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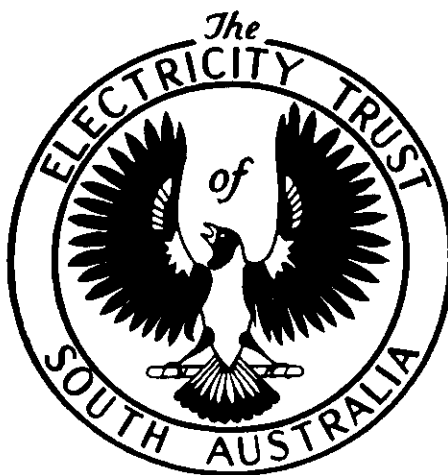
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LEIGH CREEK COALFIELD

25

YEARS

WITH



6 FEBRUARY 1973

LEIGH CREEK MANAGERS'

1948	-	1950	-	Mr HE HALLAM
1950	-	1961	-	Mr T ROBBINS
1961	-	1970	-	Mr R A CLEMENT
1970	-	Present Manager		Mr P L MUSSARED

On the 6 February we say "CONGRATULATIONS" to ETSA on the "Silver" anniversary of our "Coal" mining town.

Twenty five years ago on this date, ETSA 'took over' from E & W S. With the 'take-over' of land etc., came quite a few men including, H (Jumbo) ALI, Skip AHMAT and Colin HILL.

What was Leigh Creek like in those days? What went on? What did people do to amuse themselves? These, and many other questions, can only be answered by those 'oldies' either still here or departed. However, looking up a few history notes, and talking to some of these 'oldies' we have pieced together a few statistics which I am sure will be of interest to you.

1948/51

During these years the housing project was started, tree planting began, the Leigh Creek Co-op Store/butcher shop and of course the Canteen were built.

Bricks for the housing project were made here (underground and quoted as being the "coolest place in Leigh Creek") and carted by the late Wilf Lintern and Colin Hill to the site.

'A' block plus the old Mess (on original site), a few staff houses and the workers 'Tent line' were already established when ETSA 'took over'.

1951/52

Coaling extended to 'K' Cut area. 'F' cut completed.

Work started on Aroona Dam.

Dr. Richards - first resident Doctor.

Hospital built and Trust took over to provide Nursing Service from AIM which was in present doctor's house.

Accommodation for 20 migrant families (Hollywood), 16 prefab. houses and 16 huts - each for 4 single men - erected.

1952/53

Telford Cut completed. Total number of residences on the Field = 126.

All construction plant erected in Aroona.

Adelaide Co-op took over from the Leigh Creek Co-op for the towns supply.

1953/54

Overburden removal started with the 5W in Northfield. Operator E Blieschke, greaser N Militch.

Placing of concrete commenced in Aroona. Administration Office occupied.

Race course prepared.

1954/55

First consignment of coal to Pt Augusta via Hawker-Quorn-Pichi -Richi Pass. Kindergarten commenced in a small room behind the stage of the Community Hall.

First Garden competition - 43 entries.

Swimming pool construction commenced.

Total number of houses = 162.

1955/56

9W walked to Northfield from Leigh Creek.

Last concrete poured in Aroona Dam - complete. Swimming Pool opened.

First Naturalization Ceremony held. 'TOPICS' commenced.

1956/57

Newly built General Store opened.

First swimming carnival - visit of Olympic swimmers DAWN FRASER (FS 18.6), MARGARET GIBSON (BF 19.5), JON HENRICKS (FS 16), MURRAY GARRETY (BF 19.5).

NF Mess completed.

New wing in Hospital, opened by Sir THOMAS PLAYFORD.

Work begun on Workshop & Stores facilities at Northfield.

1957/58

Bitumen roads & kerbing completed. Water supply from Arroona become critical and Sliding Rock pumping station re-instated.
Number of houses in the Town increased to 200.

1958/59

New Canteen opened. Golf course layed out, first club house built.
Air conditioned new laundry commissioned.

