 4. Whip the chilled cream, adding the tablespoon sugar and vanilla during beating. When thick and fluffy spread over top of dessert; 5. Chill two or more hours before serving.

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### FRUIT AND PORK CHOP CASSEROLE

Ingredients: 4 large pork chops, salt and pepper; 4 medium pears; 2 tbspsn lemon juice;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup packed brown sugar.

Method: Brown chops on both sides and put in shallow baking dish; Sprinkle with salt and pepper; Peel, core and slice pears and put on chops; Mix remaining ingredients and sprinkle on pears; Cover with lid or foil and bake in moderate oven 375 deg. 20 mins. Uncover and bake 25-30 minutes longer, basting several times with liquid in dish.

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### COCONUT BISCUITS

Ingredients: 12oz flour, 2oz castor sugar, 1 level tspn cream of tartar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  level tspn bicarbonate of soda, 4oz butter or margarine, 4oz desiccated coconut, 1 egg.

Method: Sieve flour, cream of tartar and bicarbonate, together rub in butter. Add coconut and sugar. Mix thoroughly with beaten egg and force through cookie and biscuit maker. Bake for 30 minutes in oven.



# Presentation of Prizes 24th June, 1970

## GOULBURN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

In his report, the Principal, Mr. Giri, said, in part, "To prize winners and those receiving certificates and statements, please accept my congratulations for a job well done. Because of your achievements, you as individuals, particularly those in the younger group, will no doubt have to accept a challenge to leadership in your particular field. To those not listed on the programme, remember the highest positions in life are not always awarded to those with outstanding academic possessions.

Mr Giri thanked the students of the college for thier support, good conduct, and understanding of the values of citizenship so necessary in a free society.

Mr. W. Robertson, Deputy Director of Technical Education attended the prizegiving. In his speech he said, "We in the Department of Technical Education attach a great deal of importance to functions such as this. It gives us the opportunity to congratulate the students on a job well done. I also gives us the opportunity to hear at first hand the report of the Principal on the developments which have taken place in the college.

"After hearing the report of your Principal, I think you will agree with me that Goulburn Technical College is very much alive.

I am very confident in the role that our

young people are going to play in the future development of this country. The students who are successful have been involved in a great deal of effort.

"I must thank Mr. Giri and his staff for the excellent work they are doing. Mr. Giri is very enthusiastic and I am sure that under his guidance and with the support of Mr. Williams and the committee, that Goulburn Technical College will continue to flourish."

Southern Portland Cement final stage apprentices who attended Goulburn Technical College in 1969 are being included with Wollongong Technical College students in the prize winning awards given by the Wollongong-Port Kembla Apprenticeship Advisory Committee.

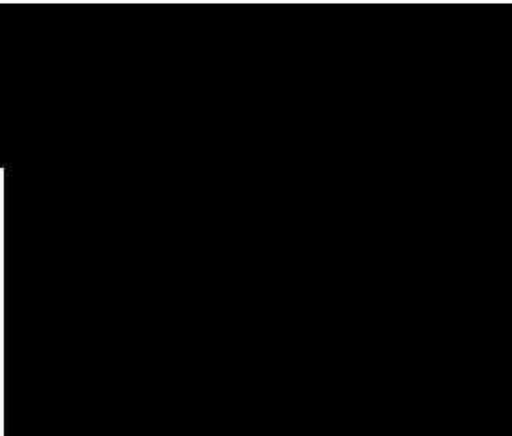
Prizes will be awarded on Tuesday, 8th September at 8 p.m. on the official opening night of the apprenticeship week exhibition. The exhibition is to be held at Wollongong Town Hall from Monday 7th to Thursday, 10th September, 1970.

S.P.C. apprentices at Berrima and Marulan are busy making projects which will be exhibited at Berrima Works on Parents Day, 5th September, and later at the Wollongong Town Hall during the Apprenticeship Week Exhibition.



Mr. J. Giri, Principal Goulburn Technical College.  
Mr. E. Radnidge, Mr. D. Marsden, Mr. L. Veal.

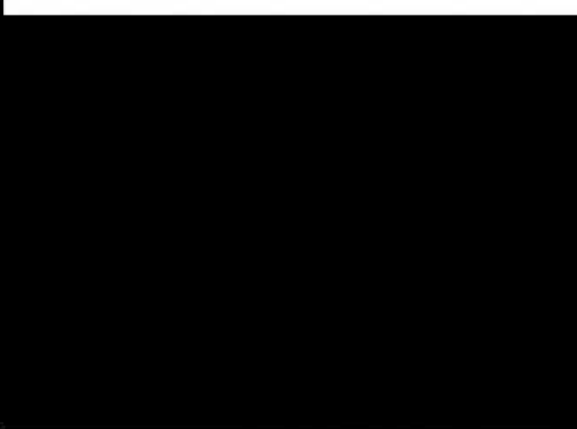
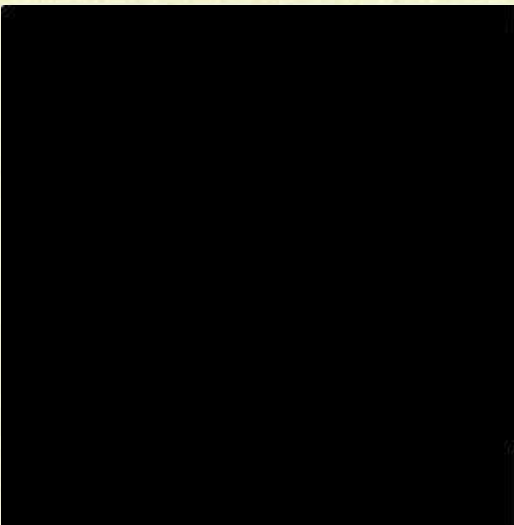




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gong Technical College.

Russell Thompson, Electrical Fitter, Trades Certificate.







Left to right, back row: K. Delderfield, Quarry Engineer, Peter Knowles, K. Graham, Mechanical Maintenance Engineer, Berrima. Robert McGinness, Tony Cosgrove, Russell Thompson, Sam Marshall, Chief Chemist; Front row: Dick Bryant, Angus Campbell, Ernie Radnidge.

Sorry we didn't get a picture of Dick Bryant receiving his Fitting and Turning Certificate, but he is pictured in the group above.



Jenney Mackey, Typewriting Certificate.



Mr. W. M. Robertson, Deputy Director of Technical Education.



# FISHY TALES

(By RUSS GREAVES)

The way civilisation keeps itself fed is really remarkable! In the early days, it was only a matter of clearing some land and digging the soil for planting! Nowadays, the amount of food we can get from our arable land has been called upon to support a very much increased civilisation! But, notwithstanding the large amounts of fertilizer used and the mechanical means of tilling and harvesting, I think we are reaching a stage when the ground will be hard pressed to keep us alive—if, of course, the population rate is maintained. Two avenues of food supply then present themselves. In the scientific age synthetic foods I'm sure could be produced, but, what I was leading up to, was the possibly less costly method, aquaculture, or fish farming. Of course, this is no easy way out, researchers telling us that food obtained from the sea is by no means inexhaustible! Anyhow, fish farming isn't new.

The Romans farmed mullet and oysters, as did many Mediterranean peoples.. The fish were easily captured by building retaining walls with sluice gates on estuaries.

I'm afraid this would be a bit hard to work in our waters, as net fishermen wouldn't give it a chance!

Japan has been successful farming eels and now seems to have perfected prawn breeding. The prawns are said to reach a marketable size in 12 months. No doubt a lot of know-how went into the operation — like the cultured pearl.

Apart from the first, seaweed, of which there seems no end when one is beach fishing, is being processed into food and some I tasted recently, although it didn't have the expected palatability, wasn't bad!

Last month, I commented that Jack Brown seemed to be the only fish bagger! Well, this month unfortunately I have to report Jack ill in hospital and we trust he will have sufficient energy to look to his lines and has a rapid recovery.

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Why is a sheet of writing paper like a lazy dog? . . . A sheet of writing paper is an ink-lined plane; an inclined plane is a slope up; a slow pup is a lazy dog.

## BAIT OF THE AVERAGE FISHERMAN

This is the bait the fishermen take, the fishermen take, the fishermen take, when they start out the fish to wake so early in the morning. They take a nip before they go—a good one, ah! and long and slow, for fear the chills will lay them low so early in the morning. Another—when they're on the street, which they repeat each time they meet for "luck"—for that's the way to greet a fisher in the morning — And when they are on the river's brink again they drink without a wink — to fight malaria they think it proper in the morning. They tip a flask with true delight when there's a bite; if fishing's light they "smile" more, till jolly tight all fishing they are scorning. Another nip as they depart; one at thee mart and one to part, but none when in he house they dart, expecting there'll be mourning. This is the bait the fishermen try, who fishes buy at prices high, and tell each one a bigger lie of fishing in the morning.

H. C. DODGE.

## BUCKS PARTY

Everybody knows that the worst part before a wedding is getting over the Bucks Party, but none could be as hard as Gary Cosgrove's party held at Jolly Dam recently.

The horse play got a bit rough and the groom came out with a leg broken in two places. But even that didn't stop him, he spent the other five days in hospital and still made it down the aisle, on crutches not a second late.

Gary came home from Vietnam on leave specially to get married he was determined a small thing like a broken leg wasn't going to stop him.

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When is a black dog most likely to enter a house?

When the door is open.

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What are the two strangest happenings?

A deaf and dumb man picked up a wheel and spoke; a blind man picked up a hammer and saw.

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What word will make you sick if you take away the first letter?

Music.



## MARULAN SOUTH TENNIS

A tournament held on Sunday, 21st June, resulted in a win for Nola Cosgrove and David Byrne. Gladys Fidler and Keith Delderfield were runners-up.

Social match, Marulan South v Greenwich Park at Greenwich Park on Sunday, 28th June.

Greenwich Park 13 sets 101 games.  
Marulan South 11 sets 100 games.  
Greenwich Park winners by one game.

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Marulan South has a very active Tennis club, possessing two hard courts, modern fencing and floodlighting. They are fortunate in having a large number of young players. Our new maintenance engineer Mr. K. Delderfield, and the Marulan Constable Mr. Alan Fidler are members. Darcy Hadlow is the working horse of the club, and much credit must go to him for its success. The club can field an "A" grade team equal to any in the district, either ladies or gents.

Three ladies from Marulan South Club won the "A" grade Reserve competition in Goulburn earlier this year. They were, Margaret, Hadlow, Nola Cosgrove and Barbara Gutzke, Secretary of the club.

## BOWLS

President's Day was a great success. Alan Piere brought his team from far and wide to compete with some of the best players in the state. Alan Piere's District President's team were the winners. Alan Bushell of Marulan South was a member of the team.

An excellent lunch was provided by the women's Bowling Club, and also a very tasty high tea.

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Tony Cosgrove and Len Pole defeated Dave Broadhead and John Penfold 37-19.

In the club singles championships first round, Col Woods defeated Mick Keegan 31-20.

Jerry Matthews was defeated by Ken Keegan 31-27.

## JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Boys under 10 years played a hard game but were defeated by St. Patrick's College who were much heavier.

# SPORT

The older boys showed great improvement. Keep it up lads, on to victory.

Newcomers to the team were Ian Peterson and Richard Hammond, they played well. Peter Greaves was voted best player of the week, and went on 2GN Radio for an interview on Saturday morning.

## BERRIMA GOLF

Ernie Radnidge won the stroke event at Highlands Golf Club on Saturday, 27th June, with 62 net score. On the following day, at the same club, he was in even better form, and carried off the stableford event with 38 points.

## NATURE NOTES WITH CHRIS SONTER

### THE LYREBIRD

The first sighting of the lyrebird was by a youth named Barracks, on the 24th January, 1798, who thought it to be either a pheasant or a bird of paradise. It wasn't until two days later that this young Irish political prisoner who had "cleared off" from the main colony, was able to shoot down a specimen.

The first handling taking place on the 26th January 1798. The bird, then being passed on to Joseph Banks by Governor John Hunter.

This particular bird being shot in an area about 60 miles south-west of Parramatta.

However, the bird did not receive a name until Latham gave it one in 1801. This being *Menura Novae-hollandiae*.

In the 1900's the birds were known as birds-of-paradise, thus they were slaughtered in thousands for the millinery trade.

In 1907 a man was seen with a basket containing 50 pairs of tails (Lyres), and a dealer in Sydney sold 490 tails in 1911. In spite of prohibitory laws 800 tails were exported overseas. In the next three years over 2000 tails were sent out of the country.

The second species of Lyrebird, the Prince Albert, (*Menura-alberti*) was not recognised until 1921. The dating and naming coming from a specimen obtained at Stanthorpe, Qld. Unlike the superb species it has not lyre-shaped tail feathers.



# JUNIORS PAGE

## BRUCE AND THE SPIDER

A long time ago, there lived a King of Scotland named Robert Bruce. He was a greatly troubled man because his country was at war with England, and the English were winning. In battle after battle they drove back the Scottish army until at last he King himself had to retreat to the mountains to save his life.

Wandering desperately through the mountain forests, cold and hungry and exhausted, at last the King found a miserable little wooden hut, empty and deserted. Glad of any kind of shelter, he lay down on the floor of the hut in deep despair.

"There is no use going on," he thought, "The enemy has thrown back our armies six times. We can never repulse them. I have failed my people. I might as well give up."

At that moment, the King noticed a little grey spider spinning a long thread from one of the rafters. The spider swung along on the thread in an effort to attach the other end to another rafter so he could start spinning his web. But the thread broke and the spider fell to the floor of the hut.

A little dazed perhaps, but with no hesitation at all, the spider climbed up the wall and began spinning again. He kept patiently at it until the thread was long enough. Then he again swung himself to the end of it and tried once more to attach it to the rafter across the corner. But again the thread broke and again he spider fell o the floor.

And once more he climbed up and began again.

Six times the spider's thread broke. Six time he fell to the ground. Six times he began again. Six times he failed.

Robert Bruce, the King of Scotland, watched in fascination. He became so absorbed in the little spider's efforts that for a time he forgot his own troubles.

The spider did not give up even when he failed for the sixth time. He just tried again, and this time, on the seventh try he was successful. The end of the thread held! The spider attached it to the far rafter and began spinning his web.

Robert Bruce arose and bowed low to the tiny grey insect. "O, little spider!" he cried. "You have taught me a wonderful lesson in persistence. You were not ready to give up, as I was. No matter how often you failed, you were always willing to try again. Perhaps I too shall win if I keep on trying."

And so, though he was still cold and hungry and weary, he was no longer disheartened. Watching the spider had given him new strength and courage. He buckled on his sword, gathered together his scattered armies, and, with the example of the courageous spider to inspire him, King Robert Bruce led his men, on the seventh try to victory.

From "The Bookshelf for Boys and Girls"  
University SOC. NEW YORK



Leona Lafferty and her trombone.

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BOBBY: Teacher, would you scold anybody for something he didn't do?

TEACHER: Of course not. Why, Bobby?

BOBBY: Well, I didn't do my arithmetic.



# CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN TOUR

(By Harry Chapman, Noel North  
and Roger McAndrew)

From Moss Vale we proceeded to Bourke via the Mitchell Highway. The country became flat and boring, the railway line being with us endlessly. During the darkness, the moon glimmered from its polished surface.

Being our first section of straight road we had trouble in judging the speed and distance of the oncoming car headlights.

We were greatly impressed by the town of Bourke, with its parks, and other facilities. We crossed the Darling River and headed for Mount Isa.

Near the Queensland border, we spotted a pair of Emus, quite tame, and heard of a flock of 18 in the vicinity.

About 80 miles later we hit our first long stretch of dirt road, about 120 miles.

Along this stretch dead Kangaroos became very apparent. Here and there we saw where dingos had dragged the carcasses from the road. Passing through Longreach and other towns we arrived at Mount Isa.

Along the last section of road we passed through some of the most desolate and barren country of the whole trip, rocks were everywhere. It gave us a full understanding of the drovers' feelings when the song "The Pub with No Beer!!" was written!

It was along this section that we met some real fair dinkum Aussies. The greeting "Hi Digger" became common. At one place called Kynuna, the "town" consisted of a house and a pub. One chap tried to get us to join his "Surf Club." It turned out that the "Surfing" was engaged in on the river during the wet season, once each year. The publican was wearing his special Kynuna Surf Club "T-shirt" and his wife's blonde wig! Big joke for the locals when they say our eyes pop!

Mt. Isa was geared to the tourist trade, with documentary films on the operations and two tours each day.

From Mt. Isa to Alice Springs we had sealed roads all the way. At Tennant Creek we called on Tony Elton and David Bourne. They work seven days a week here because there is nothing else to do! We had troubles with overheating along this stretch, and among other things repaired a crack in the automatic advance with chewing gum.

We found the aborigines of "Alice" in a

rather degraded state, drink getting the better of them.

Ayres Rock was next on the list. There had been rain just before we arrived and the road seemed littered with bogged trucks and tourist coaches. Whilst taking time lapse movies of the changing colours at sun rise, a pair of dingos circled us about 50 feet away. They are very impressive in their wild state. We spent a full day climbing the Rock and Mount Olga, we knew about it the next day.

From the Rock we turned home, we intended to stay at Coober Pedy but changed our minds, when we saw rewards of \$1000 offered for stabbings, etc.

Altogether we travelled 4800 miles, and will never attempt it again until the roads are in better condition.

## PHILOSOPHER'S CORNER

Recently there came to my mind, memories of a certain literary contest in which I used to take part years ago, in England. Particularly one of the first prize lines come to mind. It went like this—

"When things go wrong—

—Sing, don't make song!"

of course it was using the old phrase "don't make a song about it," don't complain. I thought that this was good advice. Yet I don't think that I have always followed it out. Most people tend to complain when things go wrong. Many go around with rather a long face, and tale of woe. This doesn't tend to make things any better, in fact, it makes them seem worse.

On the other hand, if we begin to think about the things that haven't gone wrong, in other words, count our blessings, we begin to feel better, if we can sing, or even just hum a cheerful tune, or whistle, and let our minds dwell on the brighter side, the difficulties and trials don't seem so bad after all, and with a cheerful frame of mind, we can face life much better, and have some part in shaping our destiny.

So, when things go wrong, sing — don't make a song about it.

In other words, the words of an old hymn "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."



# Bert Verinder

Mr. H. L. Verinder was in the British Army for 24 years. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Army Corps of Signals, spending most of his time in the Middle East.

He spoke Arabic fluently, and became quite an authority on the life and customs of the area. He delighted all and sundry with stories of his experiences.

He stayed on after the war and was attached to the Forces Broadcasting Service of the Middle East, operating from Cyprus and Benghazi. Later he emigrated with his family to Australia, where in Sydney, he took a job with A.W.A.

Longing for the country life, he bought a small farm at Colo Vale, and in February, 1965, commenced work at S.P.C. with Stores Clerical.

Soon after, he transferred to the Drawing Office, and again, the following year moved to the Laboratory, as Clerk. He remained in this position until his passing, after a very short illness.

Bert, as he was known, was well liked and respected by all who came in contact with him. He was a regular contributor to the "Newsletter" under the initials H.L.V.

The funeral service was held at the Church of England, Mittagong, and he was interred at Bowral on the 25th June.

To his wife and large family, all who knew him at S.P.C. convey their deepest sympathy.

## FIRST AID CORNER

### FOREIGN BODIES IN THE EYE

Commonly from: Loose lashes, insects, particles of grit, metal, glass.

Symptoms: Pain, particularly when looking at the light, and profuse tear formation, which is nature's way of trying to wash out a foreign body, and sometimes succeeding.

Signs: Spasm of eyelids, redness of the eye.

Warn the casualty not to rub the eye as this may aggravate the injury. It may also scratch the cornea, which is the window of the eye.

Never try to remove a foreign body from the cornea. If the foreign body moves, wait until it is away from the coloured part of the eye before trying to remove it. If a foreign body is adhering to the cornea, a doctor should remove it.

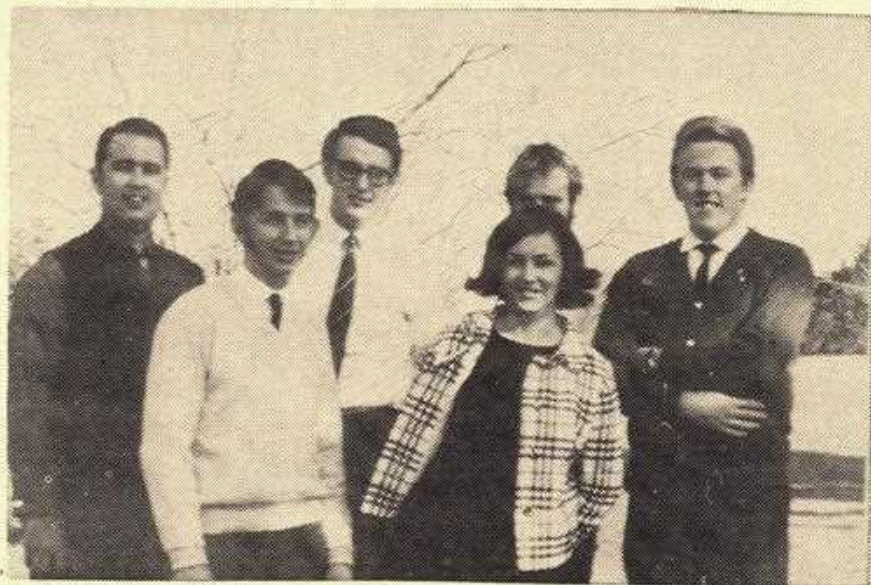
Treatment: Get a wisp of cotton wool, or the corner of a clean handkerchief, moisten with water, and place the casualty in a good light. To examine the lower lid, instruct the person to look up, gently draw the lower lid downwards and away from the eyeball. This may expose the foreign body, which can then be removed.

To examine the under part of the upper lid the term "evert" is used. To evert the lid, means to turn it inside out. lid, then press it gently backwards. match stick at the base of the upper lid, then press it gently backwards. Instruct the casualty to look downwards, take hold of the lashes of the upper lid, pull up and over the match stick, and so evert the eyelid.

If the foreign body cannot be wiped away from the under surface of the eyelid, send the casualty to medical aid.

—Jack Douglas





Auditors: Back row: Mike Starshak, Richard Nies, Alan Horn; Front row: Ken Hurst, Barbara Beames, Julian Ashby.

Pictured above are the members of our auditors, Price Waterhouse and Co., Sydney, who visited the Berrima Works for two weeks during June to carry out the annual audit. Mike Starshak was the manager this year and he is working in Australia for six months on exchange from Price Waterhouse and Co., Chicago, U.S.A.

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## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Further to the note on heart disease in last month's Newsletter, here is a short extract from a publication by the New South Wales Department of Public Health.

"Nicotine also speeds up the heart, so that to sufferers from heart disease and to those with circulatory problems, the habit of smoking presents special dangers. Coronary heart disease and arterial diseases are much more common in smokers than non-smokers.

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Had a letter from Barney Creswick. He is working on features, rural affairs and overseas markets. He has already had a number of trips in connection with his work, including Armidale, Grafton, Tasmania and Auckland, New Zealand.

He misses his old friends at S.P.C. and wishes to be remembered to all who knew him. Barney is enjoying his return to journalism immensely.

Many motorists in Sydney, will have seen on the road a normal family sedan carrying the sign: "N.R.M.A. Experimental Anti-pollution car."

The press has reported that the U.S. Government is about to order a fleet of these vehicles equipped to run on liquified petroleum gas, LPG, as an anti-pollution experiment. In a similar experiment the N.R.M.A. has converted one of its technical vehicles to run on this fuel and a detailed evaluation programme is now under way.

LPG gives a very clean exhaust with minimum emissions of carbon monoxide and unburnt hydrocarbons.

Since there are practically no blow-by products to contaminate the crankcase oil, fewer oil changes and reduced engine wear should result.


The switch-over to "gas" involves no more than the fitting of a different type of carburettor.

## FOR SALE:

Works Camera—Canon 35mm S.L.R. Perfect condition. Cost \$250.00 when new. What offers. Contact the Editor for further particulars.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. C. C. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Forget-me-not, Godetia, Linaria, Lupin, Nemophila, Sweet Pea; PLANT — Bellis perennis, Pansy, Iceland Poppy, Primula, Polyanthus, Verbena, Viola, Wallflower.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Broad Beans, Onion, Peas, White Turnip, Lettuce; Plant—  
Asparagus, Eschalots, Garlic, Rhubarb.

The month of June has been very dry and frosty and a good deal of watering is now necessary to keep plants growing. Snowflakes, Christmas Roses, Jonquils, Violets and Iceland Poppies are now blooming, also early flowering cherries and Apricots, Witch Hazel and Japanese Allspice are scenting the air.

Finish pruning the fruit trees and prune the roses towards the end of the month, giving a good spraying with Bordeaux or Lime Sulphur to control fungus diseases.

Plant fruit trees, roses, berry bushes, grape vines, strawberries and deciduous shrubs and trees as soon as possible, making sure they are firmly in position before the Spring growth commences.

Now is a good time to give established shrubs and trees, a good dressing of blood and bone or complete fertiliser, which should be carefully worked into the soil surrounding them. Prune back any Hydrangeas which have not been previously pruned.

Make plans for Spring and Summer plantings and dig over any empty garden beds in readiness.

Set baits for slugs and snails.



# Try the New Popular Contest

## SAFETY SLOGANS

Closing date: 10th August

What you have to do to win.

Write one or two lines that will stick in the memory, and help us all to take more care in our work, our homes, our travelling and our recreation.

Your slogan could save a life.

First prize, \$3.00; Second prize, \$2.00; Five prizes of \$1.00.

See how it's done by the following prize winners.

Results of last month's contest.

First Prize: Brian Dickson, Berrima. **"A warning notice it is true, is meant for all, and that means you."**

Second Prize: Mrs. Doreen Pedersen, Bowral. **"Wanting a bonus? Then yours is the onus."**

Five prizes of \$1.00 each: **"Safety for all, all for safety."** — Roger Seville.

**"Place that ladder firm and square, or you might land with feet in air."** — Mrs. Roach.

**"You only have one chance, don't use it."** — Alan King.

**"Safety boots we should wear, for toes we can't repair."** — B. Hilton.

**"Broken toes you'll never fear, when safety boots are part of your gear."** — Mrs. J. Dickson.

A special award goes to a younger competitor, Peter Fennamore. He will receive a 50c piece for his line. **"Heaters knocked over could be fatal to you and me."**

The judges this month were — Miss Helen Ferrier, Receptionist, Mr. Tom Bourne, Staff Clerk, Mr. Graeme Anderson, Production Cost Clerk

Solution to last month's puzzle—

Four straight lines connecting nine dots without taking pencil off paper.

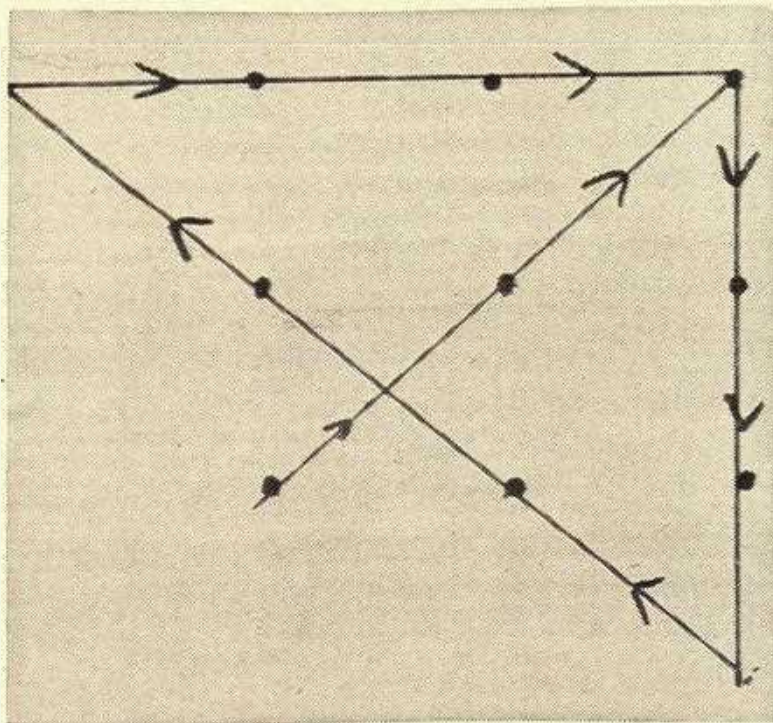
Answers to last month's Teasers—

3. It could not get out if it kept on jumping forever.

1. Eleven seconds.

2. Five spiders.

4. 27 potatoes.





# PROBLEM PAGE

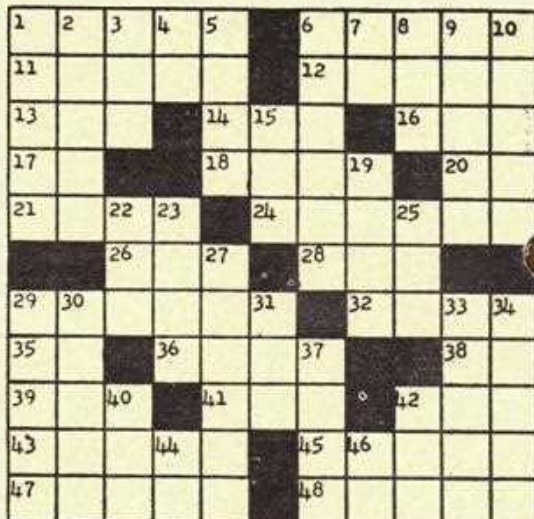
Last month's puzzle was a little more difficult than usual, only two correct entries were received. The prize will be divided between Mrs. M. Wilson of Bowral and Mrs. M. Roach, Berrima. They received \$1.00 each.

