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For many months now, people in Leigh Creek have been heard to remark, "The way this town is growing! I'm beginning to feel like a stranger. Don't know half the faces now!"

In an attempt to correct this situation, "TOPICS" comes to you, as your chronicle of local news and events, in the firm belief that in an up and coming community, where newsworthy events are occurring hourly, the citizens of that area would appreciate a record of these happenings brought to their door.

"TOPICS" intends to publish all the news and events of Leigh Creek and District on alternate Saturdays, and trusts that you will make it a rule to watch for it in order to be up to date on your Community affairs.

Publication of "TOPICS" is made possible through the support of the Advertisers whose messages appear in its pages. We know you will enjoy receiving the news of your Community in this way, and will, in turn, support these Advertisers, who are all anxious to serve you.

It should be stated now that an effort was made to secure the services of several top-line reporters for the staff of "TOPICS", but due to an obscure clause in the Reporters' Agreement (something about being paid wages), it was found impossible to complete negotiations with these Professional Reporters. For this reason it has been found necessary to instal a purely Amateur Reporting Staff, who would appreciate your help and ideas in making "TOPICS" of more interest to your Community. You can help them by telephoning Leigh Creek 1, with any items of News or Events that come your way.

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NEW OWNER IN LOCAL SHOP

On May 8th., Mr. A. Jamrozik transferred his interest in the Leigh Creek Book Shop to Mr. R. J. Dunn of Copley.

The new owner needs no introduction to the residents of the North. Bob's cheerful personality and ready smile will be a welcome addition to the local scene. TOPICS takes this opportunity to welcome Bob to Leigh Creek and wish him well in his venture.

In a statement made yesterday, Mr. Dunn expressed a desire to continue the service instituted by Mr. Jamrozik in catering for the varied musical and literary tastes of our cosmopolitan community.

He Plans also a more diversified range of merchandise and extends an invitation to all his friends, old and new to visit him in the shop any evening.

COAL FACTS!

In the week just passed 9,422 tons of coal were dispatched from Leigh Creek in 22 trains.

The record to date was the week ended Feb.10 1955 when 12,099 tons were dispatched in 28 trains.

CAR CLUB FORMED

At a meeting held last week, local enthusiasts formed the Leigh Creek Car Club.

Officers elected were; W.F.Brock, President W.P.Knuckey, Secretary, with Messers. P. Brunt R. Clement and W. Sires, Committeemen.

Aims of this Club are to stage Picnic Tours, Novelty Car Rallies and Family Reliability Trials.

Officers hope also to be able to render assistance to members in many ways, such as Tour and Road information, and to have available the latest advice on insurance problems and Road Traffic Regulations.

Another service envisioned by the Club is Driving Tuition.

If your wife wants to learn to drive but won't let you teach her, the Club will arrange tuition.

Membership is open to anyone interested in motoring and you are cordially invited to join.

Application may be made to the Car Club Officers.

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As training exercises for NATO'S top brass got under way, officers nicknamed it, "Operation Venus de Milo - no arms but plenty of SHAPE."

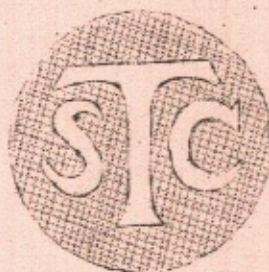
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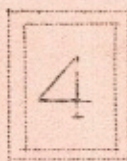
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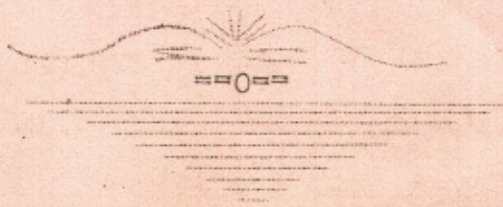
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FRESH STOCKS and ENLARGED
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New TRADING HOURS:
Monday-Saturday - 9..... 5.30
Sunday - 10am-12noon,
2pm- 5pm.

1. SERVICE
2. QUALITY
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FOUR SQUARE



COPLEY ITEMS

Lox O'Donnell, popular Barman at Copley has recently undergone an eye operation in Adelaide. Latest reports to hand indicate that Lox is making satisfactory progress. His smiling face will be greeting old friends over the counter within the next few weeks.

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"Wool Carter" Jack Hart, has purchased the recently acquired ex-Army Elitz from Jack Dunn and is now moving wool at a fast rate.