1959/60

The expanding community had outgrown the previous hall and a new hall was constructed. 5th Australian Symphony Orchestra concert in the new Hall.
Number of trees and shrubs planted estimated as 10,000.

1960/61

Erection of the 770B Dragline was delayed due to the loss in heavy seas of some parts. Building of 'C' block started.

1961/62

132 kW line from Pt Augusta completed. Steam power station in Northfield closed down.

770B commissioning ceremony. Lady PLAYFORD unveiled the plaque.
Arroona Dam first time filled and overflowed. "C" block completed.
Copley School closed - first started in the year 1895.

1962/63

The Secondary School Building provided by the Trust was handed over to the Education Department. Migrant quarter's demolished. Tiling of swimming pool completed.

1963/64

Erection of the boilermaker shop and transport workshop in NF started.
The first 4 Euclids were delivered.

1964/65

P & H Shovel and 6 more Euclids commenced.
Dental Surgery and Optical consulting room built.

1965/66

Youth Club building completed and occupied. 770B and 9W work continuous shift and handled 8.2 million c.yds of overburden.

1966/67

New Kitchen of the Telford Mess completed.
Since Jan'67, wine and spirits are on sale in the Canteen.

1967/68

Good rain filled the Arroona Dam in January and June - 1968.
Tenders called for an additional walking dragline.

1968/69

5½" rain recorded to May '69.
Commencement of "The Far Northern Development Association" - 300 people attended first meeting. Mr R Barber - Secretary and the late Mr B D Brazel - President.

1969/70

Drilling & Blasting Section - first to break 1000 days without a time-lost accident in Leigh Creek.

Bus service to LC/Arkaroola commenced operation.
Worst dust storm in our history - temperature dropped from 95°-64° in minutes - visibility practically nil - wind velocity 63 mph - 54 pts of rain.

1970/71

Back to LC weekend - Farewell to Ron & Joan Clement. Visit of Pt. Augusta LIONS Club - test for Glaucoma. Commissioning of Page Dragline.

1971/72

Mrs 'Jackie' Hines and model Julie Gibson make the finals of the Marigny Hair Styling competition. TAB opens at Leigh Creek. New national broadcasting station 5LC opened. Freak hail storm - one egg shaped stone measured 3½" x 2½" in diameter. Beginning of Daylight saving (State).

1972/73

Mr BRUCE DINHAM appointed as Manager Administration. Mr S HUDDLESTON appointed as Deputy General Manager. Overseas visit of Mr P Mussared, A Colebatch and L Leolkes. 25 years - ETSA Leigh Creek.

(ETSA MANAGEMENT INVITES YOU TO A BEER (6/2/73) FROM 5.30 pm)



Sensational Savings

EARNSTHAWES

JERY-WEL

Sale!

LADIES FROCKS - Crisp cottons reduced to the low price of \$5.99 Be early as stock of these will not last at this price.

DRESS MATERIALS - By the yard reduced to below cost. To clear, will make low cost frocks from \$1.00 yd.

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Want to sit outside to relax? We have comfortable plastic woven SAUCER CHAIRS - Black wrought Iron legs in various colours. So easy to carry, priced at only \$4.00.

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JUST ARRIVED

Latest in CHILDRENS 'T' SHIRTS with motif printed on front in contrast colours. EVERY child will want one of these. Sizes: 22 to 32".

\$2.40



TALES FROM THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

Former Post Master Mr LEN O'TOOLE had just purchased one doz bottles of beer and had parked his car at the rear of the PO. Shouldering his precious carton of "Live Marines", he was making for his fridge when the telephonist shouted "Long distance call for you Len". Placing the carton on the nearby rubbish bin he hastened to receive his call. At that fateful moment our "Garbologists" arrived and thinking Lens' rubbish bin was to the overflowing point, thus removed his rubbish (& beer). When Len finally located his 312 Fl.oz. of Dr Southward, it had disappeared down the gaping jaws of the Old Dump.

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In the early days of European migrants in Leigh Creek, a request was made to one of the Co-op assistants which immediately set her naking strong signs indicating the 'GENTS ONLY'. Turned out that all the customer wanted was TWO pound of PEAS!