Closing date for the July Crosswords is 10th August.

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## ACROSS—

- 1 Automaton
- 6 Smallest
- 11 Light sarcasm
- 12 Indicate
- 13 Joke
- 14 Criticise severely (sl.)
- 16 Letter "T"
- 17 That thing
- 18 Sharpness
- 20 E. State (abbr.)
- 21 Skillful
- 24 Hate intensely
- 26 Be indebted
- 28 Man's name
- 29 Made of rule
- 32 Haunt
- 35 Bovine quadruped
- 36 Tidings
- 38 Stop!
- 39 Lubricate
- 41 Ribbed fabric
- 42 Rule
- 43 Jargon
- 45 Overhead
- 47 Indian tent
- 48 Stairway post



## DOWN—

- 1 Stiff
- 2 Harangue
- 3 Marsh
- 4 At
- 5 Particular kind
- 6 Tarry
- 7 Type measure
- 8 Astern
- 9 Oozes
- 10 Free entertainment
- 15 Say further
- 19 Short jacket
- 22 Haze
- 23 Double
- 25 Sight organ
- 27 Come out into view
- 29 Lodging
- 30 Banishment
- 31 Female sheep
- 33 Remove the beard
- 34 Drying Cloth
- 37 Pair of horses
- 40 Fold
- 42 Not loud
- 44 Northeast (abbr.)
- 46 Exist



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## COPY DEADLINE—

1st of Month.



S.P.C. Apprentices gain top places in Port Kembla-Wollongong area.

George Turczynski, right, electrical fitter-mechanic.

Below: Gregory Charles Knapman, fitting and turning.

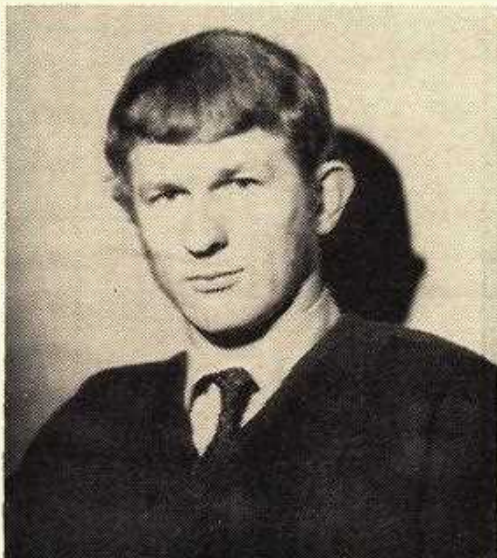
George Turczynski is serving his apprenticeship with Southern Portland Cement Limited, Berrima and is in his final year in the trade of Electrical Fitter Mechanic.

He completed his Technical College trades course at the end of 1969 at Goulburn. He won prizes each year at the Technical College. 1st prize in Stage I, 2nd prize in Stage II, 1st prize in Stage III. During his apprenticeship to date his marks in his workshop reports average 81.2%.

George is now doing the Electrical Engineering Certificate course at Wollongong Technical College. He is married and lives in Bowral and owns his home.

His hobbies are gardening, his car maintenance and fossicking for gemstones.

He was born in Wagga, N.S.W., his parents are Polish and his father has been working at the cement works for seven years.



Gregory Charles Knapman is serving his apprenticeship with Southern Portland Cement Limited, Berrima, and is in his final year in the trade of Fitting and Turning.

He completed his Technical College Trades course at the end of 1969 at Goulburn.

He came first in Stage III at the Technical College. During his apprenticeship to date his marks in his workshop reports average 85.9%.

Greg is now doing a post trades course in special welding at Goulburn Technical College. He lives with his parents in Bowral. His elder brother also served his apprenticeship with this company in the same trade. His father is the Powerhouse Foreman at the works and has worked for the company for 15 years.

Greg's hobbies are shooting and coin collecting.

Gregory and George will receive prizes at Wollongong Town Hall on Tuesday night, September 8th, from Mr. Willis, Minister for Labour and Industry.



# Editorial

## THE CUSTOMER IS PART OF THE BUSINESS

Our Sydney office representative, Sylvia Stock, mentioned in her last news; that our sales for June were the best since July, 1967. This started me thinking about customers.

As a young man, I was associated with passenger transport in Yorkshire, England, and one thing that was drummed into employees was that "the passenger is always right," when I first heard this, I didn't agree, because I had had many experiences with rather exasperating passengers, who certainly were not right. I soon discovered that the message the company was trying to convey was that without sufficient passengers, we just couldn't carry on.

In last month's "Kembla News" was a short article headed: "The Customer is part of the Business," and I reproduce some of what followed:

"A customer is not dependent on us, we are dependent on him."

"A customer is not an interruption to our work, he is the purpose of it. We are not doing him a favour by serving him, he is doing us a favour by giving us the opportunity to do so."

A customer is not a cold blooded statistic, he is a flesh and blood human being, with feelings and emotions like our own."

A customer is not someone to argue, or match wits with."

"A customer is a person who brings us his wants. It is our job to handle them profitably to him and to us."

And we could add, a customer is not an outsider in our business of making cement, he is a part of it.

Although not many of us come into direct contact with our customers, our jobs depend on them. If each one of us pulls his weight by doing the job at hand to the best of his ability, then we are helping in the production of good cement, and to use a pun, "cementing" the friendship and continuation of good customers.

THE EDITOR



## JOIN THE PICNIC FUND

For only 15 cents per week you can ensure a very enjoyable day at the annual S.P.C. Employees' Picnic.

Father Christmas brings presents for all children, and even young people up to and including those who are 15 years of age.

There is ice cream, lollies, soft drinks and a good meal for all. With the sports and other attractions, there is not a dull moment.

And here is the special offer. If you join now, you and your wife and family will be included as full financial members for the next picnic to be held about three or four weeks before Christmas this year! Will you be there? I will.

In order to join, just see Kevin Moore at Berrima plant, and if you are at Marulan, see Ashley Cooper.

## First Aid Corner

First aid is the emergency care of the injured or the sick. It is based on current medical or surgical principles.

It begins immediately the First Aider arrives on the scene, and continues until the casualty is attended to by a doctor, removed to a hospital, his home, or has fully recovered.

It enables persons trained in First Aid to give such assistance as will:

- Preserve life
- Promote recovery
- Prevent the injury or illness from becoming worse.

The First Aider must co-operate with others, and ask bystanders to help if required.

## ANGUS CAMPBELL

Angus Campbell, prize-winning apprentice in the recent Goulburn Prize-giving, tragically lost his life in a car accident between Exeter and Bundanoon on the night of 29th August.

His death came as a shock to all.  
Mr E. Radnidge, Apprentice Training

Foreman, all his fellow apprentices, and others who knew Angus, both at Marulan Quarry and at the Berrima works, extend their deepest sympathy to his parents in their sad loss.



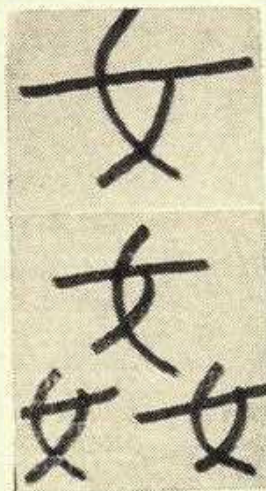
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first symbol is onna, meaning woman. Now  
can you work out the meaning of the second  
symbol, Kashimashi, which repeats the first  
symbol three times? Answer on Page 17.



As you see, it was just Donny Moore, welder, wearing  
an asbestos suit, ready to make an inspection inside No. 5  
Cooler.

## TYRE CARE

(I FORD)

Lack of proper wheel assembly balance  
is one of the causes of front-end vibration,  
uneven tread wear, and damage to wheel  
bearings, bushings and king pins. If a wheel  
develops a heavy spot, it will be thrown out-  
of-balance causing a twisting, tramping action  
that is not only dangerous but grinds off tread  
rubber and causes excessive wear on hard-  
to-replace front end parts.

ooOoo

The small daughter o fa tyre salesman  
was playing on the lawn of her home when  
her attention was attracted for the first time  
by triplets. She ran excitedly into the house  
calling, "Mummy, Mummy, I just saw twins  
and a Spare!"



# Heard on the Grapevine

## BERRIMA

The month of July 1970 will be remembered for its toll of sickness and the Stores Department proved no exception. Arthur Mills, Ron Spence, Jack King and Barry O'Neill were all victims at various periods, so consequently the organisation in the store was badly impaired.

The only rosy-cheeked bloke around the Store is Tom Roach. He and his wife have just returned from holiday, having enjoyed a very sunny and pleasant time at Currumbin, Queensland, with trips into Surfers Paradise, Brisbane, Calangra (the Military training centre for Task Forces) and a breath taking climb to O'Reillys at the summit of Green Mountain, in the McPherson Ranges just over 3000 feet above sea level.

Barry O'Neill's stay in the Stationary Store was shortlived, being relieved by newcomer John Wills. Barry has returned to the Stores Office.

Raymond Oliver of the Stockhouse has worked regularly for almost 10 years without taking even one day off for sickness!

ooOoo

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs (Jenny) Krahenbuhl on the birth of a daughter. Jenny worked in the General Office until recently.

ooOoo

Reg Larsen of the Electrical Shop recently suffered a slight stroke. It is expected he will have to go steady for about one month. We all wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

ooOoo

Cec Warner is still on the sick list. We hope that he will soon be much improved.

ooOoo

L. King, W. Townsend and T. Waide are on holiday from the Machine Shop.

ooOoo

F. O'Neil is off work owing to a back injury — we hope he has a quick recovery.

ooOoo

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr on the birth of a daughter, Leah Marie, a sister for Jacqueline.

P. Carey was married recently and spent his honeymoon up north.

ooOoo

Jack Douglas of the Ambulance Room has now become a grandfather for the second time. On 7th August, Bart Norman Bradley was born. Bart was born to Jack's daughter, Helen and son-in-law David Bradley. Bart will be a companion for Brett, his older brother.

ooOoo

Congratulations to Lindsay Lansdown, Assistant Accountant, Finance, on successfully completing his studies with the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

ooOoo

## MARULAN GRAPEVINE

Flu has taken a heavy toll of the work force during the month.

ooOoo

A Naturalisation Ceremony was held in the main office at Marulan recently. Those naturalised were V. Mardesic, J. Soldo and A. Broks. Mr. R. Bingham, President of Mulwarree Shire Council officiated at the ceremony. We wish to offer our sincere congratulations to these, our fellow workers, in taking this step to become Australian citizens.

ooOoo

After residing in Marulan South for the past 20 years, Peter (old son) Cooper, has moved to Goulburn. We wish him and his family all the best in their new home.

ooOoo

After much time and effort, Dennis Marsden our Quarry Superintendent, has finished his yacht, it is ready for launching in the near future.

We offer our congratulations on such a fine effort and hope it will bring many hours of pleasure to the family. Incidentally a photo of the launching would be greatly appreciated.

ooOoo

Boat building must be catching. Jim Galloway, our Electrical Foreman, is in the process of building himself a 12' ply runabout.



Over 75 maintenance members and staff attended their annual maintenance dinner which was held in Moss Vale Services Club on 18th July. A most delightful supper was served together with as many jugs and bottles of champagne as required, late into the evening. We were all entertained with a beautiful dance orchestra and a floor show by the well known TV artists "The Thin Men." Much credit must go to our organisers, Eddy Cooper maintenance office and Brian Fletcher of the store.

ooOoo

Wollongong Gliding Club has commenced work on a hanger of steel structure large enough to house two gliders and one tow plane. This is situated on the new air strip in Les Cooper's property, about 1½ miles from Marulan South. Adverse weather conditions have prevented gliding, but a lot of work has been done on the strip.

ooOoo

On holidays late July, Peter Carne and Laurie Chandler. In August, Joe Kopec, Electrical depot, Ray Martin, Bins, and H. Muenster from the Kiln.

ooOoo

Bill McCallum has been elected secretary of Marulan South and District Bowling Club.

## SAFETY IN YOUR KITCHEN

Do you always keep handles of cooking utensils turned away from the edge of the stove?

Do you always keep hot things in the middle of the table?

Do you make sure that the ends of the tablecloth don't dangle, enabling youngsters to tug at them?

Do you immediately dispose of cracked glassware and broken china?

Do you make sure electric cords are never trailing?

Are electric cords and fittings in good repair?

Do you always dry your hands before touching an electric switch?

Do you take care to switch off the current after using electrical appliances?

Are your kitchen curtains well away from the stove?

Is your floor always free of grease and not otherwise slippery?

—N.S.W. Dept. of Public Health.

## MARULAN SPORT

Semi-finals in the singles handicap championships. Third round: Col Woods defeated K. Keegan; Semi-final, Col Woods defeated Max Cooper 31-12.

Third round, pairs championship handicap: F. Bell and C. Cluny forfeited to Stan Bell and B. Hill.

Open triples were played and beautiful weather was enjoyed by all. Ray Penfold's team won the trophy. Both singles and pairs handicaps are up to the finals. Results in next issue.

### TENNIS . . .

Social match held at Windellama on Sunday, 19th July, resulted in a win for Marulan South.

Jumble Tournament, Sunday, 26th July, resulted in a win for Nola Cosgrove and Russell Croker. Runners-up were Denise and David Byrne.

### JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE . . .

With the football season drawing to a close, the Marulan boys have had a busy schedule.

Although defeated, both teams played well in the Monaro carnival.

It was pleasing to see five of our former players, Ian Gutzke, Kevin Smith, Ian Johnson, Steven Lucre and Graham McQuigen represent Goulburn in the under 14 teams to play Eastwood.

In the under 13 teams we had Peter Grieves, Danny Murphy, Graham Cosgrove, Tony Macastri and Tony Young and were all excited when Danny Murphy went over the line to score the winning try with only minutes to spare. In under 10 rep. teams we were represented by Mark Weston and Steven Bush, congratulations to all these boys on their fine showing.

In the Saturday competition the under 10 team have now entered the semi-finals and we all will be looking for a good result.

The under 13 boys will now hang up their boots for another year and although these boys were soundly beaten during the season their behaviour and good sportsmanship was a credit to all. Two boys were chosen best and fairest players from all Goulburn teams, they were Peter Grieves and Graham Cosgrove. As a different boy is chosen each week it shows what a good job the coaches are doing. We were the only club to have two boys win this award. —By Mrs. Stan Murphy.



# LIGHTNING RIDGE

(by TERRY SAKER)

During my recent holidays, I took the opportunity to visit Lightning Ridge in Northern New South Wales.

While opal has been found at various centres in Australia, such as Coober Pedey and Andamooka in South Australia, White Cliffs in New South Wales and several small fields in Queensland this is all white opal and to be shown at its best must be mounted on a black background to bring out its colours.

The opal found at Lightning Ridge is unique, in that it is the only area in Australia where it is found on a natural black background and consequently is called black opal.

The Geology of the area is quite interesting. It is part of what was once a great inland sea, as the water level rose and fell it deposited alternate layers of mud and sand which in time was changed into a mudstone and sandstone, and it is in the mudstone that opal is found. Opal itself is a glass like stone, which like modern glass is made from sand under intense heat and pressure. It is found in the mudstone in two forms, common opal or patch which usually occurs in thin seams in the mudstone and precious opal or nobbies which usually occurs in isolated pockets in the mudstone. Since the ridge is the only higher piece of ground for miles around it is possible that the pressure which thrust the ridge up out of the surrounding plain also transferred pockets of sand trapped in the mudstone into opal at the same time.

The field was discovered last century and since then many thousands of dollars worth of opal have been taken from it.

Thousands of shafts from 10 to 100 feet have been sunk over the area to get at the wealth hidden below, and one has to be careful not to step into a hole when wandering arounds the fields.

The method of mining has changed over the years. The original miners would sink a shaft about six feet by three feet through the sandstone to the mudstone, which is quite soft

and then very carefully, an inch at a time, chip away at the mudstone until they came to the second layer of sandstone. They would then drive tunnels through the mudstone, still very carefully chipping away, so as not to shatter the opal, should they hit it with the pick. As the miner down below dug, his mate on the surface would haul the dirt out with a bucket and windlass, and again go carefully through each bucketful in case his mate may have missed anything.

Today's miners have set up screens on the fields, and are again screening the mullock, which was dug out years ago, and are still finding worthwhile opal.

For the tourist this is also a fascinating occupation raking through the old mullock heaps and finding opal chips which were discarded years before, with the thought always present of finding a "nobby" which could be worth thousands of dollars.

During our few days' stay, two school-boys found a nobby which they sold to one of the local buyers, for \$80.00.

Today, miners are still sinking shafts but instead of carefully chipping away at the mudstone are digging it out in large pieces, bringing it to the surface and washing it with water through screens to remove the excess dirt and expose the elusive nobby.

Last November a prospector discovered a new field in the area and it is estimated that opal worth possibly \$500,000 has been taken from this area. No one knows the exact amount as all deals are on a cash basis, and for obvious reasons, the lucky miners will not disclose their earnings.

This is a fascinating area which is well worth a visit. It is approximately 500 miles from Berrima with bitumen roads to within 25 miles of the ridge.

A camping and caravan park is in the town, with all supplies including meat, milk and bread available locally.

For the armchair tourist, Ian Idriess' book "Lightning Ridge" is well worth reading.



# FLASHBACK

"The Mail," Tuesday, May 28, 1929

## SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT'S BIG ENTERPRISE

**Mrs. Taylor starts fire that will bring  
blaze of prosperity to Berrima district**

Mrs. A. S. Taylor, wife of the Managing director of Southern Portland Cement Limited, started a fire on Friday last that will make a blaze of prosperity throughout the Berrima district for many years to come.

### A BUSINESS ROMANCE

The opening of the cement works marks an important stage in one of the most romantic of Australian enterprises. A few years ago Mr. A. S. Taylor had little worldly goods, but he had great faith in the future of the Old Town. Berrima had been one of the oldest coal centres in the state, but the industry had languished. Mr. Taylor believed it could be revived and his first efforts were in connection with what was called the Medway Colliery. He worked hard there but it soon became evident that other and greater possibilities of development existed in the locality. His active brain turned to the linking up of coal with another industry. Shale was available in large quantities nearby, an inexhaustible water supply was at hand, and at Marulan, some 30 miles away, there was a mountain of limestone of quality unequalled in the Commonwealth. If capital could be obtained, here were all the elements for the creation of a great cement-making industry.

Geographically, the position was ideal; to the south was market that could not be touched by any competitor, whilst the new concern would be in a position to meet competition in almost any other part of the state.

But cement works are expensive to build and capital is coy. Difficulties insuperable seemed to stand between the man with the big idea and the realisation of his dream. These however, only whetted the edge of his determination and one by one they disappeared before his unflagging optimism and masterful presentation of the great scheme. Men of outstanding judgement came to his aid and in due course one of the strongest companies

in the Commonwealth was formed to transform his dream into actuality.

When Mrs. Taylor lit the torch that started the fires in the great rotary kiln, three quarters of a million of money had been expended in erecting a plant challenging comparison with the most modern in the world.

It is the last word in engineering skill applied to the problem of manufacturing cement by the wet process, and an enduring monument to the vision, ability and enterprise of a man born within a stone's throw of the works. If Arnold Stanley Taylor felt a proud man on Friday it was not without ample reason.

The plant is of such huge proportions as to beggar description. To say that there are 16,000 rivets in one of the rotary kilns can convey no definite impression to the reader; that this kiln is 10 feet in diameter and 180 feet long may give some idea of its capacity, but the plant must be seen if its extent is to be fully realised.

### STARTING THE FIRES

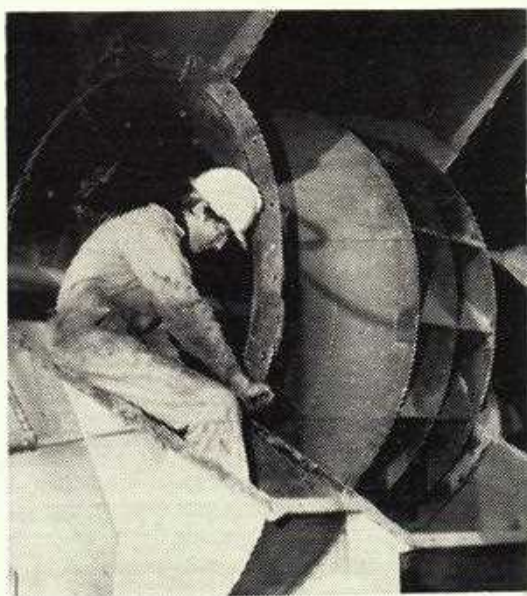
Friday's ceremony was simple and impressive. Among those present were Mr. A. S. Taylor, Managing Director of the company, and Mrs. Taylor; Mr. C. H. Hoskins, Director and Mrs. Hoskins; Mr. S. Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pursell, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, r. A. G. Hendy, and Mr. Pickett, and a number of representatives of local and metropolitan newspapers.

Shortly after 11 a.m., the company numbering about a hundred persons, assembled at the mouth of one of the rotary kilns. Here Mrs. A. S. Taylor applied a match to a torch, which being thrust about 40 feet into the kiln ignited a pile of prepared wood, and in a few seconds the fire was in full blast. Ringing cheers greeted the starting of the fires and shortly afterwards the huge kiln began to revolve.



# Progress

Now, in 1970, production of cement has reached 407,000 tons per annum. No. 5 Kiln has made this possible. The apprentices shown on this page are all working on No. 5 Kiln.

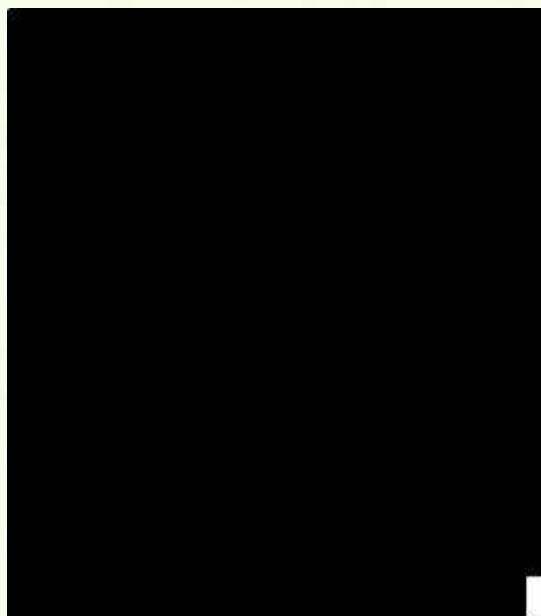


ABOVE: Gary Hinton, fitting and turning apprentice.



ABOVE: John Hackett and Gary Cope, electrical apprentices.

BELOW: Luigi Donati, electrical apprentice.





# FISHY TALES

(By RUS GREAVES)

In view of the lack of fishing information this month, it may be a good idea to let everyone know the legal sizes of fish.

Some folk take exception to the limit, but I don't think genuine anglers would. Of course, the introduction of the limit in length, is one of the methods used to conserve our fish.

A total ban was placed on taking Groper some 18 months ago. It was feared that the Groper was just about reaching the point of extinction. This was mainly due to accurate aiming by spear fishermen, and to the fact that the Groper is a rather sluggish fish. If I remember rightly, the ban was to be revised in five years.

## LEGAL SIZES OF FISH

| Common name                                                                 | Length ins. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| BLACKFISH, Rock                                                             | 9           |
| BREAM (Black Bream)                                                         | 10          |
| FLATHEAD, common or dusky                                                   | 14          |
| FLATHEAD, long spined (spiky)                                               | 9           |
| FLATHEAD, Sand                                                              | 13          |
| FLATHEAD (Tiger)                                                            | 13          |
| FLOUNDER, large-toothed                                                     | 9           |
| FLOUNDER, small-tooth                                                       | 9           |
| GARFISH, river                                                              | 8½          |
| KINGFISH, Yellowtail (Kingfish)                                             | 14          |
| LEATHERJACKET (Butterfish)                                                  | 7           |
| LUDERICK (Blackfish)                                                        | 10          |
| MORWONG, Red and Sea Carp                                                   | 9           |
| MORWONG, Red or Sea Carp                                                    | 9           |
| MULLET, Flat-tail (or Fantail)                                              | 9           |
| MULLET, Sand (Tellegalance" or "Lano")                                      | 9           |
| MULLET, Silver (Silver Flat)                                                | 8           |
| MULLET, Yellow-eye                                                          | 9           |
| MULLOWAY (Jewfish)                                                          | 18          |
| REDFISH (Nannygai)                                                          | 11          |
| SERGEANT BAKER                                                              | 10          |
| SALMON, Aust. (including "Buck", Salmon Trout, "Newfish," or "Black Backs") | 9           |
| SCHNAPPER (including "Cockneys," Red Beam, Squire)                          | 11          |
| TAILOR                                                                      | 12          |
| TARWHINE                                                                    | 9           |
| TERAGLIN                                                                    | 15          |
| TREVALLY                                                                    | 11          |
| WHITING, Sand or Silver                                                     | 11          |
| WHITING, School (Red-spotted)                                               | 8           |
| WHITING, Spotted                                                            | 9½          |
| WHITING, Trumpeter                                                          | 8           |

# Daffynitions

## DELIRIOUS DESCRIPTIONS THAT DEFY THE DICTIONARY

- ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and started growing in the middle.
- ANT: A small insect that, though always at work, still finds time to go on picnics.
- BORE: One who insists upon talking about himself when you want to talk about yourself.
- BRIDGE: A card game in which a good deal depends upon a good deal.
- CAULIFLOWER: A cabbage with a college education — (Mark Twain).
- CHRISTMAS: The season when we get the children something for their father to play with.
- CLASSICAL MUSIC: The kind that we keep hoping will turn into a tune — (Abe Martin).
- COACH: An athlete who will gladly lay down your life for the school.
- DACHSHUND: Half a dog high by a dog and a half long.
- DENTIST: A man who lives from hand to mouth.
- DINER: A restaurant where you can eat dirt cheap . . . but who wants to eat dirt?
- HOSPITALS: Places where people who are run down wind up.
- MAYFLOWER: A small ship on which several million pilgrims came to America in 1620.
- NIGHT CLUB: A place which has taken the rest out of restaurant and put the din in dinner.
- RHUMBA: A dance where the front of you goes along nice and smooth like a Cadillac and the back of you makes like a jeep — (Bob Hope).
- STRENGTH OF MIND: A person who can eat one salted peanut.
- TACT: The ability to make your guests feel at home when you wish they were.
- TRAFFIC LIGHT: A little green light that changes to red as your car approaches.
- USED CAR: A car in first crash condition.
- WINDOW SCREEN: A device for keeping flies in the house.

—From the "Bookshelf for  
Boys and Girls."



# EDITORS NOTEBOOK

## SEAT BELTS "AT ALL SPEEDS"

The use of seat belts was just as important in city driving as in high speed country touring, the N.R.M.A. Chief Traffic Engineer (Mr. E. A. Huxtable) said recently.

Mr. Huxtable said that recent research had confirmed that seat belts were the most important safety equipment in cars under all driving conditions.

Accident report had shown that a driver's or passenger's impact with the interior of a car at speeds as low as 10 miles an hour could cause severe injury with permanent facial disfigurement or brain damage.

Mr Huxtable said that 64 percent of last year's reported accidents had occurred in the area comprising the County of Cumberland (largely the metropolitan area of Sydney).

This indicated that it was imperative to fasten seat belts whenever the vehicle was in motion.

Mr. Huxtable said some important information had come from a statistical analysis of accident cases conducted in Sweden by the motor firm Volvo.

This analysis had covered 28,000 accidents in which 37,511 unbelted and belted front seat occupants were involved.

The study had shown:

No occupant wearing a belt was fatally injured at accident speeds below 60 miles an hour.

The three-point belt proved to be fully effective against ejection from the car.

While most all the cars were equipped with seat belts only 26 percent of the occupants used them.

Mr. Huxtable said this research had shown that seat belts reduced fatal injuries by 92 percent, serious injuries by 74 percent and moderate and slight injuries by 49 percent.

The little trouble involved in fitting and wearing belts was negligible when compared to the loss of lives, disabling injuries or permanent disfigurement they saved.

## SO THAT'S WHERE THEY GO!

Paper clips are to hold papers together, right? Just once in a while, according to a survey conducted in Detroit which followed the fate of 100,000 particular paper clips.

The New York Times, which kept tabs on the count, reports 19,143 were used as chips in card games, 17,200 were used as makeshift suspender hooks; 14,163 were twisted or broken during phone calls; 5434 became toothpicks; 5308 became nail cleaners; 3196 were used as pipe cleaners; and other thousands were lost or swept away. Only about 20,000 were used to clip papers together.

—"Family Horizons."

## HOW TO COMMISSION A TURBINE

The following instructions, on how to commission a newly installed turbine, were made by a person unknown.

"De firs ting is for commence hoil pump. When pressure hits HO-K den commence de turbeen. Hopan de trottal valve pretty slow, so de steam what his turn to water come out de little hole on bottom.

When de water hain't no more plub de lille hole by shut de valve, den hopen de trottal some more when de tur-been has start for to turn over (not whole mashene — just de rotor). Den shut de trottal valve. Hif you hain't done it by now, get some wacuum.

Now's de time for look to see hif you hear something — when you look good, she is HO-K for mak go more fast.

Look de hoil.

Look de water.

Look de steam.

