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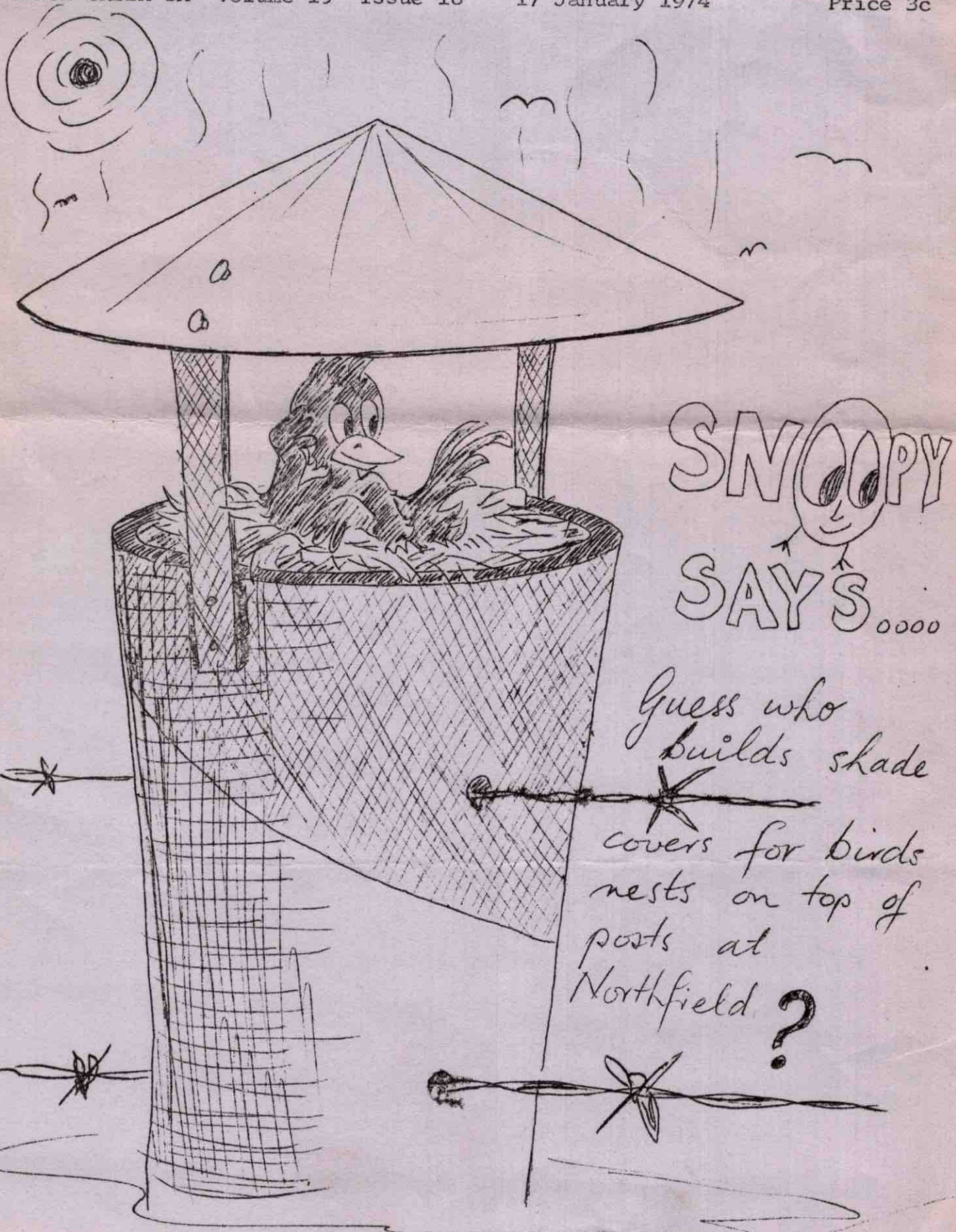
# GOBBLIES

LEIGH CREEK

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There are a few "Tubco" folding chairs left at \$5.50.