Odd Spot ..

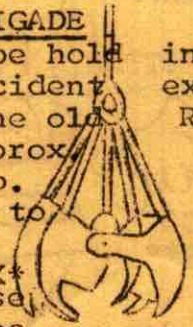
GUS & JULIE Gangell wish to thank Dr Collings, Dr Mussared, Matron & Staff and St John. Words cannot express their sincere appreciation for the help and efficiency given and shown during Julies' recent hospitalization.

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ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The LC Section will be holding a simulated vehicle accident exercise in the vicinity of the old Repair Shop (Telford) at approx 9.pm MONDAY night, 5th Feb. ADULT PUBLIC welcome to attend.

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GUESS WHO run his hose for 1/2 hr on Wednesday before realizing it was a 'D' fore day. (SELC - who commented "shows how careful you have to be").



Thomas Law

ARKAROOOLA - LEIGH CREEK EXPRESS

Weekly passenger and parcel freight service from Adelaide and Arkaroola serving the Northern Flinders Ranges area.

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- ADELAIDE - Ansett Pioneer 101 Franklin Street

or

OUR Office - 17 Hastings Road, Col. Light Gdns.

Phones 76.1615 or 76.7708

HOW TRUE - It's a good idea to keep your words soft and sweet, because you never know when you may have to eat them.

WARDS

NEWSPAPERS

MAGAZINES

COOLDRINKS

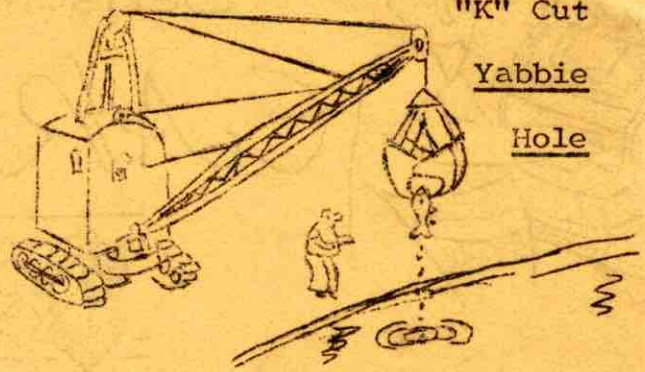
SWEETS

CIGARETTES

TOBACCO

Agent for DRY CLEANING

Phone LC 132



Swimming club

POOL ATTENDANT

As you all know, Mrs Kay Davis has left Leigh Creek. We were sorry to see her go, she was a good attendant.

We received an excellent response to our call for tenders despite the short notice and the selection of the successful tenderer Mrs PAM REID, was not easy.

We seek your co-operation in helping Pam by observing our simple rules.

The committee thanks the unsuccessful tenderers for their response and hopes that they will tender again in the future.

PETERBOROUGH CARNIVAL

Results and comments were in the last 'Topics'. Have you seen the photographs of our swimmers in the "Chronicle"?

PT AUGUSTA CARNIVAL

Twenty swimmers from the club will be going down to Pt Augusta on Sat. 3rd February to take part in the carnival.

Times of departure, pick up points and fares will be notified on Thursday during the training session, all intending to go are asked to attend.

WHYALLA - IRON KNOB

Nominations for these carnivals have been taken and the arrangements will be circulated at a later date.

Pistol club

The OPENING SHOOT for the year will be on SUNDAY - February 11 assembling at 9.30 am for a self handicap ANY event.

Shooting to commence at 10.00am. SOCIAL in the evening - weather permitting.

(W MANN - Secretary)



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good reasons to shop

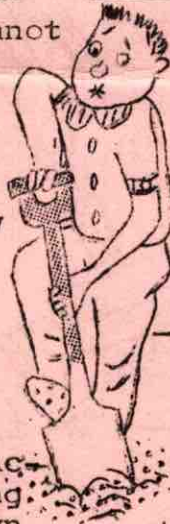
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GROCERIES	***	MEN'S - WOMEN'S - CHILDREN'S Clothing.
SMALL GOODS	***	HARDWARE
DRAPERY	***	AGENTS for: TAA, ANSETT ANA and THOMAS TOURS.