Look hefrything — and hif she HO-K — took him to do top speed.

Now — hif she hain't blow up, she is HO-K for put de load. Try de hexicter to see hif she work. Put you han hon de wire, de hodder han' on de tur-been. Hif you harm he feel like you foots asleep, she HO-K.

Now hefryting is good for load, so shut switch hand let her go. She go???? OO-reeks!!

Hall de time de Hengineer mus walk around de tur-been han look for trouble. Hif you no fine, dat good. But lok hanaway, so's de Boss tink you goot Engineer.



# JUNIORS PAGE

## WHAT THE APPLE TAUGHT NEWTON

(By Frederick S. Hoppin)

When the great Sir Isaac Newton was a boy he spent a great deal of his time in making machines, and in trying to find out how other machines worked, and what were the forces that made them work. He tried all sorts of experiments. He tried to measure the force of the wind by jumping straight against it and seeing how much shorter his jump was when the wind blew hard than when there was no wind at all.

He built a sun-dial for his mother, and a clock which was made to run by water dropping on it. When a new windmill which was constructed in a new way was put up not far from where he lived, Isaac passed many long hours watching and studying it, and at last made a little model exactly like it and so perfect that, when the wind turned its little sails, it would actually grind corn into meal.

Newton always noticed what went on around him and tried to puzzle out why it happened. One day when he was a young man he went for a walk in the country. It was a very hot day in the Fall and, after he had tramped for a while, Newton saw a large apple tree in a field near the road on which he was walking. He went over to it and, taking his hat off, sat down in its shade to rest.

"Plunk!" An apple dropped from a high branch of the tree, hit him squarely on the top of his head and, bouncing off, rolled on the grass.

Newton rubbed his head, and he thought at first that someone had thrown an apple at him. There was no one in sight in the field or on the road. He glanced up into the tree, but there was no one hidden there either. But on all the branches he saw that other apples were hanging which looked as if they were just about to fall.

As Newton looked at them he began to wonder why the apples should fall anyway, and what drew them down to the earth. Why did they not fly up into the sky as soon as their stems grew weak enough to break?

The more he thought about this fact of everything falling toward the ground, the more interested he became. He made up his mind to try to find out what it was that caused this and, after long work and study, he discovered what we now call the law of gravitation. This is the law of the great force that attracts one mass of material to another, that draws apples to the earth, and the earth to the sun, and that makes it so hard for us to jump high off the ground and so easy for us to fall from a tree like the apples.

—From "The Bookshelf for Boys and Girls"  
The University Soc. New York

There was a young woman named Sue,  
Who wanted to catch the 2.02,  
Said the trainman, "Don't Hurry  
or flurry and worry;  
It's a minute or two to 2.02."

ooOoo

A certain young fellow named Beebee  
Wished to wed with a lady named Phoebe.  
"But," he said, "I must see  
What the clerical fee  
Be before Phoebe be Phoebe Beebee."

ooOoo

Hi: My uncle can't decide whether to get a  
new cow or a bicycle for his farm.  
Si: He'd certainly look silly riding around on a  
cow.  
Hi: Yeah, but he would look a lot sillier milk-  
ing a bicycle.

ooOoo

Betty: Ouch! I burned my finger in the hot  
water.  
Letty: Why didn't you feel the water before  
you put your hand in it?

ooOoo

Why is the Statue of Liberty's finger 11 inches  
long? Because if it were 12 inches long  
it would be a foot.

ooOoo

PUPIL: I don't think I deserve a zero on this  
paper.  
TEACHER: Neither do I, but it's the lowest  
mark I can give.



## Homelabers' Corner

### "WHY DO WE LIVE"

It is quite a leading question "Why do we live," and during the last few weeks, I have often pondered over the answer, trying to find some ground for belief to offer a young reader who has asked for an explanation.

If you took all the problems out of life, you would indeed be left in a desolate universe, because you would have no creative work to do. You would not be able to live, for your consciousness would stagnate, like a dried up river.

Living to some individuals today is one origin of pleasure to themselves, and a great annoyance to other people — for they cannot live without hurting or gossiping about some poor or unknown creature.

Others have the busy mind, which is a happy disposition for producing something constructive, and a benefit to all mankind.

Fundamentally it is all so simple — life is just how we make it a "Heaven or a Hell." Many people are deluded by the belief that — "Well if we can only get through life," this awful business here, then the gates of Heaven will open and we shall be lifted into Paradise."

Although we change our attitude of mind, when we are on holiday, the cares of the world are left behind for a moment. Perhaps whilst listening to the orchestra of the waves, as they break on the rocks and the shore, or the friendly call of the birds in flight.

You are alive, and have lived these years from your miraculous birth. All these blessings are revealed to all who realise that our true mission is to pass through this world kindly, and gently. Forget the little pin pricks, and hurt, for if we do not see through the hollow shells, we cannot appreciate the genuine article, when it appears before us, man woman or child.

ooOoo

### FRUIT CONFECTIONS

One-third cup honey or golden syrup, 1 tspn lemon juice,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb each raisins, figs and dried apricots,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb chopped candied orange

rind,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb toasted almonds, confectioners sugar.

Method: Mince fruit and nuts, using medium cutter. Work in honey and lemon juice. Form into balls in palms of hands and roll in sugar.

ooOoo

### COCONUT KISSES

$\frac{3}{4}$  lb dessicated coconut, 1 tin cond. milk,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tspn essence of vanilla, pinch salt.

Method: Combine ingredients and put in small heaps on greased baking trays. Cook in a moderately hot oven for about 15 minutes (or a little less) or till pale golden. Remove from tins while hot and cool on wire rack.

ooOoo

### CAULIFLOWER WITH A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE

1 cauliflower, 3 rashers bacon well chopped, 4ozs mushrooms washed and sliced. 2 eggs, 2 level tblspns chopped parsley, 2 level tblspns flour, 1 red or green capsicum.

Method: Steam cauliflower until tender 12-15 minutes. Fry bacon over a low heat. Add mushrooms and toss in pan for a few minutes. Place cauliflower in a greased pie plate or shallow ovenproof dish. Beat eggs lightly and reserve a little for glazing. Combine beaten egg with bacon, mushrooms, parsley and flour, and place mixture between the branches of cauliflower. Brush over with reserved egg. Cut capsicum into thin strips and place down sides of cauliflower. Bake in a moderate oven 375-400 deg. for about 15 minutes.

ooOoo

### HINTS

FURS: When rain-damped, wipe with a clean cloth. Never dry furs near fires or radiators. Always hang them clear of other clothes on a rail or peg.

FLOWERS: To make them last in the house. Keep containers filled to the brim, preferably from a jug left standing in the same room. It is a mistake to change the water completely. In hot weather flowers last longest in cool stone or pottery vases. Remove all foliage under the waterline. Woody stalks should be split at the ends.



# NATURE NOTES

by Chris Sonter

## WILD FLOWERS GALORE

For the seekers, especially in spring, this district with its unspoiled tracts of sandstone is a veritable haven for Wild Flowers.

Pride of place should go to the Waratah, of course, our state's emblem. This can be seen in some abundance in late October, east of Robertson, in areas around Bundanoon, but probably nowhere to better advantage than in the gullies around Mt. Alexandra, Mittagong, and in the whole belt of country north and west of Hill Top and the upper Nattai River. The best displays are doubtless in the new regeneration following bushfire, but all who seek will surely find. At the same time the observant will find so many of these fascinating "relatives" of the waratah . . . the red honey flower (*lambertai*), the quaint woody pear (*xylamelum*), various members of the banksia family, the yellow flowering geebungs (*personia*), the aptly named spider flower (*baueri* is our best "local"), the wild parsley (*lomatia*) with its handsome leaves; and this still leaves out a full half dozen; drumsticks, conesticks, hakea, *conospermum*, etc.

Wherever there are heathlands, and there is a whole reserve at Barren Grounds on the Jamberoo Road, in the due season one will find the lovely Christmas Bells (*Blandfordia*). In the same area and especially towards the cliff edges it is not unusual to meet the most beautiful of all our native heaths, the native fuchsia (*epacris longiflora*). Another beauty of this area, but common throughout the district is the flannel flower (*actinotus*) with a long spring flowering season.

Probably the most valued of the typical sandstone natives are the related boronias and eriostemons, spring flowering in the main, but often surprising the wayfarer out of season. All are famous for their fragrance, and may be distinguished by the number of petals, four in boronia, five in eriostemon. In the Hill Top area a glory of the spring is the pink wax flower, *eriotmen lanceolatus*, growing prolifically even to the roadside.

Most common of the sandstone flowers undoubtedly are the peas, so many of them golden yellow with the red keel. In this division are a host of botanical cousins . . .

*exylobium*, *pultenea*, *gompholobium*, *dillwynia* and *daviesia*, with pride of local place going to the beautiful all yellow Golden Glory Pea (*Gompholobium latifolium*). Well named is the native holly so far as its leaves are concerned (*exylobium trilebatum*), but the flowers are typically "egg and bacon." Also in the pea family are the purples, *hardenbergia* the emi-present scrambling creeper and the beautiful *hovea linearis*.

This account of some of our natives can only be scrappy in such a short space, and could therefore end with a bit of pot-pourri. Spring flowering reds, pinks and creams will be found in the related *melaleuca* and *callistemon* (bottlebrush). On the Gib you will find *melaleuca hyperifolia* with its red brushes in evidence almost throughout the year. Yellow five petalled flowers on low and scrambling shrubs will often turn out to be guinea flower (*hibbertia*). The tea tree (*leptospermum*) can be bountiful (as around the Falls). There are many attractive daisies, especially everlasting (*shelichrysium*), and there are many versions of the needlework (*hakea*) distinguished by their hard-nut seed cases which follow their creamy flowers. Finally, always interesting although locally only in a less spectacular form without the imposing trunks are the grass trees (also called blackboys and kangaroo tails but properly *Xanthorrhoea*). They too may be sighted in profusion on the back road to Picton through Hill Top.



Eddie Cooper, Maintenance Office, Marulan. Eddie is also one of our Marulan representatives for the "Newsletter."



# A RIDE IN A HELICOPTER

What I saw in 45 minutes, far exceeded what I have tried to see in 57 years.

The first move was a routine inspection of every nut, bolt and moveable joint from one end of the helicopter to the other. There are many more moveable parts in a "copter" than in conventional aircraft of comparable size.

Soon, I was in the clear plastic dome cabin, seated between pilot and observer, with seat belts fastened we lifted off from the pad-dock behind my own backyard. We rose to 2000 feet at an angle of 80 degrees, and headed towards Tallong, then we swung round and Marulan lay below us, a seeming pattern of squares, circles and lines. There are more dams around Marulan than I ever imagined, one that was easy to mark was Les Cooper's with the big hole in the wall.

Approaching South Marulan, with the Lime Kiln on our left we headed for Bungonia, and soon we were over the Shoalhaven Gorges, until now the country had appeared flat, the helicopter being about 2500 feet up, then dramatically, in seconds, we were 3700 feet above the centre of the deepest gorge. This gorge must be one of the roughest and deepest in Australia.

From our vantage, Marulan South's quarry, Weenga, and Metropolitan Quarries, presented a spectacular view to our left.

The limestone crevices and ravines were so steep and narrow that they seemed dark as night at the bottom, even though a brilliant sun was shining.

Soon we sighted the old Tollwong chimneys built on the banks of the Shoalhaven almost a century ago, only two of them are still standing.

I pointed out to the observer the entrance to an old mine, far up the mountain, on the other side of the river. It closed down many years ago, my father had worked on its construction in his young days.

We now began to descend into the gorge itself, we could no longer see the quarry on the top.

Soon we came to a spot known as McCallum's Flat. This was my father's home in his younger days, and I remembered roaming these gorges with him. We circled a couple of times, and then I pointed out a couple of what had been good gold diggings on top of a mountain on the other side of the river.

We passed over Barber's Creek gorges towards the straight sandstone cliffs to the left of Long Point Lookout.

We were now near Tallong, and heading for home. From a thousand feet we saw the landing patch, marked by drums of fuel, the pilot said we must top up with fuel the moment we landed, just another safety precaution.

Moments later we touched down, the petrol pump nozzle almost touching the petrol cap on the copter. We stepped out, ducked and walked away.

The pilot and observer were doing mineral research. I had been asked to do the pin-pointing.

I can assure you, it was well worthwhile.

BILL MCCALLUM.



Mrs. P. Cooper, Office Typist and telephonist at Marulan.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. C. C. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Candytuft, Carnation, Coreopsis, Cornflower, Dianthus, Godetia, Larkspur, Nemophila, Petunia, Phlox Drummondii, Rudbeckie, Verbena. Plant — Antirrhinum, Carnation, Dianthus, Iceland Poppy, Pansy, Viola.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Broad Beans, Cabbage, Carrot, Celery, Leek, Lettuce, Onions for Spring Onions, Peas, White Turnip. Plant — Asparagus, Garlic, Herbs, Artichoke, Rhubarb.

Did you remember to plant a wattle tree for wattle day? As the years pass, more and more wattle trees are being dug out and less and less planted, so it's necessary to plant Wattle Trees in our gardens.

The very dry, windy weather and severe frosts of the last two months have played havoc with many garden shrubs; and even some of the native trees have been cut back this winter.

Watch the watering while this dry spell lasts and see that each shrub and tree receives at least one good soaking a week, and if newly planted, two good soakings will be required.

Now is the time to finish all those little pruning jobs. Tidy up and burn the prunings. Move any perennial plants to new positions and finish planting fruit trees, roses, deciduous trees and shrubs, now.

Lift the Dahlia tubers now and store in dry sand until replanting time. Make sure that all varieties are plainly marked before storing.

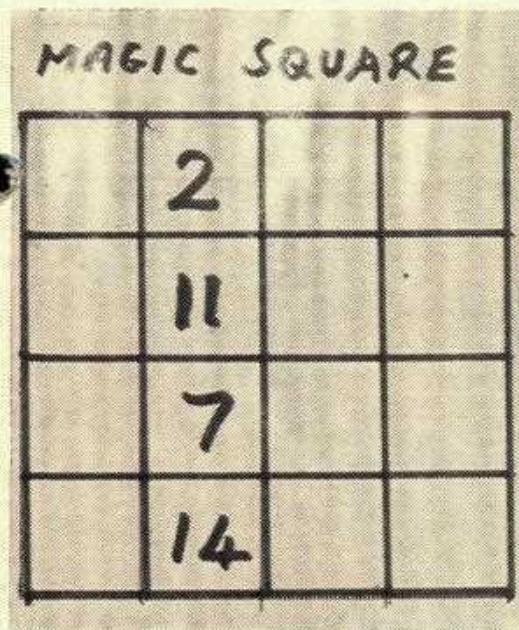
A good dressing of decayed manure, or blood and bone should be given to the garden this month.

The first signs of Spring are here again! The willows are in leaf, the flowering plums and almonds are blooming, and the magpies and wrens are nesting, so gardeners have lots to do during the next few weeks!



# Try Your Skill at Safety Slogans

## Teasers



In the above square, the four numbers shown add to 34. It is possible to arrange the numbers 1 to 16 in this square, so that:—

- In each column down, the numbers add to 34.
- In each line of squares across the numbers add to 34.
- The two diagonals add to 34.
- The four numbers in each quarter add to 34.
- The numbers on the four corners add to 34.
- The four numbers preceding the corner squares add to 34.
- The four numbers in the squares following the corner squares add to 34.
- The four middle squares add to 34.

Contributed by Owen Jacobson

ANSWER NEXT MONTH

### TALL STORY??

Take a large sheet of very thin paper (say one-thousandth of an inch thick) and tear it in halves. Putting the two pieces together, tear these in halves, and again put the pieces together and tear. If you repeat the procedure 50 times, how high will your stack of paper reach?

Answers next month.

1st prize \$3.00, 2nd prize \$2.00, Five prizes of \$1. CLOSING DATE, 11th SEPTEMBER

Study the winners below:

Result of last contest:

1st prize — to Mrs. J. Dickson: "A belt around the waist is safer than the driver's arm."

2nd prize to Roger Seville: "Safety is not only what is done, but how it is done."

3rd prize to Brian Hilton: "A heavy lift for one is light for two. Don't be a hero, get someone to help you."

4th to Mrs. M. Roach: "Holidays are seasonal. Safety is Forever."

5th — Alan King: "Safety in action, gives job satisfaction."

6th — Jack Douglas: "Be careful how you drive, and tomorrow be still alive."

7th — Phillip Talbert: "When you drive, isn't it good to be alive do be careful and we'll all survive."

The judges this month were:— Mr. L. Humphries, Safety and Employment Officer; Mr. Terry Saker, Works Office; Mr. Gunars Hincenburs, Laboratory.

### BIRD AND TRAIN

The distance by rail between Sydney and Melbourne is 600 miles. Two trains are by error on the one line. One train leaves Sydney, and the other Melbourne, at the same time.

A small bird sitting on the Sydney train, took off as the train moved from the platform. The bird flies in front of the train 5mph faster than the train. It continues to fly in front of the Sydney train until it meets the train coming from Melbourne. It flies back and forth between the trains until it is crushed between them.

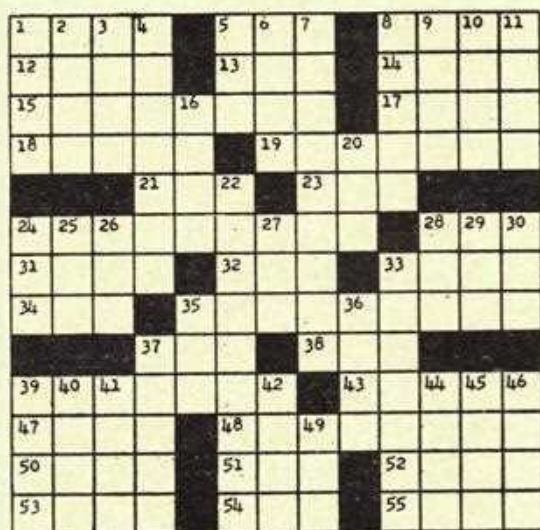
PROBLEM: If both trains travel at 30mph, how far does the bird fly?

Contributed by Chris Hutchison.

Answer to "Japanese Puzzle." The meaning of the second symbol "Kashi-mashi." is "noisy."



# PROBLEM PAGE



- 51 Shochonean Indian  
52 Great Lake  
53 Cliques  
54 Golf mound  
55 Communists

## DOWN—

- 1 Kitchen utensils  
2 Hodgepodge  
3 Type size  
4 Obstructed  
5 Black bird  
6 Male descendants  
7 Most beautiful  
8 On hand  
9 Quantity of water  
10 Large bundle  
11 Went fast  
16 Dictator  
20 Vast age (var.)  
22 Porridge  
24 Upper limb  
25 Look at  
26 Is capable  
27 Exist  
28 Man's name  
29 Steal from  
30 Commune in Netherlands  
33 Dairy machine  
35 10 - - cent  
36 Young horse  
37 Compositions in verse  
39 God of war (Gr.)  
40 Stay  
41 Petty quarrel  
42 Location  
44 Nothing more than  
45 Fem. name  
46 Saintes (abbr.)  
47 Born

## RESULT — CROSSWORD 140

This month the Crossword prize goes to Jim Dray, Crane Driver, Berrima. He will receive the \$2.00. Several correct entries were received. The winning name was drawn by Mr. Ron Budden, Timekeeper, General Office.

## TRY THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD

It is entertaining and educational and you now have two chances to win — 1st prize: \$2.00; 2nd prize: \$1.00

Closing Date: 11th September

## CROSSWORD 141

### ACROSS—

- 1 Rifle shots  
5 Venomous snake  
8 Spherical bodies  
12 Dismounted  
13 Likewise not  
14 Kind of tide  
15 Tobacco poison  
17 Story  
18 Cleansing agents  
19 Emitted vapor  
21 Dance step (Fr.)  
23 Spinning toy  
24 Get to know  
28 Before  
31 Peruse  
32 Anger  
33 Lump of earth  
34 Human beings  
35 Give directions  
37 Edible seed  
38 Foot part  
39 Takes in, as heat  
43 Small steel plates  
47 Mature  
48 Salve  
50 Dutch cheese



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# Editorial

About the middle of the nineteenth century an American author, Eliza Lee Follen, wrote the following verse:—

"For want of the nail the shoe was lost;  
For want of the shoe the horse was lost;  
For want of the horse the rider was lost;  
For want of the rider the battle was lost;  
For want of the battle the Kingdom was lost;  
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail."

No one is pretending that this really happened, but it could have happened. Obviously the author was endeavouring to teach a lesson.

One morning whilst waiting for the bus, I noticed an elderly lady carefully remove a banana skin from the pavement. Some passers by, and nearby children, evidently thought that she was just a little peculiar. The truth was, no doubt, that she had seen some of the injuries sustained by people slipping on banana and orange peel.

In the "Industrial Supervisor" for July, there is an account of some men who were loading a piece of machinery into a boxcar. Along the inside of the car, near the top, there were a number of 5/8 inch ring bolts. In each of these a single link was hung for the use of hauling equipment into the car. The men placed a small chain block in one of the hanging links and lifted one end of the machine they were loading.

Now, I understand, that a 5/8 inch steel link properly welded should support a weight of at least seven tons. The load lifted in this case was less than two tons. The link broke in the weld, allowing the chain block to fall. The block struck a workman on the shoulder and broke his shoulder blade.

Six defective links were found in this same car, all of them defective in the weld. Somewhere there was a welder at large who had no regard for the safety of his fellow men.

He permitted those faulty links, barely stuck together, to go out as part of his product.

We in S.P.C. have had ample proof from our safety records that our men exercise the greatest care in what they individually produce. We also realise that care cannot be relaxed. A good job is a safe job. We want safety to be our product. This will be so if we take that extra care. It will "make is safe" for others and ourselves.

THE EDITOR.



# Heard on the Grapevine

Errol Chalker, Bruce Jones, Phil Brown, Peter Hremeviuc, Bruce Clynes, Russ Greaves, Bob Byrne, Col Pickering and families and Barry Whatman and family have all been laid low with the flu. Barry and Wendy Whatman enjoyed a caravan holiday at Port Macquarie. Wendy needed a change after her stay in bed with bronchial pneumonia.

ooOoo

If Phil Brown's chest has a puffed appearance it is because he is going to be a daddy. Phil has a nasty scar on his right temple, but assures me the crockery set is still intact. Says he fell through a window whilst visiting in a Sydney hospital, or something. Could happen, I suppose.

ooOoo

When it comes to cars, there are some of the best horse traders in the business connected with the Laboratory. Should you see a couple of the local car dealers walking backwards and muttering to themselves it is because Errol Chalker has been seen driving an automatic V8 Falcon (pardon me, "FAIRMONT"). Should have at least 50 miles on the clock by Christmas if he can keep the battery charged.

Urgent message to travellers from Berima way. If you see a well-dressed, sleepy looking chap, hoofing it to work, give him a lift. It is Col Pickering, his wife recently got her driving licence, and the rest of us who have motoring wives welcome Col to the club.

Recently I received the following from Mrs J. Waide. "Robert rang us from Auckland, N.Z., to tell us that Anne has presented him with a lovely baby girl, she weighed 8lb 5ozs and will be called Liza Maria, a little sister for Allan. His many friends will be happy to know that all the family are well, and send regards to everyone. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waide. He completed his apprenticeship at Electrical Fitter Mechanic in January 1967. Later he went to New Zealand.

Mrs. Waide also mentions that she and Tom met Barney Creswick in Griffith. He was on an assignment for his paper. Barney sends regards to all his mates at S.P.C.

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Martin Eringa and Tony Vermeulen have just concluded their annual holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith are rejoicing at the birth of a son on 31st August.

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Johanna Vermeulen and Stan Souter were married at St. Jude's Church of England in Bowral on the 22nd August

ooOoo

Mrs. Djuric, widow of Mick Djuric, a former employee of S.P.C., has decided to return to Yugoslavia.

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Tom Waide and his wife visited Yenda on the occasions of the Yenda School 50th Anniversary. Mrs. Waide was a pupil at the School. She says "Some of us hadn't seen each other for 25 years. Most are now mothers or grandmothers."

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## MARULAN

The new 400-ton Bin at the Lime Burning Kiln is more than half completed. The Fabrication welding, etc. is being done by the Italian company, E.P.T. of Port Kembla.

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Mr. Dennis Marden's yacht has passed preliminary trials with flying colours. Its performance was first class in all positions, including upside down. Three heads were seen making for the shore. It is said that cross winds met at the one spot. "Very upsetting."

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Bill McCallum says he has noticed a great deal of activity in preparation for the Summer. In addition to the above mentioned yacht, Jack Feltham, retired, has a 22ft caravan for weekend trips to the coast. Bill McCallum himself also has a 22ft caravan. Sid Hoare a 22ft cabin cruiser, Lionel Clack and Vince Mardesic, motor boats.



On leave. August-September, Ray Martin, Len Sieler, Jim Kemp, Mick Cosgrove, Stan Bell and Barry Grieves.

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## SYDNEY OFFICE

We welcome Miss Heather Murray to Sydney office, Heather is our new junior clerk. She is assisting Wendy Lofberg on the teleprinter.

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I was pleased to hear from Phil Dudley recently. He is well and enjoying his retirement.

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## SPORT

### MARULAN SOUTH BOWLS

Final stages of the pairs and singles handicaps have been reached. The finals in each event will be as follows:

Singles, A. Turner v B. Eddy.

Pairs, Stan Bell and Doug Hill v Percy and Ray Penfold.

The match at Mittagong on Sunday, 9th August, was a great success. Marulan lost on the day, but are ready to come back again for another try on 11th October when Mittagong will visit Marulan.

A match was also played with the Railway Club at Goulburn. Various other matches are scheduled for the near future.

ooOoo

### COLLIERY BOWLING

Lew Wilson and Clarrie Harrison won the club minor pairs at Bowral recently.

## BANK YOUR WAGES?

Have you thought about the advantages of having your wages banked.

The company will bank your wages for you if you wish and you will not have to carry any large amount of cash home and keep it in the house.

It is only necessary to complete a form available from the Paymaster or your time-keeping clerk.

—TERRY WHATMAN.

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## CONTROL YOUR TEMPER

"Control your temper," is the easiest advice in the world to give, but among the hardest to take. How do you do it?

One way is to compel yourself to back off from the immediate situation and try to see it objectively, preferably in a larger context. Another technique is suggested by an incident in the life of John D. Rockefeller.

A top executive of the Standard Oil Company once made an error in judgement that cost his firm more than \$2 million. Understandably, colleagues decided to avoid their chief on the day he heard the news, lest he vent his wrath on them. The exception was Edward T. Bedford, a partner. He entered the office prepared to listen to a long harangue against the offending executive, only to find Rockefeller busily writing. Rockefeller said calmly, "I suppose you've heard about our loss?" Bedford nodded. "I've been thinking it over," Rockefeller said, "and before I ask the man in to discuss the matter, I've been making some notes." He handed Bedford the sheet of notes, Bedford reported it in this way.

Across the top of the page was written: "Points in favour of Mr. - - -." There followed a long list of the gentleman's virtues, including a brief description of how he had helped the firm to make the right decision on three separate occasions that had earned many times the cost of his recent error.

I have never forgotten that lesson. In later years, whenever I was tempted to rip into anyone, I forced myself first to sit down and thoughtfully compile as long a list of his good points as I possibly could. I would see the matter in its true perspective and keep my temper under control.

—Extract from "The Supervisor."



# Parents Day at Berrima Works

On Saturday, September 5th, about 200 parents and friends were in attendance. They inspected the exhibits, and saw the apprentices, both mechanical and electrical, demonstrating the various machines and projects.

The Profile cutting Machine made by the Berrima boys, and the small Jaw Crusher by the Marulan apprentices, attracted a great deal of attention. Other projects of previous years were also on view. At 10.00 a.m. morning tea was served in the lunch room, Mr. Ernie Radnidge, Apprentice Training Foreman introduced various members of the management and staff who were present.

Mr. L. Veal, Works Superintendent welcomed the parents and visitors and mentioned that S.P.C. was proud of its apprentices, thanking all present for the interest shown in this phase of our work.

Mr. J. Scott, Administration Superintendent, said that Parents' Day was held in support of Apprenticeship Week, and that it was planned to hold next year's Parents' Day in Marulan.

He emphasised that Industry would be in a sorry state without tradesmen. The successes of apprentices reflects the excellent training given by successive Apprentice Training Foremen throughout the years, the present foreman, Mr. E. Radnidge, being no exception

and taking a personal interest in the boys, guiding and encouraging each of them.

The concluding remarks were made by the General Manager, Mr. J. F. McNicol. He congratulated the top apprentices George Turczynski and Gregory Knapman, and added that it was good to think that S.P.C. COULD turn out better apprentices than the A.I.S. Steel Works at Port Kembla. This in itself was proof that we could produce good tradesmen. Mr. McNicol then went on to congratulate Mr. J. Scott and the Training Committee for their guidance and leadership, which was of a high standard, thanked Mr. E. Radnidge, and added that the apprentices were trained for a very good reason, and that reason was, that they were needed.

He mentioned that cement had to be made for  $\frac{1}{3}$  cent a pound in order to keep things going.

He concluded by saying that this type of training helped to produce good citizens, and that the latter was of first importance.

The film that followed showed the use of cement in the building of the Hilton Palatio Hotel in America.

Each row was pre-cast in concrete, fully decorated and furnished and then hoisted into position. The uses of cement are increasing tremendously.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SAFE DRIVING

Traffic problems with camels may not have worried Moses when he recorded the law for Israel almost 3500 years ago, but the wording of the 10 Commandments has been given a modern twist by safety engineers.

