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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL STAFF**

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Closing date for next issue

Closing date for all contributions for the February edition of Interchange is February 1st.

BERT, AT 94, RETURNS TO THE CRB...

It was a day of nostalgia when some of the CRB's oldest retired employees returned to the Board in late November to renew life-long friendships.

More than 100 retired men and women met in the Head Office Theatre to form the CRB Retired Persons Association.

Among those at the function were Jack Thorpe (ex-Deputy Chairman), Win Drury (ex-receptionist), Nancy Costelloe (formerly Strover), Lois Lee, Cliff Liddell (ex-Deputy Secretary), Ted King (ex-controller of Stores), Jim Farish (ex-DA Benalla), Dary Carty-Salmon (ex-Legal Officer), Eric Moncrieff (ex-Principal Traffic Officer) and John Molnar (ex-Assistant Chief Mechanical Engineer).

The nostalgic day began with the arrival of the "old folks" from 10 a.m. The more recently retired people took the opportunity to visit friends still on the job. They wandered through the building, accompanied by back slapping, hand shaking and broad grinning.

By mid-day most people had gathered in the foyer and the theatre and were joined by the three Board members for lunch. Judging by the noise there was not much eating done.

At the start of lunch, there was one conspicuously absent man, Bert Davies, who at 94 years of age was to be the oldest person at the function.

As lunch rumbled on, Bert suddenly appeared at the doorstep. He apologised for arriving late and said to the welcoming party, "I overshot Kew Junction and the tram took me up to Glenferrie Road. I walked back from there: I can't walk as fast as I used to."

Bert proved to be one of the real characters of the day. He retired in 1954 when he was 70 years old, but ran his own Title Searching business until two years ago. In typically humble fashion Bert said, "The only bloody interesting thing about me seems to be that I'm 94½ years old."

Bert is one of the two remaining foundation members of Southern Golf Club, along with Frank Hosking, who was the CRB's Advance Planning Engineer for many years. Bert still plays golf regularly but says, "A recent accident has put me out of action for a while."

When asked about the future, he said: "Well, I don't worry too much about that. My friends allege that my end will be at the hands of a jealous husband."

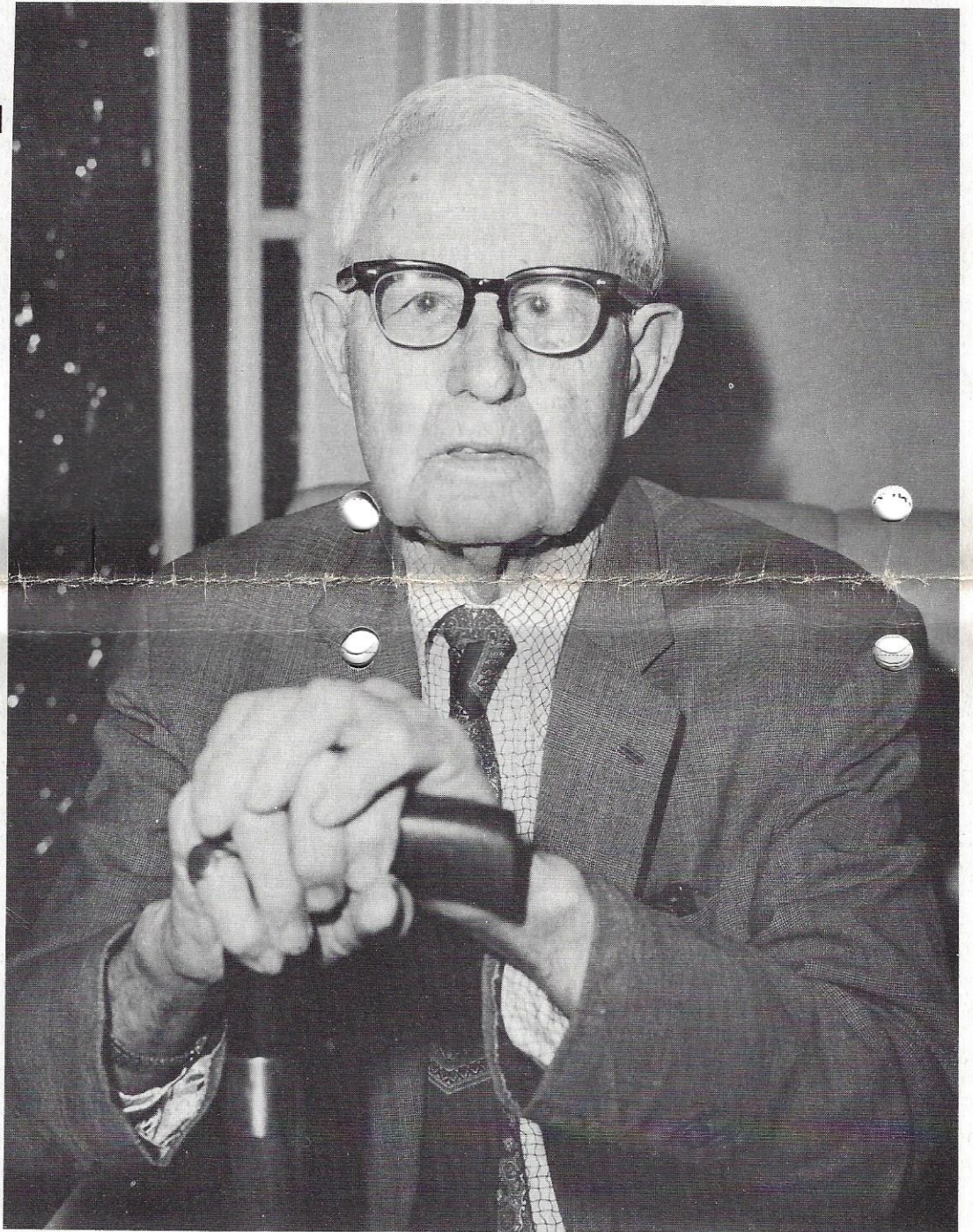
Bert came to the Board with a wealth of experience in survey work. He was a foundation member of the Australian Survey Corps in 1910 and during World War I served in Mesopotamia, Egypt and France.

His memories go deep into CRB history. He started in 1925 when Head Office was at the Titles Office. Bert prepared Documents of Transfer for CRB land acquisition.

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• CRB nostalgia will become a regular feature in Interchange. Please forward any articles or photos to your representative. And see page 4 for another piece of nostalgia — The CRB Choir of 1965.



• Bert Davies

A MARATHON EFFORT

Fifteen marathon runners from the CRB joined 2,700 competitors in the Frankston to Melbourne marathon run on November 5th.

Among those who finished the 26 miles 385 yards was Ted Oppy, DE Ballarat, who treated the event as a build-up to an Olympic marathon at Carlton on November 19th.

Ted finished both marathons in good times: The Frankston-Melbourne run in 4 hours, and the Olympic run in 3 hours 17 minutes.

Those who finished the Frankston-Melbourne run were:

John Harper (Title Survey); Ken Barnhill (Traffic Engineering); Graeme Nicholls (Syndal); Geoff Jameson (Lab); Noel Anderson (Plans & Surveys); Ted Oppy

(DE Ballarat); Andrew Walker (Lab); Nick Szwed (Traffic Engineering); Dave Williamson (Traffic Engineering); Ivor Preston (Road Planning); Gordon Anderson (Road Planning); Greg Aplin (Road Planning). Both Alan Bowman (Traffic Engineering) and John Tulloch (Title Survey) made a good effort and ran to half-way.

Ivor Preston ran to Gardenvale, where he was forced to lie down for half an hour with his feet up on the low treated pine fence railing.

When the "pick-up bus" came along, Ivor was just about to step into it when Gordon Anderson came running by. "I'm not letting that so-and-so beat me," thought Ivor. "I'll never hear the end of it." So Ivor ran on with Gordon.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

The Garden State comes alive at Swan Hill

The main street of Swan Hill has been reconstructed as a combined Swan Hill City Council-CRB project with emphasis on the pedestrian aspect of shopping.

The Campbell Street Shopping Park was opened by the Premier, The Hon. R. J. Hamer, on 4th November at a ceremony in the street, attended by many residents.

Mr Hamer said the shopping park was one of the most imaginative and successful concepts the State had ever seen.

Mr Tom Russell, then Deputy Chairman, said the shopping park had "transformed a bare, drab street into an oasis".

"It now adds to the Premier's concept of a Garden State," he added.

The shopping park project has converted a two-way roadway with angled parking into a curving two-way road with some car parking provision, tree plantations, pedestrian walkways and widened footpaths where pedestrians can gather.

Construction of the shopping park is the culmination of nearly a decade of investigation and public enquiry. The need for reconstruction of Swan Hill's main street was recognised in 1969 by both the Council and the CRB.

Several traditional forms of reconstruction were investigated until a local citizen, Mr Brian Delany, proposed the shopping park concept. He had observed the concept while visiting Grand Junction, Colorado, USA, where a curved road alignment had permitted landscaping of enlarged pedestrian areas.

After investigation, the Swan Hill council adopted the concept for the reconstruction of Campbell Street.

The aims of the shopping park were set down as:

1. To improve the amenity of the area by beautification.
2. Improve safety by reducing conflict between parking traffic and through traffic.
3. Reduce the speed of through traffic and encourage heavy traffic to use other roads.
4. Provide safe areas for pedestrians to cross roads.
5. Provide something different and interesting for tourists.

Once the concept was accepted locally, the council approached the CRB for approval and finance. Tom Glazebrook (Divisional Engineer, Bendigo) supported the scheme and after a successful trial using temporary kerbing the final proposals were approved by the Board.

The shopping park is claimed to be unique in Australia although several cities in the USA and Europe have used the concept.

Roadworks, including all the parking areas, were constructed by the Board, under supervision of Engineer Peter Moor and Overseer Joe Ketterer. The landscaping was carried out by the council.



• Campbell Street, Swan Hill



• Mr Russell at the opening ceremony of the shopping park.

CAMP ROAD OVERPASS OPENED

The Camp Road/Johnstone Street overpass over the railway line and Pascoe Vale Road in Broadmeadows was fully opened to traffic on 27th November.

The Camp Road overpass has eliminated one of Melbourne's most

heavily trafficked and potentially dangerous railway level crossings.

Before the overpass was constructed, the intersection was heavily congested and difficult to negotiate during peak periods. Approximately 25,000 vehicles travel through the intersection between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each week day.

Construction began on the overpass in January, 1976, and parts of the project were opened to traffic in December last year and March this year.

NEW CHAIRMAN



• Mr Russell

Mr T. H. Russell, M Eng Sc (Hons), BCE (Hons), Dip CE, CE, FIE Aust, is the new Chairman of the Country Roads Board.

He succeeded Mr R. E. V. Donaldson, who retired on 8th December after seven years as Chairman.

Mr Russell was appointed Board Member in 1971 and then Deputy Chairman in 1975.

Mr Russell's appointment by the State Government in November was followed by the appointment of Board member, Mr W. S. Brake as Deputy Chairman and Mr N. L. Allanson as Board Member. Mr Allanson was formerly Secretary of the CRB.

Mr Russell joined the Board in 1971 as a diplomate engineer from the Government Institute of Technology. His early service with the Board was mainly in the drafting, surveying and construction supervision field, including approximately one year in the Northern Territory on the construction of the North-South Road.

In 1946 Mr Russell was granted leave without pay to undertake his degree in civil engineering at the University of Melbourne, which he completed in 1948.

He immediately undertook further post graduate studies leading to the award of the degree of Master of Engineering Science in 1949.