(Answer)

If you are going away and cannot have your pot plants watered, give them a good soaking then, tie each pot in a plastic bag. Keep them in a cool sheltered place and they should not need any further attention for a few days at least.

"Green Thumb"



Dear "Green Thumb",
My biggest worry (garden wise), when I go on holidays are my **POT PLANTS**. There always seem to be enough things to asked people to look after without adding the worry of Pot plants. Can you give me any clues on this matter.

(Mrs 'R')

FEATURE TREE

"Red Cap Gum" - Eucalyptus Erythrocorys.

This is one of the most attractive of the ornamental flowering gums and makes an excellent lawn specimen in Leigh Creek.

It is fast growing and is usually a small slender upright tree with a white barked trunk. The spectacular yellow flowers are made up of stamens grouped together in four tufts, the whole flower being two or more inches across. An added attraction is the large bright red bud caps which fall before flowers open.

In Leigh Creek "Red Cap Gum" flowers in summer.

The best specimen in the town is in the front lawn of the Canteen and it is in full bloom at present.

Young "Red Cap Gums" are available at most nurseries and are best planted out in autumn or spring. This tree is native to the farming areas northwest of Perth & widely grown in Sth Aust.

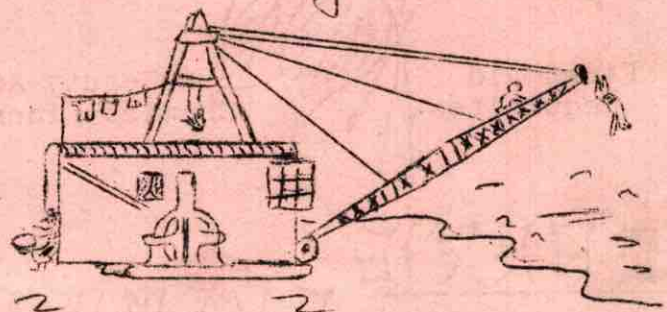
JUST A KID

A distraught mother went to the psychiatrist and said her son was always making mud pies and when he had finished making them he ate them.

"That's not unusual", said the psychiatrist, "lots of boys make mud pies and try to eat them".

"I'm not so sure of that", said the mother, "and neither is my son's wife."

Our "Holiday House"



Youth Club

Club activities will commence next week.

For BOYS : Tuesday 6 Feb.

Junior (6-11 years) 6.30 - 7.30pm
Seniors (12-18 ") 7.30 - 9.00pm

For GIRLS: Thursday 8 Feb

6.30 - 7.30pm

The Committee would like to see members wearing appropriate dress on their club nights. For GIRLS - black leotards - BOYS - white 'T' shirt, shorts and sand shoes or gym boots.

The club is happy to announce that our new Secretary is Mrs HELEN BOBARDT and Mrs JOAN ASHCROFT has been elected as girls' leader.

The club still seeks a girls' instructor to assist Mrs Ashcroft. If you have any training and interest in this area please contact Mrs Ashcroft or any other committee member.