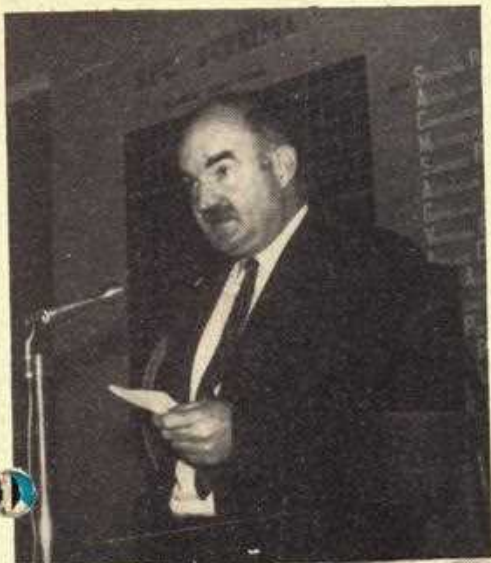
1. Thou shalt hold nothing but thy steering wheel.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee a god of thy horsepower.
3. Thou shalt not take the centre lane in vain.
4. Remember the driver behind to let him pass.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother

and thine other passengers.

6. Thou shalt not kill any pedestrian.
7. Thou shalt not commit drunken driving.
8. Thou shalt not steal thy neighbours eyes with thy headlights, nor his ear with thy horn, nor his enjoyment with thy litter.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness with thy signals.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's right of way.

—KEMBLA NEWS

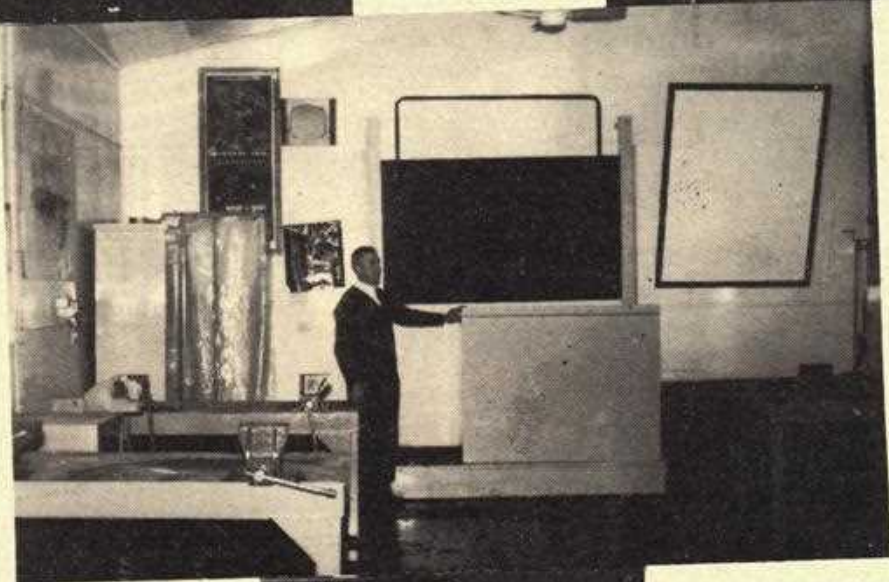




TOP LEFT:  
Mr. J. McNicol addressing the  
Parents' Day gathering.



ABOVE:  
Apprentice Training Room



TOP RIGHT:  
Mr. J. Scott



LEFT:  
Mr. L. Veal



TOP: Mr. L. Veal, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. J. McNicol and Mr. W. Parsons, chief engineer.

ABOVE LEFT: S.P.C. Works Accountant, Mr. D. D. Berry, with Mrs. Berry and daughter, Sandra

ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. I. Cairns, Works Engineer; Mr. S. Marshall, Chief Chemist;  
Mr. K. Howard, Executive Officer; Mr. E. Radnidge.

BELOW: Don McCallum and Peter Galloway, attracting an interested audience around the  
miniature Jaw Crusher.





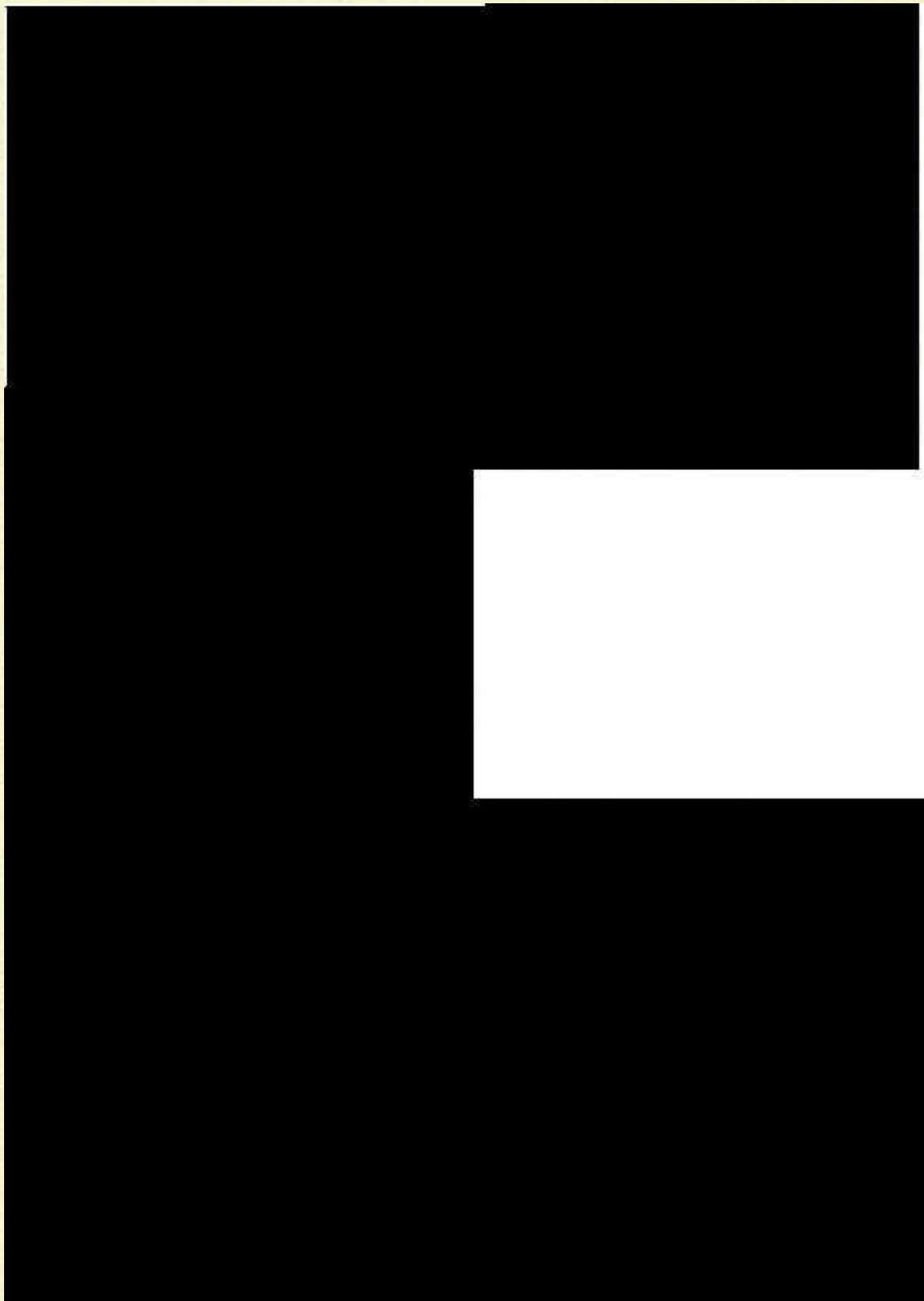


ABOVE: S.P.C. Apprentices' display at Wollongong Town Hall.

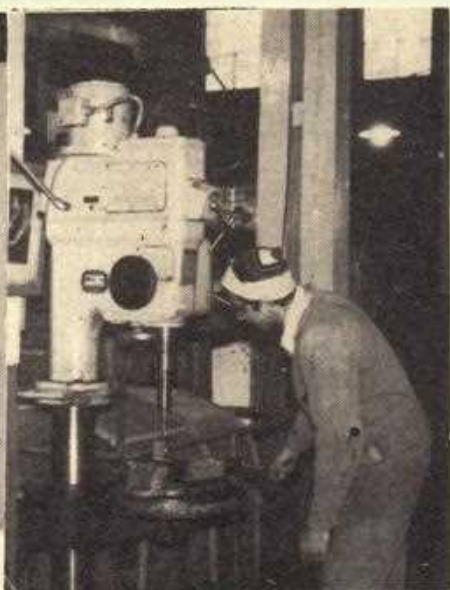
BELOW: Ian Morris showing work done on the Flame Cutting Machine at Wollongong.













# FISHY TALES

Russ Greaves, unfortunately, was laid low during this month, with an attack of Asian flu. He is now back at work, but he asked that we keep his column going, and this I endeavour to do by bringing to your notice some information about sharks.

In the National Geographic Magazine of February, 1968, was a very informative article together with many excellent pictures. Sharks do not usually attack humans, but it is not wise to count on this, the shark is an enigmatical creature. The consensus of opinion is that you can go into the sea where there are sharks with far less risk than you run every time you take a trip in a car.

Dr. Perry W. Gilbert, Professor of Neurobiology at Cornell University, probably the foremost American authority on sharks, said: "A shark is an opportunist, it frequently hunts the old, the weak, the stupid and the crippled."

"Usually the sharks prey is a weakened fish. Thus a man in the sea should avoid appearing like a crippled fish."

Dr. Warren J. Wisby, Director of the National Fisheries Centre and Aquarium planned for the American capital, gave some little known information.

"Low-frequency sound or pressure waves interest sharks, which have adequate hearing as well as pressure sensors, called the lateral line system, running the length of their bodies, swimming motions, of fish or of man, generate low frequency vibrations, and I suspect that sharks almost always become curious as to their source."

"If the sound is rhythmic and regular, denoting normal swimming activity, a shark's appetite may not be unduly aroused, and the predator may go on its way. If however, the noise is something out of the ordinary, jerky or thrashing, or struggling, then the shark may sense easy prey, and follow it purposefully."

"We put the sounds of wounded fish and thrashing swimmers on tape and played them into the sea off Florida. From a plane I saw sharks cease whatever they happened to be doing in order to home on the sound. In several instances they came from a distance of 300 yards."

## S.P.C. ENTERTAINMENT FUND

S.P.C. Entertainment Fund report of the annual general meeting held on Wednesday evening at Moss Vale C.W.A., Rooms, at 8 p.m.

The Picnic will again be held at our S.P.C. Oval on the 13th December, 1970.

Office-bearers for the coming year: —

President: W. Strong.

Vice-president: D. Moore.

Secretary: O. Fairbairn.

Treasurer: K. Moore.

It was adopted at the meeting that the age group for receiving presents be reduced from 16 years to 15 years. Also that the standard of the toys be kept as near as possible to that of last year.

Once again, thanks to Bill Simons for his donation of a pig for the competition which has been a great success in past years.

Owing to the number in attendance at the meeting it is felt the Picnic Christmas Party caters for quite a lot of orphans.

Any enquiries regarding this year's party can be obtained from myself, Bill Strong or K. Moore.

OWEN FAIRBAIRN,

Hon. Secretary

The Income and Expenditure of S.P.C. Entertainment Fund and also the Balance Sheet appears in this issue.

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## WITTY AND WISE

When a pessimist thinks he is missing a chance, the optimist feels he is grasping an opportunity.

Although wives are supposed to have the last word, they don't really. It's the husbands who have it. What they say is "Very well then, go and buy it."

If at first you don't succeed, you have plenty of company.

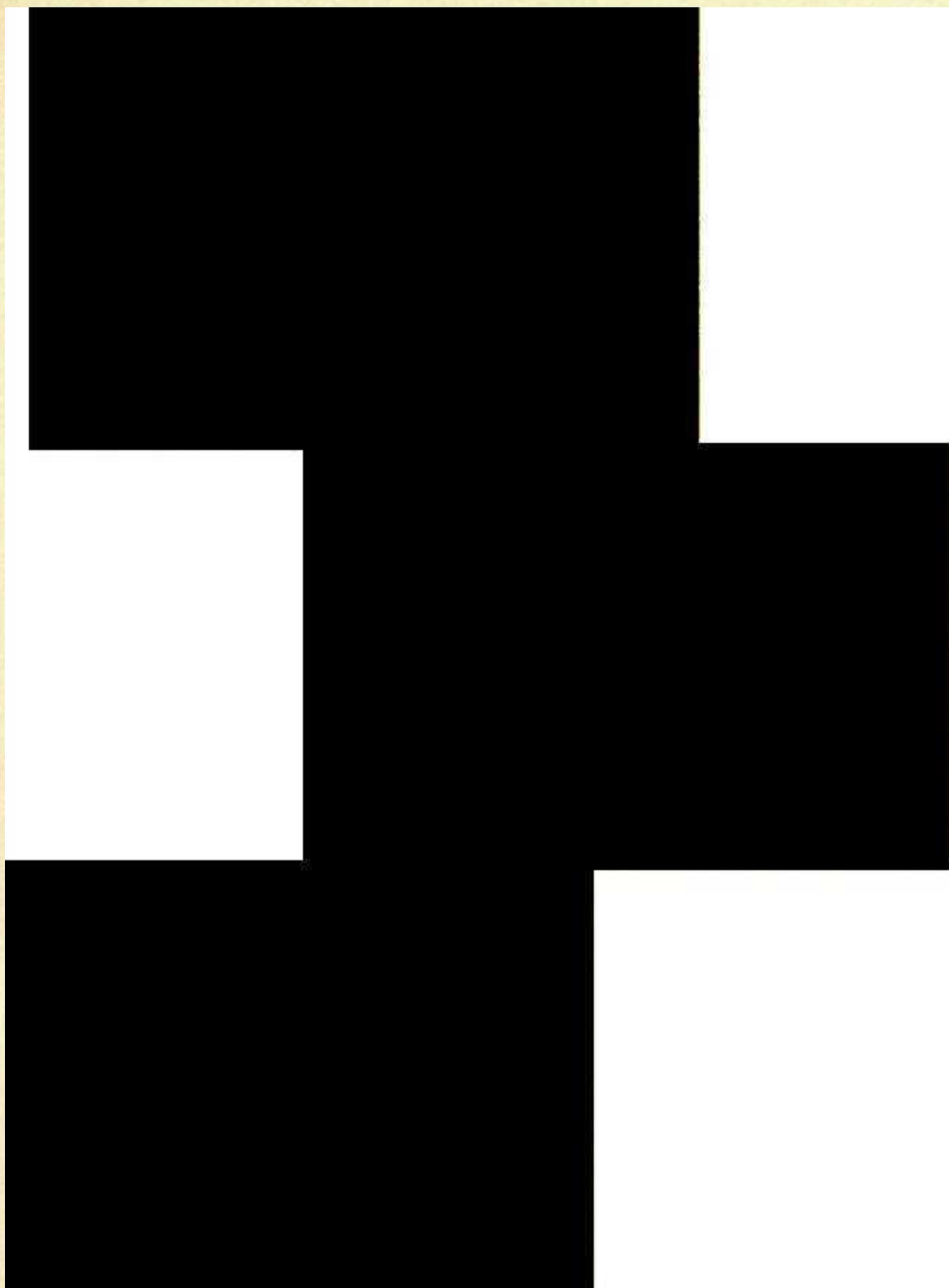
An efficiency expert is a girl who finds what she wants on the first dive into her hand-bag.

A fool with money to burn soon finds his match.

Friends are people who excuse you when you have made a fool of yourself.

The older generation thought nothing of getting up at six in the morning. The younger generation doesn't think much of it either.







# JUNIORS PAGE

## A True Short Short Story from London

Margaret and Ian visited the Zoo.  
When you're not quite five years old that really is a great adventure. On their way back to the home for children, where they lived, Matron took them into a milk bar.

As the waitress placed glasses of milk in front of them, Margaret leaned forward and said, "Remember, Ian, say your grace."

The little boy nodded and bent his head. An immediate hush settled throughout the room. Even the waitress stood still as the childish voice said,

Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food we eat,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you, God, for everything.

Yes, for a moment the busy world of the snack bar was brought to a standstill by the thanks of two small children.

Waiter: These are the best eggs we've had for years,

Guest: Let's have some you've only had a few days.

ooOoo

What has four eyes and runs more than 2000 miles?

The Mississippi.

ooOoo

Three girls walked to school under one umbrella. Why didn't any of them get wet?

It wasn't raining!

ooOoo

A tutor who tooted a flute  
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot,

Said the two to the tutor,

"Is it harder to toot, or

To tutor two tooters to toot?"

ooOoo

What is the hardest thing about learning to ride a bicycle?

The pavement.

ooOoo

Sue: This is an ideal spot for a picnic.

Anne: It must be. Fifty million insects can't be wrong.

## TRY THE NEW COMPETITION "CRYPTO CODES"

Here is a well-known saying written in code.  
JG BU GJSTU ZPV EPOU TVDDFFE, USZ USZ  
BHBJO.

ONE letter simply stands for another.  
Here are two clues: J=I, U=T.

### THIS IS HOW TO DO IT

Here is an example written in a different code.  
OQUU XCNG, DGTTKOC CPF DQYTCN.

In this example O stands for M, D=B, Q+O,  
U=S, X=V, C=A, N=L, G=E, and so on.

Now try and solve the competition code. Write out your answer, and your name and age, and send it to the editor. The senders of the first three correct entries opened on Monday, 12th October, will each receive a 50 cent piece.

ooOoo

Mother: Now, Willie, you must not be selfish.  
You must let your brother have the sled half the time!

Willie: But, Mother, I do! I have it going down the hill, and he has it coming up.

ooOoo

Diner: Do you serve crabs here?

Waiter: We serve anyone. Sit down.

ooOoo

Jane: We passed your house yesterday.

Lane: Thanks: We appreciate it!

ooOoo

Teacher: How many sexes are there?

Pupil: Three.

Teacher: Three? Can you name them?

Pupil: Male sex, female sex, insex.

ooOoo

The young lady behind the counter was serving three children. The youngest of whom, about four, was fingering all the sweets. The eldest, a girl of six, snapped out "Don't touch them all. Look at them first, then take the biggest."

ooOoo

The following howlers appeared in School Certificate history papers and were recorded recently in the New Zealand Post-Primary Teachers' Association journal.

"The Bessemer process was used in the sterilisation and final treatment of milk."

"Bloodstock farming was livestock reared for the slaughter house and later sold as exports of mutton and mutton chops."

"The dual purpose sheep was one that provided both beef and mutton."



## MY KITCHEN PRAYER

Bless my little kitchen, Lord,  
I love its every nook,  
And bless me as I do my work,  
Wash pots and pans and cook.

May the meals that I prepare,  
Be seasoned from above,  
With Thy blessing and Thy grace,  
But most of all, Thy love.

As we partake of earthly food,  
The table Thou hast spread,  
We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord,  
For all our daily bread.

So bless my little kitchen, Lord,  
And those who enter in;  
May they find naught but joy and peace,  
And happiness therein.

—AMEN.

ooOoo

### BAKED RICE CINNAMON CRUMBLE

Ingredients: 2 cups boiled rice, 2 beaten eggs, 1 tin cond. milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water, 1 desstspn cinnamon, 1 small tin apricots.

Method: Combine rice, eggs, milk, water and cinnamon and mix well. Fill into a greased ovenproof dish, then drain apricots and place on top of rice. Sprinkle crumble topping over apricots.

### CRUMBLE TOPPING

4oz plain flour, 2oz sugar, 3oz butter, 1 tspn cinnamon.

Method: Combine flour, sugar and cinnamon, rub butter into this mixture. Bake in a moderate oven.

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### STEAK AND VEGETABLES

Ingredients: 1lb lean minced round steak, 1 tblspn chopped onion, 1 cup soft white breadcrumbs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn pepper, 1 tblspn chopped parsley, 1 dstspn tomato sauce, 1 dstspn worcestershire sauce,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups cooked diced vegetables, 1 cup medium thick white sauce, 2-3 tblspns grated cheese.

Method: Combine steak, onion, breadcrumbs, salt, pepper and parsley. Add sauces and milk and mix well, pressing thoroughly with a fork. Press the meat mixture in an 8"

or 9" pie plate or sandwich tin. Bake for 15 minutes at 375-400 degrees. Then add vegetables to white sauce, season with salt and pepper then spread over top of meat mixture. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Return to oven and bake for further 20-25 minutes.

Serve hot or chilled as desired.

## Safety in Your Home

It is a disturbing fact that in 1967 (last available figures) three thousand two hundred and sixty-four Australians died from non-traffic accidents. Although the exact number that died from domestic accidents is not known there is good evidence to suggest that about half these deaths resulted from accidents in the home. For each person that died may more were injured. The World Health Organisation has estimated that for each fatal domestic accident there were 150 significant non-fatal domestic accidents.

Tragically enough, more young people die today through accidental injury than from any one disease.

Most accidents are preventable. Just look around your home and see if you can spot anything that might be likely to cause an accident.

### GENERAL SAFEGUARDS

Do you keep a first aid kit?

Do you know how to contact the fire brigade urgently?

Are firearms kept locked up?

Are staircases well lighted?

Are gardens, ponds, or pools guarded from children?

Are there gates on the top of staircases?

Are ladders in good repair?

Do you use steps instead of climbing onto boxes or chairs?

Do you make sure that children never run with such things in their hands as bottles, sharp objects, sticks or pencils?

Do you make sure that children never run around or play with peanuts or popcorn in their mouths?

Are all buttons, coins, marbles, thimbles or any small objects kept away from baby?

Are matches kept away from young children?

Do you always leave safety pins fastened and keep them away from baby?

Have you and your family been immunised against tetanus?

Do you make sure there are no children about when you back your car?



# Safety Slogans

## YOU CAN WRITE A SAFETY SLOGAN AND WIN A PRIZE

See how it's done by reading and studying the winners below:

1st prize \$3.00; 2nd prize, \$2.00; Five prizes of \$1.00 each.

Closing date: 12th October, 1970.

### SAFETY SLOGANS RESULT

- 1st Prize: Debra Magnus. **Always use your safety gear, So you'll be safe when danger's near.**
- 2nd prize: Mrs. Brian Hilton. **Keep walkways clean and neat and stay on your feet.**
- 3rd prize: Roger Seville. **If you play safe, make sure it's for keeps.**
- 4th prize: Eva Knowlson. **Please be careful when you drive, carelessness may life deprive.**
- 5th prize: Peter Fennamore. **Think safety and suffer less.**
- 6th prize: Gregory Magnus. **A cautious worker is an asset, A careless worker a loss.**
- 7th prize: Mrs. J. Dickson. **Sow, when young, the seed of safety and reap its fruit, ripe old age.**

The judges this month were Miss H. Ferrier, Mr. L. Humphries, Mr. E. Saxton and Mr. O. Jacobson.

## The Golden Rules of First Aid

Rapidly assess the whole situation.  
Remove the cause if still active, or remove the casualty from the source of danger.

- Act with quiet confidence.
- Check for pulse.
- Check for breathing.
- Control any haemorrhage.
- Assess the state of consciousness.
- Give injuries priority according to severity.

Re assure the casualty.  
Handle the casualty gently.  
Remove clothing only if necessary.  
Arrange for transport to a doctor or hospital.

—JACK DOUGLAS

# TEASERS

Mr. Smith's unusual clock.

The striking mechanism of blind Mr. Smith's clock went wrong. It would only strike up to eleven, and then always returned to one, so that you could never tell what hour it was when it struck. Yet he got used to it, and always knew what time it was when he happened to hear it. On Monday morning, when I was visiting him, it struck ten. He said it was ten o'clock alright, and challenged me to call to see him on the next day when I could be sure of finding it striking the right hour. When did I go again?

Answer next month.

### SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S TEASERS

TALL STORY: The paper would reach to a height of almost 18 million miles!

BIRD AND TRAIN: The bird flew 350 miles. As the joint speed of the two trains was 60 mph the travelling time was therefore 10 hours. The bird travelling at 35 mph would cover 350 miles (35x10).

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### SOLUTION TO MAGIC SQUARE

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 16 | 2  | 3  | 13 |
| 5  | 11 | 10 | 8  |
| 9  | 7  | 6  | 12 |
| 4  | 14 | 15 | 1  |

ooOoo

Lady: Please tell me which platform I go to for the train to Boston?

Porter: Turn to the left and you'll be right.

Lady: Young man, don't be impertinent.

Porter: Okay, then turn to the right and you'll be left.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. C. C. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Aster, Coreopsis, Gelsia, Candytuft, Carnation, Delphinium, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Lobelia, Lupin, Nasturtium, Petunia, Phlox Drummondii, Salpiglossis, Statice, Schizanthus, Zinnia. Plant — Antirrhinum, Carnation, Dianthus, Petunia, Phlox Drummondii, Pansy, Viola, Verbena, Wallflower. In the glasshouse or glass frame — seeds of Coleus, Gloxinia, Tuberous Begonia. Bulbs of Achimene, Calla, Crinum, Gladioli. Glag Iris, Kniphofia, Tuberose can also be planted.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Beet, Broad Beans, Carrot, Onion, Peas, Parsnip, Parsley, Spinach, White Turnip, Leek, Egg Plant, Tomato, Capsicum, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish. Plant — Garlic, Herbs, Potato, Rhubarb, Lettuce.

The winter has been very dry, with hard, cutting frosts, which have done a tremendous amount of damage to plants and trees which are not normally affected. Even many of the native trees and shrubs have been cut. Good, soaking rain is now needed to help rejuvenate pastures and plants. Daffodils, Jonquils and Violets and early Wattles are already blooming. Flowering Plums and Almonds are at their best and Flowering Quinces are making a colourful display.

This month should also see early Flowering Cherries and Peaches in bloom. Watch for Aphids on the new shoots of roses and other ornamental plants and spray with Rogor 40 to control these. Top-dress the lawn with a light dressing of sandy loam towards the end of this month. Another dressing should be made about the end of October.

Plant Parsley seed in a deep, rich, gritty loam in a shady position for the best results during Summer.

The gardens beds in which Tomato plants are to be placed next month should be prepared now by digging deeply, and adding a dressing of lime, leaving in the rough for a couple of weeks, before levelling down and adding fertiliser.

Snails and Slugs are very active just now. Bait regularly, so that the young ones are destroyed early.



## SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT

### Income and Expenditure Account

| 1969             |                               |         | 1970             |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| \$1091.05        | Members' Subscriptions .....  |         | \$1258.15        |
| 446.88           | Income from Soft Drinks ..... | 1279.55 |                  |
|                  | Cost of Sales .....           | 869.09  | 410.46           |
|                  |                               |         |                  |
| 109.10           | Raffle Proceeds .....         |         | 107.60           |
|                  | Donations .....               |         | 100.00           |
| 21.39            | Interest .....                |         | 78               |
| 76.94            | Loco Hire .....               |         |                  |
|                  |                               |         |                  |
|                  |                               |         |                  |
| <u>\$1744.36</u> |                               |         | <u>\$1905.99</u> |

### Balance Sheet as

| 1969             |                                  |  | 1970             |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 492.35           | Accumulated Funds 30-6-69 .....  |  | 1030.36          |
| 538.01           | Surplus for Period 30-6-70 ..... |  | 216.09           |
|                  |                                  |  |                  |
|                  |                                  |  |                  |
|                  |                                  |  |                  |
|                  |                                  |  |                  |
| <u>\$1030.36</u> |                                  |  | <u>\$1246.45</u> |

## LIMITED ENTERTAINMENT FUND

### for year ended 30th June, 1970

| 1969             |                                                |        | 1970             |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 830.83           | Prizes .....                                   |        | 841.44           |
| 302.05           | Foods .....                                    |        | 547.43           |
|                  | Repairs and Fuel (Loco) .....                  | 112.89 |                  |
|                  | Less Proceeds of Train Hire .....              | 69.50  | 43.39            |
|                  |                                                |        |                  |
|                  | Repairs and Power (Merry-go-round) .....       |        | 49.52            |
|                  | Donations to Dinner Dance .....                |        | 50.00            |
|                  | Sundry .....                                   |        | 57.94            |
|                  | Insurance .....                                |        | 17.05            |
|                  | Depreciation — Trainers .....                  |        | 60.00            |
|                  | Farewell to B. Creswick .....                  |        | 23.13            |
| 538.01           | Surplus transferred to Accumulated Funds ..... |        | 216.09           |
|                  |                                                |        |                  |
| <u>\$1744.36</u> |                                                |        | <u>\$1905.99</u> |

### at — 30th June, 1970

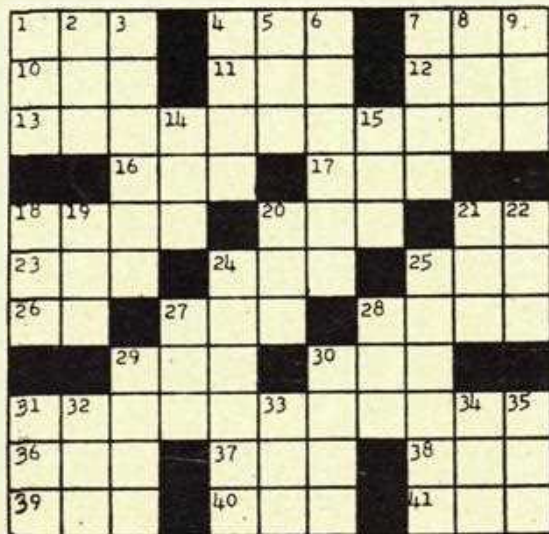
| 1969             |                                        |        | 1970             |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 942.81           | Cash at Bank .....                     |        | 915.41           |
| 3.00             | Petty Cash .....                       |        | 3.00             |
| 2.50             | Sundry Debtors .....                   |        | 27.97            |
| 56.69            | Stocks - Soft Drinks .....             |        | 47.04            |
| 2.16             | - Empty Bottles .....                  |        | 6.03             |
| 13.20            | - Crates .....                         |        | 7.20             |
|                  | Two trainers .....                     | 299.80 |                  |
|                  | Less: Provision for Depreciation ..... | 60.00  | 239.80           |
|                  |                                        |        |                  |
| <u>\$1030.36</u> |                                        |        | <u>\$1246.45</u> |

In my opinion this Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund, according to the information and explanations given me and as shown by the books of the fund.