On his return to the Board in 1950, he worked in both Benalla and Traralgon Divisions and was subsequently appointed Assistant Divisional Engineer, Traralgon Division. From 1959 onwards he occupied various positions in Head Office including Assistant Engineer for Plans and Surveys, Assistant Bridge Engineer, Chief Bridge Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineer, culminating in his appointment as Chief Engineer in 1970.

Mr Russell attended the Advanced Course of the Australian Administrative Staff College in 1960, and accompanied the Hon. Sir Murray Porter, MLA, who was then Minister for Public Works, on an overseas mission in 1965.

Mr Russell is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia, was Chairman of the Structural Branch of Victoria Division in 1967, and is currently a member of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Melbourne.

Since 1973 Mr Russell has been closely associated with the National Association of State Road Authorities' Economics of Road Vehicle Limits Study which has resulted in a great deal of progress towards the rationalization of mass and dimension limits for heavy vehicles throughout Australia.

Mr Russell, 53, is married with two children and lives at North Balwyn. He is a former President and District Governor of the Association of Apex Clubs and is now an Honorary Life Member of that organisation. Mr Russell is a member and past-president of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

In the sporting field Mr Russell represented Victoria in interstate amateur football and Traralgon in Victorian Country Week Basketball. His current sporting interests are golf, jogging and vocal support for Geelong Football Club.



• Mr Brake



• Mr Allanson

Mr. Donaldson retires...

Mr R. E. V. (Ted) Donaldson retired as Chairman of the Country Roads Board on 8th December, 1978.

Mr. Donaldson's retirement ended 33 years' service with the CRB, the last seven as Chairman. He rose through the administrative ranks to the position of Secretary on 1st July, 1956, before being appointed Board Member in August, 1962, and then Deputy Chairman in July, 1963.

He has also served terms as Chairman of the Australian Road Research Board, and Chairman of the National Association of Australian State Road Authorities.

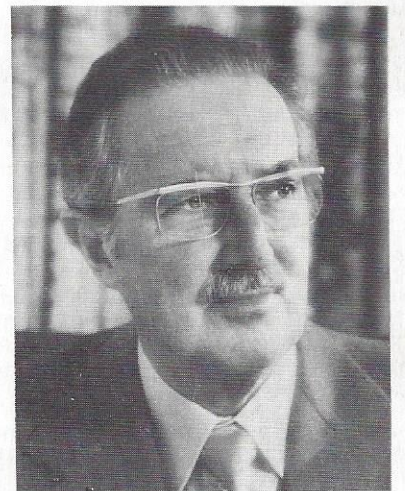
Mr Donaldson completed study tours of parts of North America, the United Kingdom and Europe in 1967 and attended the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses Conference in Mexico City in 1975 and the International Road Federation Conference in Japan in 1977.

Mr. Donaldson attended the Advanced Course at the Australian Administrative Staff College in 1961.

During the period of Mr Donaldson's Chairmanship, the CRB continued with the development of high standard roads in Victoria.

Mr Donaldson listed the progressive construction of divided highways and the opening of sections of freeways amongst the important achievements of the CRB during his period as Chairman. He was proud to welcome 213 officers and employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the CRB in 1974.

Mr. Donaldson said the biggest management challenge that faced the CRB during his term as Chairman was the shrinking of the CRB's financial resources, coupled with increasing demands on the road system.



• Mr Donaldson

"In 1970-71, CRB expenditure on roads in Victoria totalled \$109 million, representing \$259 million in today's money values. Unfortunately, funds available to the CRB in 1978-79 are estimated to be only \$236 million.

This reduction in the real value of road funds has occurred during a period when the number of vehicles on our roads has risen by 30 per cent.

"This shortage of road funds presents a continuing challenge to the CRB," Mr Donaldson said. "By constant review of our management and technological methods the CRB endeavours to extract as much work value as possible from every dollar we receive. However, it is essential that the Commonwealth Government realises its financial responsibilities to the States and returns a large share if not all of the revenue received from fuel tax to the States for expenditure on roads."

Mr. Donaldson listed as his future interests golf, fishing, gardening, sailing and travel.

ENGINEERING A GOLF

WIN...

All the results :
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The 1978 Roadbuilders Open Golf Championship was held on Monday, 20th November, when about 120 adversaries — sorry competitors — fought out this highly acclaimed event.

It is worth noting the build-up in the golfing world—PGA Championship, Australian Open Championship and then the Roadbuilders Open. Unfortunately the internationals were unable to make the "cut".

After a closely fought round Garry House (P&S) won the Championship and was presented with the F. R. Oldfield trophy by our recently-retired Chairman, Mr Donaldson. This is the second year running that Plans & Surveys has produced the CRB Champion.

The C. G. Roberts trophy for the teams event was won by Metropolitan Division (Geoff Hose, Greg Kelly, Brian Tindall and Phil Marshall). Geoff Hose strongly refuted rumours that he only wanted to meet Mr Donaldson again and again and again. (Geoff was in the winner's circle three times on the day).

This year's event was highlighted by organisation problems that ranked with the birth of World Series Cricket.

Finding a suitable venue proved difficult this year. It seems that some clubs do not like the idea of social golfers playing on their hallowed ground — or the revenue these golf days attract, but with

typical tact and diplomacy shown by an ad hoc organising committee, suitable arrangements were made with the prestigious Commonwealth Golf Club.

Petrol strikes almost forced the postponement of the Championship, but a last minute decision by the organising committee, and because the union went back to work, allowed the Championship to be held.

After the engineers runaway victory over the admins, rumours have circulated that some of the aids used by the engineers do not strictly conform with the rules of the Royal and Ancient.

• Another photo — Page 8.

• **BELOW:** Lester Watt (Seymour) prepares to drive, with a little help from Ken Mathers (Metro) and a theodolite.



MOA extends credit

The MOA has extended its credit facilities, increasing the maximum loan from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

The extended credit includes housing loans, which will carry interest of 11% per annum reducing daily.

The maximum housing loan will be \$30,000 or 90% of the valuation, whichever is the lesser amount.

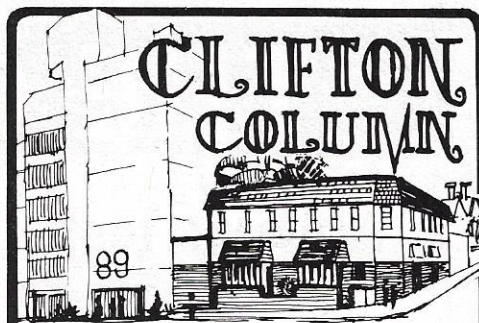
Interest will be charged at 11% per annum with a maximum repayment period of 30 years. A savings qualification period of at least 12 months will be required of all housing loan applicants.

The move follows a recommendation by the Board of Directors to a Special General Meeting of Credit Union Members on 9th November.

The meeting also approved raising the personal loan limit to \$30,000. However any personal loan over \$10,000 has to be secured by Registered Mortgage and interest paid at a rate of 15% per annum. The meeting also approved the introduction of housing loan finance by joining the Victorian Credit Co-operative Association Housing Fund.

There are no restrictions on sex or marital status of applicants.

For any enquiries on MOA loans contact Peter Lindsay, Personnel (ext. 2270).



WE have the story from Benalla Division that an overseer had called the local mobile police patrol to ask them to be on the watch for speeding motorists through his roadworks.

That very same evening, the overseer was booked for speeding while leaving the job, and it cost him \$40.

Couldn't be right, could it?

A HELPFUL definition for someone. Jargon — what is used until you understand the subject, then it becomes terminology.

OLD ENGLISH remedy for baldness — "goose dung spread on hairless patches." See Sally Evans, Registry. She's got a gaggle of geese.

PHOTOGRAPHIC Section received many congratulatory messages from staff members on the quality of their work in the Board's current Annual Report. Most pleasing was a note from Administration Officer Bruce McKenzie who, as a former Public Relations Officer, produced many annual reports.

Bruce's note ranked the current effort as "the best bunch of colour photographs seen in any annual report".

The unluckiest golfer awarded from the CRB golf day goes to Bruce Chipperfield (P&S). While taking well-earned refreshments in the club house, Bruce noticed two workmen cut down a tree on the 18th fairway that he had spent some time and energy under during the game. Verbatim comment not available for print.

CORRESPONDENCE registry's Robyn Martin replied as follows to a request for a file on the Board's objectives:

"You mean by objectives what you're supposed to be doing . . . as distinct to what you ARE doing?"

Hmm . . . Not just a pretty face.

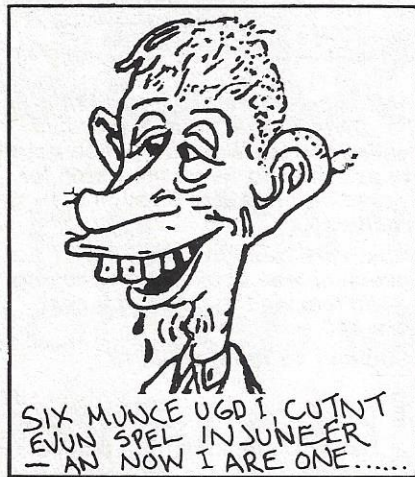
INTERCHANGE presents the ten laws of the boss.

1. The Boss is right.
2. The Boss is always right.
3. In the unlikely event that a subordinate may be right (1) and (2) shall apply.
4. The Boss does not sleep, he rests.
5. The Boss does not drink, he sips.
6. The Boss is never late, he is held up.
7. The Boss does not absent himself from work, his presence is required elsewhere.
8. The Boss does not read the paper in the office, he brings himself up to date.
9. Anyone who enters the Boss's office with some scheme of his own, leaves with the Boss's scheme.
10. The Boss is always the Boss, even in bathers.

Footnote: A reading of the above laws suggests that this man is a dictator. Therefore, every possible means must be employed to prevent his marriage, in order that there be no increase in the number of Bosses.

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

1. Aptitude test



With the crying need for high calibre staff in the public service this test may be of assistance to Personnel Officers. Placement of the employees would be determined according to this score:—

15 — 17 right ... Give him an air-conditioned office with carpet.

9 — 14 right ... No air-conditioning, no carpet.

7 — 8 right ... There must be something he can do!

4 — 6 right ... The District Employee Office is just around the street.

1. If you went to bed at 8 o'clock tonight and set the alarm to get up at 9 o'clock the next morning, how many hours' sleep would you have?
2. How many birthdays does the average man have?

3. Why can't a man living in Port Augusta be buried west of Spencer's Gulf?
4. If you had only one match, and entered a room in which there was a kerosene lamp, a gas ring and a fuel stove, which would you light first?
5. Some months have 31 days, some have 30 days, how many months have 28 days?
6. If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last you?
7. A man built a house with four sides to it and it is rectangular in shape, each side having a southerly aspect. A big bear walks past. 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 of 30 cents. One of them is not a 10 cent piece. Please remember that. What are the two coins?
10. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many did he have left?
11. Divide 30 by 1/2 and 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 gave 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 mis-spelt in this test?

● Turn to Page 11 for the answers.

2. How are your work values

This checklist describes factors associated with some jobs.

Some of these factors may be important to you and some not. Rank them in order of priority from 1 to 17, in the order each factor is important to you.

Interchange is arranging to survey people's attitudes to their work, and if you would like to participate in this survey, send your completed work values checklist to the Public Relations Office, 5th Floor, Head Office.

No name is required, but please give some indication of your classification and branch.