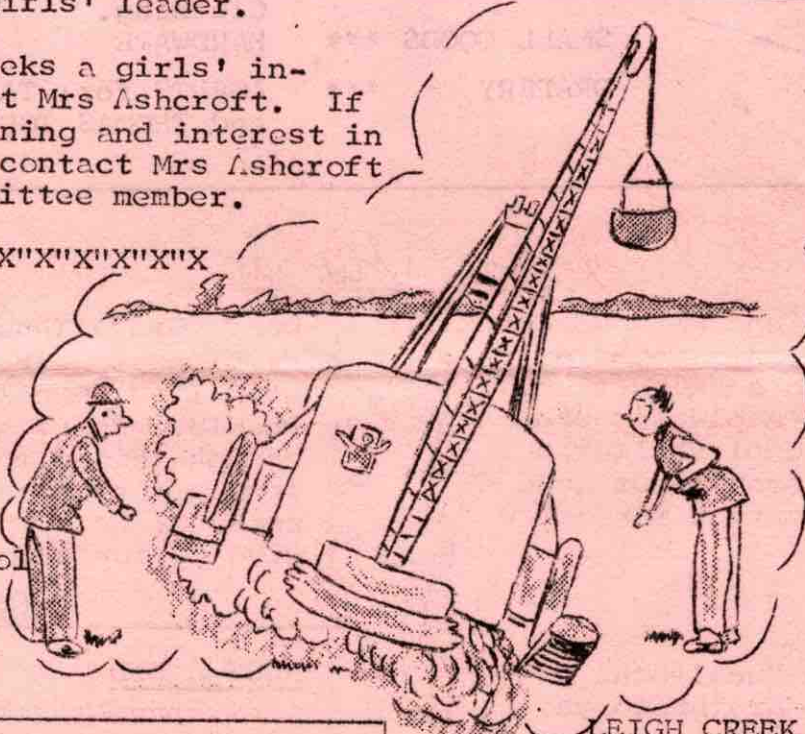
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SCHOOL BEGINS

MONDAY

5 FEB.

(Ulcers are what you get from School Holidays)



"U9 to Control

I'm mobile

to Telford"

LEIGH CREEK AREA SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES 1973

It is proposed during the 1st term to conduct classes in:-

Woodwork (and or Metalwork)

Typewriting.

Adults interested in attending any of the above classes are invited to attend on **MONDAY** - 12th February at 7.30pm for preliminary organization and arrangement of Fees payment (\$10.50 per term)

All members of the Community are welcome to participate.

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SCHOOL COMMENCES Monday 5 Feb., however, Staff commence duty on Thursday 1 Feb., and will be present at the School on that day & on Friday 2 Feb. Any parent with new or additional enrolments or who desires an interview with relation to student courses etc., are urged to attend on the **AFTERNOONS** of these days.

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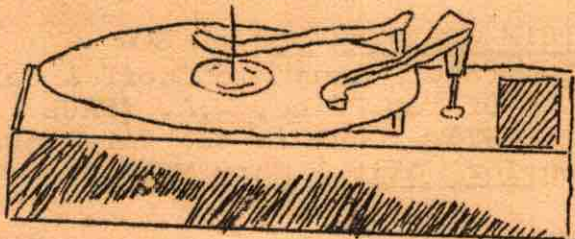
CARRIG

CHEMIST

BOOK SHOP

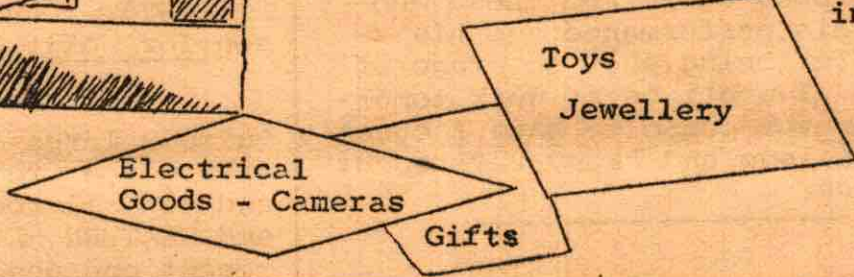
LEIGH CREEK

FOR THE BEST IN STERO & MONO RECORDS



'RON & VON'

Remind you that your inspection is invited.



CHURCH DIARY

4 February - ST LUKES
8.pm - Evening Prayer

4 February - LUTHERAN SERVICE
A reading service in the evening - 7.00pm - Inter Church

11 February - INTER CHURCH
7.00pm Evening Service.
GAMBLE and MUNDY

G*A*R*D*E*N* S*H*E*D

Will be open from 1.pm - 2.pm (note time change) next SATURDAY 3/2/73 for sale of fertilisers, insecticides etc. Orders for plants and garden equipment will be taken. Fifty cents annual membership fee is now due.