O. F. JACOBSON, Hon. Auditor



# PROBLEM PAGE



## RESULTS OF CROSSWORD No. 141

1st Prize of \$2.00 to: Mrs. L. P. King, Moss Vale;  
Second prize of \$1.00 to: Mrs. J. Pearson, Marulan South.

Winners drawn by Mr. Terry Whatman, Paymaster.  
Try this month's puzzle, remember there is now two chances to win — 1st prize \$2.00; Second prize \$1.00. Closing date, 12th October.

## CROSSWORD No. 142

### ACROSS

- 1 Occupied a seat
- 4 Weight of India
- 7 Woman's name
- 10 Fruit drink
- 11 Highest note (2 wds.)
- 12 Extremity
- 13 Meditate on
- 16 Indistinct
- 17 Charged atom
- 18 Cry
- 20 Lower limb
- 21 3-1416
- 23 Go astray
- 24 Knight's title
- 25 Damage greatly
- 26 Symbol: tellurium
- 27 Wager
- 28 Additional
- 29 River islet
- 30 Consume
- 31 Conspicuous
- 36 Doctrine
- 37 Cover
- 38 Single unit
- 39 Lion constellation
- 40 Type measure (pl.)
- 41 Snare

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### DOWN

- 1 American Indian
- 2 Fuss
- 3 Fragile
- 4 Appear
- 5 Graceful tree
- 6 Kind of sword
- 7 Intend
- 8 Social insect
- 9 Dutch commune
- 14 Upset
- 15 Ship's record
- 18 Not yet dry
- 19 Before
- 20 Ignited
- 21 Common level
- 22 Anger
- 24 Decide
- 25 Movement
- 27 Twice
- 28 Insane
- 29 Vapor (comb. form)
- 30 Extremities
- 31 Lubricate
- 32 Employ
- 33 Goal
- 34 Compass point
- 35 Obtain





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# Editorial

## DAYLIGHT SAVING

Spring is here, and once again many are wishing for still longer evenings to spend in the garden and around the house. There seems to be so little time after the daily work.

Inevitably, we think of "Daylight Saving." The experiment has proved successful in Tasmania, and, of course, in Britain and other countries for many years.

Every year the arguments arise, and we hope, nearer and nearer the time when we shall have more hours of daylight available at a time of day when it can be used more profitably?

How did the idea start? I confess, I didn't know much about this until I decided to do a little research, and it was then that I found out about William Willett.

William Willett (1856-1915) was a prosperous builder of very fine London houses. He lived at Chislehurst in Kent. Every morning he would rise early for a brisk canter on horseback over the common near his home. It was on a specially sunny and invigorating morning when returning from his ride, that he noticed for the first time that the majority of blinds in the houses were still tightly drawn. Willett thought to himself what a pity it was that so many of his neighbours were missing the enjoyment of such a glorious morning.

Suddenly the simple but great idea came to him. If everybody all over the country agreed to put their clocks forward by one hour, then all would go to bed an hour earlier, and get up one hour earlier, without any trouble, and there would be an extra hour of daylight at the end of each day.

From that moment William Willett spent most of his time, energy and money trying to get this brilliant notion into people's heads. He had many opponents, these included farmers, and also many who said that it was blasphemous to interfere with clocks, and pretend that the hour was 7.30 when it was 6.30! It was a long, hard fight.

When the Daylight Saving Bill was at last passed by parliament in 1916, William Willett didn't see it, he had died the previous year.

At this time, Britain was involved in the First World War, and the Bill was not introduced because the government wanted the populace to enjoy more daylight, but rather that it wanted them to economise in the use of gas and electricity!

Daylight Saving, has however, been proved as a great blessing. I can endorse it, and so can many others, how about you?

THE EDITOR.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## BERRIMA

Everybody at the Laboratory is still sniffing and recovering from the effects of flue and colds. John Burnett from Bowral is a new starter and we wish him well on his new venture.

ooOoo

The new laboratory is progressing slowly. Occasionally, there may be seen quiet and solitary figures dolefully gazing into a hole in the ground. Helen Ferrier of the Works Office says she will not believe it until the ribbon is cut. However, work has started, and has even got to the stage where concrete test cylinders are being broken. This means that concrete is now being poured and tested to find out if it is up to the strength required.

ooOoo

We were sorry to hear of the death on Sunday, October 11th of the father of Barney Creswick. He was 88 years of age. We all extend our condolences to Barney at this time of bereavement.

ooOoo

Mr. I. Cairns, Works Engineer was married on Wednesday, 7th October, 1970. The Maintenance Staff gave him a Bucks party at Moss Vale Golf Club when he also received a presentation. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Cairns every happiness.

ooOoo

On holiday, E. Johnston, L. Foreman, W. Simons, M. McCarty, J. Parvlak and W. Poland

ooOoo

A new starter in the General Office is Robyn Mathewson. She has been with us for about two months, and is at present learning the Calculating Machines.

Previously Robyn was a ledger machine operator in the Bank of New South Wales, Moss Vale.

## MARULAN

Mr. Alf McCallum, his wife, and daughter, recently visited Marulan.

Alf is Bill McCallum's brother, and is chief Forest Ranger in the Riverina, with his head office in Wagga. He joined the Forestry Commission when he left school at the age of 16 years, and has been with them ever since, about 35 years.

## Retirement at Marulan

### MR. J. D. READ

Jack Read started work at South Marulan Quarry on the 22nd October 1942. He retired in September after 28 years' service. He also worked at Berrima prior to 1942.

Jack was a Leading Hand Fitter. About 70 of his workmates gathered at Moss Vale Services Club on Saturday night, September 12th. They presented Jack with a 3ft pair of Stillsons, fabricated by the carpenters and painted by our painter, Mr. Barry Burnfield. Over one hundred signatures were on the Stillsons.

All at the quarry wish Jack many happy years in his retirement.

BILL McCALLUM.

ooOoo

### SYDNEY OFFICE

Nestling quietly at 138 Shoalhaven St., Kiama, within sound, if not sight, of the ocean is a trim, glistening white cottage which is now the permanent residence of an old South-ern and his good wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jones have forsaken the dubious delights of the Gosford area and have come back to live in this beautiful sea-side town, just "over the hill" from their old stamping ground of Moss Vale.

Should any old mates of Mark and Mrs. Jones be passing through the town, a phone call to them on Kiama 311 could lead to a very happy reunion, as it did with this reporter





It always pays to wear your hard hat

New employees who have started recently are :

Stuart and David Easter  
 Alan Dicksbury  
 William Miller  
 Thomas New  
 John Burnett  
 Alan Sharpe  
 George Poll  
 Robert Murchie  
 and previous employees:  
 Terry O'Toole  
 Phillip Andrew  
 John Mills

Mr. Les Humphries,  
 Employment Officer.

#### THE CHAP TO WATCH

You watch the chap who drives ahead and  
 the chap who drives behind,  
 You watch to the right,  
 You watch to the left,  
 You drive with a clear, calm mind.  
 But the chap you really have to watch on the  
 highway, you will find—  
 Is the chap behind the chap ahead and ahead  
 of the chap behind.

## FIRST AID CORNER

Prolonged exposure to the sun may lead to extensive superficial burns with blister formation.

The distress of sunburn without blister formation can be alleviated by:—

Applying cool moist compresses.  
 Resting the casualty in a cool place.  
 Giving copious fluids.

Serious sunburn with severe blistering needs medical attention after this treatment.

Mosquito and sandfly bites.

Alkalis such as ammonia, bi-carb soda in weak solution give relief. Hot water should be avoided.

Sal volatile, calamine lotion, zinc cream is recommended.

NOTE: Oils and sprays are available to use in the prevention of the above complaints.

—JACK DOUGLAS



# THE ROTOLACTOR

Recently, Dennis O'Keefe of the General Office visited the Rotolactor at Menangle. He found this very interesting, the following is reproduced, by permission, from the official guide.

"The Camden Park Estate Rotolactor was designed and built in Australia and is capable of milking 200 cows twice daily. It has been in operation since September, 1952.

The 60 foot revolving steel platform carries 50 automatically operated bails each equipped with a vacuum milker. The platform is mounted on 20 12inch roller bearing steel rails. It is driven by two 2hp electric motors. The time of revolution can be varied to accommodate the milking rate of the cows and normally operates at an output of 300 to 375 cows per hour.

Seven 9" vacuum pumps each driven by a 2hp electric motor supply the necessary vacuum to the milkers. An auxiliary generator is available in the case of a power failure.

The cows enter the Rotolactor by a ramp leading from the concrete holding yards and pass through a foot spray bath before stepping on to the platform. The teats and udder of each cow are cleaned with an individual sterilised cloth before milking. The teat cups of the milker are then attached and milking commences. A sample of milk is taken from each cow daily and is examined for normality. The teat cups pass through a sterilising spray before being attached to the cows. All milking plant is thoroughly washed and sterilised before and after each milking.

The cows are "headlocked" by an automatic closing bail which is also automatically opened at a point where the cows leave the platform and return to the holding yards by an underground ramp.

The milk is taken from the cows by means of vacuum milking machines and is elevated through stainless steel pipes to vacuum sealed stainless steel containers located at intervals around the platform. These release the milk in turn into a dump vat on the Rotolactor floor. The milk is then pumped through stainless steel pipes to a cooler and into refrigera-

ted storage tanks which hold the temperature of the milk at 36 degrees F. The pumping and cooling operation is carried out in 90 seconds.

All washing water, etc., from the Rotolactor is drained away into a catching pit and is pumped daily over adjacent pasture land providing a very valuable source of fertiliser.

All water required for irrigation, washing and cows' drinking requirements and for domestic purposes in the village of Menangle is pumped from the Nepean River.

During the milking operation a high protein/high starch concentrate ration is fed to the cows. The quantity fed is based on production determined by a regular recording system. (A history card covers each animal). Bulk concentrate is stored in two silos at the south side of the Rotolactor and is distributed into the feed boxes by electrically controlled conveyors in the correct quantity based on the cows' milk production. This equipment is fully automatic and the sequence of the passage of the feed to the cow may be observed on lighted panels at the North and South sides of the Rotolactor.

Roughage in the form of chopped green feed and hay or silage is fed in feed lots adjacent to the holding yards, after milking is completed. This fodder is supplied in the main from irrigation crops of rye-clover and lucerne immediately surrounding the Rotolactor. It is collected and distributed into the feeders by means of a Forage Harvester and mechanical unloading feed trucks, no manual labour is involved.

There is no grazing with the Rotolactor system.

After feeding the cows proceed to resting paddocks or shelter sheds, depending on the weather conditions of the day.

There is no charge made to see the Rotolactor but donations made help support various charities including Legacy and Spastic appeals.

The Rotolactor is situated adjacent to the main southern railway line at Menangle.

Condensation from Camden Park Estate Pty. Ltd. Guide to the "Rotolactor."



# ✓ Pop Wrightson

Pop Wrightson has retired after 43 years service at SPC. When I first met him a few years ago, he introduced himself as "Pop." I thought at the time that his nickname must have stemmed from his long service, a sort of "Men may come and men may go, but Pop goes on forever" idea, but I was very much mistaken.

On his last day at the Stockhouse I asked him. The answer surprised me, he had had the nickname from the time he was a small boy, always he was jumping on the table, and his mother used to say "Pop goes the weazle" from that time he became "Pop," and when anyone addresses him as Syd, he looks around to see who they are talking to!

Pop joined the company in 1927. He helped to excavate the site where the General Office stands today. Later he drove a tractor during the building of the Colliery railway line. He also worked for a while at Marulan Quarry. He was back at the plant in 1935 working in the Stockhouse. He became foreman in 1954.

For many years Pop has shown a great interest in historic Berrima, where he lives in "Berrima House." It was previously owned by the Jenkins family, and remained in their possession for 111 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson have brought up seven children, all are doing well.

Pop's father was on the staff of SPC for 20 years, in charge of the store.

Pop was farewelled at Moss Vale Golf Club. Members of the staff presented him with a garden table and chairs.

The management also presented him with a gold Omega watch.

All at SPC wish Pop and his good wife health, strength and happiness in their retirement years.

ooOoo

## TOURIST SANCTUARY

Between the Shoalhaven River at Nowra and the Clyde River at Batemans Bay, all land east of the Princes Highway is a faunal sanctuary — the South Coast Tourist Sanctuary. Kangaroos, wallabies, kookaburras and other wildlife are protected here and may be seen in their natural environment at quite close quarters.

—N.R.M.A. Touring Service



Pop Wrightson in the Stockhouse Office.



Pop at the farewell party.



Pop on the job.



## MARULAN SOUTH AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Final of the singles handicap was played during September between Barney Eddy and Steve Brozac.

Barney Eddy is now the club singles champion. Both these players are comparatively new to bowls, having played for less than two years. Congratulations.

Singles Club Championships and Pairs Club Championships also completed first and second rounds during September.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the club was held on Wednesday, September 23, at 8 p.m.

Twelve directors were nominated and will serve on the committee for the year 1970-71

At the committee meeting held on Monday, September 21, office bearers were elected, as follows:

Patron: Mr. John McNicol.

President: Mr. P. Penfold.

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. D. Marsden.

Vice-presidents: Mr. Les Cooper, Mr. R. Penfold, Mr. S. Bell and Mr. S. Brozac.

Bowls Secretary: Mr. Bill McCallum.

Delegates: Mr. Les Cooper, Mr. Bill McCallum.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCallum, Marulan.  
Bill is one of our "Newsletter" Representatives  
for Marulan.

## MARULAN SOUTH TENNIS

Tournament, August 16: Winners, Nola Cosgrove and Darcy Hadlow. Runners-up Barbara Gutzke and Russell Croker.

Social match against Windellama. Marulan South won 23 sets to one set.

Tournament, September 13th: Winners, Barbara Gutzke and Darcy Hadlow; Runners-up, Gladys Fideler and David Byrne.

Match against Greenwich Park on September 20th resulted in a win to Greenwich Park 15 sets, 128 games—13 sets, 129 games.

Marulan South won by one game, going on games.

MRS. A. GUTZKE

ooOoo

## S.P.C. Employees' Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, 23rd December at 7.30 p.m. at Moss Vale Services Club.

Any employees not already contributing, and who wish to attend may do so by contacting Mr. T. Waide or Mr. Don Moore.

Remember this is your annual function and we would like to see a great many more in attendance.

You will enjoy a superb buffet dinner, catered for by Bill Hoffman, and exciting music by the Alan Ford Orchestra.

Contributing members arrange for a small deduction from wages.

—Rick Mulready



# Killed Through Carelessness



# TRAINEES IN COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS

## BERRIMA GENERAL OFFICE

In the August issue, mention was made of the success of Lindsay Lansdown in passing the final of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. What we did not know at the time was that it was a distinction pass.

Chris Hutchison is in his final year of accountancy certificate at Wollongong Technical College. As he has only one subject in this, he is also studying a Post Certificate course in Cost Accounting.

Ian Dickson of Costs Department is in his third year Accountancy Certificate.

Allan King of the Timekeeping Section is in his Second Year Commerce Certificate and Bob Boyd of Costs is busy with his first year Commerce.

Mrs. Nancye King of Costs and Dale

Berry of the Credit Union are taking typing at the Moss Vale Technical College.

## SYDNEY OFFICE

Len Wilson is doing the first year of a four-year management certificate course at Bankstown Technical College.

A. Cachia is completing the first year of a Commerce Degree Course at the University of N.S.W.

K. Parsons is completing the second year of a Supervision Course at the Sydney Technical College.

J. Portus has graduated in Economics at Sydney University.

L. Stimpson has graduated in Commerce at the University of N.S.W.

L. Wilson has completed a two-year Supervision Course at Sydney Technical College.



The last Office bus.

## LAST BUS

Friday, September 4th, 1970, was the day of the last office staff bus.

For about 18 years, it has carried office staff to and from the General Office and Works Office. Gradually, the passengers dwindled, as more and more cars were used. On this last morning, as the photograph shows, there were only two passengers.

For many years, the bus was driven by its owner, Mr. Laurie Giddings, until his sudden death nearly four years ago.

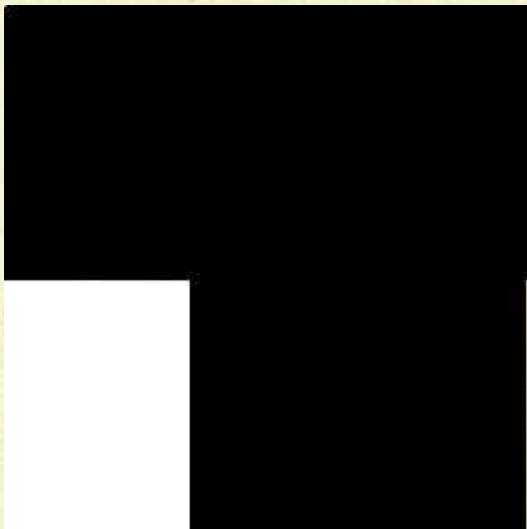
His son, John, then took over.

The driver shown in the photograph is Ron Stahl. Ross King, husband of Nancye King seen in the picture has been a relief driver for many years. Nancy now works in the Costs department. The other distinguished passenger on this memorable day was Mr. Owen Jacobson, assistant accountant, Costs.

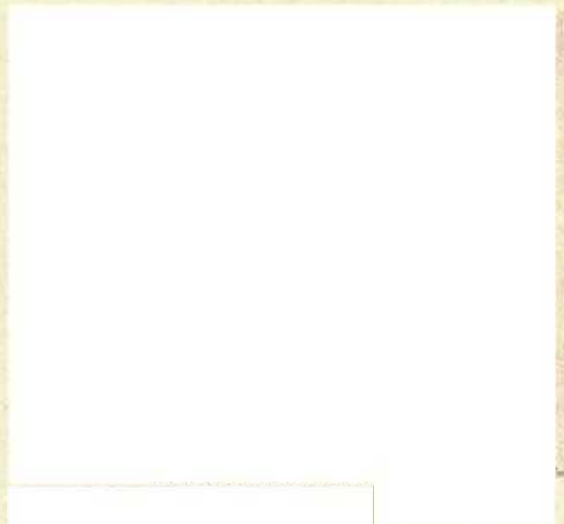




Chris Hutchison and Ian Dickson



Dale Berry.





# Bill McDowall

It is with regret that we have to record the passing of Bill McDowall at the age of 81 years.

Bill started work with the company when the plant was being constructed. His first job was the moving of a saw mill from Mandemar. This was hauled by bullock teams and set up between where the works office now stands, and the Powerhouse.

Bill was employed on rigging and construction work, but served as shift foreman and Yard Foreman also. He was chief rigger at the time of his retirement on May 1st, 1964, at the age of 75 years.

During the First World War, Bill served in the Merchant Navy and in the Second World War with the Garrison Forces.

He was very active in the R.S.L. for many years, also in the Boy Scout Movement. He was also a senior officer in the Masonic Lodge.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday, 12th October, 1970, by the Reverend Watson at the Presbyterian Church, Berrima, followed by interment at the Berrima Cemetery.

Bill is survived by his wife and married son, to whom the management, and all who knew Bill, extend their deepest sympathy.



Foundation work on the new Laboratory. The basement storerooms and foundations are now completed, and the floor is being prepared.



Mr. L. Humphries, Safety and Employment Officer, with his two sons, Nicholas and Edwin.



# WELCOME

Welcome to Jawahar Yardi and his wife Prabha who arrived in Australia from India on August 29, 1970. They are staying in Bowral.

"Jawahar" has been translated into 'Joe' by his new workmates at SPC.

Joe has his degree in Electrical Engineering, but by profession is an Industrial Engineer. He has completed courses in Method and Time Study, Production Planning and Control, System Analysis and Programming. He has also worked in the cement industry in India.

Joe says that he and his wife are much attracted by the natural beauty of N.S.W.

Joe and his wife plan to stay in this country for two years.

We all hope that their stay will be pleasant and profitable.



Mr. Jawahar Yardi.



# Juniors Page

—The country maid and her milk pail

One day, a milkmaid was on her way to market carrying a pail of milk on her head.

As she walked along she said to herself:

"With the money I get after I sell this milk, I shall buy some eggs. Say I'll have a hundred eggs. My old hens will hatch them into chickens and when the chickens are old enough, I'll sell them in the market."

"Then," she went on, "I'll have enough money to buy myself a pretty new silk dress. It will be — let me see — green. I look my prettiest in green, so it will be of green silk."

"I'll wear my beautiful green silk dress at the fair," she said to herself, "and I shall look so beautiful that all the young men at the fair will beg me to dance with them. Many of them will ask my hand in marriage. Of course, I shall marry the handsomest and the wealthiest one. We shall have an elegant wedding. How my friends will envy me."

With this vain thought the milkmaid tossed her head haughtily just as if she were already wearing her bridal finery and down from her head toppled the pail spilling milk all over the dusty road. And with it flew all her dreams of glory. There was nothing — no money, no eggs, no chickens and no green dress.

Don't count your chickens before they are hatched!

The above is one of Esop's Fables from "The Bookshelf for Boys and Girls."

ooOoo

Why is "A" like a honeysuckle?

Because a "B" follows it.

What do we have in December that we do not have in any other month?

The letter "D".

Lilly: Can't you play tennis without all that noise?

Milly: "No how can you play tennis without raising a racket?"

Mother: Sammy, there were two pieces of pie in the pantry this morning and now there is only one. How is that?

Sammy: I don't know. It was so dark I suppose I didn't see the other piece.

## CRYPTO CODES

Juniors! Try your own competition. You could win a 50 cent piece.

Winners this month are: John Talbert, Peter Fennamore and Lisa Talbert.

The correct solution was: IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN.

Look up last month's Junior Page to see how it's done. Now here is the competition for this month:

VTGCV QGVJGTU CU AQW YQWNF  
JCXG VJGO VTGCV AQW.

Remember, one letter simply stands for another.

Clues:

U stands for S

X stands for V

Now have a go.

ooOoo

## THE OAK AND THE REED

(by Jean de La Fontaine)

A stout oak, looking down on a slim reed, said, "Nature has certainly been unkind to you. She has made you so frail that the gentlest breeze can sway you, the smallest bird can bend you. Look at me: I am so strong I can weather a tempest, even a hurricane! But poor little you — if you lived nearer to me, beneath the shelter of my strength, I could save you from the storms that are so cruel to you. But, alas, nature has left you unprotected along the marshy borders of the stream. She has indeed been unjust to you."

"I appreciate your concern," replied the reed, "but I do not need your pity. You have your defences, but I have mine too."

At that very moment a great north wind rushed down and flung itself in fury on the oak and on the reed. Swaying in the blast the reed bent her head before it. But the oak, defying the wind stood straight and unbending in the very teeth of the tempest.

The mighty wind, redoubling its efforts, smote the oak with furious force and, tearing it up by its stubborn roots, laid it low.

Having done its worst, the storm passed, and in the quiet that followed the reed raised its slender head and looked sadly at the giant oak whose stately crown lay in the waters of the stream.

It is often well to bend before a storm to avoid being broken by it.

—From "The Bookshelf for Boys and Girls."



# HOMELOVER'S CORNER

## MACARONI AND MINCED MEAT

Butter a piedish, have ready some boiled macaroni and finely chopped meat, put a layer of macaroni first in dish, then a layer of meat, sprinkle a little salt, pepper and curry powder between each layer, pile the dish rather high, pour a little milk or gravy over, sprinkle with breadcrumbs and small pieces of butter. Bake till nice and brown in moderate oven 20 minutes.

## EGG AND CHEESE TOAST

1 cup cheese,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt milk, 2 eggs, salt and pepper.

Put the grated cheese (1 small cup) into milk, boil till cheese melts, add the well-beaten eggs, pepper and salt, dash of cayenne, stir quickly a few minutes, take from heat, spread on pieces of hot buttered toast.

## CHEESE AND RICE

Boil 2oz rice (well washed) for 14 minutes, strain, put it into a piedish, add 1 pint

milk, a saltspoon salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn pepper, stir into it 12oz grated cheese. Bake in oven 20 mins.

## APPLES BAKED ON BREAD

Cut pieces of bread into neat squares large enough to hold apple, spread well with butter, peel apples, cut a hole in top, fill with sugar, spice, a piece of butter on top, bake till the bread is a golden brown and apple tender. A teaspoon honey instead of sugar and a few raisins added are an improvement. Time depends on heat of oven.

## LEMON TART

Line a piedish or sandwich tin with short pastry, bake till half done, then fill up with following mixture: 3 well-beaten eggs, 2 tablespoons breadcrumbs, the grated rind and juice of 1 large lemon, 4 tablespoons sugar, 1oz melted butter, stir till the sugar is dissolved, fill the tart and bake until a light brown, 20 minutes.

# FISHY TALES

(by RUS GREAVES)

It's very nice to see Jack (Fisherman) Brown back on the end of a line after his long illness. We do hope Jack continues to improve.

Just to prove he still had the knack, he spent a recent weekend at the island in pouring rain. Although he was wet, he can boast of a bag. Nothing seemed to be about until he landed 10 tailor, one after the other, then he bagged another 10, and finally eight! All on either spinner or garfish. (No doubt he had to get his wife to help haul!).

I had a trip to Kiama recently, the sea was very smooth, and a few chaps were trying their luck off the blow hole. Didn't seem to be getting anything though.

For the price of two pounds of bait prawns, I purchased a 5lb mowie at the co-op! This was pretty easy fishing, but I doubt whether I could have bagged 5lbs of fish, even with 2lbs of prawns.

Talk about easy fishing, when I was a youngster we used to fish the largs gaps in

the wharf planks on Newcastle waterside. This was quite a past-time in those days, and was referred to as "looney fishing." Perhaps when one landed a fish larger than the gap, one did feel a bit of a dill! Fortunately, this didn't occur too often, the only really large fish being catties, which we were very pleased to break off. I have since learned that catfish is really good eating and should not be discarded unless one has plenty of "easier to prepare" fish, as the only snag with catties is the skinning.

Johnny Byfield fished the sunken wall at the canal for good bream. He said they were only biting on squirt worms. A good place to get squirt worms used to be on the last bend of the road before the punt.

Bill Acton, unfortunately sick at the present, has been getting good bags off Jervis Bay. We trust he is soon well enough to get back down there!



# A Trip on the Indian Pacific

(By ARCHIE BETTS)

My wife and I travelled from Sydney to Perth on the Indian Pacific train. We left Sydney at 3.15 p.m. on the Monday, and arrived in Perth on Thursday, at 7 a.m.

Two diesels pulled the 12 car train, (24 car trains cross the Nullabor Plains in holiday periods). It has a crew of 27, one conductor to each car, and he looks after you very well. He even brings you that early morning "cuppa." Meals in the Dining Car are first class. We had a Russian cook and two French waiters. In the lounge car, there is a bar at one end. You can buy what you want in the way of drinks, beer is available, from three states. The bar is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The train is air conditioned and has hot and cold showers, taped music and private twinette cabins.

The trip to Broken Hill is mostly at night, arriving at 9.15 a.m., Tuesday. It was fairly rough, but noiseless. After half an hour's walk around Broken Hill, we were on our way again, arriving at Port Augusta late afternoon. The countryside in this day's travel was very dry. It was lightly stocked with sheep and a few emus and kangaroos could be seen.

We left Port Augusta at 5 p.m., Tuesday, the start of the Nullabor Plains, and arrived at Kalgoorlie, the finish of the Plains at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday. This stretch is approximately 1200 miles. It is very dry and not a hill can be seen. It seldom rains on the Plains, and even when it does, it is only a matter of a few points.

Vegetation is mostly Salt Bush, Spinnifex and Mallee. The only animals we saw were about a dozen sheep and one half starved dingo.

At intervals, there are settlements of railway workers. One of them told us that the nearest hotel was 370 miles away.

We travelled by night from Kalgoorlie to Perth, arriving at 7 a.m. Thursday. It was raining. It rained on and off for the five days we stayed there. Perth is a nice city, but we thought, nothing to write home about. It is built on pure sand, but anything seems to grow on it.

News of the Eastern states, and overseas was very scarce in the newspapers. The headlines mostly concerned trivial matters. It seemed to me that the people in Perth took no interest in what goes on in the Eastern states, particularly in the Melbourne Cup.

ooOoo

## U TURNS

Traffic in city and country town main streets moves slowly enough, yet quite often it is brought to a standstill by vehicles making illegal "U" turns.

Whether this stems from the motorist's ignorance of the regulations or disregard for other traffic is debatable.