Keep a copy of the checklist so that you can compare your work values with the results of the survey, which will be published in the next issue of Interchange.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ALTRUISM | Work which benefits others. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CREATIVITY | Work in which you can create something new. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENCE | Work you can do as fast or slow as you want. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION | Work in which you can learn more about how and why things work. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT | Work that gives you a feeling of having done a job well. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MANAGEMENT | Work which you can plan and lay out for others to do. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SECURITY | Work in which you are sure of having a job even in hard times. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC RETURNS | Work in which you get a good salary. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRESTIGE | Work in which people look up to you. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SURROUNDINGS | Work in pleasant surroundings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATES | Work in which your fellow workers are the kind of people you like. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUPERVISORY RELATIONS | Work in which the supervisor you work for is fair and square. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LEISURE ACTIVITIES | Work when you do many different things on the job. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS | Work where you meet people. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY | Work which will enable you to spend time with your family. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL GROWTH | Work in which I can learn about and grow within myself. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VARIETY | Work which will provide sufficient opportunity to pursue your hobbies and sporting activities. |

Freeway emergency service

Motorists' calls to the Country Roads Board's emergency freeway service have topped 1,000 per month since the extension of the service to the Mulgrave/South Gippsland Freeways.

Latest figures show that the new Mulgrave/South Gippsland Freeways service accounted for more than a quarter of all calls

during September and October this year.

The service provides 40 emergency telephones, covering the two freeways from Forster Road, Mt. Waverley, to Somerville Road, Hampton Park. The service commenced at the end of August.

A total of 267 calls, the largest from any of the major arterial routes covered by the service, were received from motorists on the

Mulgrave/South Gippsland Freeways during the first month of operation, September.

The CRB 24-hour emergency service, with direct telephone links to the control centre at the CRB's Kew Head Office, also covers the Tullamarine, Eastern, South Eastern and West Gate Freeways, and Kings Bridge.

Motorists running out of petrol still accounted for between 20 and 30 per cent of calls received, the largest category of calls after mechanical breakdown.

Noreen Robertson retires



One of the Board's most popular typing supervisors, Noreen Robertson, retired recently.

Noreen started with the Board on 4th May 1964 and over the years has endeared herself to many people.

Noreen's quiet, unassuming manner belied the tenacity of her work on behalf of the staff. She was always willing to serve on a committee that would help her fellow workers and others requiring help. For many years Noreen served on the Committee of the MOA and her efforts greatly attributed to the upgrading of a number of positions and improvement of the working conditions we now enjoy.

A lady of many interests, her talents were used in such activities as the Camera Club, Film Society, Public Speaking Group and the Foster Parents' Association. All those who served with her on these committees are grateful for her work and interest.

The Board's Estates Officer, David Veitch, presented Noreen with a beautiful silver tea set and salver. The number of people who attended the gathering justified the tributes paid to her by Mr Veitch.

As Noreen elected to retire on Bastille Day her friends thought it fitting to take her to dinner at the Cordon Bleu, where a good time was had by all.

At present Noreen is overseas travelling through China and Russia on her way to Britain for Christmas.

Can you recognise them?



NOSTALGIA

Remember the fresh-faced and well-cropped look of the 1950s and early 1960s?

This picture of the CRB choir, which has now disbanded, contains some easily recognisable faces.

Interchange hopes that this may prompt readers to submit nostalgic pictures and memorabilia for publication, possibly in a regular nostalgia column.

The choir members are from left to right: Joe Plumridge (Gardener), Les Malseed (ex-Board), David Freeman

(Traffic Engineering), Edgar Barthrop (Works), Howard Friece (ex-Board), John Seward (Metropolitan), Bruce Addis (Bridge Design Engineer), Allan Woollard (Plans and Surveys), Bruce McKenzie (Administration Officer), Raleigh Robinson (ADE Dandenong), Win Drury (Retired), Dorothy Smith (Retired), Alma Armstead (Retired) and Breila Brice (Retired).

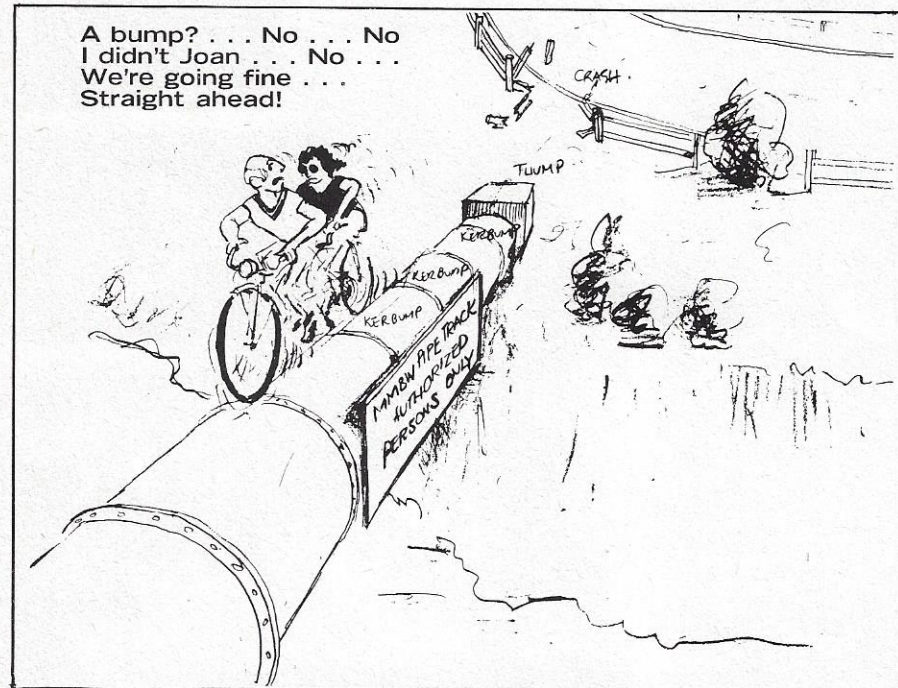
FUND RAISING AT THE DOUBLE

Two runners, two canoeists and a tandem bike team have raised a total of \$644 for the CRB Foster Parents Plan.

Noel Anderson, from Plans and Surveys, took part in "Pedal for People" on 29th November, in which

bike rides were sponsored from different outer suburbs to South Melbourne.

Noel volunteered to take Joan Beurman, a 50-year-old totally blind lady, on a tandem for 24 kilometres from Mordialloc to South Melbourne. After several training rides they perfected their technique, and raised \$181 on the day.



Noel said: "With a blind person as 'stoker', you have to think aloud and tell them where you are going and what you are going to do." Joan thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of riding a bike after many years.

Alex Hunt (Senior Correspondence Officer) ran a 33 km course through Brighton, St. Kilda, Prahran and South Melbourne with sponsorship and raised \$232 for the charity, including a generous personal donation.

Claude Borstner (Plans and Surveys) followed in Alex's footsteps and raised \$103.

Terry Kot and Mike Jones also from P&S took part in an 80 km canoe race down the Yarra from Wittens Reserve to Princes Bridge. They unfortunately damaged the canoe after 32 km and had to withdraw from the race but still managed to raise \$128 for the charity.

The Foster Parents Plan appreciates the support for the programme. Anyone who wants to raise money for the FPP should contact Joanne Greaves (Traffic Engineering).

Objective?

Extract from the National Capital Development Commission's Statement of Objectives:

NCDC Image

It is important psychologically for the staff to be able to relate to a clear image of the type of organisation that the Commission intends to be.

Objective: To function as a relatively small, tight-knit, highly expert, flexible organisation.

There is accordingly a clear need to be:

- responsive
- quick
- positive
- sympathetic
- sensible

and to avoid being:

- uncompromising
- bureaucratic
- unimaginative
- unhelpful

Responsibility: Commissioners and Division Heads.

Source: NCDC Corporate Planning: CRB Library No. 65.012.2 Pow 78.

Get set for the Inter-Div Sports

The 1979 Inter-Divisional Sports Day will be held in Benalla on Sunday, 4th March.

The sports planned (depending on entries) are Golf, Tennis, Sailing, Lawn Bowls, Squash, Snooker, Table Tennis.

Participants and their families can make it a weekend in Benalla and play their sport as guests of local clubs on the Saturday.

Weekend hotel, motel, caravan or camping accommodation can be arranged.

The preliminary programme is: Arrive at Lawn Tennis Club at 9 a.m.; coffee; depart to sporting venue at 9.30 a.m.; return to Lawn Tennis Club for lunch and trophy presentation, 1.30 p.m.

Participants should send their names and other information (golfers with handicaps and teams, sailors with type of yacht) to Benalla so that planning can continue.

Also required will be the number of non-players and children so catering arrangements can be finalised.

ROBYN ROMPS IN... AND THAT'S NO BULL



HOSA's new President, Robyn Martin, navigated her way to a runaway win in the HOSA Car Rally recently.

Robyn and Alan Bull (Driver) were last to start in the rally, but easily managed to score first place. Some said that the win was probably a consolation prize for taking on the presidency.

They won a gas BBQ for their great effort. Now Robyn keeps the Barby and Alan can borrow it if he's lucky.

The rally was well run by Joan Gilmer and Bob Charlesworth who were rewarded with good attendance and a lovely day.

● Robyn Martin and Alan Bull with their prize, a BBQ.

● BELOW: After the rally, it was down to a barbecue.



Answers to the Aptitude test

THE ANSWERS TO THE APTITUDE TEST ON PAGE 4

1. 1 hour — most alarm clocks will not record 13 hours in advance.
2. Only one—the rest are anniversaries.
3. If he was living, he can't be buried.
4. The match first.
5. All of the 12 months have 28 days.
6. 1 hour.
7. White — Your house would be directly on the North Pole.
8. Half-way — Once in the middle he is running out of the forest.
9. One 20 cent piece, the other a 10 cent piece. The answer is correct, because one of them is indeed not a 10 cent piece, but a 20 cent piece.
10. Nine.
11. Seventy.
12. 2 apples.
13. No — The birth of Christ could not be envisaged 46 years before.
14. The beggar is female, and is the sister of the woman.
15. Moses took no animals aboard the ark, Noah did.
16. The man would be dead.
17. Check the first word on the test!

- ARTICLES
- CLASSICS
- DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT
- PHOTOGRAPHS (Black & White)

Please send them to your Interchange representative. Closing date for the next edition is February 1st.

BRIGGS' DREGS

French wines are in vogue on the West Gate Freeway project these days.

So next time you visit the project and want to lift your standard of conversation with the French consultant, remember some of the wines from the better French chateaux... such as Latour and Lafite.

However, in general conversation among the natives, you can throw in other names like Bourgogne or Bordeaux, which are cheaper regional wines, although they sound just as good.

Frankly, I don't believe most of the cheaper wines are worth the prices asked (except maybe if the Chateaux was included).

My main reason for alienating myself from the West Gate consultant, as well as frankophiles, is that most of the cheaper wines (i.e. those within my salary range) taste like a blend of flat Tarax crimson with a touch of Skipping Girl. Disappointing would also serve as a reason.

It's not that I'm hard to please, it's just that when I'm lusting after a red I want to be sated, and many French wines don't come within a bull's roar of achieving this.

I'm all for elegance and complexity in wine (superbly found in French wines), but you'll find these wines such as Balgownie, Taitarni and Virgin Hills. You'll also find something else — "guts" (or "body" if you happen to be a refined person). They're also one-third to one-half as cheap in price.

My point — be a chauvinist in what you drink and I'm sure you'll be satisfied more often than not.

Finally, a warning. I've noticed lately that a lot of whites, especially in the very cheap range (flagons, casks and bulk) have been flattening out considerably. The result is a broad, flabby, lifeless wine incapable of providing anything to the drinker other than a hangover. I've also seen more expensive whites suffer the same horrendous fate.

REMEMBER — If you must drink and drive, first ensure that your cellar is bequeathed to the CRB Wine Club.



Jeff Briggs

TURNING BACK THE

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Bob is an Anzac and fought with the artillery at Gallipoli. He was 10 months' younger than the army's minimum age requirement when war broke out, and gave false information to get into the fight. "Lying about your age was common practice in those days," he said.