(J.R. ZWAR - Secretary)

"ODE TO LEIGH CREEK" by A. WALLIS

In the north of Sth Australia, the early settlers found, A rather large deposit of carbon in the ground. It must have been 100 years since that auspicious date. And even now (I'm sorry to say) there appears to be debate. About what the place was called; our opinions fail to meet, If the coal was found at Telford, or actually at Leigh Creek. Well, they brought in picks & shovels and a Euclid truck or two. And dug a hole (called K cut) now it's full of water - true. Then one day a tourist came and brought his wife and daughter, And Mother asked, "Do they mine for coal, or do they dig for water? The year the Trust took over, the future looked quite bright. They brought in lots of big machines To make the work-load light.

An Engineer, a Boilermaker and all they could engage, They say the Osgood was good, now the Page is all the rage. The township has its problems too, we're short of water here. Aroona Dam is silting up? C'mon lets drink more beer. Some people have funny tastes, and to mention but a few, John Zwar likes to roll 'Vee Dubs', Bob Tullock chooses roos'. Neil Gamble keeps DCA on air, and avoids aviation crack-ups; Darkie trains his dogs and pups, while Ron Hatch lives on ducks. But 'Smoochie' wins them all - he's an aero modeller keen, George has the only proto type of flying submarine. Well, the year has flown fast, and I'm sure I'll never meet, The same friendship, fun & gaiety, as I have here at Leigh Creek.

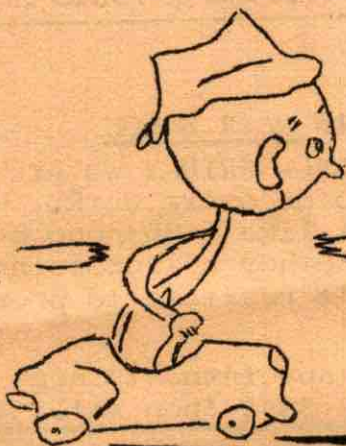
Why bother with UNCOMFORTABLE TRANSPORT ? ?

Change to a HOLDEN TODAY

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QUORN

Local Agent .. Kelvin Plumb
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RETIREMENT of JIM D DINGWALL.

Jim retired on 26 January after 17 years ETSA service and will live at Wallaroo. Jim's main interest in Leigh Creek has been the Drama Club and we have witnessed many first class performances from him. His last part was the 'Villian' in a Melodrama - "Only an Orphan Girl" and those who witnessed his performance and his comment after being shot on stage of "tell Skip I won't be at work tomorrow" will never cease to have a chuckle over it. A long and happy retirement to you James.

ENGAGEMENTS

Best wishes and good luck to the following young couples who recently announced their engagements:-

Dean CLOHESSY and Susan McWHINNEY.

Bob STEVENS (of Murray Bridge) & Susan MANN.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Students on obtaining their Leaving Certificates:-

MARK McPherson
PENNY Mussared
LEANNE Gangell
GARY Fisher
MICHO Militch.

Very special "Well done" wishes to PETER Militch on passing his Matriculation with 5 'A' passes. Also 'well done' to Greg McPherson on also passing his matriculation examination.

Mr & Mrs L MENGERSEN wish to express their appreciation for the help and co-operation they received from the CWA ladies on the occasion of their daughter Barbaras' wedding to Darryl Fels.

The 'grapevines' are saying that there will be wine grape pressing going on at "Wally's Wonder Winery" next week-end. We understand that the grape pickers have been engaged, but the Staff at 'Topics' are wondering if they could be appointed "Chief Samplers"!! We hope Wally and Mary have a very good vintage.

GUIDES

Girl Guides will commence at 7 pm on MONDAY night - 12 February. We meet at the Youth Hall and all new members (and old of course) are very welcome to attend. Girls' please be punctual as we must form new patrols and elect new Leaders.

(CAPTAIN)

CONGRATULATIONS to Gus & Julie GANGELL on the recent birth of their daughter - 26/ 1/73.