The N.R.M.A. Legal Department says "U" turns are prohibited —

- If the vehicle would cross any unbroken line marked on the roadway.
- Where a sign "No 'U' Turn" is displayed.
- At any intersection which is controlled by traffic lights.
- At any other place where danger of collision with another vehicle exists or where interference with the free movement of traffic is likely.

The last restriction places a definite responsibility on the turning driver not to interfere with the flow of traffic — and this includes forcing traffic to reduce speed while a "U" turn is being made.



# NATURE NOTES

by Chris Sonter

For the naturalist, there is always something to see or do at most times of the year, however, it is in the spring and summer months that interests are once again "sparked off."

After the winter, we think of the birds that will come back to spend the summer with us, and raise offspring, in order that the cycle which preserves the species, may continue.

We, up here in the tablelands, are host only a small number of birds that fall into the migratory category. If we had large stretches of water or were closer to the coast, we would see the waders, or water frequenting birds. Again in the tablelands the migratory birds are mostly those that keep within the Australian mainland and New Guinea. Those on the coast coming from much farther afield, such as Russia, Siberia, and the countries of the Arctic Circle. Among the latter are the Arctic Skua, Sandpiper, Plovers and Potterals, etc.

Some birds that visit us in the Berrima district are the Australian Bee Eater (Rainbow Bird), Rufous Fantail, Golden, and Rufous Whistlers, Wood Swallows, Dollar Bird and Azure Kingfisher to name a few.

Unfortunately, lack of space limits my giving details as to where many of these birds may be seen. However, the Rufous Fantail, Golden Whistler, and some of the Cuckoos, can be found in the heavily timbered country, while the others are more inclined to the open savannah.

Migratory species are generally later nesters than the resident type, and most of the waders from the northern hemisphere, do not nest here.

During the breeding season, man, in certain areas, profits from the presence of birds. Food, eggs mainly from sea birds, clothing coming from feathers, such as down from the Eider Duck, and of course in agriculture, from guano.

So far, I have listed 86 different species that nest in our district, and almost every week I find new birds to add to the list.

For those who are interested in photographing birds at close quarters, this is an

ideal time. This task is made easier by first locating a nest, and then erecting a "hide" in which one can study the bird's movements.

An ideal reference book which can be regarded as being very accurate for the observer is entitled "What Bird is that," by N. W. Cayley.

Have you ever wondered why some birds eggs are bigger and shaped differently from others? You will probably say, "That's because birds come in different sizes." This could be part of the answer, but what about the small birds that lay large eggs and vice versa?

The answer lies in the type of bird and its environment. Take for example the domestic fowl and duck. Both these birds lay fairly large eggs for their size, and the chicks when hatched manage fairly well for themselves almost immediately. Incubation lasting a little over three weeks. Birds whose incubation period does not extend to this length of time, generally have to be cared for after hatching, over a much longer period.

Eggs that take longer to incubate usually belong to those of ground-dwelling species and have a large yolk on which the embryo feeds. This allows for a much more mature offspring. This assists the young in defending themselves against ground-dwelling predators.

Those birds nesting in trees would probably have fewer predators.

The second part of the question concerns the shape of the egg. Birds whose nests are small and cup-shaped are inclined to lay rather "pointed" eggs, thus allowing for better fitting in the nest.

Tree hollow nesting birds, such as parrots and owls, lay a more rounded type of egg. Probably because there would be more room.

Those eggs belong to cliff-nesting sea birds are usually very sharp pointed so that they don't roll off the edge into the sea.

There is not a great deal known why some eggs are marked so differently from others, but a lot could be put down to camouflage. Birds that nest in the darkness of hollows, etc., are nearly all pure white.



## SAFETY LIMERICK

For this month we have returned to the limerick for our safety contest.

Let the record remind ev'ryone  
That the hardest of jobs can be done  
If we use the safe way  
In our work ev'ry day

Write a last line of nine syllables that rhymes with "done."

First prize: \$3.00; Second prize \$2.00;  
Five prizes of \$1.00.

HAVE A GO!

Lines and slogans are judged solely on merit. The lines are copied without names or addresses and sent to the judges. The judges mark the lines which they believe are the best, after careful consideration. They are then returned and Mr Owen Jacobsen helps in allocating the various marks. In this way you can be sure that all lines have an equal chance to win. The judges are composed of Mr. L. Humphries, Safety Officer and three others chosen each month.

## SAFETY SLOGANS RESULT

Colliery takes first places.

First prize: **Make Safety Last — Put Safety First.** Roger Seville.

Second prize: **Make moving parts safe; Keep guards in place.** Brian Hilton.

Consolation prizes:

**Safety boots save sore feet.** Peter Fennamore.

**When you drive don't make a blunder, Or you may be six feet under** Eva Knowlson.

The judges were: Mr. Les Humphries Safety Office; Mrs. P. Scott, Mr. L. Lansdown, Mr. W. Rutter, Mr. R. Greaves.

Susie: You'd be a fine dancer except for two things.

Oscar: What?

Susie: Your feet.

Tourist: Ever had any accidents?

Cowboy: No.

Tourist: Never had an accident in your life?

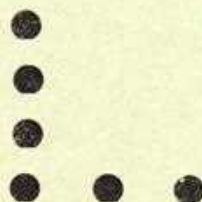
Cowboy: Nope. A rattler bit me once, though.

Tourist: Well, don't you call that an accident?

Cowboy: Naw, he bit me on purpose.

## TEASER

Place six coins on the table as illustrated below:



By moving one of these coins obtain two lines of four coins each.

Answer next month.

—Contributed by Ian Dickson

Answer to last month's teaser: Mr. Smith's unusual clock — I visited again on the following Saturday afternoon.

ooOoo

Dr. Drip: Look khere, don't you know my consulting hours are from four to five p.m.?  
Mr Pipp: Yes, but the dog that bit me didn't.

What animal do you look like when you go in swimming?  
A little bear.

What is the best thing to put into pies?  
Your teeth.

What international catastrophe would be caused by a waiter who dropped a dish at Christmas?

It would be the downfall of Turkey, the overthrow of Greece, and the destruction of China.

What is a pig after it is three days old?  
Four days old.

What's smaller than an ant's mouth?  
What goes into it.

Why is a pig in the parlor like a house on fire?  
The sooner both are put out the better.

When is a baseball player like a spider?  
When he catches a fly.



## Gardening Notes

(By MRS. C. C. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Amaranthus, Antirrhinum, Aster, Balsam, Bedding, Begonia, Coreopsis, Celesia, Dahlia, Carnation, Dianthus, Gaillardia, Marigold, (French and African), Nasturtium, Phlox, Petunia, Portulaca, Salpiglossis, Salvia, Sweet Pea, Zinnia; Plant — Antirrhinum, Carnation, Dianthus, Petunia, Phlox, Verbena.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Beetroot, Beans (French and Butter), Carrot, Onion, Peas, Parsnip, Parsley, Swede Turnip, Sweet Corn, White Turnip, Cabbage, Egg Plant, Capsicum, Leek, Rhubarb, Tomato, Cucumber, Melons, Pumpkins, Squash, Marrow, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard Radish; Plant — Lettuce, Tomato, Herbs, Potato.

Almost three inches of rain, which fell during September, has considerably helped new spring growth and given gardeners the opportunity to make last-minute tree and shrub plantings.

The flowering cherries and crab apples will be at their best in this district during October, and as many hundreds have been planted in gardens during the last 20 years, a tour of inspection should be enjoyable. We are fortunate that so many lovely gardens are open to visitors at this time of the year!

This is the month to make the first big planting of Summer flowering annuals. There are now a large number of different varieties of hybrid Petunias available. These flower freely and as they enjoy warm weather, grow best in sunny spots. Phlox can also be obtained in tall and dwarf varieties, the smaller ones being particularly good as border plants.

Plant out Chrysanthemum and Dahlia tubers this month.

Give the lawns another top-dressing of sandy-loam at the end of October.

Newly planted fruit trees will be making new growth and any shoots which appear below the fork should be removed. Apples, pears and quinces will flower this month and control measures against codling moth should commence as soon as the petals have fallen.

Plant tomatoes this month, covering these at night if it looks like frost.

The following quotation from "Australian Spring" by Hugh McCrae, is particularly applicable at this time of the year:—

"And jolly Spring, with love and laughter gay,  
Full fountaining, lets loose her tide of bees  
Upon the wakiug ember-flame of bloom  
New kindled in the honey-scented trees."



# PROBLEM PAGE



## DOWN—

- 1 --- Baba
- 2 Marsh
- 3 Totalled (colloq.)
- 4 Musical instrument
- 5 Fermented liquor
- 6 Tried
- 7 Slender
- 8 Man's nickname
- 9 Suffix: belonging to
- 14 Goddess of dawn (Gr.)
- 15 High, craggy hill
- 18 Church bench
- 19 Suffix: like
- 20 Remunerate
- 21 River islet (Eng.)
- 22 Foot digit
- 24 Spaces
- 25 Retreat
- 27 To and ---
- 28 Thick
- 29 Anglo-Saxon slave
- 30 Throw
- 31 Fit
- 32 Urge
- 33 Suffix: of
- 34 Of us
- 35 Born

## RESULT OF CROSSWORD No. 124

Only one correct solution was received. Accordingly the first prize of \$2.00 goes to Mrs. P. Murphy, 89 Princes Street, Goulburn.

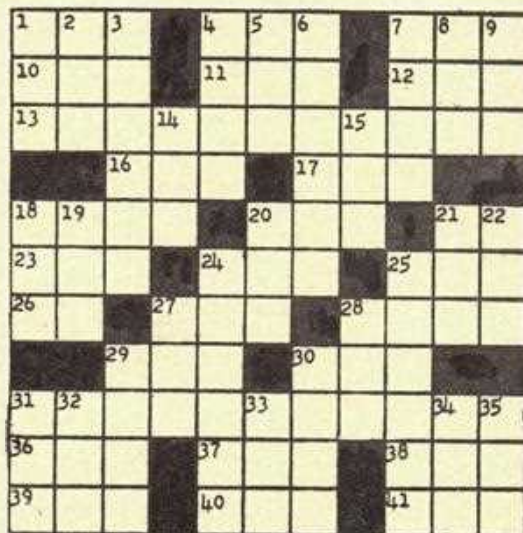
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1st Prize: \$2.00; 2nd Prize: \$1.00

CLOSING DATE — NOVEMBER 14th

## ACROSS—

- 1 Astern (naut.)
- 4 Head covering
- 7 Glide over snow
- 10 Constellation
- 11 Sp. cheer
- 12 Man's nickname
- 13 Arousing interest
- 16 2000lb
- 17 Male cat
- 18 Pastries
- 20 Through
- 21 Near to
- 23 Conclusion
- 24 Cushion
- 25 River
- 26 You and I
- 27 Flee
- 28 Festival
- 29 Epoch
- 30 Domestic pet
- 31 Confederation
- 36 Play on words
- 37 Letter L (pl.)
- 38 Repeat
- 39 Letter T
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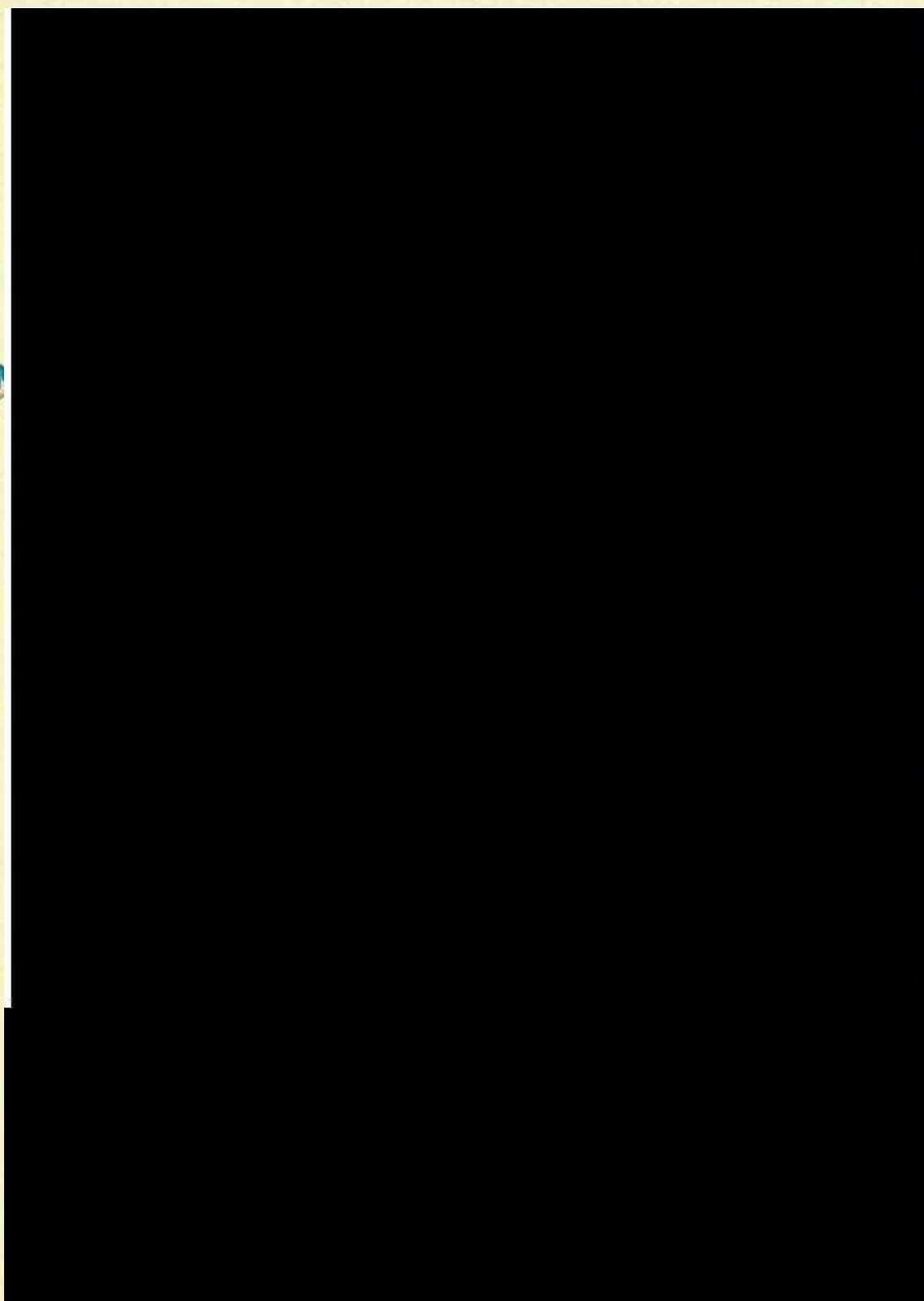
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# Editorial

"To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

These are the words that Shakespeare put into the mouth of Polonius, one of his characters in Hamlet.

Today we would say be honest with yourself. We might pride ourselves on our honesty, but are we honest with ourselves? For the most part, we don't like to admit that we have made a mistake, even if it is perfectly obvious.

In the Industrial Supervisor is the true story of a workman who removed a guard from a machine to do some oiling. The oil can he was using had a long spout. Whilst he was oiling the machine, the guard he had removed fell over, struck the oil can and threw the spout over, so that it cut an ugly gash across the right eyebrow, just missing the eye itself.

A little later, this man was in the emergency hospital receiving attention for the cut. He spoke about the accident to the male nurse who was attending him.

"You know" he said, that was an unavoidable accident, you can talk safety as much as you please, but there are always unavoidable accidents, and this was one of them."

"Do you mean that you are going to let that same thing happen again?" asked the nurse.

"No", answered the man, "it will never happen to **me** again."

"But how will you avoid it?"

"By laying the guard in another position," was the answer.

This man, who began by proclaiming this to be an unavoidable accident, concluded by explaining just how it might be avoided.

It would seem that accidents for which I am to blame, I will want called unavoidable. But a great many of the so called unavoidable accidents can be prevented. Let me see, what were those words of Shakespeare? — "To thine own self be true —".

THE EDITOR.



# Heard on the Grapevine

## BERRIMA

Mr. Sam Marshall spent two weeks fishing at Jindabyne.

ooOoo

The concrete floor of the new laboratory has been poured, and it is anticipated that the roof will also be poured this month.

ooOoo

Peter Doyle fell down some steps at home and injured his back. We hope this is not serious and that he will be with us again soon. Latest news is that Peter is in hospital for special treatment.

ooOoo

Bruce Blizzard left the Laboratory recently for fields afar.

John Wrench, Electrical Fitter, left recently after three years with the company.

ooOoo

Barry Wright, Ted Parrett and Colin Martin of the Power House are back from holidays. They are all full of vim and vigour, and we trust glad to be back again.

ooOoo

Latest news about the new turbine installation; foundations are still being poured.

ooOoo

Jim Jones and Robert McGinnes, Fitting and Turning, finished their apprenticeships and became tradesmen on the 28th of the month. Congratulations.

ooOoo

Ernie Radnidge has another grand daughter. His eldest son Barry and Barry's wife Clare are rejoicing. Barry served his apprenticeship at S.P.C. as a Fitter and Turner, he is now a foreman toolmaker in Sydney.

Lial Bush drew my attention to the fact that a wild duck was nesting near the Power House. There were twelve eggs, however, before we could organise a tele-photo the eggs had hatched out and Mrs. Duck and her family had gone.

ooOoo

Mr. and Mrs. Killian announced the engagement of their daughter Rita to Hank Veldhuis on the 21st November, 1970.

ooOoo

## MARULAN

Mr. Rex Armstrong, burner at the Lime Kiln, was off work during the month. He had to undergo an operation for hernia. We trust he will soon recover full health and strength.

ooOoo

Rex Izzard was on annual leave. He spent the time on his small farm.

ooOoo

About the time this magazine is published, the Marulan South P. & C. Association will be holding a Fete in the School Grounds. It is to be officially opened by Mr. R. Brewer, M.L.A. We hope this effort is a huge success. Mrs. M. Delderfield, wife of Mr. K. Delderfield, our engineer, at Marulan, is the president.

ooOoo

The very popular night bowls will commence soon. They will be held every Friday night on Marulan South green. Illumination will also be provided for darts, euchre and a barbecue. It will be an open bowls night. There is a welcome awaiting.

We record with regret the sudden death of Alan Ison, who was our storeman at Chatswood since the store first opened there in 1959. With his cheerful personality Alan was well liked and respected by all who came into contact with him. To Mrs. Ison and family we extend our sincere sympathy.



## **S.P.C. EMPLOYEES' ENTERTAINMENT FUND PICNIC**

The picnic this year will again be held at the S.P.C. Cricket Oval on Sunday the 13th December. It will commence at 11.00 a.m. with the children's Fancy Dress, for which prizes will be awarded.

In order to avoid waiting, lunch, which this year takes the form of a Barbecue, will be served continuously from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

All the usual events and attractions will be featured.

Father Christmas will call, and there will be presents for all children and young people up to, and including those of 15 years of age.

Invitations and programmes will be distributed to all members in the near future.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Anyone who can help at the picnic, please contact Eric Johnston in the Machine Shop Office. Helpers work on a roster system. A little help is worth a lot of pity, and, of course, your help will contribute to the success of the day, and your own enjoyment.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC.

## **APPRENTICE PRIZEWINNERS EXCURSION**

As is the custom of S.P.C. an excursion has been arranged for the prize winning apprentices.

On Sunday, December 6th, Roger Gowtrd, Robert McGinness, Gregory Knapman and George Turzyski from Berrima, with Eric Rumsey and Dick Bryant from Marulan, will leave for the Snowy Mountains.

They will visit various power stations, including the T1 Underground Power Station. There will be a cruise on Lake Eucumbene, a visit to the new township of Jindabyne, also the Thredbo Alpine Village, time will be allowed here for a ride on the chair lift to the top of the Crackenback Range.

It will be a very full and interesting three days. The party will be supervised by Mr. E. Radnidge, Apprentice Training Foreman.

## **SPEAKING ORGANICALLY**

(By RUS GREAVES)

The Newcastle Hammond Organ Society No. 1 Chapter, four years ago assembled its first organ convention. During the past four years, certain changes have been made, so that this year's "Convention" was actually a concert of various organists and lovers of music from near and far!

To say that the concert was fantastic would be an understatement! At the beginning, everyone was busy renewing old acquaintances, "What model are you playing?" "Have you had any trouble with percussion?" "My daughter is only 8 years old and can play 'The Caliph of Bagdad'," etc.

Two Hammond organs went up on the stage of the New Kensington Theatre, Hunter Street. One instrument a superb model H was appreciated for its "effects" while the other, model C3, was more of the straight type of instrument.

Hammonds, apart from their versatility are well known for their "musical hold," as they never require tuning. This is due to Hammonds patented synchronous tone wheel set up for generating the various musical tones.

The "stir" of the Hammond range is the x-66 which has over 24,000 parts, including 400 diodes and 1000 transistors!

To get back to the convention.

It opened with a duet and as the programme proceeded the audience was entertained by members of the Newcastle chapter.

Possibly, the star of the evening, although her technique was limited, was a young lady 8 years old. Providing "one can operate the controls," effects are unlimited, and even this very young lady was able to provide quite an entertainment. You see, the volume is not made by the way one "belts" the keys, actually these are only switches and the volume is controlled by a light foot pedal. Side and bass drums are easily switched in, so even a young lady of 8 years old can sound like an orchestra!

After a very enjoyable time, more chin wagging, and good bye for 12 months.

For those keen on organ music, Reginald Foort the famous British Theatre organist will be visiting Australia in 1971.





A group of the General Office girls in the new gold uniforms.  
 Back row: Dale Berry, Mrs. M. Madden, Rhonda Churchill, Mrs. B. Teague.  
 Front row: Robyn Mathewson, Jenny Mackey, Helen Murdoch, Mrs. M. Halls.



More fun at the Credit Union Picnic.



# FISHY TALES

It would appear that the only good fishing at the moment would be in the works pond! This has recently been stocked by the chief Piscatologist with some nice Perch.

However, as in gardening, one is always dogged with diseases and pests, and the pool is no exception. Some difficulty is being experienced at the moment with fungus, but we are hopeful that it can be kept at bay!

My scouts inform me that reasonable fishing is available at the moment in St. George's Basin. Also that the prawns should start running soon. Last year the prawns were very patchy, but now that Lake Illawarra has been cleared, this offers good prospects this year.

Ken Powers caught quite a number of Leather Jackets in the Illawarra Channel and reckons there was no end to them. Once you get the knack of catching these fish, on a very small hook, you can get quite a lot. They are very touchy though and can suck the bait off without a feel on the line. My experience has been that a great deal of care should be exercised in baiting, don't leave any pieces attached to the line! If the line enters the water with bits of bait on it, the Leather Jackets go for it and incidentally cut the line through with their very sharp teeth.

If you can get onto the Chinaman Leather Jacket, that is the big black and yellow striped fellow, he will offer good sport and a very tasty meal also. These run about two to four lbs, but be careful of that nasty dorsal spike which is so cunningly concealed until touched, and, of course they have to be skinned.

If you go boating outside, a similar fish is the John Dory. He has a large black mark as big as a 20c piece, on each side of his head.

Nev. Gilby tells me he is "polishing up" his boat anticipating some good trips outside. This "outside" is very attractive to a lot of would-be fishermen, but beware of the dangers attached. No small dinghies, a good seaworthy boat with a reliable engine, and don't forget that two-strokers can become very cranky, so include the oars—and life jacket.

It's a wonder to me that more people are not drowned! No life jacket. I suppose it's like seat belts in cars, one just doesn't think! It could save a life though.

Reports are that Bill Saker is getting bigger and better fish each trip. He is making quite a study of it now — even down to studying the marine charts!

Try the Jewies with a floating bait sometime!

## Nature Notes

(by CHRIS SONTER)

During October one of our loveliest species of birds comes to join us in the Berrima district. The bird is the Australian Bee-eater or Rainbow Bird. It truly is a bird of many colours and a beautiful bird to watch whilst in flight. It can be seen in the heat of the day perching on a dead limb, post or wire, scanning the surrounding area for insects. On sighting an insect, it darts out in a graceful flight, and then, after capturing its prey, usually flies back to the same perch to devour it. This type of flight action is known as "hawking." Almost all of its food is procured whilst in flight. This particular bird gets its name from the diet, which consists mostly of bees. The bird is able to extract the sting from bees, consequently it is not popular with apiarists (bee keepers).

I have observed these birds inhabiting the country around "Goodman's Ford" on the Wollondilly River. Other sightings have been reported in the district, but they seem to favour the more open areas.

I have found several nests of the Rainbow Bird in the Wollondilly River area. It is unusual in its nesting habits. After pairing and mating, the pair select a sight for a nest in the side of the bank of a creek or mound, or even on the flat surface of the ground. A tunnel is then driven into the bank to a distance of one to three feet. At the end of this tunnel a chamber is constructed to hold the five to seven pure white eggs. The birds use their beaks and feet in building the tunnel. The nest chamber has no lining except the wing cases and legs of beetles, etc.





Trish Bunter a new starter at the General Office working in Costs.

## MRS. PRABHA YARDI

Our latest new starter in the General Office is Mrs. Prabha Yardi, wife of "Joe" Yardi, Works Office.

She writes:

It is a new experience for me to work in an office, and I am thrilled about it.

Although Australians are very modern they are warm hearted. I also admire their zest for the outdoor life, and the great interest they take in sport of all kinds.

Joe and I were impressed with picturesque Bowral at Tulip Time, and also the surrounding areas.

We find the Australian friendly, and this is bound to make our stay here a very pleasant one.

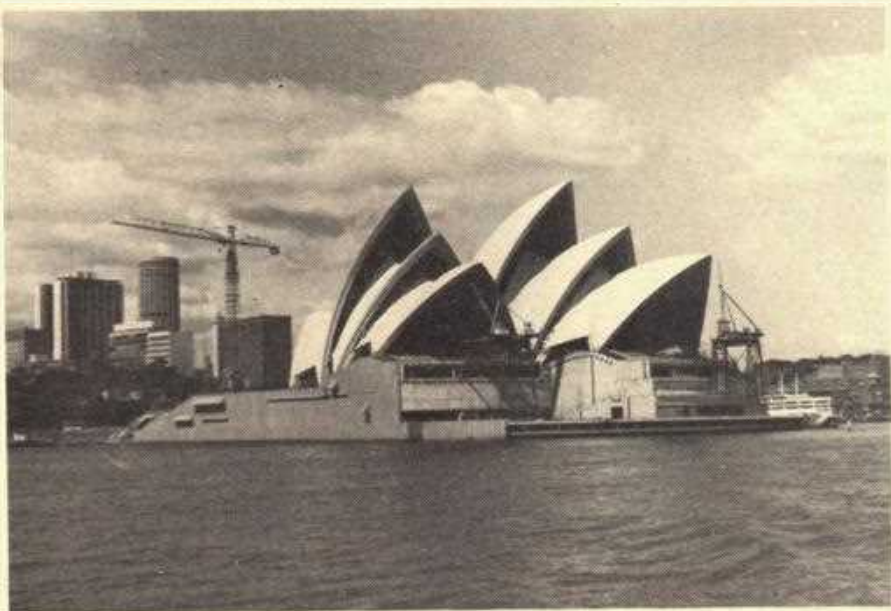


Mrs. Prabha Yardi, now working in the General Office, Stores Clerical.

Vickie Bennet of the General Office.