This will be our last advert in Topics and we would like to take this opportunity of saying welcome to Peter & Desley WARDELL to Leigh Creek. We say thank you to all our customers for their support over the years and we trust you will help Peter & Desley settle into the community and make their stay in Leigh Creek as enjoyable as ours has been.

### THE LAST OF "GREEN THUMB"

In the last few weeks many young trees & shrubs have been distributed to householders. Because of our hot summers, special care will be needed for their survival. After planting, water in well and keep well watered until cooler weather. Once established, give small quantities of fertiliser each month and water in well. This results in fast & healthy growth. Use mulch e.g. lawn cuttings (if free of weed seed), wood shavings, leaves etc to keep soil moist and lessen weed growth. Keep weeds and lawn grasses away from young trees or shrubs, a 2-3 ft square or circle is ideal. Lawns benefit from an application of fertiliser now and should be cut often.

As I am leaving Leigh Creek, best wishes to all gardeners here and good luck in the garden competition which will be held in Spring.

### GARDEN CLUB

The garden shed will re-open for business on 2 Feb for sales of fertilisers, stakes and all garden requirements. Subs of 50 cents are now due for 1974.

(Secretary) JOHN R ZWAR

GRAHAM & JENNY SANDERCOCK and family send kind regards to all their LC and District friends.

### LEIGH CREEK AREA SCHOOL

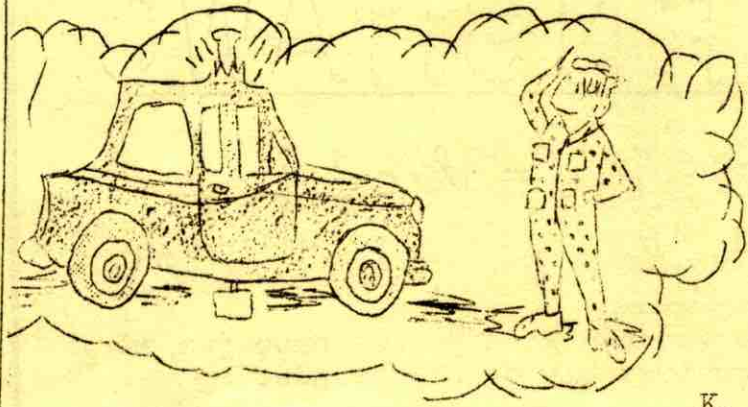
Applications are hereby called for the position of SCHOOL CLEANER for Library/Resource Centre and Admin Block/class rooms, commencing 31st January.

Applicants should apply in writing to the Headmaster Mr PROBERT before 24 Jan. An interview will be required in the week ending 31 Jan.

On behalf of the 'Topics' staff we say a very sincere thank you to Earnshaws Ltd for their loyal patronage during their time with us. We would point out that the publishing of this paper is mainly due to the advertisements that appear so regularly from our business people. Thank you one and all.

(Editress)

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR greetings to you all from the Peleponnesse (GREECE) where we are having a really wonderful time. We left Athens on Sunday. Have a Fiat car for 7 days (no petrol restrictions) and we are seeing all the ancient places. Had a wonderful time in Athens - the Acropolis and town are lovely and it is so hard to imagine that their places are all so old, some dating back to 1400 BC.

We visited ancient Corinth & Mikine yesterday, stayed at a beautiful sea-port of Nafplion last night, went to Epidaurios and saw the huge Amphitheatre built in the 4 century BC today. It seats 17 000 and is still used. Tonight we are at Tripolis and tomorrow we are going to Sparta and Mistra then to Pilos, Olympia, Delphi and back to Athens next Saturday.

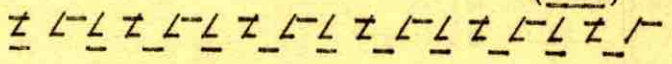
The people are good and Australians' are well liked. The language is difficult but we are getting by with some English and signs.

Have taken lots of slides and hope they all come out. Food is vastly different but we are eating all the local food and loving it.

We go to Rome on Xmas Eve - hope Italy is as good as Greece.