BIRTH OF INTEREST - A SON

"Congratulations" to Geoff & Carin MANN of Tom Price, W.A. (PAUL ANTHONY). Paul is the first Grand son for Wally & Mary Mann.

Quite a large 'convoy' travelled from Leigh Creek on the long week-end to Wallaroo to help JOHN BOCK and HEATHER MAY celebrate their recent engagement. It appears from the reports that a wonderful time was had by all.

The Committee of the 1973 ETSA Swimming Carnival (in aid of the Woodville Spastic Home), extend their appreciation to the people of Leigh Creek for their assistance in the sale of Carnival Quiz tickets.

PARENTS wishing to enroll their children for Kindergarten, may do so at the Kindergarten on MONDAY 5 February between the hours of:-

9.30 - 11.30 am
1.30 - 3.30 pm

(Mrs S KNOTT)

Been feeling a 'bit' warm lately? DCA have volunteered the following information (readings taken at 9.am & 3.pm daily):-
from the 1st January - 30th Jan.

18 days over 38°C (100°F)
14 " " 40°C (105°F)
6 " " 42°C (108°F)

Lowest reading (real cool change) was 27.2°C = 81°F.

LC CUB PACK

Meetings will resume on every Wednesday night commencing on the 7th February - 6.30pm - Youth Hall

JACQUELINE'S HAIR SALON

From TUESDAY - FRIDAY we are now able to do extra work. If you feel like a Shampoo & Set or any other hairdressing needs, don't hesitate to phone LC 30.

MEN - No appointments are necessary - just 'pop in'.

CINEMA

ADS

SATURDAY -
3/2/73

"THEY CALL ME MR TIBBS"

Sorry no public-ity to hand.

"10.30 pm SUMMER"

Sorry no public-ity to hand.

WEDNESDAY - 7/2/73

"ZEPPELIN" (G)

The Great War's most explosive moment!

STARRING: Micheal York & Elke Sommer

"CRESENDO" (SAO)

The night the loving ended and the killing began!

STARRING: Stefanie Powers & James Olsen.

SATURDAY - 10/2/73

"THE OMEGA MAN" (NSC)

The last man alive.. is not alone!

STARRING: Charlton Heston & Anothony Zerbe.

"THE GREAT BANK ROBBERY" (NSC)

STARRING: Zero Mostel, Kim Novak & Clint Walker.

WEDNESDAY - 14/2/73

Sorry the programme for this night is not known.

CWA GENERAL MEETING

February 22 1973.

Roll Call: Type of book I enjoy.

Competitions: (a) Decoration from own wedding cake.

(b) Jar of something (Jam, Pickles er preserves etc), for Flinders House Fete.

Hostesses: Mesdames CRAIGIE, FUCHS, RANSOM, GIBSON.

Committee Meeting: February 15th.

(M Mann - Secretary)

(A valuable INVENTION by the REPAIR SHOP)

OPTICIAN: Mr D Jessop will be visiting Leigh Creek on 13 February. Appointments Admin. Phone LC 182 Ext. 8 Miss J Perkins or Extn. 21 Miss E Wedding.

DENTIST: The Clinic will be conducted on 14, 15 and 16 February. Appointments Admin. Phone LC 182 Extn 8 Miss J Perkins or Extn 21 Miss E Wedding.

LOST:

Would the person who picked up (by mistake) a black 'OROTON' handbag on Saturday 27 at the RSL hall please contact Copley, Phone 32.

REWARD

FOUND:- ON GHAN

Pair of spectacles with 'clip-on' sun glass attachment.

CONTACT: TOPICS

LOST:

Returned Services Badge No. 303 has been lost. Finder please return to Mr J Nicholson or V Rappold.

HOUSIE - HOUSIE - HOUSIE - HOUSIE

At Canteen on the following Monday evenings 7.30pm - 10.00 pm.

February - 5, 12, 19 and 26.