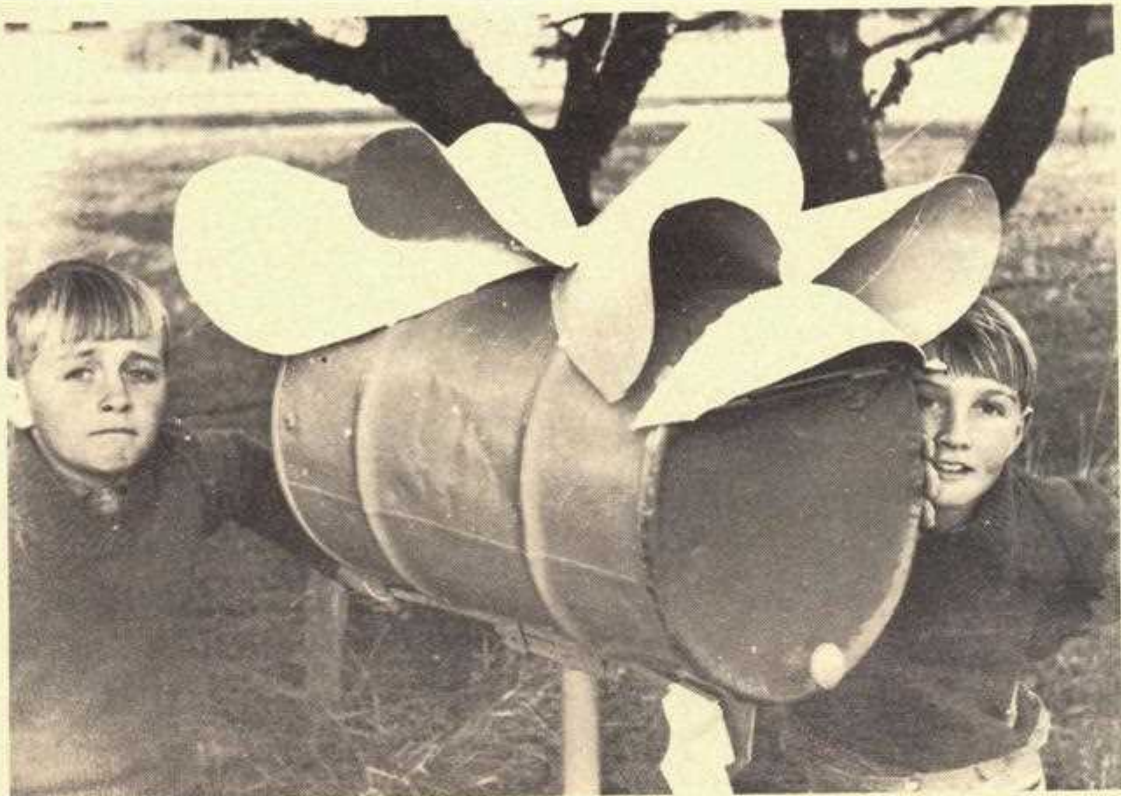




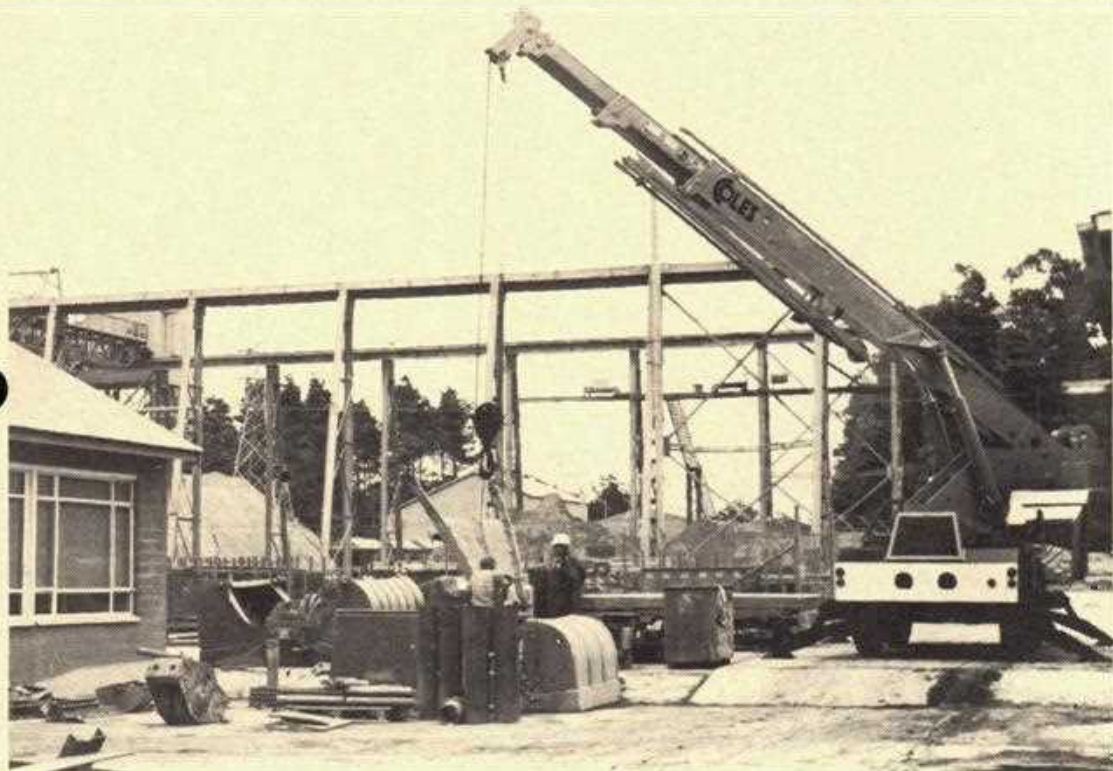


The Opera House, Photo: Col Glacken.

An Opera House Mail Box, Laggan, N.S.W. The two boys in the photo are the sons of Doug Phillips, who is an Endloader driver at the Quarry. (Photo: Col Glacken.







The new Coles Crane can take a Safe Load of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

Stan Murray at the controls. Stan has been with the company for over twenty years.







Jack Douglas, Ambulance Room.

### TWIN LANDSCAPES

Standing 2200 feet above sea level and on the verge of a plateau overlooking the rugged mountain-gorge country of the Kangaroo and Shoalhaven River Valleys, Bundanoon is a pleasant Southern Highlands vacation spot boasting two beautiful and contrasting landscapes. The mountain country nearby contains large wildlife sanctuaries and winding bush trails.

Echo Point, a local feature not to be confused with the Blue Mountains attraction of the same name, offers thrilling vistas over a mighty drop to the valley floor below. Leafy paths edged by native shrubs and flowers lead to other local features—River View, the Grand Canyon, the fern-edged pools of Fairy Bower, the dramatic Cliff Climb, the Amphitheatre of Glow Worm Glen, where under certain conditions, thousands of tiny, natural "neon lights" may be seen.

Bundanoon's second landscape is one of lush farms and grassy slopes. Many quiet rural lanes are lined with oaks and golden poplars.

A number of magnificent private gardens are in the area, while the charming little township of Bundanoon, with its avenues of trees bears witness to the foresight of the district's pioneer families.

Bundanoon is 98 miles from Sydney via the Hume Highway to Moss Vale, Sutton Forest and Exeter.

## Homelover's Corner

### LIGHT CHRISTMAS CAKE

Ingredients:  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar, 2ozs butter, 4 eggs, 1 small tspn golden syrup, 1 tspn brandy or rum, 2 heaped tspns each of raisins, chopped peel and almonds or sultanas.

Method: Cream butter and sugar, add unbeaten eggs one at a time and beat in well, then add the prepared fruit. Add the sifted flour and mix in lightly, lastly mix in the golden syrup and the spirits, bake in a well-greased 8in tin in a very moderate oven (425 deg) about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. In any fruit cake you may substitute any one fruit with another you prefer; just remember to keep the total weight of fruit as the recipe states.

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### BUTTERSCOTCH CAKE

Ingredients:  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar, 2ozs butter, 1 egg,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup SR flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn vanilla, 1 tspn golden syrup, pinch salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn cinnamon,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped walnuts.

Method: Cream butter and sugar, add egg yolk and beat in well, sift flour salt and cinnamon (3 times), mix syrup milk and vanilla, add dry ingredients alternately with the liquids, mixing lightly, add nuts, beat egg white until stiff and fold it into mixture lightly, bake in well-greased and floured 8 inch sandwich tin in moderate oven (450 deg) about 20 minutes.

When cold, ice with cloudy caramel icing and sprinkle with chopped walnuts.

### HONEY OAT BISCUITS

Ingredients:  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb butter, 4oz sugar, 3oz flour, pinch salt, 1 cup rolled oats, 1 cup coconut,  $\frac{1}{2}$  level tspn carb soda, 1 dspn honey.

Method: Melt honey and butter. Add to the dry ingredients, place on tin in small spoonfuls. Cook in modern oven (for electric 400 deg) for 15 minutes.

### REFRIGERATOR NUTTIES

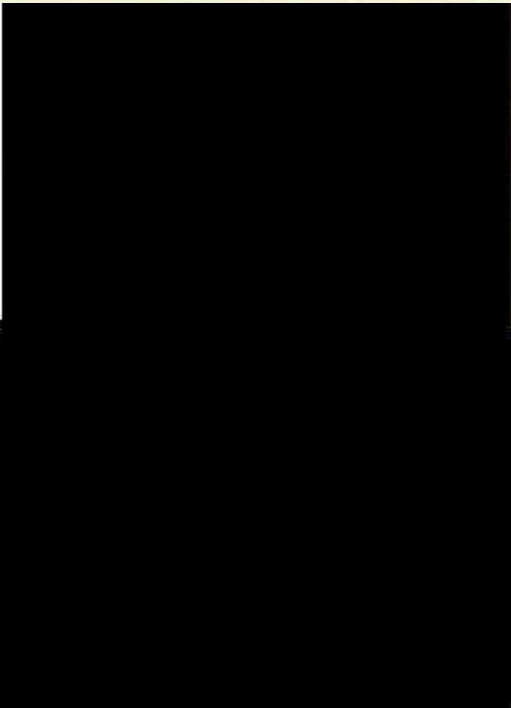
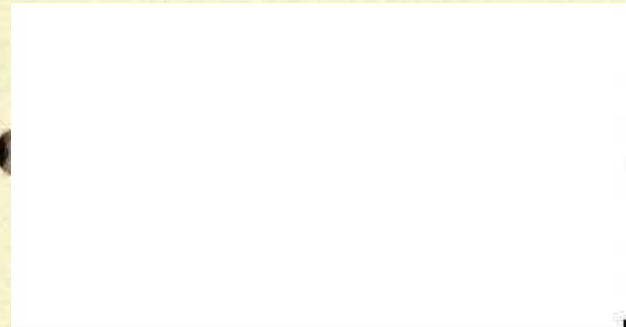
4oz brown sugar, 4oz butter, 1 egg,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn carb soda,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tspn cream of tartar, 2 cups flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup nuts, vanilla.

Method: Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg, vanilla, nuts and well sifted flour cream of tartar and carb soda. Mould into a long roll. Wrap in greased paper and store in refrigerator. When required cut into slices and bake in moderate oven. Electric 425 deg) from 10 to 15 minutes.





Jack King doing his bit at the recent Credit Union Picnic.







John Wills was in the Printing Shop with Nik, but seems to have a roving commission.



The Lime Kiln at Marulan South, where major planned repairs have recently been carried out. The kiln is now back in production — (Photo, Col Glacken)



# Juniors Page

## BELLING THE CAT

Once upon a time a large family of mice lived in the barn of a well-to-do farmer. His barn was stacked with corn, and grain and hay and the mice might have lived there in great peace and comfort with all that good food at hand except for one thing.

The farmer had a cat — a sleek, sharp-eyed cat whose green eyes glared brightly in the dark. Besides, his paws were so well padded that no one could hear him when he walked. The mice never knew when the cat might pounce upon them from the shadows so their every meal was eaten in fear and trembling.

Even the youngest and bravest mouse, its little heart beating pit-a-pat, scarcely dared to scurry across the floor, and all the mice began to grow thin.

The mice pondered and worried and worried and pondered but they could not think of a plan to outwit the cat. At last one evening when the mice were gathered in a safe hole where the cat could not reach them they held a meeting to consider what measures to take to outwit their enemy.

Some mice said this, some said that. But finally, a young mouse looking very important, rose to speak.

"You will all agree," he said, "that our chief danger lies in the sly and treacherous way our enemy approaches us. Now if we had a signal to warn us of his coming, we could easily escape. I have thought of a wonderful plan," continued the young mouse.

"Why not tie a bell around the cat's neck so we can hear him when he walks. We could use the old cowbell in the barn."

"What a wonderful plan! Why haven't we ever thought of it before?" applauded the mice. They went on excitedly praising the plan until a wise old mouse who had kept silent all the while rose to his feet and said, "That is all very well now that we are all agreed about a bell. Indeed, with a bell about the cat's neck to warn us, we shall all be safe. However, there is one question I must ask. Which of you is going to put the bell on the cat?"

There was a great silence. The mice looked at one another and nobody spoke, not even the smart young mouse. Then the old mouse said, "It is easy to propose impossible remedies."

MANY THINGS ARE EASIER SAID THAN DONE

ooOoo

## Crypto Codes Result

The correct phrase was: "Treat others as you would have them treat you." Prizes of 50c each awarded to Grahame Dickson, John Talbert and Lisa Talbert. There is no competition this month. It will be resumed at a later date.

## EXPENSIVE GUESTS

We have all seen pictures of that peculiar Australian animal, the Platypus, even though we may not have seen one in the zoo or in the wild state.

The first man to breed a platypus in captivity was David Fleay of Brisbane, Australia. Because of the knowledge gained by his success, the Bronx Zoo in New York was able to keep two of them for ten years. This is the longest time that a platypus has survived outside Australia.

The two platypuses at the Bronx Zoo, were named Cecil and Penelope. The two of them ate 25,000 worms a month, in addition to crayfish, frogs and egg custard. A curator said that the Platypuses were the most expensive guests at the zoo. The enormous quantity of worms which they ate, cost more than the feed for the elephants!

Teacher: In what part of the world are the people most ignorant?

Smarty: In New York City.

Teacher: Really? What makes you say that?

Smarty: Well, my geography says that's where the population is most dense.

ooOoo

May: What do you grow in your garden?  
Fay: Tired.

ooOoo

Dick: I'm going to open a pet shop. When next you find me, I'll be among my little dumb animals.

Nick: Wear a hat so we'll know you.



# FACE IN THE MIRROR

(By R. G. STARK, Reproduced in part from  
"The Industrial Supervisor, Sept., 1970)

Once upon a time, the town of Free Enterprise had two camera manufacturing plants.

The larger of the firms, Hardcase Industries, was owned and operated by Ira Hardcase. Overall supervision of the seventy-five employees came under the iron fist of Buck Passer, plant superintendent.

On the other side of town, Cyrus Clearlens operated his somewhat smaller, Clearlens Pty. Ltd. An elderly, quiet genius of a man, Clearlens had not been endowed with the initial capital of his rival, and therefore was obliged to make every one of his hard-earned dollars go further.

Fully aware of this, plant superintendent Jeff Cawshun, worked closely with his boss in order to make the company thrive.

Although he had started out with superior assets, Hardcase noted a decline in sales, and the pinch on profits was beginning to hurt.

Time to call in his superintendent, Buck Passer, and talk things over.

"Buck, we're losing out to old Clearlens on the other side of the town. We've got a bigger plant, more employees, more money and my brains, yet Clearlens is eating up our market. Why?"

"It's the fault of the employees, Boss. I've been pushing them as hard as I can, and we're turning out lots of work, but we're getting rejects by the ton!"

"Rejects! Why?"

"Oh, you know, it's the couldn't care less attitude of the workers in the plant; always fumbling and getting hurt. You have to hit them with a sledge hammer to get them to do anything, and if they get hurt, they run to the doctor like crybabies. Things were sure different when I was on the line."

"Wait a minute, I'm talking about rejects, and you tell me the men are getting hurt. What's this 'hurt' jazz?"

"Nothing. The guys have a handful of accidents and make a big production out of it. When they stay home with their sore backs, I have to switch employees, push production harder, and then the thanks I get is lousy workmanship and rejects."

"Well, why are they getting hurt?"

"Stupidity! Pure stupidity! Give them a job and they goof it up. It's typical of the help I have to hire these days."

"If they're accident prone, tell them to be careful," and with that, Ira Hardcase put on his hat, stormed out of the office and roared out of the entrance of his parking lot. After narrowly missing a lady who had the ridiculous idea she could cross the road safely in the green light, Hardcase drove by the new, small plant of Cyrus Clearlens.

"Think I'll drop in and see the old coot. Maybe he's marketing his stuff in South America." After slowing down to forty, Hardcase wheeled his large V8 into the Clearlens parking lot — via the exit — parked in front of a busy loading dock, locked his car, and headed up the footpath.

Cyrus Clearlens was in front of his office and shouted over to his competitor, "Why, hello Ira. Come on in. How's business?"

"Fine, fine. Just dropped in to see if it's true that you're ready to close your doors."

"Well, we hadn't planned on it. Sales have increased a bit and we make a modest profit. Actually, we hope to expand our facilities somewhat."

"Mmmm..."

"Oh, Ira, would you excuse me for a moment? Jeff and I are going to review an accident that occurred this morning."

"Review an accident? You sound as if you have one a year."

"Not quite. Wish that were the case, but it's not. Had three last year and one was quite serious. Fine young lad nearly took off a finger in one of our presses."

"You call that serious? Why, man, everyone gets hurt in my plant at least once a year. Why the big deal?"

"It's big to us, Ira. We want everyone to go home in one piece."

"Now, Jeff, what happened to Bill Johnson?"

"Wait a minute," roared Hardcase, "since when has Bill Johnson been working for you?"



"Since he fractured his ankle and left your plant Ira. The work he does for us normally keeps him off his feet. Not always, but normally."

"Once again, Jeff; what happened?"

"My fault, Boss. I thought I'd given Bill instruction on proper lifting, especially in view of his weakened condition. Guess I overlooked this. He tried to move 150 pounds without help. When I asked him why, he said he'd have been asking for trouble if he'd asked for help on his former job."

"Well Jeff, I'm to blame, too. I should have gone over our work rules and safety procedures more thoroughly. Remind me to bring this up at our next safety committee meeting. We don't want a recurrence of this. The Bill Johnsons are too hard to find."

"He's a master technician, Ira. He's our leading man on shutter assembly and one of the key reasons our quality is kept high. We've had an occasional return for breakage due to faulty packaging, but never a complaint on our quality control."

"I suppose you've got him on your safety committee, too?"

"No, and that may very well have been our second mistake. Bill could have profited from participation, and we would have undoubtedly benefitted from the experience he has encountered in the past. Point No. 2 Jeff, get Bill on the committee."

With that, Cyrus walked over to the mirror on his panelled wall and stared into it.

"Need a shave, Cyrus?"

"No, Ira; just pondering. Silly thing, I suppose, but whenever we have an accident, I look into the mirror to see who's to blame. You see, I'm responsible for the well-being of my staff."

"Are you telling me you believe this modern noise about top management responsibility for safety?"

"Why, yes, I suppose so. Jeff and I have found that an effective safety program begins with top management. We do still have accidents, but our lost time is much less than it was two years ago, and our insurance costs are dropping. Funny thing, our production is up too."

"Hogwash! Well, nice to see you Cyrus. When you're ready to sell out, let me know."

"Sure Ira. Drop in again. We may be here for a while."

Ira Hardcase popped on his hat, bounced out of the office, jumped into his car, slammed the door on his coat, banged his head on the mirror and then started up. As he approached the gate marked "entrance only," Ira peered into the mirror to see if anyone was watching. No one was — but Ira saw his own face in the mirror — and suddenly, he brought his car to a halt, turned around, and eased his vehicle for the exit lane.

"Safety committee," he laughed, while stopping for a pedestrian.

"Top management responsibility," he guffawed while exactly following the flow of traffic.

"That simple old fool! Safety never paid off and he knows it. Now what was it he said a Jeff about sharing the blame? Better stop the car and write some of this nonsense down before I forget it."

## STORE NEWS

The Stores Department has come into prominence and much comment lately! This is due to the fact that the first step towards "Computerisation" has taken place. Namely, introduction of new Stock Bin Numbers and a very impressive catalogue. The latter, especially, has caused mental stress to the point of creating a new complaint known as "Catalogueitis."

But even now, there are signs that this is being overcome and quite soon everyone will become acclimatised to the new system.

In the meantime members of the Stores Department may be observed going about their duties murmuring weird and strange utterances, gazing blankly at figures and letters in distress, and shaking their heads in sorrow — and finally bursting into screams of hysterical laughter. Don't give in, boys — IT'LL COME!! Apart from the mental strain everyone is physically sound.

Tom Roach was absent from work for a fortnight (bronchitis) but is back at the desk grappling with the "New Order"!

Two new storemen have joined us, namely — Terry O'Toole and Jim Dray and are settling in.

Arthur Mills is beginning to wonder how many more changes he will see at S.P.C. — he has seen quite a few. All the other stalwarts, Ron, Fred, Jack, Bryn, Barry and Les are coping manfully with the process of transition.



## Gardening Notes



(By MRS. C. C. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow — Antirrhinum, Aster, Amaranthus, Balsam, Celosia, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Helianthus, Marigolds, Portulaca, Phlox Drummondii, Primula, Salpiglossis, Sweet William, Verbena, Zinnia. Plant — Ageratum, Antirrhinum, Aster, Carnation, Dianthus, Lobelia, Marigolds, Petunia, Phlox, Portulaca, Salvia, Verbena, Zinnia.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Beet, Beans (Dwarf and Climbing), Carrot, Celery, Okra, Parsnip, Peas, Sweet Corn, White Turnip, Cucumber, Egg Plant, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Cress, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Radish. Plant — Lettuce, Tomato, Sweet potato, Herbs.

A week of mid-summer temperatures during the first few days of October, followed by rain, caused very rapid growth of shrubs, trees and pastures. Since then the weather has been mainly cool with some very heavy, late frosts, which have "nipped" the young growths and spoiled some of the later blossoms.

This month the flowering hawthorns, with double white, pink and red flowers in long arching sprays, are at their best. Chrysanthemum plants and Dahlias (tubers or "green plants") should be planted out in prepared garden beds now, staking to be done at the same time.

When the leaves on the Daffodils are yellow and dry, cut them back to ground level. Lift Hyacinth and Tulip bulbs about the end of November, storing in dry sand in a cool, dry place.

Mulching of the vegetable garden should be commenced now to conserve moisture and improve the soil.

Strawberries may be given a side dressing of complete fertiliser this month. Continue baiting for slugs and snails, as these are very active at the present time.



# Safety Competitions

## Safety Limerick

Roger Seville of the Colliery again takes the first prize of \$3.00 with his last line of the limerick below:

Let the record remind ev'ryone  
That the hardest of jobs can be done  
If we use the safe way  
In our work ev'ry day

Then our record is second to none.

ooOoo

Second prize line — Mrs. L. Talbert, Berrima West "Accidents we'll evade one by one."; Third prize, Wendy Tickner, Throsby Street, Moss Vale: "We'll live longer and have lots more fun."; Fourth prize: Brian Hilton, "The more safety coupons can be won."; Fifth: Mrs M. Roach: "The results will be second to none."; Sixth: Chris O'Neill, EDP Dept. Berrima: "Great peace of mind can be won." Seventh: Mrs J. Dickson: "And bonus and new friends he's won."

The boss listened to the young man ask for a raise, then said, "Sylvester, I know you can't get married on the salary I'm paying you — and some day you'll thank me for it."

A noted financier was taken seriously ill at 90 years of age and felt that his end was near.

"Nonsense," said a doctor. "The Lord isn't going to take you until you've passed the 100 mark."

"No, my friend," said the aged banker. "That wouldn't be good finance. Why should the Lord wait until I have reached par when He can pick me up at 90?"

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## SOUTHERN PORTLAND CEMENT LIMITED B.H.P. WAGES EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND AS AT 23rd OCTOBER, 1970

|                     | Employees<br>Eligible |            | Percentage Admitted At<br>of Eligibles to Fund |               | At<br>7-8-69 23-10-70 |  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| Staff               | 7                     | 7          | 100.00                                         | 100.00%       |                       |  |
| Cement Works        | 195                   | 169        | 82.65                                          | 86.67%        |                       |  |
| Marulan Quarry      | 110                   | 77         | 72.32                                          | 70.00%        |                       |  |
| Distributing Stores | 14                    | 7          | 50.00                                          | 50.00%        |                       |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>326</b>            | <b>260</b> | <b>77.78</b>                                   | <b>79.75%</b> |                       |  |

## SAFETY SLOGANS

For this month's Safety Competition we revert to Safety Slogans.

One or two lines of apt and original comment on any aspect of safety. You can use rhyme and rhythm if you wish, but this is not necessary. Look up back copies of the Newsletter to refresh your mind.

As an example here is the last safety slogan's first prize winner from the September competition: "Make Safety Last — Put Safety First." Now have a go!

Closing date, 14th Decemebre.

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## Results of last month's

Seven coins in the form of a letter "L". Problem, to make two lines of four coins each by moving one coin. To do this, simply take the top coin and place it on top of the corner coin of the "L", in this way you have two line of four coins each.

A member of a notorious gang brought his sweetheart a present.

"To make you even more gorgeous, honey," he said, "I have obtained for you a mink stole."

She knew something about rabbit, too, and looked it over good and said vehemently "This ain't any mink stole."

"Well, honey, maybe it ain't mink, but it sure is stole."

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Chris Sonter tells me that a place worth a visit is the "David Stead Research Centre" opposite the Trianon Roadside Cafe at Bargo.

Being a memorial to the late David G. Stead, it is known also as the Wirrimbirra Sanctuary. A great deal of work has been put into the reserve, particularly the native plants nursery. Those who are interested in stocking their garden with native plants, would find just what they need there, as the plants are for sale.

Mr. Mel Fackender, who is the ranger-in-charge, has mapped out two nature trails in the reserve, and these are to educate people as to what grows in the bush.



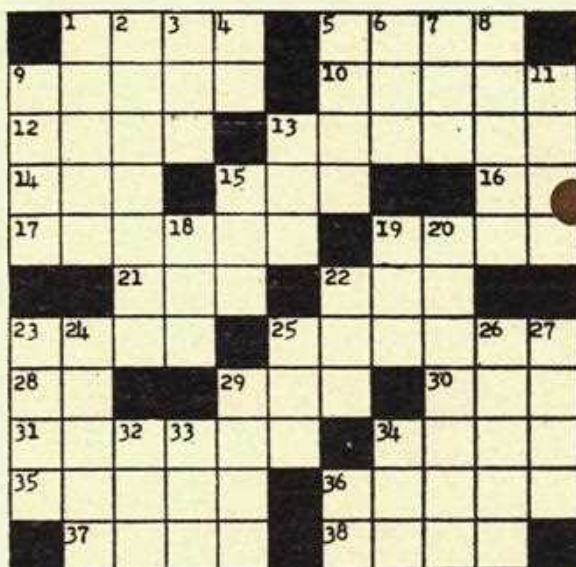
# OUR PROBLEM PAGE

Result of Crossword No. 125. First prize \$2.00. Mrs. A. Johnston, Brayton Road, Marulan; Second prize, \$1.00, Mrs. T. Pearson, 10 Hume Street, Marulan South.

Try this month's Crossword. Closing date, 14th December. Remember there are now two prizes. 1st prize \$2.00, second \$1.00.

## ACROSS—

- 1 City in India
- 5 Seasoning
- 9 Female horses
- 10 Procession
- 12 Epochs
- 13 Colonize
- 14 Male descendant
- 15 Not bright
- 16 Comparative suffix
- 17 Limbless reptiles
- 19 Edible rootstock
- 21 Loud noise
- 22 Perch
- 23 Slender
- 25 Hearken
- 28 Type measure
- 29 Spinning toy
- 30 Adjective suff.: of
- 31 Fall flower (pl.)
- 34 Goddess of discord (Gr.)
- 35 Thick Soup
- 36 Regions



- 37 Ireland
- 38 Spreads for drying



## DOWN—

- 1 Man's name
- 2 City in Spain
- 3 Thing, in Law (L.)
- 4 While
- 5 Stalk
- 6 Skill
- 7 Latvian coin
- 8 Layer of tiles
- 9 Muddle
- 11 Former Rom. emperor
- 13 Feminine nickname
- 15 Snug retreat
- 18 Kindred
- 19 It is (contr.)
- 20 Dressed
- 22 Taste
- 23 Jump
- 24 Follow
- 25 --- Angeles (Cal)
- 26 Man's name
- 27 Headland
- 29 Oak or elm
- 32 Thrice (comb. form)
- 33 Ever (contr.)
- 34 Before
- 36 Near to







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# The Start of it All

That night some shepherd were in the fields outside the village guarding the flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord.

They were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said, "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Saviour — yes, the Messiah, the Lord — has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognise him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger."

Suddenly the angel was joined by a vast host of others — the armies of heaven — praising God.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing Him."

When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and there was the baby, lying in the manger!

—From the Paraphrased Gospels.



# Editorial

## *Peace on Earth ?*

Where is this peace that the message of Christmas proclaims? As the years pass, the world seems to be filled more and more with violence and unrest.

It is true that, in many parts of the world, a different spirit seems to be abroad at Christmas. People are a little kinder, more considerate. There is a camaraderie not usually experienced, but there is still turmoil, wars, disasters, demonstrations. We may endeavour to set them aside for a day or two, but soon the headlines in the daily newspapers are starting at us again. Nevertheless, there are many people who have this peace of which Christmas speaks. It is an inner peace, it comes from faith in the Christmas story, faith in the one who grew to full stature as the Perfect Man.

I well remember a friend of mine, a minister of the gospel, in Britain during the Blitz. The sirens sounded. He found himself outside a public house, two young women ran out, distraught with fear. The minister was standing calmly by the wall, bombs were falling, there were no air-raid shelters near. "Aren't you afraid?" one of the young women asked. The Minister replied, "I look at it this way, if my time has come I'm ready to go, but if I still have work to do, then I have nothing to fear."

He was in possession of this peace that is the message of Christmas, an inner peace, through faith.

With this faith, this peace, we can go forward into the new year of 1971. The well-known words quoted by the late King George VI in one of his Christmas broadcasts some years ago, come to my mind. Speaking of the unknown, coming year, he said "Put your hand into the hand of God, and it shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way."



## TALL TALES INSTEAD OF FISHY TAILS

Fish being a bit scarce this month, I thought it could be of interest to quote an extract from my diary, made during a trip through inland Australia. "That God forsaken land!"

We had just consumed with relish Bill Godbin's Kangaroo Tail Soup brewed in Ethel's pressure cooker. Bill said "Now when you leave the Alice and head south make sure you don't have to camp between Hawkes Nest and Mt. Willoughby!" We didn't appreciate his warning fully until we found it necessary to camp at Hawkes Nest! We had driven through deep mud for two days and were delayed. There wasn't a blade of vegetation anywhere and, of course, no water! Just undulating hills covered with ironstone and quartz pebbles.

Inserting tent pegs in this kind of country is very aggravating.

Sitting outside the tent one had a peculiar sensation of loneliness, viewing this scene of utter desolation! This could be the aftermath of an atomic bomb explosion! This is the place that makes one appreciate civilization, even if we do have to fight to keep it!

Camping here is almost impossible. Fortunately, we were able to run the Holden off the road a few hundred yards, on to a small stoney plateau. There was just enough "flat" on it, to allow us to sleep in a more or less horizontal position! As far as the eye could see, it would be impossible to get another position like this! We had driven over one hour to find it!