Regards,

Bill & Shirley  
KNOTT (Dec)



13 Dec '73

Mrs B Carter  
LEIGH CREEK

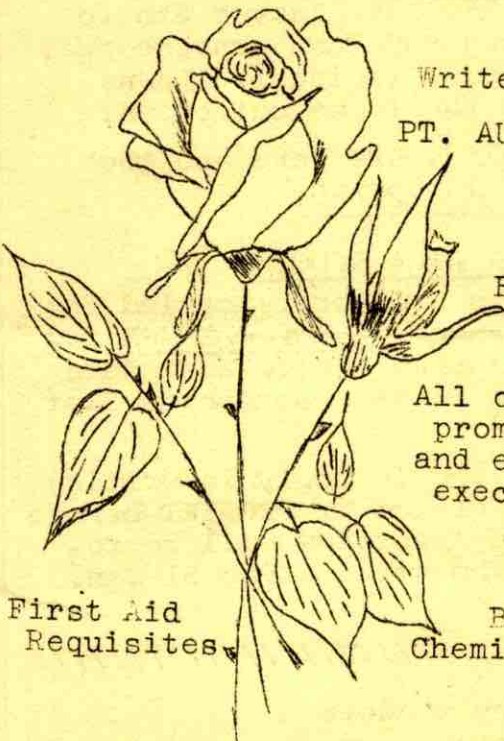
Dear Mrs Carter,

On receipt of your letter we contacted Thomas Tours office and collected the parcels sent by you on behalf of the ladies of the combined Churches in Leigh Creek and all the contents arrived in good condition.

Just prior to receiving your letter I had a telephone request for gifts for varied age groups, so you can imagine our delight upon opening the parcels to find that our need had been met. Kindly convey to all concerned our grateful thanks, and you can be sure the lovely gifts will bring pleasure to many people

Wishing you many blessings at Christmas, and every happiness in the New Year.

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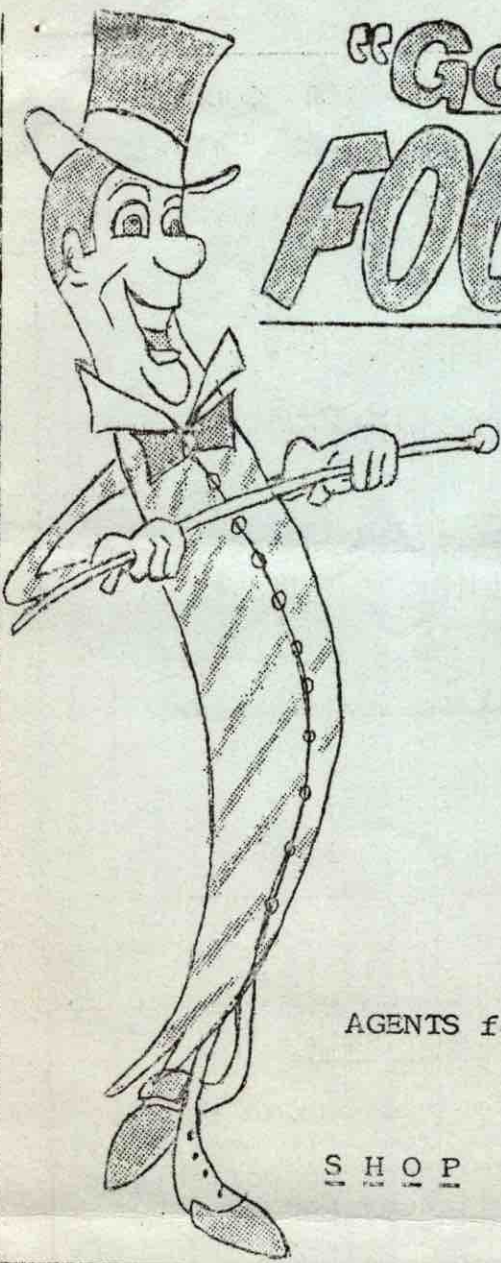
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## SALE OF SURPLUS USED FURNITURE AT LEIGH CREEK AERODROME

Tenders will be received by the Secretary, Regional Contract Board, Department of Transport, Morley Street, West Richmond, South Australia 5033 until 2. pm on TUESDAY 5th February, 1974 for the purchase of:-