FOR SALE:

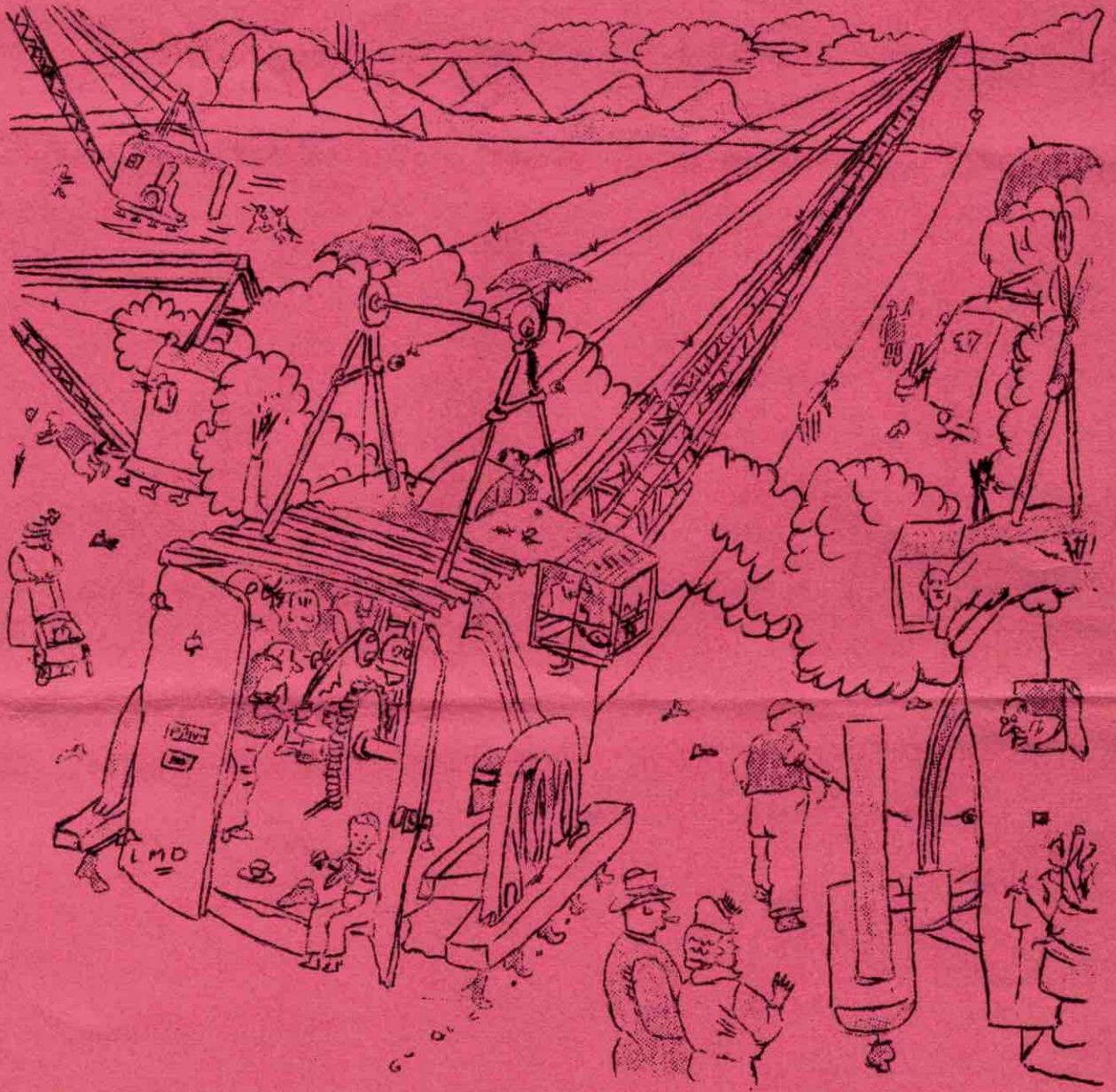
3 Roosters
2 Hens (of Indian Game)
12 weeks old.

CONTACT: Seelander 6 East Terrace LC

FOR SALE:

1 Lounge Suite. Good Condition \$50.00

CONTACT: 15 Second Street LC



Recent traffic congestion in Lobe 'D'