How we longed now for that beautiful sandy oasis on the Kathleen River. However, it was an education — now The Alice? Well, we would spend a holiday in that delightful place, any Sydney winter!

## Welfare, Sick and Accident Fund

Would all members of the above fund, after a period of sickness where a doctor's certificate has been obtained, kindly call in to see the Welfare Officer in the Apprentice Training Foreman's Office.

It is necessary for members to sign a claim form before benefit can be paid.

C. W. KNOWLSON,  
Welfare Officer

In his "Friendship Book" Francis Gay tells the experience of "James" who had written to him.

James was in Korea during the Korean War. Always in his thoughts is his experience one Christmas Day.

He remembers how, in the early light of that Christmas morn, he suddenly came upon a little wooden cross marking the grave of a soldier. The cross stood by itself in a field, and on it, roughly burned into the wood, was this inscription:

Here lies my enemy

God forgive both him and me.

Then James looked at the foot of the cross, and there, in a little wooden box, lay a British Bible — and it lay on the grave of an enemy.

I know that on Christmas Day, James asked himself again, as I ask myself now: What manner of man was he who had the spirit of Christmas so deep in his heart that he paused in his stride on the battlefield to carve out his message.

## WOULD YOU SIGN THIS DOCUMENT?

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby and forthwith authorize my husband \_\_\_\_\_ to work without wearing goggles, safety shoes, hard hat, or any other safety equipment, and hereby promise that I will, without complaint, perform the following duties in the event that he is blinded or crippled:

Lead him wherever he wants to go.

Help him dress and eat.

Describe the scenery to him on our vacations.

Read to him instead of watching television.

Describe the way the children's eyes light up at Christmas, and what their graduations and weddings are like.

Teach him to do housework so I can get a job to support our family.

Do all the work around the yard and garage that he used to do.

Teach our little boy how to play ball, fish and hunt.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (wife)

—From Tarakohe and Waitomo News



# SANTA CLAUS VISITS S.P.C.

The Employees' Entertainment Fund Annual Picnic was honoured by a visit from Santa Claus. On his arrival, Santa was surrounded by a crowd of children, who escorted him across the grounds to the Oval. This was the big day at last.

Once again, held at the Oval, the Picnic was a huge success. About 450 Christmas presents were distributed to children of all ages. The attendance was estimated to be well in excess of 650. After a week of apprehension because of the heavy rain, the 13th dawned bright and clear.

As always, the willing helpers made the day a success. The President of the fund, Bill Strong the Vice-president, Don Moore, the Secretary, Owen Fairbairn and the Treasurer, Kev Moore, along with a host of volunteers, not forgetting Bill Hoffman and family who looked after the Barbecue, all contributed to a memorable day.

The Management was represented by Mr. J. McNicol, General Manager and Mr. L. Veal, Works Superintendent.

The sports included races for almost all ages, from the toddlers of two years to the over 40's.

The General Manager's Trophy was hotly contested. It resulted in a win for Marulan Quarry, this in spite of the fact that Mr. L. Veale came first in the 40 yards flat for the 40 years and over.

The trophy was presented by Mr. McNicol to the Marulan Maintenance workers.

The roundabout, Little Toot, the train, and the Go-carts, again proved great attractions.

The picnic is growing in popularity. Mr. Ken Many, representing WIN 4, was present to make a pictorial record for the Channel 4 News.

The children's fancy dress was one of the highlights. First prize, L. Furphy, second M. Whitley, and a special first to "Two Little Indians," Lyn Snowden and G. Snowden.

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Skippy: Hey, mom, I got a hundred in school today.

Mom: That's wonderful! What did you get a hundred in?

Skippy: Two things. I got forty in readin' and sixty in spellin'.

## SPORTS RESULTS

440 Yards handicap: Girls, 15 years, Kim Garbutt, Julit Chalker; Boys, B. Dickson, Tim Lancaster.

100 yards handicap: 13-15 years, Girls, R. Ray, W. Tickner; Boys, W. Furphy, B. Dickson.

75 yards handicap: 11-12 years, Girls, R. Ray, K. Garbutt; Boys, B. Maloney, G. Cosgrove.

50 yards handicap: 8-10 years, Girls, J. Howe, M. Cosgrove; Boys, T. Chapman, R. Cosgrove.

50 yards handicap: 5-7 years, Girls, L. Gutzke, S. Cooper; Boys, J. Izzard, J. Cooper.

25 yards handicap: 4-5 years, Girls, I. Zaranski, M. Humphries; Boys, B. Doyle, N. Cooper.

25 yards handicap: 3-4 years, Girls, A. M. Shepherd, J. Woods; Boys, M. Denny, G. Ashton.

15 yards handicap: 2-3 years, Girls, K. Hopkins, A. Zaranski; Boys, M. Craig, T. Walsh.

Wheelbarrow: Boys, 11-12 years, P. Barcicki, A. Acton 1; D. Clarke, J. Bizjak 2; 13-15 years, boys, G. Garbutt, T. Lancaster 1, B. McNicol, J. McNicol 2.

Three-legged Race: Boys and Girls, 11-12 years, P. Barcicki, A. Acton; 13-15 years, A. Saker, J. Chalker; Girls, 10 years, A. Boa, W. Wright.

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"I have a problem," said the patient to the psychiatrist.

"I live in one of the nicest detached houses just outside the suburbs, I have a swimming pool, a jaguar. I belong to two good golf clubs and my wife and I do a lot of entertaining. The three children are all at good schools, as well as having private tutors, and you'd only have to look at my restaurant bills to know I enjoy my food and drink."

"In that case," said the psychiatrist, "What sort of problem could you have?"

"It's simply this," answered the patient, "I only earn \$25 per week."

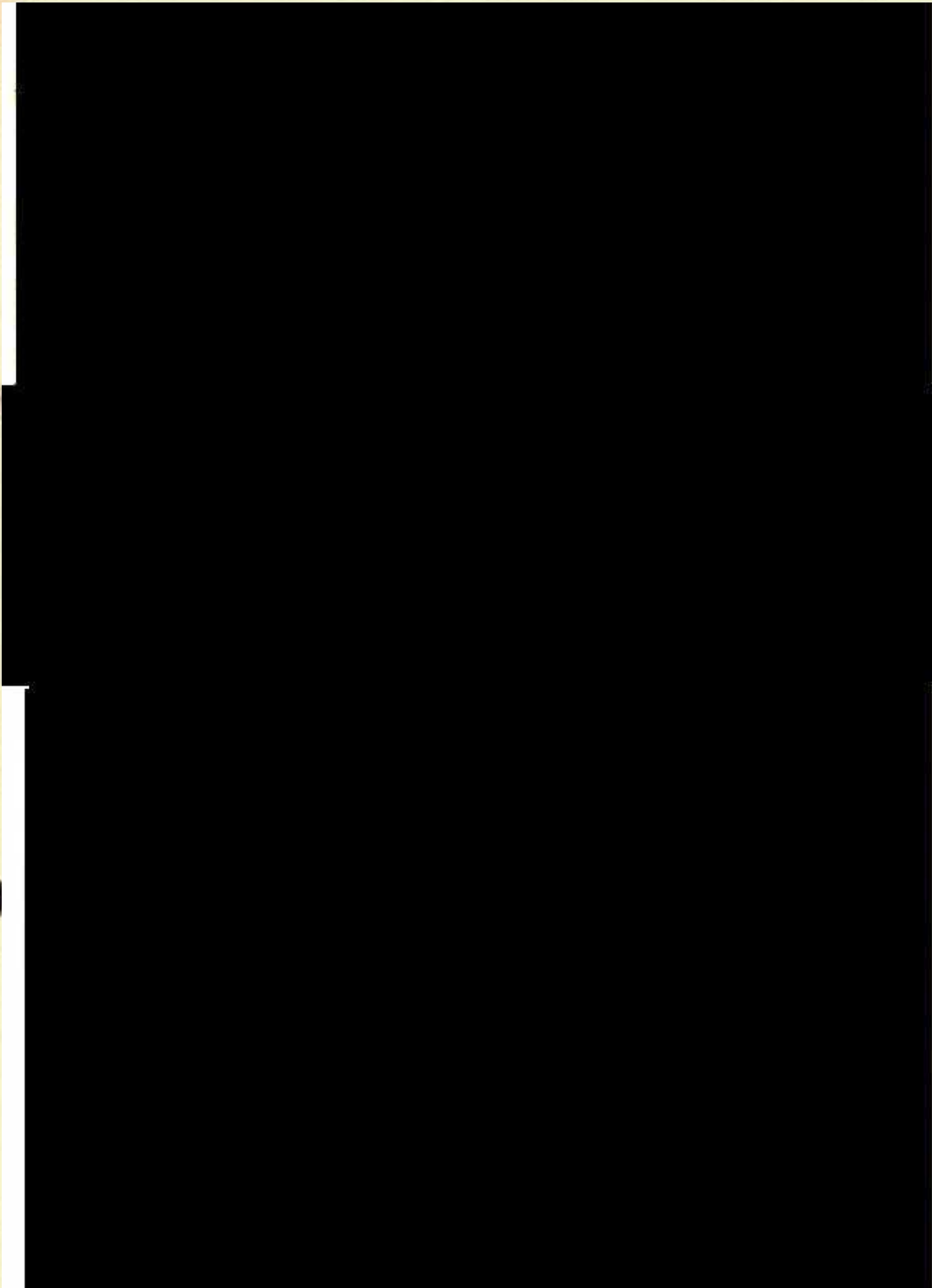








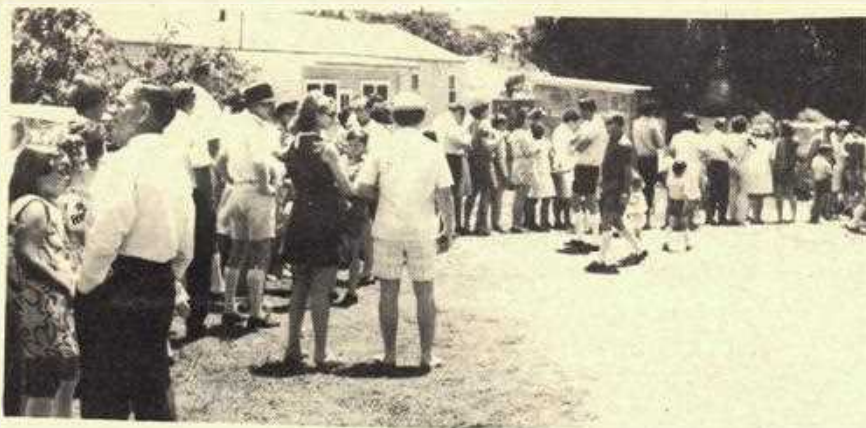












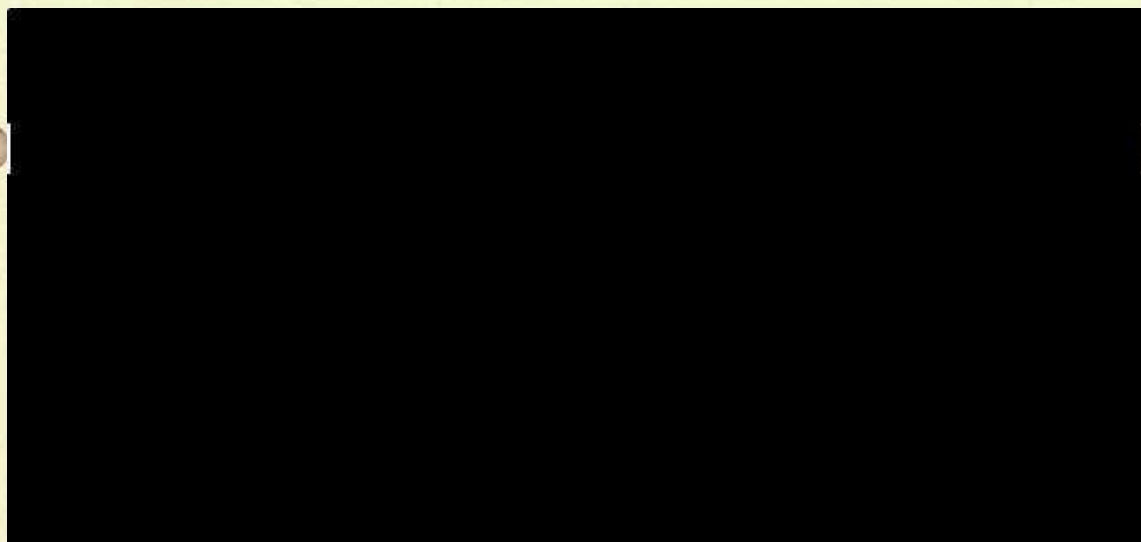








APPRENTICES — 7 YEARS WITHOUT A LOST TIME INJURY



MICHAEL BARCICKI

Cvetko Kolev, better known as "John" on the plant, standing alongside his crop of Telegraph peas, which reached a height of seven feet.



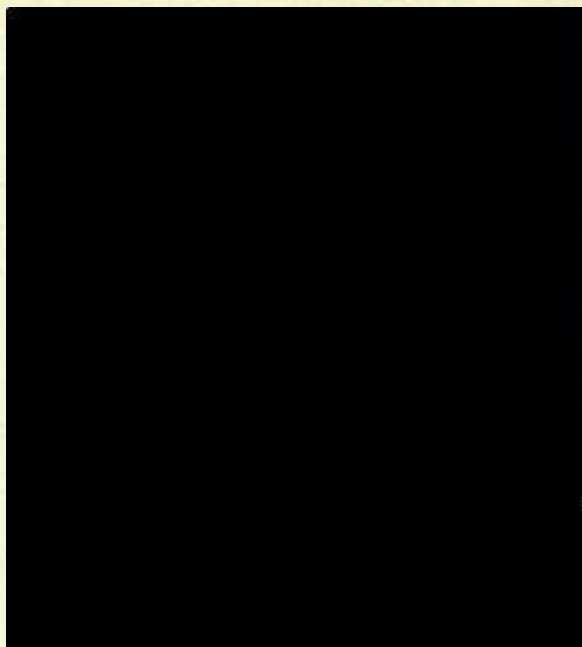
## OFF TO THE SOUTH POLAR ICE CAP

Peter J. Lewis, a former S.P.C. apprentice and son of Mr J. and Sister C. M. Lewis, of Bowral, has obtained a \$9,000 per annum post.

Interested in his qualifications, the firm of Thomas Watson and Rennie Ltd., have engaged Peter for the R. V. Robert D. Conrad, a geological survey vessel of the Columbia University.

The voyage takes Peter to the South Polar ice Cap, Capetown for dry dock, African Coast, Singapore, Japan, Alaska, U.S.A. and the Hawaiian Islands.

Peter was educated at Bowral High and as an Electrical Fitter with S.P.C. He later qualified in Electronics. He was encouraged by the company to take post trade courses, the company also paid his expenses.



PETER LEWIS



LEFT: CHRIS SONTER  
OF  
NATURE NOTES



## THE WISE MEN FOLLOW A STAR

Far to the east of the small country of Judea lived some wise men who studied the stars. God made a bright light that looked like a star, it moved across the sky. Some of the wise men saw it and decided to follow its leading. To them it meant that a King had been born.

They followed the star for many nights. It led them to the palace of King Herod in Jerusalem.

As travellers from afar, they obtained audience with the King.

They asked "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

"We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him." This was news to Herod. He was King, and he knew nothing of anyone else who might be a claimant to the throne. He sent for the Chief Priests and Scribes.

"Where is this King to be born?" he asked. The Priests and Scribes searched very carefully in the Sacred Writings, and found the place. It said that the young ruler would be born in Bethlehem.

This worried King Herod more than ever, what if this new-born King should take away his throne?

He called the wise men.

"When did you see this star?"

They told him and he replied "Go to Bethlehem and search for this young child, and when you have found him, let me know, that I may come and worship him."

Outside the city gates, the wise men saw the same bright star, it led them to Bethlehem.

At last they had found the new-born King, and falling on their knees they worshipped him. It had been revealed to them that he was not just an ordinary King, but the Son of God who had created all things.

They opened their treasurers, and presented the gifts they had brought, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Before the wise men left Bethlehem, God told them in a dream, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt. Stay there until I tell you to return, for Herod will look for Jesus and try to kill him."

So the young child Jesus was soon safe in Egypt.

When Herod died, an angel again appeared to Joseph in Egypt and said "Arise take the young child and his mother, Mary, and go back."

They started out again for Bethlehem. In Judea Joseph learned that Herod's son was now ruler. What if this new King was like his father? Because Joseph was afraid, the little family went on to Nazareth in the north of the country.

Here they made their home, and Joseph opened his carpenter's shop. It was in Nazareth where Jesus grew up, and he also became a carpenter.

## COMPETITION

Write down any five things you can do at home to make it safer and prevent accidents.

Entrants may be up to and including 12 years of age. Send your entry to the Editor, Newsletter. The three best will each receive a 50 cent piece.

## LAUGHS

Johnny: I fell over twenty feet last night.

Grandma: Mercy! Weren't you hurt?

Johnny: No. I was just trying to get to my seat in the movies.

What is it that can speak all languages?

An echo.

Where does Thursday come before Wednesday?

In the Dictionary.

When you lose something why do you always find it in the last place you look?

Because you stop looking when you find it.

What is it that never uses its teeth for eating purposes?

A comb.

If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?

Nine.

What word is always pronounced wrong?

Wrong.

What is the difference between the North Pole and the South Pole?

All the difference in the world.



## BERRIMA

Barbara Brooks carried off the Matron's Award for First Year Nursing and First Aid, at the Bowral District Hospital. Congratulations Barbara!

The award is made for communication with patients, and proficiency in the Male Ward.

Nursing awards were presented at the hospital on the 16th December.

Barbara is a daughter of Bill and Grace Brooks of Moss Vale. Bill is an engine driver in the Power House.

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Bill Strong's daughter, Edwina, in her first year at Bowral High School, achieved the distinction of sharing Dux of the school along with Cathy Dawes and Peter Mitchell.

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Michael Barcicki is home for Christmas after nearly 17 weeks in hospital! Michael and his family wish to thank all those who have visited him in hospital, and they are very grateful for the kindness and thoughtfulness extended to Michael by so many of his friends.

It will still be some weeks before Michael will be able to walk again on his own two feet, but the worst is over, and I am sure all our readers will want to join in wishing Michael, his parents and the rest of the family, a very happy Christmas and a safe new year.

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The spirit of Christmas is amply demonstrated all the year round by Kevin Moore, Owen Fairbairn, Pat Feeney and Don Moore in their fund-raising efforts for the Picnic Fund.

During the last two years they have raised one thousand dollars by giving of their lunch time, five days a week, to sell soft drinks in the lunch room.

The money thus raised helps to give a happy day to hundreds of the children of employees of S.P.C.

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David McClaren left S.P.C. during the month. He started as an apprentice electrician 17 years ago. He served as foreman of the Electrical shops and recently as Instrumentation Design Officer.

Gordon Ross, Engineer's Clerk, also terminated his employment with S.P.C. in December. He was well known and served in various capacities through his many years of service.

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## MARULAN

Marulan South Parents and Citizens held a very successful fete on Saturday, 28th November. Profits in the vicinity of \$250 were made possible by the co-operation of all members of the community who worked very hard.

The committee is very grateful to all and we extend our sincere thanks.

Prize-winners in the children's competitions were R. Cosgrove, K. Weston, L. Delderfield, K. Penfold, D. Coskrane, P. Whitton, T. Smith, J. Astille, D. Potter, C. Newman, M. Young, R. Delderfield, G. Parmenter, L. Newman, D. Murphy, M. Weston and B. Bryant.

Doll competition won by Bill May Quarry. Truck competition, Stephen Watson, Goulburn. Guess the weight of the sheep, M. Izzard, Marulan.

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Quite a large number of Quarry employees will be on annual leave during the Christmas break. They are: Tony Brok, John Plonski, Darrel Bryant, Barry Burnfield, Joe Blackmore, Laurie Weston, Howard Rowley, J. Soldo, Sid Turner, B. Hogan, Cliff Shepherd, E. Baseley, H. Mills, A. Nekrasius, T. Pickering, Ray Bell, Jan Keegan.

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Goulburn Gliding Club visited the Wollongong Gliding Club at the beginning of the month. The weather was perfect for gliding. Many flights lasted several hours.

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Allan Gutzke and family spent their annual vacation in Queensland.

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Geoff Cosgrove and family were at Batehaven.

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The Steffensons were also down at the coast for their holiday.



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Foreman Trevor Pearson was in Groote Eylandt, on loan to B.H.P. for their multi-million dollar site development.

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Lorraine, youngest daughter, of Trevor, is one of six nurses from Goulburn on exchange at Prince Alfred Hospital. She will be there six months.

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Cec Cluny had two spells in hospital.

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The Howard Rowley's are very happy on the birth of a son.

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Gary Cosgrove has returned to work after National Service.

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Barry Barnfield, Painter (punter) at the Quarry, casually called in to inform us that he had won \$236 on a 50-cent double on the Tote and a bet for a win and place on the same horses.

## SPORT

### MARULAN BOWLS—

Bowlers have been very active over the past few weeks. Pennants in No. 4 Division Goulburn district were played over five weekends on the Saturdays. Marulan did not run a place, scoring only six points out of a possible ten.

In January, the return match with Mittagong will be played at Marulan.

On January 10th, Marulan will play Gunning at Marulan, and on January 17th, Marulan will play Robertson on their green.

Friday night bowls under the lights have proved very popular. Many clubs are visiting and hamburgers, etc., are always available.

### BERRIMA GOLF—

In the Highlands Golf Club (Mittagong) Foursomes Championship, 1970, E. Radnidge and partner R. Tomlin were runners-up for the 36 holes scratch.

In the afternoon they won the 18 holes handicap event.

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Vince Medessic has come out in front in the boat "race" with a \$4000 all plastic speed boat. It is a very fast boat and ideal for skiing at half throttle. Several boats of all shapes and sizes are ready for the holidays.

## APPRENTICES SAFETY MEETING

Towards the end of the month of November the usual safety meeting was held for the apprentices.

Mr. E. Radnidge, opening the meeting, gave the position of Cement Companies in the Safety competition.

Swan Cement Co. 1st, S.P.C. 2nd and Cockburn 3rd.

He said that the Berrima apprentices achievement of 2,546 days without a disabling injury was very commendable, and if they continued this way they would have seven years up on December 5, 1970. Marulan apprentices were also to be congratulated on the good run of 428 safety days.

Mr. Radnidge pointed out that some practical joking had been going on, and warned that it was a very unsafe practice.

The boys were told to keep long hair covered, especially near moving machinery.

An article was read on the dangers of misusing compressed air, and also another article on unsafe practices when using acetylene cylinders.

Correct procedures were once again given on the use of Danger Tags and out-of-service tags.

Mr. L. Humphries projected the two films "Use Your Head" and "The Choice is Yours."

## FIRST AID CORNER

### DRESSINGS

A dressing is a covering applied to a wound or an injured part to:

- Assist in controlling bleeding
- Protect from further injury
- Prevent or lessen infection
- Ease pain
- Minimise swelling

Because your hands are never sterile, do not touch any wound except for the emergency control of haemorrhage. Do not touch any part of the dressing which will come into contact with the wound. Do not sneeze or talk over an open wound.

Adhesive prepared dressings are suitable for small wounds.

More about dressings next month.

—JACK DOUGLAS



## Gardening Notes



(by MRS. C. C. CROWE)

FLOWERS: Sow—Ageratum, Alyssum, Amaranthus, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Aster, Balsam, Carnation, Celosia, Cosmos, Delphinium, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Gypsophila, Hollyhock, Marigold (African and French), Mignonette, Nasturtium, Pansy, Portulaca, Primula, Saponaria, Statice, Stock, Sweet Pea, Verbena, Viola, Viscaria, Wallflower, Zinnia. Plant — Aggeratum, Amaranthus, Antirrhinum, Aster, Carnation, Dahlia (bedding), Dianthus, Marigold, Petunia, Portulaca, Salvia, Verbena, Zinnia.

VEGETABLES: Sow — Beetroot, Beans, Silver Beet, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Cress, Cuuliflower, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce, Mustard, Parsnip, Peas, Radish, Salsify, Sweet Corn, Swede Turnip, White Turnip. Plant — Silver Beet, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Eschalot, Lettuce, Tomato, Marjoram, Sage and Thyme.

We had quite good ran again during November, with some warmer weather and a few very cold days, however the spring growth rate has continued and the surrounding district looks exceptionally bountiful at present.

We now have three hot months ahead and this is the time to provide mulching for garden beds to help conserve moisture. Get rid of all weeds NOW to prevent them seeding and regrowing over the holiday period. Trim back any shrubs or trees which have grown a little wildly with the good spring, and add fertiliser to the soil around them where necessary.

Don't forget to water the garden in the evening now, to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and give the water a chance to soak into the soil and get down to the roots.

Gladiolus corms should be planted this month for Autumn flowering. Tie Dahlia and Chrysanthemum plants to stakes as they grow, to prevent them being blown over in windy weather.

Lightly prune back any spring-flowering herbaceous plants which have finished flowering. This often encourages a second blooming. Watch for green caterpillars on the Cypress hedge and spray with "Bug-Geta." Lay out baits for slugs and snails.

When all this work is complete, take a few days rest over the holiday period. A very happy and joyful Christmas to everybody!



## THANK YOU FROM THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family wishes to thank the management and all S.P.C. employees for their generous contributions to their Christmas appeal.

The Smith Family is an organisation known to thousands throughout New South Wales as a haven of help to the helpless. Help in the form of material aid, such as food and clothing; in friendship to the lonely; in comfort to the distressed and advice to those whose worries often seem insurmountable.

In the Wollongong area, over 11,000 each year people call upon the Smith Family situated in Market Street, to come to their aid in one of these ways.

The folk are broken family units, widowed parents, sick, unemployed, aged people, unmarried mothers, or just average folk with the above average, problems of mental instability, inadequacy or inability to adjust to a new country or a new way of life.

This centre is staffed by a skeleton staff of paid members and up to 40 voluntary helpers. These volunteers carry out the welfare visiting and interviewing; the sorting and making and issuing of clothes; the packing of food parcels and the inspection and repair of furniture and toys for issue.

Each year over \$36,000 is needed to provide this service. This money is used for repayments on the centre overdraft, provision of transport for pick-up and delivery of goods, purchase of food — over \$5,000 was spent last year on this item alone, apart from the donated food — and the purchase of clothing; to pay necessary medical bills or dental and chemists accounts; to provide bread, milk and baby food.

The Smith Family aims to provide, not only temporary assistance to those in need, but aims to seek out the root of the problem and if possible remove it.

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"Integrity and wisdom — those are the keys to business success," the managing director impressed on his son. "By integrity I mean that when you promise delivery of goods on a certain day, you must do so even if it bankrupts you."

"And what is wisdom?" the son asked.  
"Don't make such promises."

## SAFETY SLOGANS RESULT

1st prize, R. Seville:

**"Safe Practices cost little yet pay much  
Unsafe practices cost much and pay  
little."**

2nd prize, John Talbert:

**"Don't let a speedometer measure your  
lifetime,  
Only your speed time."**

3rd prize, Mrs. J. Dickson:

**"Unwashed hands spread germs unseen.  
When preparing meals keep your hands  
clean."**

4th prize, Brian Dickson:

**"A fire left without a guard,  
often leaves a child who's scarred."**

5th prize, Mrs. M. Roach:

**"Beware of conflagrations with  
seasonal decorations."**

6th prize, Eva Knowlson:

**"Safety, Well — Practice what you  
preach!"**

Try your hand at writing a Safety Slogan this month. Closing date, January 13, 1971.

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## CROSSWORD RESULT

First prize, \$2.00: Mr. Jim Dray; Second prize, \$1.00: Mrs. P. Yardi.

Try this month's crossword, you could win. Closing date, January 13, 1971.

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Psychiatrist: "Now tell me your problem."

New Patient: "It's not really a problem, doctor. My family thought I should see you because I like cotton socks."

Psychiatrist: "There's nothing wrong with that. Many people don't care for nylon or silk socks. As a matter of fact, I like cotton socks myself."

Patient: "You do? How do you like yours, with mayonnaise or ketchup?"

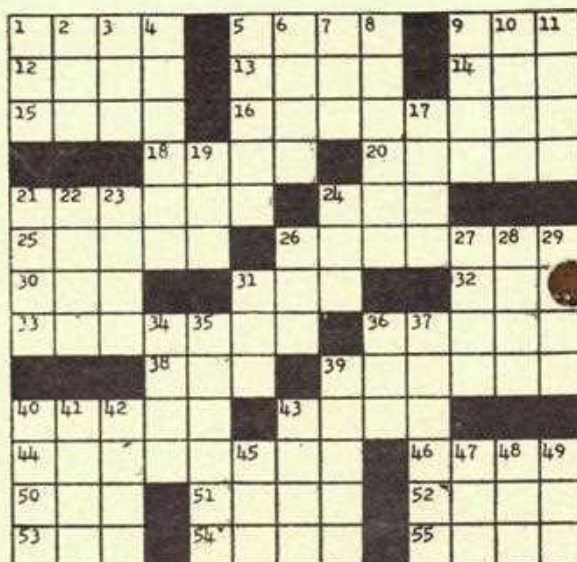


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  - 40 Republic in W. Africa
  - 43 College in England
  - 44 Settle again
  - 46 River in Russia
  - 50 Noah's vessel (Bib.)
  - 51 Relieve
  - 52 Subtle emanation
  - 53 Yea
  - 54 Hastened
  - 55 Conduct