Item		Item	
1	Cooler Evaporative Aquacool. No.2	6	Wardrobe single 4'6" No.2
2	" " Braemar. " 2	7	Mattress innerspring " 2 (double)
3	<del>Dressing table</del> " 4	8	Chair lounge " 5
4	Wardrobe gents " 2	9	Chair Lounge " 4
5	" ladies " 1	10	Mattress wire 3' " 1
		11	Blinds exterior " 3 (metal)

No special tender forms are required to submit an offer, and tenders should be submitted in writing to the above address in a sealed envelope endorsed "Tender Schedule No. S15". Tenders will be received for all or any items.

The items are held at the Leigh Creek Aerodrome and inspection can be made by contacting the Officer In Charge.

No guarantee is given as to the condition of the items and they are sold "as and where they lie" and no claim for rebate through a possible mis-description will be considered by the Department therefore inspection should be made before tendering.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and payment must be made to the Officer In charge at Leigh Creek Aerodrome before the items are removed.

(J DOWLING - for Supt. of Supply & Transport)



# Swimming - Club...

On 13 January, 28 swimmers and 7 supporters left for the Carnival at Peterborough (14th). With Brother Craven at the helm, and a timely stop at Craddock, a dusty, happy & somewhat tired bus load arrived at Peterborough where they dispersed to their respective billets. The food consumed on the journey down was something to behold, and this, by only two members of the party.

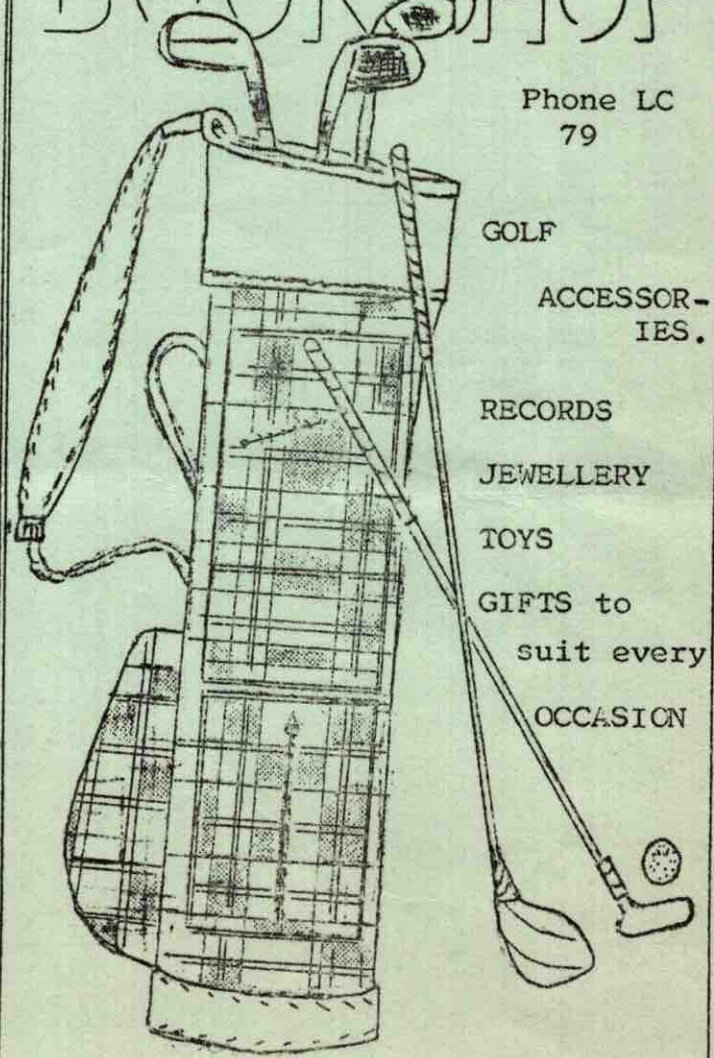
A mammoth entry at the Carnival on Sunday promised for a long and hard struggle.

Our swimmers went in as usual (the only way they know how) giving everything they had and it was great to hear Leigh Creek being named again and again as heat winners.