Bob wished to make special mention of his wife, Bronwyn, because he says, "She has been so wonderful to me during my life." Bob and Bronwyn were married in 1923 and recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

There were many other old hands present. The "old firm" of Murray Heffernan and Jack Ryan are still together. They spent many years working together in Dandenong Division and still keep regular company in retirement.

Win Drury (ex-Head Office receptionist) was there and said she is busier now than before she retired. She is the regular pianist for a ballet school, two singing teachers and senior citizens and charity social functions.

One of the older school, a fit-looking Albert Mellor, 84, was prepared to give his secret for long life.

"Don't smoke and keep off the bottle," he said.

That is advice most of us have heard before and in Albert's case it seems to have paid dividends.

Albert came to Australia from England in 1921 and joined the CRB in 1923 working as a clerk until 1960.

After lunch, a meeting to form the CRB Retired Persons' Association was convened and chaired by Peter McCullough. A standing committee was elected to draw up a constitution and present it to the next general meeting of the Association.

The members of the standing committee are Nancy Costelloe (formerly Strover), Lois Lee, Cliff Liddell, Ted King, Jim Farish, Daryl Carty-Salmon, Eric Moncrieff and John Molnar.



• Reminiscing about the old days... Les Kovacs (left) and Erwin Matyner.



• ABOVE: From left, Bruce Cherry, Jim Drayton, Ted Howe, Roy McLachlan and Bob Joyce.



• ABOVE: From left, Bill Steel, Ted Donaldson and Clem Perrin. BELOW: Tom Russell shakes hands with Jack Thorpe (ex-Deputy Chairman). Watching is Clem Perrin. At front (back to camera) is Keith Pullin.



• LEFT: At the McCullough talks Jack Ryan (right) Jack Ryan.

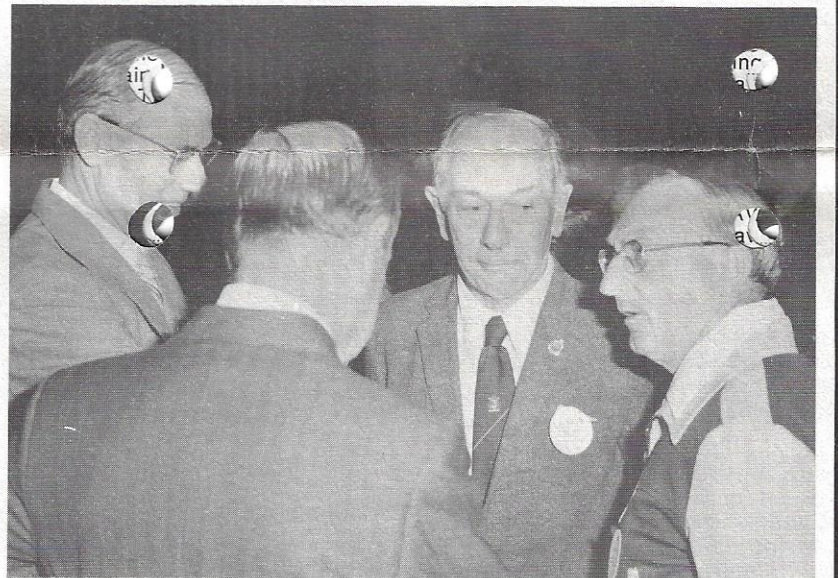


• From left Lowry and

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● ABOVE: Daryl Carty-Salmon shares a joke with Win Drury. At left is Inez Lowry.



RIGHT: From left, Noel Allanson, Cliff Liddell (back to camera), Dick Whitehead and Jim Farish.

● BELOW: Les Jennings (left) chats with Neil Guerin. Watching is Ted Malcolmson.

reunion, Peter to "Little" and "Long"



at, Win Drury, Briela Brice, Inez Lois Lee.



PRINTING COLOUR PHOTOS AT HOME

Can I print my own colour photographs at home

A number of CRB staff members are answering "yes" to this question, so extracts of a recent talk by Tom Scott of the Photographic Section may prove helpful.

The talk was given to professional photographers of the Institute of Photographic Technology on the theme, "Economy in the preparation for colour printing".

There are two types of printing, which are quite practical to try at home.

1. Ilford Cibachrome, which has been well advertised for the amateur. This is a process which will give good prints from 35mm colour slides or larger transparencies.
2. Prints from colour negatives, Kodacolor, Agfacolor, etc., on to a variety of papers. Agfacolor paper is the best to handle.

If you have never tried it before start with the Cibachrome. At least you can see from the slide what you hope to get in the print.

With negatives all colours have to be reversed.

You will need an enlarger which has a place above the negative which will take colour printing filters, or variable filters in a colour head.

The cheapest enlarger of very high quality is the L.P.L. series which comes complete with colour head, but the range of more expensive equipment is unlimited.

You will probably be able to convert your "black and white" enlarger with reasonable economy.

Costs in colour printing are not so much in the initial costs, but in the repetitive outlay on chemicals and printing paper. Chemicals, once mixed, have a limited life. Don't splash one chemical into another; work very carefully. As all handling of printing paper is in total darkness, you have to plan well to avoid this splashing.

Controlling the temperature of all your solutions is essential for repetitive results. Get a thermometer that can show thirds of a degree clearly.

The cheapest way to accurately control temperatures is to:

1. Warm your printing room to the temperature that you are processing at.
2. Insulate your processing dishes or tanks, or if you have them immersed in water of the correct temperature, thoroughly insulate the water tank.

One of the cheapest insulating materials is styrene foam. This is the white material used for packing cameras, instruments, etc., and is then usually thrown away. It is an excellent insulator against both high and low temperatures.

It can be bought in a variety of thicknesses, from 1/2 inch to 4 inches, in sheets up to 14 x 4 ft. from IFCO Insulations, Moorabbin. They also have a large range of insulated building materials for ceilings, walls or floors if you are making any alterations. The foam is feather light, tough, and easy to work with.

Before spending money on colour printing talk with a number of people who can show you the results they have produced.

Syndal rep. Tony Anthony dies

Tony Anthony (Syndal) died of cancer on 5th November at Waverley Private Hospital. He was 60.

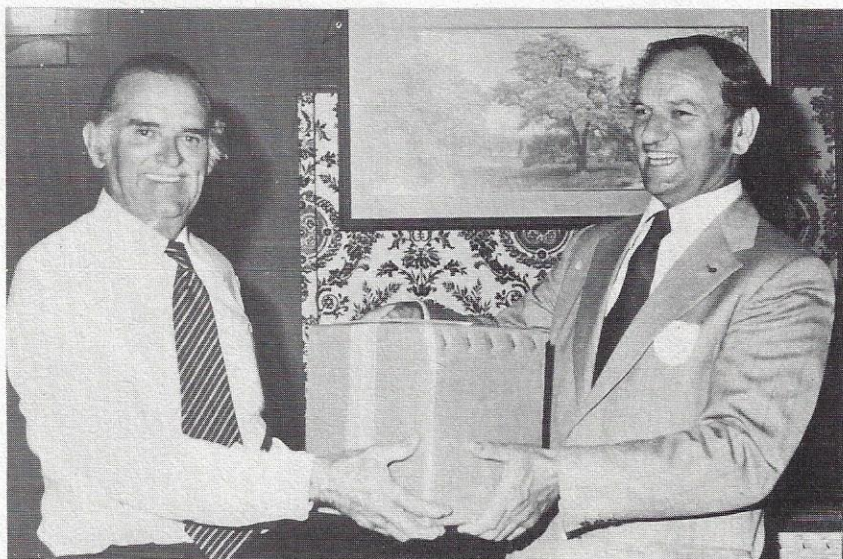
Tony, an engineering assistant, worked for the Board for about 16 years, first at Head Office before transferring to Syndal. He was always active in social events at

Syndal. Many years ago he helped organise the soccer club. He also served as Social Club Secretary.

His contributions to the staff publications, Roadlines and Interchange, as Syndal representative for many years, were much appreciated.

Tony is survived by his wife and adult children.

Frank Jackson retires



FRANK JACKSON, pipe-testing officer in Bridge Sub-Branch, is presented with a 42-piece Arzberg dinner set by Mr Tom Russell at his retirement function recently.

About 50 people, including ex-Chairman, Mr O'Donnell, attended the function at

Angelucci's Restaurant to farewell Frank.

Frank has been with the CRB for 42 years and spent most of his career in Bridge Sub-Branch.

During World War II, Frank and Mr O'Donnell spent time together in a Japanese Prisoner-of-War camp.

GOLF

RESULTS

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| C. G. Roberts trophy | — Metropolitan Division. |
| F. R. Oldfield trophy (CRB Champion) | — Garry House (P&S) — 36 pts. |
| J. D. Thorpe trophy (seniors) | — Alan Pryor (Works) — 32 pts. |
| F. DeNeefe Visitors' trophy | — Bob Baade (Retired, Bairnsdale) — 33 pts. |
| Best Net (club handicap) | — Geoff Hose (Metro) — 36 pts. |
| Best Net (social handicap) | — Charles McLaren (TSD) — 36 pts. |
| Longest drive | — Geoff Hose (Metro). |
| Nearest the pin | — Pat Meehan (RPD). |
| Nearest the pin | — Jack Campbell (Printing). |
| Engineers versus Admin. | — Engineers. |



● **Championship winner Garry House (P&S) receives the trophy from Mr Donaldson. John Davis (Estates) looks on.**

POETRY

As a result of publishing the excellent bush verse, "The Ballad of the Wigan" in the last edition of Interchange, several other budding Banjo Pattersons have provided samples of their work.

This newspaper is pleased to provide a forum for any aspiring poet laureate.

The following poems are from Lee Doolan and Horsham. Gary Hickson (Bairnsdale) was inspired to record the events of the CRB Army Unit's Camp at Liverpool, NSW.

Clem Duldig is a Horsham Draftsman and his inspiration came from the unique elephant race along Horsham's main street which coincided with the start of a CRB reconstruction job.

Lee Doolan is also a Horsham draftsman and writes about a runaway car.

LIFE IN THE ARMY

When two boats approach, both shall diverge right
To see two safety boats hit is a remarkable sight
The wind came up and blew off my hat
I think the crash could be attributed to that
We couldn't stop to pull it back in
For to stop and pick it up would be a sin
So we gave a shout to the safety boat
Although the chance of recovery was now remote
As the boat turned around to search
I heard the crash and saw them lurch

The next day was how to use a gas mask
So what's so difficult about that you may ask
You must hold your breath and fit the mask on
By the time that nine whole seconds have gone
After we'd got the masks down to pat
To have them on in nine seconds flat
They taught us the way to decontaminate
To dust yourself and dust your mate
It's a powder that you spread all over
We all looked like the white cliffs of Dover

Today we go to the chamber to sniff the gas
I was on sentry duty and missed out alas
To see how effective the mask can be
To have it fitted properly is really the key
I hope the same number that went in come out
Although the look on the faces reflected some doubt
To lose a man, there's no need for tears
Hell, there's plenty more engineers!

Gary Hickson.

ROBERT'S DILEMMA

We have a chainman named Blocky
Who's enthusiasm is sometimes rocky
From the car he alighted
In the office he was sighted.
Much to Robert's dismay
The car was seen to roll away
Someone was then heard to mutter
There is a car down in the gutter
In future he has said . . .
A handbrake will be used instead.

Lee Doolan.

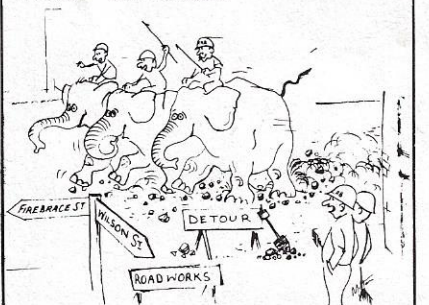
THE GREAT ELEPHOTOGRAPHER

An October day, it was nice and warm
The entrants were out, showing their form
There was to be an elephant race
Straight down the middle of Firebrace
But it happened that the event was to meet
With the commenced reconstruction of Wilson Street.
It was thought by some to be an attraction
As the beasts would provide some form of compaction
Camera boy Dave, as upstairs he sat
Thought geez, I'd like to photograph that
After quick camera lessons from P. A. Baird
Downstairs and out to the street he haired
The race was on and the camera clicked plenty
Rumors have it he took more than twenty
The excitement died down and Dave came back
But on opening the camera, cried sh-t I'm slack
It could be considered I've been remiss
I should have consulted the man named Chris*
My efforts have been merely futile
For the bas . . . d was empty all of the while.

Clem Duldig.

*Divisional Photographer — Chris Dack.

"SURE BEATS THE SHEEP'S FOOT METHOD!"



DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



• ADVANCE PLANNING

Interchange rep. — Frank Arendse.

Following in the footsteps of our Star Cricketer, Jim Webber, Assistant APE on the cricket field is Geoff Cook, Engineering Assistant. Geoff is playing for Johnston Park Cricket Club. With the season only a few weeks old, injuries are frequent. Geoff has had a split lip and badly bruised finger — keep up the good work, Geoff.

Graeme McIntosh (Tosh) has just returned from a trip to Lake Callabonna — Where is that? you ask, look on a map. Both truck and trail bike are having a well-earned rest.

Jack Reid has returned from Long Service Leave. He looks like he needs a holiday.

The "Mad Pom" of APD was caught parking her white Rover in the Engineer's Car Park — "Naughty, Naughty Brenda". According to some members of the male staff (who tend to notice these things), Brenda is winning the battle of the bulge. Well done, Brenda.

Some lucky staff members received invitations from the Rev. J. Davies of the Salvation Rescue Mission in Adelaide, to accompany him on his annual tour of Australia, crusading for temperance. It is not known whether those who received invitations were eligible to accept or not.

It has also been noticed by some staff members that there is a change in David Wilson of late. He is sporting a large smile???

OFFICE MOVEMENTS

Arrivals: Phil Jones from Right of Way has joined the APD Road Inventory Team. Now we can go water-skiing as well as four-wheel driving. Also new to APD is Sew-Lian Poh. She has joined the Drafting Section, coming from the MMBW.

Welcome Sew-Lian and Phil.

Departures: Lim Cheng Siew has moved to the Computer Section after six months as an Analyst/Programmer.

SOCIALLY

Quite a crowd gathered at "La Bretagne" Restaurant in Kew a few weeks ago. After a long wait for our dinner — 2½ hours long, our appetites had disappeared, as did the bulge in our wallets when we left.

A Sunday lunch was also well attended by APD staff and their wives/husbands and children. About 20 gathered at "The Rickshaw Inn" for a "Dim Sim" Party. Everyone agreed — good value for money.

APD had their Christmas Party at the "New St. Kilda Palais" on Friday, December 15. We will have a full report in the next edition of Interchange.

• BAIRNSDALE

Interchange rep. — Ian Ellis.

DEPARTURES

Marilyn Cohen, clerical assistant, transferred to Dandenong Division on 8th September. Thanks for the card, Marilyn. Kelly Waits, Overseer, left on 20th October after six years service. He is now wearing out the roads instead of building them.

ARRIVALS

Sue Hobson left school to take up the position as our switchboard girl on 6th November (definitely front page material): Jeff Cooney, Cost Clerk, started with us on 26th June.

Ron Garner (from Wulgulmerant), Patrol Assistant, started on 25th October with the Gelantipy Patrol.

Graham Palm, Engineering Surveyor, came to us from the West Gate Project on 25th September.

DEATH

It was a shock to everyone to hear of the passing of Overseer Fred Griffiths, who collapsed at the Omeo Camp on 19th October.

Fred started with the Board on 24th November, 1969, and was held in high regard by all his fellow work-mates and will be sadly missed. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Wilma, and family.

SPOT NEWS

Brian James had the misfortune of losing all his carpentry equipment plus two boats and fishing tackle when a fire destroyed his garage. Police are now looking for a young schnapper with a box of matches.

The ADE, Mr Dyall, arrived back from LSL a stone lighter than when he went. He recommends a trip in the tropics for those overweight engineers.

Russell Adams ran the pin cushion club quite successfully and we are now immunised against everything, including Greg Nappers jokes.

Paddy Burne is off work for three months

with back trouble — by the way the Paynesville Ferry has just arrived at Raymond Island due to a massive overhaul by the depot.

SOCIAL

The social fishing competition was held on 22nd October with ideal conditions even though the fish didn't think so.

Young Steven Gwizdek's appreciation of his dad's fishing skills were somewhat dampened when he actually saw "a woman" catch a fish. Prizes for the day went to:

David White — Secret Length.

Albert Franke — Biggest Gag and Biggest Fish.

Doug Howes — Most Unusual Fish.

Mrs M. Ellis — Ladies' Prize.

The Annual Social Association Cabaret was a big success on 3rd November. The Roast Suckling Pig and accessories went down very well and augurs well for next year.

Doug Howes after winning the golf with the DE, thought he was a man of high places that night when he tried to turn water into wine. But unfortunately it didn't taste the same.

BIG C IS NEARER WATCH OUT TRARALGON DIVISION

• BALLARAT

Interchange reps. — Ron Hrymakowski and Chris Parkin.

RESIGNATIONS

After 11 years with the Board, Roger Lock, formally resigned in August. Through the years Roger was employed on various construction jobs as a plant operator and later joined the Daylesford Patrol as patrol assistant. We wish Roger all the best in his new field.

RETIREMENTS

Leslie Harris and Kevin Atkins have retired because of ill-health.

Les retired in November after 18 years service. He commenced in 1960 as a carpenter, fulfilling his duties on many bridge and culvert works throughout the Division.

Farewell also to Kevin who commenced in October 1961 and retired in October 1978. During his 17 years Kevin had performed in various capacities working on construction and bituminous sealing. Kevin last assisted F. Dwyer on the Western Freeway.

We extend to Les and Kevin best wishes for the future and hope that their health improves sufficiently for a long and happy retirement.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

The following have recently enjoyed taking some Long Service Leave — Daryl Murnane, Noel Bastin, Morton Page, Jim Bradley, Owen Knowles, Henry Tappe, Clarrie Davies, Bill Brimacombe and Lyall Armstrong. A good time was enjoyed by all.

ARMY RESERVE

Ballarat Division provided seven army reserve personnel — Murray Trezise, Kevin Lavery, Gary Hickson, Greg Newland, John Izard and Ron Hrymakowski for training at SME Casula, NSW. All enjoyed their army training and most of all their experiences at King's Cross. While Paul Gothard attended recruit camp with 2RVR at Canungra, QLD. John Izard resumes training in December at Puckapunyal where he will be undergoing a corporal's course. John has also become a keen archery enthusiast.

Gary Hickson enjoyed camp so much that he recorded his daily achievements on paper in verse (see the Poetry column on page 8).

SICK PARADE

We extend our commiserations to Ken Hovey, Greg Whitecross, Doug Richards and Ted Coffield. All have had brief trips to hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to our new cleaner/gardener, Ray Hower. Ray commenced with the Board in August after the resignation of Colin Hingston. We hope that Ray will be happy in his work.

BACK SO SOON

Phillip Robertson (Cost Clerk) has returned to Ballarat Division after two months of relaxation in Horsham.

TOURING HOLIDAYS

Robert Evans and his wife spent six weeks touring the coast of South Australia and Western Australia. Meanwhile Herby Hooper went on a three-week bus tour of Western Australia. Wally Monahan and his wife had a relaxing holiday in Queensland, enjoying the comfort of the motels. All had an enjoyable time.

SAFE 'N' SOUND

In September 1977, Ballarat Division, through Tom Laffey and the Divisional Engineer, established a safety bulletin programme as part of an effort to cut down on the increasing number of accidents occurring on jobs. The safety programme appears to be successful as we are now having accidents at less than half the rate than last year. All members of the Divisional workforce are to be congratulated on their fine effort.

SERVICE AWARDS

The Chairman, Mr Ted Donaldson, visited Ballarat on the 22nd November and awarded Long Service Awards to Alan Cookson (Workshop Foreman) and Merv Gregg (Roadmaster) in recognition of their 25 years service with the Country Roads Board.

Alan Cookson commenced in Ballarat as apprentice Fitter and Turner in 1953, and was appointed workshop foreman (Ballarat) in September 1977 on retirement of previous foreman, Eric Balfour. Merv Gregg commenced in Bairnsdale in 1953 where he built East Sale aerodrome. Prior to his transfer to Ballarat as Instructor Driver in 1961, Merv was Patrolman in Charge of Glen Wills Patrol. Through the years he gained BS and construction experience as Overseer and in 1971 was appointed Roadmaster. Merv is currently on Workers' Compensation leave following a road accident in March this year.

Mr Donaldson extended his best wishes to the Divisional Office staff on this his last visit to Ballarat before his retirement.

• BENALLA

Interchange rep. — Mike Farmer.

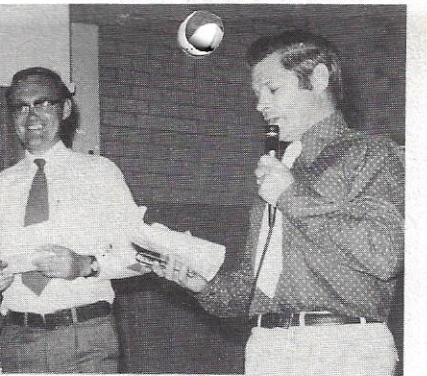
WELCOME

A warm welcome to Helen Tooley, our new typiste.

FAREWELL

Farewell to Brenda Atkinson, senior typiste for a number of years.

Her husband, Colin, teacher at the Benalla Technical School, is now working with the Department of Foreign Affairs in Indonesia, training students in building techniques. They are having their problems adapting to the new environment and Brenda is busy coping with another language.



• Reg Patterson speaks at a farewell function at Tatong, as Norm Butler watches.

A pleasant evening was arranged at Tatong for the staff to say farewell to Reg Patterson and wife, Myrtle.

Reg was presented with a red cedar outdoor setting by Arthur Ford and our best wishes go with Reg and Myrtle for their new life in the city.

The office suffered a loss recently when John White had to resign because of ill-health. John started as Cost Clerk, and graduated to the Depot Store before spending the past years in the accounts office. John retires after eighteen years with the CRB.

GENERAL

Mick Mitchell, overseer, who retired in 1977 after forty-five years of service attended Reg Patterson's send-off proudly wearing his Imperial Service Medal, presented by the Governor the day before. Arthur Ford is on Long Service Leave, spending most of the time in Benalla planning his new house on the outskirts of the city.

Pam Ellis (Maple) has returned from her honeymoon, which was spent at Lord Howe Island. Believe Pam and her husband, Murray, had a delightful time.

Mike Farmer, DE's Clerk, has returned from another trip to Solomon Islands. Des Hare looked after the office during his absence.

Stella Warton is off again to the Mt. Buffalo Chalet and National Park for a week. "It's a beautiful chance to get away for a relaxing week," Stella said before she went. Stella and husband, Allan, have been there on a number of occasions.

The Wartons were involved in a traffic accident recently but have recovered; however their car was a write-off.

• BENDIGO

Interchange rep. — Reg Marslen.