After getting more swimmers through to the finals than ever before, their enthusiasm ran away with them, and even though they won the events, due to time handicapping, they were disqualified by the narrowest of margins, in many cases 1/10 of a second. Never-the-less, we brought home 4 trophies (and from the looks on faces and muttered oaths etc., which were only barely audible), a

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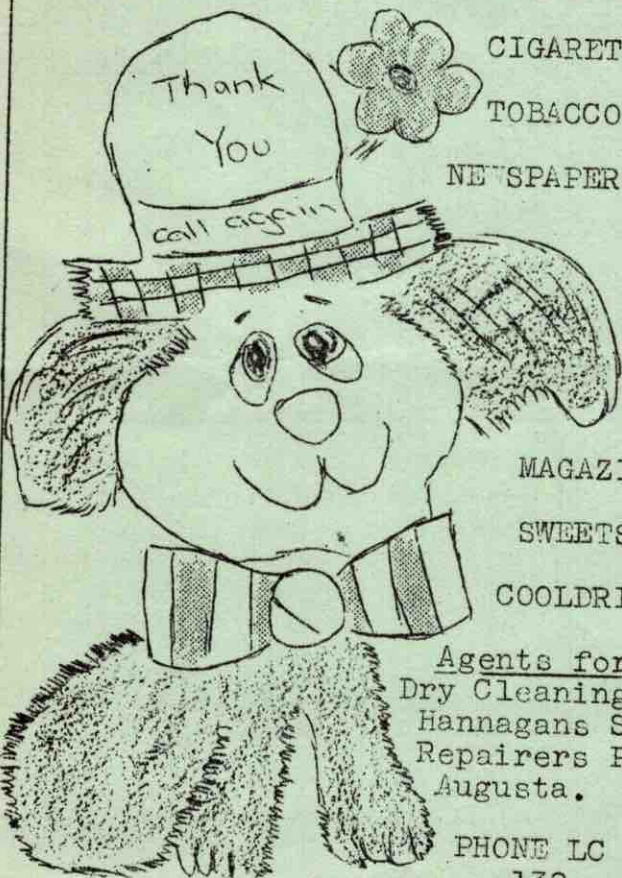


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determination to add to these a hundred times.

I can only thank the swimmers for a wonderful effort in the Carnival, excellent behaviour and terrific enthusiasm.

Due to the massive entry (1,300) we were late leaving and consequently late arriving home. It was a tired and happy crew, however, that did arrive home having sung Brother home all the way.

### TROPHY WINNERS:

- CRAIG HOOPER (2)
- SUSAN KING (2)

(L M DORTON - CAPTAIN)

## Church Diary

- 20 Jan - INTERCHURCH  
7.30 pm (P RUSSELL)
- 27 Jan - ST LUKES C of E  
7.30 Evening Prayer.
- 27 Jan - LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Reading Service.  
7.30 pm Interchurch

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A solicitor who, at 85 & after a long life of wine, women & song, was found reading the bible. He was looking for loopholes.

# Miscellany

The following young couples have announced their engagement and we wish them the very best of luck:-  
BRENDA GRAY and SYD WRIGHT 20 Dec.  
LEON GRAHAM and fiancée PAM. (15 Dec)

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr N E NEWMAN who gained his 10 year ETSA service badge (6/ 1/74).

This issue we say a very reluctant farewell to "Green Thumb" - JOHN ZWAR. John will take up duties as Curator of the National Botanic Garden of Papua New Guinea at LAE. A wealth of knowledge has been passed on to us through his regular "Green Thumb" Topics article; we say a very BIG THANK YOU. John has always been more than willing to help any of us with our own personal garden problems, for this we are also very thankful. The very best of luck and make sure you come back to Leigh Creek one of these days in the not too distant future.



DON'T FORGET the BINGO which starts up again on the 22 January in the "Yulu" lounge. The game commences at 7.30 pm and proceeds are to aid the Pre-School Kindergarten.

CONGRATULATIONS to Clarrie & Nelda HOOPER who recently celebrated their 25th (Silver) wedding anniversary.