The extensive well-kept lawns of the Divisional Depot in Lansell Street, Bendigo, was the venue for the presentation of long service awards to Divisional personnel by the Board's Chairman, Mr Ted Donaldson, on Tuesday, 14th November.

Those receiving 25-year awards were: Workshop Foreman Col Turner, Overseer Jim Walsh, and Ganger Jack Schilling. Special guests at the presentations were Mrs Turner, Mrs Schilling and Jim Walsh's daughter, Mrs Dianne Smith, as well as Depot Foreman Tom Hughes and his wife. Tom received his gold cuff links several years ago.

A keen wind outdoors forced the presentations to be made in the depot conference room after morning tea on the lawns.

Mr Donaldson took the opportunity to talk to depot staff during their morning tea break. Later he addressed the Divisional Office staff and visited each person at work for a brief chat before heading to Benalla.



• From left: Tom Hughes, Mrs Hughes, Mrs. Turner, Col Turner, Mrs Smith, Jim Walsh, Mrs Schilling, Jack Schilling.

A cost clerk, who shall remain nameless, had an unfortunate accident recently. Extracts from the accident report read:— WORK ENGAGED ON: Daily showering. PARTICULARS OF CAUSE OF INJURY: When having a shower the water suddenly became boiling hot owing to someone flushing the toilet reducing the cold water flow. In an effort to avoid being scalded I stepped back thus tripping over the lip of the shower recess straining my big toe in the grate, landing heavily on my lower back and hitting my head on a stool.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF SITUATION: Have cold showers!

Just goes to show there are many dangers for field personnel even in these days of improved facilities.

• DANDENONG

Interchange rep. — Vic Lawther.

BINGO NIGHT

Last September, 44 people attended a successful evening at the home of Peter and Kathy Evans. The games were, of course, held with the permission of the Attorney-General's Department and in spite of a late start a number of games were completed.

Congratulations to Rae Larkins who seems to have a definite ability in Bingo, winning almost one-third of the games played. The Malaysian supper provided was particularly warming on the cold night and many drinks were needed to put out the "fire" it caused.

LUNCHTIME BARBECUE

A scrumptious lunchtime barbecue was provided by the Social Club in late October. Chief Chef, President Peter Ransom, provided tasty steaks and hamburgers cooked to personal tastes — rare to burnt. Although the weather was overcast the garden setting next to the office provided an extremely congenial setting for the staff to enjoy lunch.

SNIPPETS

A certain Class 3 Construction Engineer was reading "the daily" in bed one morning when his eye chanced on a para reporting that a 51-year-old mother of nine was to run in the Big M marathon. He immediately shook his wife, but hasn't explained yet if he wanted her to start training for the marathon or . . . ? An Admin. Officer was perusing the files seeking an agreement between two municipalities as to which shire was to design a bridge at a joint boundary. It appeared the municipalities had agreed on the subject but had not put the details in writing, to which the admin. officer exclaimed, "A verbal agreement is not worth the paper it is written on!" Is it another Dandenong Division first?!? Cost Clerk Kevin Ryan had his horse "Drumshambo" run in the Melbourne Cup. As the winning owner was heard to remark "it is indeed an honour to have a horse run in the Melbourne Cup"; our congratulations go to Kevin on his achievement, and better luck next time — remembering there can only be one winner.

• GEELONG

Interchange rep. — Dennis Lewis.

We would all like to congratulate Bob Scott and Ian Smith on the arrival of their children. To Bob a son, Derek, someone to open the innings. To Ian a daughter, Clare, from all accounts as cute as a little bunny.

It was a sad loss to see Mrs Green, our tea lady, leave; however I am sure that her replacement, Mrs McLaren, will be equal to the task.

At the recent Geelong Show, the CRB's display created much interest. One suggestion from the public is that we build a tunnel from North Geelong to Waurn Ponds. Congratulations go to Vin for attempting to sell the yellow brick road at the show — he did, however, get a good offer for Peter Rhodes.

Welcome to Margaret Kenneally, Accounts Section. Margaret is our new Accounting Machinist and it will be interesting to see if that position affects Marg the same way it got to Colleen . . . Colleen. . .

Our film night to see "Grease" was a great success with 75 people attending. One person who suffered the effects of the film night was our fearless leader, Mr Marshallsea, who mistook the date of the film night for Friday the 18th instead of Thursday, 17th of August. So that was \$5.00 down the drain, but what made the situation worse was that Mr Marshallsea's daughter was making a special trip down from Melbourne for the evening. Oh, well, "Life wasn't meant to be easy."

Dalys Theory: Female fatality rate in Parachute jumping is very high at the present moment, according to Dennis Daly, who has just bought his wife ten free lessons with the ACME Co. in Geelong! The kit, which is, of course, a "Do It Yourself", includes free bandaids. Snow Bound? Roslyn and Heather managed to survive two weekends at the snow with only one or two minor (?) mishaps. Ros is thinking of suing Heather for flattening her already flat chest by skiing over the top of her.

Vin Elliott has taken out a writ against the Tea Fund claiming that due to his consumption of the super Bargain Buy Cookies the Tea Fund should now pay for a new set of dentures and for the hire of the stomach pump. Among the suggestions received on what to do with the cookies was that we hire a jack hammer for easy breakdown before consumption. . .

Soccer: Who's the sure winner? George Przystek had a great system on the soccer pools. Infallible in fact if they'd only pay on his figures and additions.

Beethoven's Beauties. Thanks to some brilliant thinking on the part of our Divisional Accountant, music from the boss's cassette lightens the load in the Account Section or is it that the music now drowns Colleen's singing!

Minted: Vin Elliott to Tom Richmond, "You look like a million dollars . . . all green and wrinkly."

Colour Blind: Dennis Daly walked into the typist room and asked, "Hey ah, could I have some of that Black-Out," I believe that the word is White-Out.

Judy Tucker to Harry Cook, "My mother taught me never to speak to strange men . . . and, oh boy, are there some strange ones here."

To all members of the Social Club your new leader is El Presidenté Mixo. However, due to popular demand a recount of the non-counted votes of the committee is to be made, and votes lodged by Mr Smith's relations will be not counted in the count, thereby discounting the counter/countees counts. And a partridge in a pear tree.

• HEAD OFFICE

Interchange rep. — Dianne Young.

Lisa English and Marcella Farrugia are the two new typists in the fifth floor south typing pool.

Computer Section welcome John Rogers, Steve Zalewski, Graeme Hill, Lim Cheng-Slew (ex-Advance Planning) and Eileen Morton.

Jan Horwood took up her position in the Head Office Library as Cataloguer/Reference Librarian in September. She had a rather hectic introduction to the Library as three days later her co-worker, Jan Weinberg left for three weeks leave. Kay Dalton (ex-Personnel) now works in Estates.

Personnel farewell Alison House. Best wishes with the new arrival.

Girls, girls, girls — four new faces in Personnel — Julie Cockrem, Elaine Twitcheat, Claire Strik and Justine Saville. Title Survey welcome Cheryl Lewin, Paul O'Shea and Neil Feltham.

Farewell to Gordon Mills who is going to Syndal as Controller of Stores. Thank you from the Account's Branch for the great night out at the Whitehorse Hotel. Good luck in your new position.

Pam Turner (fifth floor south typing pool) is visiting England for five weeks after twenty-one years.

Richard Little (Administration) has just come back from an extensive tour of America.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



KEW KILLERS v. CURRIE'S CRUSADERS

A cricket team made up of staff from Personnel, Estates, Administration and Accounts Branch journeyed to Boolara (South of Morwell) to do battle with a team from Traralgon Division on Sunday, 3rd December.

Although it was a social game it was played in a hard but mostly fair manner. There were several good performers in each side, including Dr D. Currie and P. J. McCullough, who were the "not-out" batsmen at the close of their respective teams innings.

The results were:

Traralgon: 6/96.

B. Cleehammer, 23; W. Briggs, 29 not out; G. King, 2/9; J. Anderson, 1/22; A. Bull, 1/12; P. Vethecan, 1/19.

Head Office: 7/103.

R. Trompf, 31 retired; P. Vethecan, 25 retired; M. Carmen, 15.

Ross Trompf was awarded Man of the Match.

The day concluded with players and spectators enjoying refreshments and a barbecue together.

HAROLD GODKIN RETIRES

After nearly 32 years service in Title Survey Division, Harold Godkin retired on September 8th — much to the regret of his staff and many others throughout the Board.

Harold trained as a Surveyor, and after service in a Survey Corp in the 2nd AIF joined the Board.

In 1969 he was admitted an Associate Member of The Institution of Surveyors, Australia.

Not only will Harold be missed because of his great knowledge of Board matters, and unfailing help to all, but also because of his bright and cheery manner. On the Big Day, afternoon tea was taken in the Cafeteria, and Harold was presented with a set of power tools.

• HORSHAM

Interchange rep. — Betty Sleep

DEPARTURE

Ken Breuer, Engineering Assistant, left the Board's service in August, 11 years years after commencing with the Board on the same date. The office gave Ken a farewell afternoon tea and presented him with two gifts, one being a pottie filled with ?, and the other a steel tape which will no doubt be put to good use when doing land subdivision. Ken has gone into private business with his brother. All the best, Ken, for the future.

PROMOTION

Congratulations to Assistant Divisional Engineer Howard Ellis on his promotion to Head Office as Highways Engineer. We wish Howard, his wife, Ruth, and young son, Samuel, all the best.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mr Heid, Divisional Engineer, is enjoying two months leave — I believe he has the bug "gardenitis", plus supporting blistered hands.

Jim Seary, Accounts Clerk, left for Tasmania for his long service leave.

Dick Mathews, Workshop Foreman, spent his leave fishing. The fish did not bite too well.

PROUD MUM

To Bet Tippett (Accounts), proud mother of nine little Cocker Spaniel puppies and the two male rabbits produced four little white rabbits.

REUNION

About 400 people gathered at Horsham for the Janetzki family reunion on 7th November, 1978, at Horsham. Noel Janetzki, leading hand fitter, at the Horsham Workshop, attended. The Janetzki family migrated to Australia from Muschtan, Germany, in 1856.

LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

On 31st October 1978 a progressive dinner was held at various members' homes. As usual this evening proved to be a very successful one.

Next meeting we are hoping that Country Charity Queen Ruth McIntyre will be able to speak on her experiences gained during the recent Miss Australia Quest.

RETIREMENTS

C. H. O. (Cec) Purchase, an "A" Grade Overseer in Horsham Division, retired on 29th September, 1978.

Cec commenced service with the Board in 1956, left, and was re-engaged in 1961 in a construction gang supervised by Overseer (Snowie) Cambridge.

His ability was soon apparent and he was promoted to a ganger in the same year, rising up the promotion ladder to Overseer Grade "D" in 1964, and subsequently to Overseer Grade "A" in 1969, taking over the gang from Snowie Cambridge who had been promoted to Superintendent of Works.

Cec's rapport with construction personnel was evident when over 60 field

employees attended a Buffet Dinner held to recognise his retirement.

The Divisional Engineer, John Heid, presented Cec with a fishing reel on behalf of his fellow workers and wished him a long and happy retirement.

A fellow employee, George Gardner, who had also retired, attended the function and also received a fishing reel from the Divisional Engineer.

George had 15 years service with the Board, mainly engaged in driving the Duopactor with the preparation gang.

SPORTS

The CRB Volleyball team won its second successive premiership last winter. The team, Ken Breuer, Mike Stirrat, Robert Block, Leigh Doolan, Garry Minne, Daryl Papst and Peter Miller, went through the season undefeated.

CAUGHT

If, when this edition of Interchange comes under the public eye — Garry Minne considers that he can still win his \$20 no-smoking bet, we would like to inform him that he was seen smoking way back on a Friday night in October. Have there been many other nights, Chossa?