## CAN YOU HELP?

A female student from an Advanced College of Education (Teachers College), will be involved in teaching duties at our Area School from the beginning of the school year. Can someone please help by providing inexpensive board for the period - 28 January to 14 February. If any family in town can help in this matter, or needs more information, contact me as soon as possible.

(LEO VASILUNAS)

Brian & Ann BUTTON extend New Year greetings to all friends at Leigh Creek. The Button family have been very busy moving into their new house - 45 Dunorlan Road, EDWARDSTOWN.

We welcome Mr & Mrs PROBERT and family to Leigh Creek. Mr Probert is the new Headmaster of the Area School. We trust that your time in Leigh Creek is a happy and rewarding one.

## POSTAGE SUBS

Subscriptions for 1973 - NOW DUE. If you require 'Topics' for the next 12 months, please forward \$2.30 (\$1.82 stamps + 50c subs) to:-  
Mrs V J RAPPOLD, Box 21, LEIGH CREEK Sth Australia 5731.

If subscriptions are not received within one month you will be taken from the mailing list.

## TOWN

Our delivery Officers have completed their town call for subs of 50 cents. If you do not receive your issue from now on there is a possibility that you could be unfinancial. Please check with Editress or PAUL VANGENT.

A FAREWELL FUNCTION will be held at 8.pm on SUNDAY, 3 February in the gardens of the Catholic Church for FATHER S CAMILLERI. Father will be transferring to the Solomontown Parish. ALL parishioners and FRIENDS are invited. Please bring a plate of supper.

I wish to say goodbye to all of my friends in Leigh Creek and District. My 2 years here have been most enjoyable and I will certainly miss the casual, friendly atmosphere. I hope to return when on leave in a couple of years time. Best wishes to you all for happiness and success in the future.

(JOHN ZWAR)

(any similarity to John(in 2 yrs)& the drawing is purely coincidental).

CONGRATULATIONS to Ian & Valerie BURKE on the recent birth of their daughter TINA MARIE (12/ 1/74).

## also to

Malcolm (Chug) and Rachael DAVIES on the recent birth of their son GREGORY GLEN (14/ 1/74).

I wish to sincerely thank the LC Swimming Club for the help given to me during my illness on the recent Peterborough trip. Special thanks to Mr Phillip Jones and Mrs Maralyn King.

(Marie McCLEARY)

A welcome also to our midst, Mr & Mrs WHITTINGTON & family. Yet another new member of the teaching staff, Mr Whittington is Senior Master.



15 November 1973

The Secretary  
Far Northern Development Association  
LEIGH CREEK

Dear Sir,

TELEVISION FOR SMALL COUNTRY AREAS

We have been advised by our good friends at Hamersley Iron that your organisation is enquiring about the possibility of establishing a television service in the far north of South Australia and we have been asked to supply you with the information you require.

This company, together with its associated professional engineering company Ian Hill and Associates Pty Ltd., was responsible for the initial designs and installation of the television repeater stations at Dampier, Tom Irico, Newman, Yampi Sound, Groote Eylandt and Weipa and the television translator stations at Karratha, Cockatoo Island and Paraburdoo. We are on contract to provide a continuous engineering supervisory service over the whole scheme and in addition we provide an operational and maintenance service to all stations excepting Yampi Sound and Weipa.

The scheme is organised through a mining Television Guiding Committee which meets in Melbourne and Perth twice annually and the Chairman of this Committee is Mr Kevin Lourey of Comalco Ltd., Exhibition St Melbourne.

The stations are essentially miniature versions of a normal television station and these radiate a normal standard television signal so that normal television sets with standard aerials can use the service. As far as the viewer is concerned the service is exactly the same as he would receive in Sydney or Adelaide.

The programmes are supplied free by the ABC and these are recorded on helical scan videotape. The programme is exactly the same as ABC viewers would receive in Adelaide without the news service and 52 hours of programme are radiated each week making up a seven day service. Local station identification and off air radio relay news information is inserted locally into the programme.