• MRD

Interchange rep. — Lee Scott

ARRIVALS

Glen Green is the new fitter in the Workshop.

George Worotnicki, Larry Naismith, Richard Ho, John Berends and Steve Day are all new arrivals in the Foundation Investigation Section.

John Clark and Nick Litterbach are two new Experimental Officers working in the P.I. Lab.

RETURNED TRAVELLERS

Anne Mathews is back from a relaxing six weeks in New Guinea and Joe Schaerf is back from a hectic six weeks in Germany. Also back from Germany is Emil Horbelt, who spent his long service leave there with his family.

Andy Masterson spent two weeks at Wentworth on a fishing holiday, but only managed to catch a cold.

Malcolm Talbot has spent six weeks on a cruise to Manila, Hong Kong, Guam, Bali and Japan.

Jean Hoelter is back from a touring holiday of New Zealand; also visiting New Zealand was Eileen, who spent a week there with her family. Paulington spent two weeks leave in his home town, San Fran Essendon.

GENERAL

The smorgasbord held in the canteen (ages ago) was a great success and there was a great variety of food, e.g. Hungarian goulash, chicken schnitzel, beef stroganoff, Chinese-style fried rice and two delicious pavlovas made and donated by Eileen. Thanks to all the girls in MRD who made the special effort of making something and to the men for eating it all!

John Rowe has begun playing soccer for Frankston . . . never thought those skinny little English legs could take the strain. Gail Fleming has been transferred to the Coburg Division for an indefinite period, and Paul Murrhy is at Wandong until Christmas.

A good time was had by all at the "Skinny Dog" when Richard Bortko left for his wedding and a two-week holiday. Richard was presented with a digital alarm clock from all his co-workers as a wedding gift.

Joyce Scott is off to Pretoria (South Africa) for her brother's wedding and will be there for one month. Joyce has been advised to take a few tins of Nugget just in case of any trouble.

Rick Evans has become a doctor of rocks (sick ones) in the Foundations Section.

• METROPOLITAN

Interchange rep. — Ken Mathers

There is great enthusiasm for sporting activities in Metro these days due to the additional space afforded by our new office and the generosity of HOSA. Keen competition has already developed in table tennis, where Charlie Rodger (and his bat), Norm Grimwood, Russell Tucker and Joe Rashulo, to name but a few, are trying to establish their superiority.

The draw for the recent doubles tournament was questionable, when organiser Dallas Gist drew Charles as his partner and they subsequently proved to be a formidable combination. However, the old stagers, John Clark and John Seward, made them work hard for victory in the final. (See back page for details of another tournament.)

It can't pass without mention that most of the ladies in the office are playing the game, too. At this stage "Hot Lips" Helen and "Lovely" Linda are well out

in front of the field.

It goes without saying that these boisterous activities aren't repeated on the first floor where "Gilpin's Planners" conduct billiards and snooker in their customary refined manner. It is rumoured that "Coach" (non-playing) Les Bull and his prodigies, David Blore and Garry Liddle, have arranged that the table is deliberately out of level and the cue tips not square. This means any near miss now has a ready-made excuse (in common with most planning matters) — "Did you see how that ball rolled off line!" However, Maurice Herzfeld has not yet heard — he just insists on potting all the hard ones.

Our golfers haven't been outdone by all the office fun and the team of Greg Kelly, Phil Marshall and Brian Tindall admirably led by Geoff Hose, took off the team trophy at the Annual CRB Golf Day for the second time in four years recently. Maybe it was the pressure placed on the selection "committee" that brought out the best in the team.

Geoff deserves additional credit for his fine performance by winning "best off the stick" and the longest drive and being the runner-up in the individual handicap event.

It would appear that Bill Draper just cannot keep out of the news. He recently accompanied Garry Liddle to take some measurements along Gardiners Creek near the South Eastern Freeway. Bill returned grim-faced wearing a change of clothes and still brushing what he insisted was "algae, not slime" out of his hair.

Since then, Garry has had no work other than property enquiries. It prompts one to ask, "Did he fall, or was he pushed?"

I believe that some of Keith Duncan's South Melbourne gang, including Ian Duff, Dick Davis, Tony Brown, Wayne Furnston and Merv Rodda took off on a recent fishing weekend to the Goulburn near Yea. A great time was had by all and about a dozen trout were caught. There is little doubt that the highlight of the weekend was the sight of Gerry O'Leary swimming back to the bank with a duck in his mouth. Pluto would have been proud.

Lately a certain overseer was quietly mowing the lawn beside the compound at a construction job in the eastern sector when to his surprise the lawnmower took off and started climbing the fence. It appears that some fence wire had entangled in the blades and resulted in the mower reeling itself in.

Later on the same day a rotary hoe was delivered to the job. After being unloaded it was started up, but unbeknown to the gang, the throttle was on full and the gear engaged. When it had been recovered somebody remarked to the overseer that it was funny to watch him chasing the machine down the road. He replied, "I wasn't cashing the 'bloody' machine, just trying to grab the silly b . . . hanging on to the end of it."

All at Metro welcome the latest arrivals, Margo Peacock, Pat Jean and our new Divisional Engineer, Reg Patterson. We trust Reg will continue in the spirit of his Benalla days and dry the tears of the typists whenever necessary.

Finally we wish Bernie Slagman well in his new position in Claims.

• PLANS & SURVEYS

Interchange rep. — Gary Battershill

A welcome to our new typist, Trish Maganja.

Plans and Surveys and Traffic have come to an agreement on the exchange of their superstars, and accordingly, Phil Ridgeway and Bruce Hicks have swapped places for a period of six months.

Peter Baird has left to go to Horsham Division, and Robert Jory is leaving us soon to join him.

Geoff Christenson has gone back to Road Planning Division as a Class 2 Draftsman.

Congratulations to our new Red Baron of the blue skies, Peter Kennedy, who just obtained his pilot's licence.

THE REAL FLAT BED PLOTTER

Marcia Pallett has been trained to operate our Stereoplotter from which contour plans are drawn from aerial photographs. After setting up the photos, Marcia turns wheels with both hands and feet, while on a table next to her a pencil zips over the paper and draws the contours.

At the height of all this skilful choreographic training, she bought a new, flat, hard (and we believe a double), bed. Tired out after a hard day's work whirling and twirling her arms and legs on the Stereoplotter, she retired for a good night's rest on the new bed. In the still small dark hours of the morning, she dreamt about the machine. Her arms were flying around, her legs kicking and she was yelling out: "I can't contour the bed!"

Husband Richard mumbled in his disturbed sleep, "Why?"

To which Marcia yelled out, waking herself, "It's too flat! It's too flat!"

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BIRTHS

ASHWORTH: Tony (Bendigo) and Aileen welcome Priscilla Toni, born on 22nd September at Bendigo Base Hospital.

ASPLAND: Robert (Ballarat) and Lynette, a son, Jason Wayne, on 2nd November.

BULL: Les (P&S) and Dianne, a son, Nicholas Robert, on 6th September.

BUTLER: Stuart (RPD) and Wendy, a boy, Steven Edward, 8lb. 6½ oz., born 13th July at 1.10 a.m. at Box Hill.

COLLINGS: Ian (Traralgon) and Pat, a girl, Jaymie Nicole, on 24th August; sister for Leah.

COOPER: Geoff (Benalla) and Roby, a son, Brett Geoffrey; brother for Hayley.

ELLIS: Howard (Horsham) and Ruth, a son, Samuel Michael Howard.

ESSENHIGH: Ian (Benalla) and Bev. a son, Paul Anthony; brother for Mark.

FUGIEL: Cas (Ballarat) and Mary, congratulations on the arrival of Sarah.

HOLLYWOOD: Peter (Ballarat) and Pauline, a son, Trevor Mark; brother for Craig.

HOPE: Bruce (Benalla) and Caroline, a son, Alastair.

INGLIS: Ian (Traralgon) and Bernadette, welcome Clare Bronwyn, born 14th September.

MEVEL: Glenda (TSD) and Frank, a son, Paul Richard, born on 29th August.

RAPATTONI: Frank (P&S) and Lucy, a son, Daniel Mario, on 26th September; brother for Tanya.

PAPE: Manuel and Rosalind (P&S), a daughter, Sophie, on 3rd November; sister for Andrew and Jonathon.

PARKER: Dave (Horsham) and Trudi, a daughter, Catherine Gaye, born on 20th October.

POMMERS: Anton (RPD) and Margaret, announce the birth of daughter, Daina Ruth, on 1st September.

POPE: Rick (TSD) and Sue are proud to announce the arrival of Shaun Richard.

REIFFEL: Ian (Bendigo) and Robyn, announce the birth of a son, Craig Andrew, on 9th October.

RHODES: Kevin (P&S) and Leigh, a daughter, Daneta Joy; sister for Cameron.

RILEY: Bill (Bendigo) and Karen, a son, Lincoln David, on 6th October, at Bendigo Base Hospital.

ROBINSON: Jeff (Traralgon) and Helen, a son, Neil Jeffrey, born 29th August; brother to Catherine.

RUSBRIDGE: Ken (Bendigo) and Glenda (Ex Metropolitan and MRD), welcome Carl Matthew, born at Bendigo on 3rd November.

SCOTT: Bob (Geelong) and Sue, welcome a son, Derek Craig; brother to Raina; born 14th October.

SHERLOCK: Russell (Ballarat) and Glenise, a daughter, Kellie Diane; a sister for Steve.

SMITH: Ian (Geelong) and Maureen, a daughter, Clare Elizabeth; sister to Simon and Emma; born 20th October.

TURNBULL: Henry (Seymour) and Rosalie, announce the birth of Adam Nicholas.

VAN EVERY: Bruce (RPD) and Sue, a son, Timothy Scott, on 1st October.

WHITE: Des (Dandenong) and Gael, a son, Steven Julian; brother to Tony, Jackie, Anne, David and Bernadette — three of each!

BOWMAN: Kevin (Metropolitan) and Colleen, a daughter, Virginia Rqse.

BULL: Les (Metro) a daughter, Fiona Elise.

COVENTRY: Len (Dandenong) and Janet, a son, Daren Troy.

HALL: Ken (Dandenong) and Bridget, a daughter, Charlotte Anne, on 30th September.

HORMAN: Col (Metro) a son, Timothy.

ENGAGED

ADAMS: Robert (P&S) announced his engagement to Dorothy Boyce.

CHAPMAN: Gary (MRD) announced his engagement to Denise and they will marry early in 1979.

KNOLL: Heather (Estates) announced her engagement to David Manmire.

SMALLACOMBE: Trevor (Horsham) to Robyn Prior. Wedding bells in February.

MARRIED

ALFORD: Alan (TSD); congratulations to Alan and Debbie who were married on 7th October.

BORTKO: Richard (MRD), married Rosalie Quaife at the Russian Orthodox Church, Collingwood, on 10th November.

GALLAGHER: Denise (5th north typing pool) married John Hook on 22nd November. Congratulations to both.

QUIRK: Lesley (Bairnsdale) and Kevin were married on 14th October.

STAMP: Bob (Metro) tied the knot to Anne Miller on 20th November.

DEATHS

ANTHONY: Tony (Syndal), Engineering Assistant and Interchange Representative, on 5th November

GRIFFITHS: Fred, Overseer (Bairnsdale), passed away suddenly on 19th October (see Divisional Roundabout).

MASTERS: Harold (MRD). Sympathy to Harold's family and co-workers. Harold died after having a second heart attack on 8th November.

OLIVER: Michael (Horsham). Staff were saddened to hear of the death of Mick due to a tragic accident. Mick was a Cost Clerk with Horsham.