The usual radius of coverage of the transmitters is 2 to 10 miles depending on the power used and distant pockets of population can be covered by a translator service from the central area studio. There are a number of possibilities for the studio and transmitting equipment arrangements and this would depend on an actual on site survey. One possibility for a small area is for the studio to be located in one room of the technician's house and the transmitting aerial is mounted on a small mast adjacent to the house.

The capital cost of the equipment and installation could be in the vicinity of \$50 000 and the annual operating costs could be in the order of \$20 000 per annum. These estimates are very approximate. The technician in most other areas is provided as part of the Television Broadcasting Communication contract and TBC is responsible for his recruitment, training, relief, etc.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to write to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,  
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(signed): I L Hill  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

On the 20 December 1973 a letter was then despatched to our SA Premier The Hon D A Dunstan QC LLB MLA - and I quote the following from this letter - "Considering the importance of Leigh Creek to the economy of SA we feel justified in making another approach to you. The costs given compared with those quoted by the ABC are considerably lower making what we feel a very reasonable proposition.

R W Ragless - PRESIDENT  
FAR NORTHERN DEV. ASSOC."

PICHI RICHI PASSES  
\$10 000 MARK

The President of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society, Mr R J Mayes, said today that the Society has now passed its initial target of \$10 000. He said, however, that at least \$30 000 is required in order to purchase the necessary locomotives, rolling stock and associated equipment and also to rehabilitate the narrow gauge line from Quorn to Saltia. Fund raising will therefore continue and an approach has been made to the Federal Government through the South Australian Tourist Bureau for financial assistance.

In this, the first report of the first six months activity of the Society, Mr Mayes said that it was necessary to acknowledge the stirring efforts of the numerous members who have put so much effort into the venture, also to the general public for their support in the Society's "Sleeper Certificate" campaign, and to the news media in the Spencer Gulf cities for generous publicity given to the project.

Although a number of one-day working bees have been conducted on track clearance since the Incorporation of the Society, it is now proposed to hold the first full week-end working bee on 19 and 20 January. Quite a number of Adelaide members intend bringing up swags and tucker boxes for this particular weekend. At 1. am on Sunday 20 January, the monthly meeting will be conducted in the Quorn Town Hall.

The Treasurer of the Society, Mr Trevor Ward, said that he has received hundreds of letters supporting the undertaking from people all over Australia and places as far afield as New Guinea and New Zealand. To date, memberships exceed 500, and over 3 000 sleeper certificates have been sold. The mail received speaks volumes, from the child purchasing a sleeper for his grandparent and vice versa, to the letter from the pensioner, who unlike his many counterparts, has been unable to send a dollar but endorses and applauds the project, as well as the ex-AIF man who last week wrote as follows:-

"In grateful remembrance of the war years, when the women folk of Quorn did such a wonderful job of seeing that no Serviceman passed through the town without being given a feed, no matter what hour of the day or night, I enclose herewith a cheque to the value of \$5.00 for Sleepers on the Pichi Richi Railway, with the hope that many other ex-servicemen who passed through will also remember, and join in.

Signed: F Gordon Trenaman, Warradale, SA".

A further example of the support the Society is receiving, only last week member Dr W Woods of Adelaide (Semaphore Park) purchased for the Society, Brake Van SAR No 4891 for \$375. This van is to be presented to the Society at an appropriate occasion.

Just prior to Xmas, Executive Members of the Society in the company of the Member for Frome and the Member for Stuart, met with the Minister for Transport, Mr G Virgo and the Minister for Tourism, Mr C Broomhill, and presented the Society's aims and objects, which were very well received. Mr Virgo has promised assistance in having the Society's "T" class engine, transported from Peterborough to the SAR Islington workshops for overhaul. In addition, assistance has been promised in relation to the purchase of vintage rolling stock from the South Australian Railways.

As it is essential that more than one engine be available for the Society's project, members have agreed to the purchase of two available "W" type steam locomotives in full working order from the Western Australian Government Railways. The necessary options have been taken out with the WAGR pending an inspection as to the suitability of the engines concerned, and their mechanical condition.

As the Society is still looking for more members and supporters, any person so interested should write to the Society's address PO Box 504 PORT AUGUSTA S.A.

Signed: R J MAYES - President