SHURDINGTON: Frank (Horsham). Many of the older Board personnel will regret to hear of the death of Frank who was a retired Roadmaster previously stationed at Donald.

RETIRED

GREEN: Farewell to Mrs Green (Geelong), our tea lady, after eight years service. All staff at Geelong wish her well.

WHITE: John (Benalla) after 18 years service.

FOR SALE

BASSINETT: Large, all accessories \$30. Carry basket, mattress and liner \$10. Playpen with wooden floor \$15. Burgundy steelcraft pull-out pram with bag and pram set \$50. All good condition, Jill Paulett, Traralgon 74 1454.

HOLDEN: EJ, Turbo charged. Disc brake front end 3 speed, all syncro gearbox and extras, extremely quiet. Tony, 2529, HO.

HOUSE: 3 br BV house with garage and carport, handy to tram, bus, shops and schools — Burwood. A. G. Dyall, Estates.

TRACTOR: 1947 twin city, 40 hp, P/Kero, PTO, with box new spares, good goer, some work needed, \$275. Lloyd Edwards, Traralgon.

VERTICAL GRILL: Perfect condition, \$25. Jean Hoelter, 2412, HO.

WASHING MACHINE: 10 lb. General Electric, fully automatic, excellent condition, \$150. P. Colgrace, 2412, HO.

WASHING MACHINE: Hoovermatic, twin tub only three years old, \$50. John Rowe, MRD.

RUNNING SHOES: Nike Waffle Trainers, size 8½, only used once, \$20. Steve Parson, 2160, HO.

PEUGEOT 404: SW 80,000 miles, no rust, registered till July, RWC, \$1,500 ONO. Ian Ellis, Bairnsdale.

FOR HIRE

BBQ: Christmas party size, delivery, Blackburn, \$4. G. Nicholls 878 8475 or Syndal 282.

FOR RENT

HOLIDAY HOUSE in Mt Beauty township. Accommodates up to ten people in three

bedrooms. Ideal centre for tennis, golf, fishing and winter skiing. John Finlay, ext. 2192.

HOLIDAY HOUSE at Lake Eildon, three bedrooms; can accommodate up to 14 people. Contact R. Fisher, ext. 2142, 818 7172 AH.

SHARE A RIDE

GLEN WAVERLEY area: Ring Ian Gay, ext. 2267, HO.

WANTED TO BUY

TEASPOONS: Souvenir, from anywhere in the world. D. Rowe, Asphalt.

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DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

• ROAD PLANNING

Interchange rep. — John Ford

Wives — girl friends — do you need your grandmother's antique brass pelmets hung; that painting and wallpapering job finished? If so, hold a progressive dinner at your house and the work will be done as if by magic. A very successful progressive dinner was held by RPD and ESS in June at the homes of Robin and Kate Saunders, David and Marilyn Berry and John and Tricia Ford. The chefs excelled themselves and a great array of Cordon Bleu dishes were presented, to the gastronomic delight of the guests. What do RPD and ESS staff get up to during the Christmas holiday season? Eight new arrivals have presented themselves to staff members during August-September — Claire Meyers, Michael Broadhurst, Nigel Yarnton, Steven But-

ler, Tim Van Every, Margaret Saunders, Nicola Cramphorn and Daina Pommers (Daina is Latvian for Song). Daina was born on 1st September. Fun was had by all who attended the RPD B-B-Q at Jell's Park on 22nd October. Chief hash-slingers were Eileen Osmand and Tricia Ford. New arrivals — Helen Crompton, Assistant Planning Analyst; Liane Brady, Drafting Assistant; Gillian Aylward, Typist. George Giummarra has recently been seconded to the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority. George was a keen and enthusiastic worker for our Social Club activities and we are sorry to see him go. Good luck, George. Bob Dickason has taken up the pre-planning work of South Eastern Freeway (Malvern Section). Bob has moved to the Urban Projects Sub-Branch. His friends at RPD will miss him.

Bob and Jan Dickason recently sampled the delights of the Greek Isles — Bob being on three months long service leave. Looking like a tan pixie, Jim Jude, Supervising Draftsman, has returned from three months rest and recreation leave spent touring our northern States. Ross Gordon is a Fangio fan. Ross's hobby is restoring racing cars in his spare time.

• TRARALGON

Interchange rep. — Ian Collings

Welcome to our new arrivals — Owen Jarrett, Richard Philpott, Graeme Matthews, Peter Pakulsky, Eric Jonkers, Trevor Godenzi, Graham Ward, Ronald Pain, Paul Jones, Rodney Taylor, Robert Harrison, Graham Woolley, Paul Burney, Colin Pritchard, Steven Anderson, Peter Illing, Jerry Hoviezak, Ernest Hennig (transferred from Dandenong Division), and Trevor Williams, who came to us from the SYETP scheme.

Farewell to Bill Bonney, Keith Gardiner (Shire of Alberton), Stephen Cavill (transferred to Benalla), Frank Mikolajczak (retired 6/10/78 after almost 30 years service) and Dave Allsop (Loy Yang).

On the sick list are Sammy Cohen, in Prince Henry's Hospital for a major operation. Harvey Briggs, recovering after a heart attack. Fred Borrmann, who has broken fingers after dropping a gearbox on them. Hope you are all well for Christmas, fellas.

Welcome back to our jet-setting receptionist, Marilyn Templeton, who returned from a five-week tour of Canada and northern United States on 14th November. Asked for her comments, she replied that Disneyland was great and that she wants to go back sometime. Sprayer Overseer Phil Thomas has been away to Fiji for a holiday, and we wait for a report in the next issue. Also taking LSL are Henry Broadwood and Leon Sweeney. Congratulations to Henry Dunstone (Roadmaster) for being awarded the Traralgon Fire Brigade "Fireman of the

Year" on 22nd October. We don't know whether it was for starting fires or putting them out, but keep up the good work, Henry.

Congratulations also to Haydn Brayshaw, who earlier this year was awarded the Imperial Service Medal. Haydn was appointed Workshop Foreman at Traralgon in 1954, and despite a personal disability as the result of an accident in the course of his duty, he served the Board in this position until his retirement in early July 1977. The census of those who worked with him throughout his long service (29 years, 5 months) is that his service was always beyond the call of duty.

The only news from the spray gang is that Barry Bickel has taken over as Engineer-in-Charge, and is looking forward to a successful season, with an expected output 20 per cent higher than the previous year.

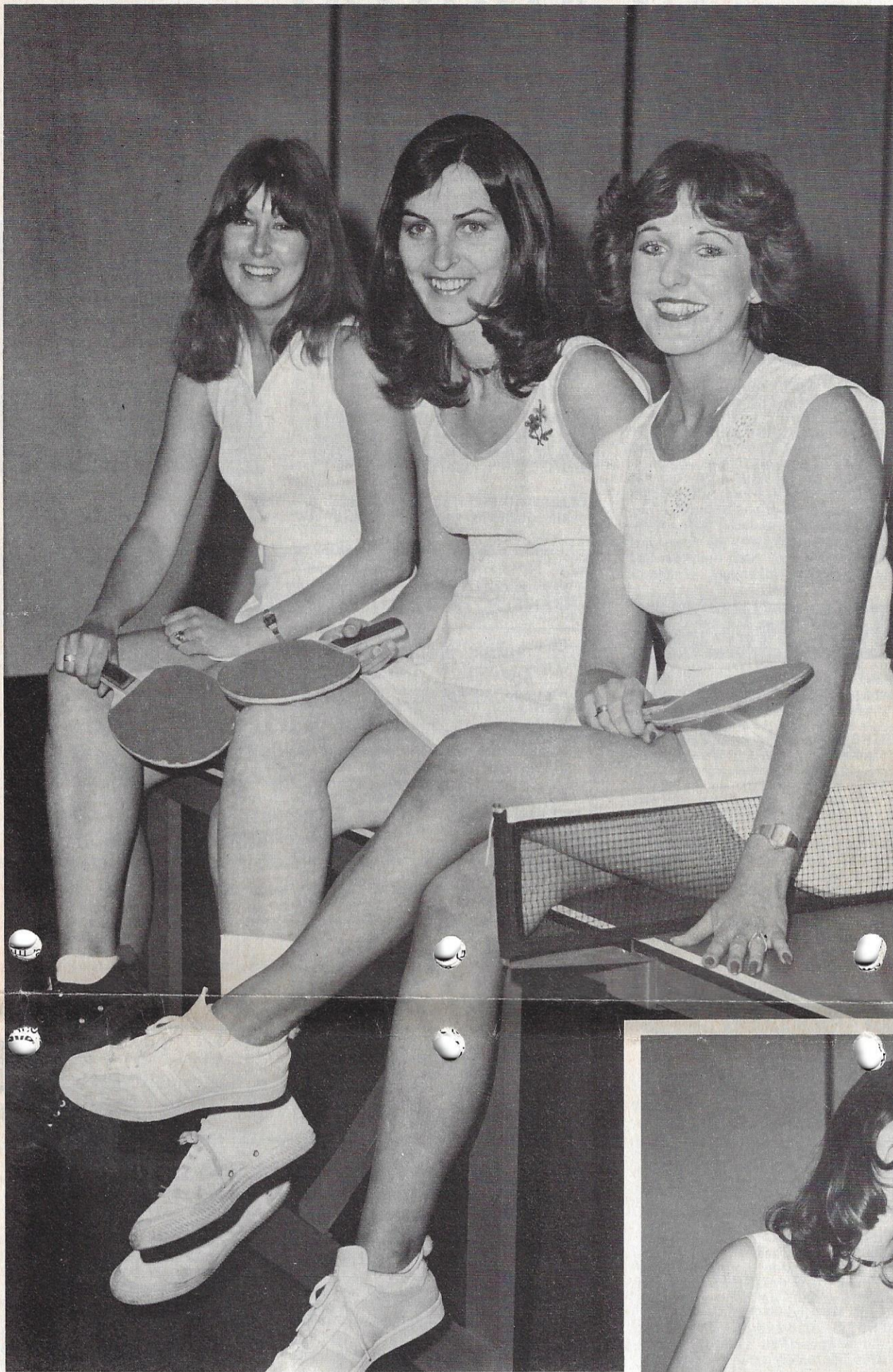
The word is that Brain Kleehammer has a "new" Holden utility which is covered with dents. Could these be caused by bad driving?

We have had no reports on Leon Shanks new car, but Keith Thomson is happy with his new CRB Suzuki.

Wally Dodds (Overseer at Drouin) went to the doctor in Drouin recently about his hearing. While sitting quietly in the surgery he was bailed up by a local landowner from whom the Board is acquiring land and received a 15 minutes tirade about the Board. We have been told he had no hearing trouble that afternoon.

Melbourne Cup Day dawned cool and clear and saw several of the office staff celebrating this great and noble occasion with a chicken and champagne breakfast at Bert Thompson's Reserve. It has been decided to make it an annual event. There will be pictures and comments in the next issue.

After planting many trees and shrubs on the highway median recently, Patrolman Lindsay Marshall has been reported to cross to the other side of the road when passing the local nursery, claiming he never wants to see another seedling again.



Now It's Ping Pong And Panties At Metro

Metro's table tennis girls dressed to advantage when they competed in the division's annual tournament recently.

Carol Young, Helen Liddy and Karen Palmer (pictured at left before their matches) wore tennis frocks and frilly panties and immediately won the support of the record crowd.



ALL SMILES before their game... Helen Liddy and John Clark
For the big match, John resorted to sun glasses for better eye control
But this effort was in vain as Helen swept to victory.

Unfortunately for Karen Palmer and Carol Young, their opposition were able to keep their minds on the game, despite the "frillies" and the partisan crowd.

LEFT: Karen (left) and Carol in action during a doubles game.