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We regret the shortage of Copley news this week. Our Copley Reporter, due to some misunderstanding, thought this paper would not be published until next week and did not forward his column. He has been reprimanded and promises all the news on time for next issue.

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FAREWELL DINNER HELD

Mesdames Lawson and Napier were the guests on Friday evening last, at a farewell dinner in the Copley Hotel, arranged by the ladies of the Leigh Creek Bridge Clubs.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson and Kevin leave shortly for Gawler, while Mr. & Mrs. Napier will leave later for Barnera

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UGLY MAN COMPETITION:

Latest quotes from the men with the bags - -

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REPAIR SHOP..	5	OPEN CUTS..	10/9

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Canteen Maestro Frank Liebeknecht, wearing a big smile this week. With the arrival of the Babcock & Wilcox crew, here to install the new boiler, he no doubt anticipates a large sales increase.

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 'Tish' Holland, winning a Birthday bet while modelling the seasons latest in Men's Lingerie

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 New Crusher Bossa, Frank Cook arriving home one night recently, very black with coal dust, unwanted and unknown.

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 Adam the travelling vegetable man, checking his tyres before making a fast dash to Marree.

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 Home for the school holidays and enjoying our Northern sunshine, Heather Sargent, Carol Dimaline, Marika Leolkes, Michael & John Bock, Doug Hasse, Malcolm Jaensch and Lester Duthy.

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 Mrs. C. Gust & Mrs. N. Wilson scanning road maps in preparation for their trip to Hawker, where they will represent Leigh Creek, at the Northern District, Church Guild Annual Rally.

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 Popular kindergarten teacher giving her newly acquired pup, instructions in leash behaviour.

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 Dave Miller & Bob Durn, newly appointed representatives for Sphinx Motors of Quorn, in earnest conversation with a possible "Ford Prospect."

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 Tom Beare giving Mrs. Beare a hand to unload the swank cream colored Rover they acquired while on holidays

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 Ron Craven adding a flash new Motor Car Club emblem to his Austin.

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 Al. Chapman the new butcher at the Co-Op. giving his power saw a thorough clean-up.

HEARD ...

That Bill Knuckey expects his new 'Hot Rod' to do at least 100 per.

That John (The Cook) Platrala got those scratches on his 'pan' when thrown from an unruly pushbike.

That Sister M. P. Coyne returns from N.S.W. tomorrow to rejoin the Staff of local Hospital.

That Chris. Gust local Bank Manager, wishes he had studied Greek while at school to prepare himself for London draft days.

That George Budzynski, popular Co-Op. Baker is taking a serious view of the future; has gone on a liquid (milk) diet and applied for life insurance.

That Charlie Ralston (last Sunday) was making a serious attempt to gain honours in the next garden competition.

That Ann (Nurse) Walker is taking her tennis

seriously; her goal, the title just vacated by "Little Mo" Connolly.

That the Scout Committee are planning Matinees for the children during June.

xx VISITORS xx

With Mr. & Mrs. Brock, is Mrs. Brock's Sister and brother-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Coates of Melbourne. Mr. Coates a landscape gardener will possibly 'transplant' some Leigh Creek garden ideas to Melbourne.

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 With Mr. & Mrs. John Liebeknecht is Mrs. Ash Heather's mother and brothers Jim, Bob & Chris. Mrs. Ash now living at Whyalla, will be renewing many acquaintances at Leigh Creek.

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 With Graham Kilsby and family is Graham's father, Mr. A. E. Kilsby of Waikerie. Mr. Kilsby who drives a big car, thinks our roads are not bad, but is not impressed by our bridges.

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 With Mrs. R. Wirth is her friend from Bute, S. A. Miss L. Lange. Miss Lange a school teacher in Bute, hopes to gather enough material in the North, to supply several interesting lessons for her classes.

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AFFAIRS OF LEIGH CREEK CO-OP FINALIZED.

Members of the Committee of Inspection of the Leigh Creek Co-Operative Society (In Liquidation) met Monday with Mr. Jones the Liquidator and finalized the financial affairs of the Society. Members of the Committee were assured by Mr. Jones, that Shareholders cheques would be mailed to them before the end of this month.

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TIDAL POWER

Ever since electricity came into its own, harnessing the potential of the tides has been one of man's pet schemes. It remained for the power-short French to translate a major scheme into action. Last year Electricité de France, the nationalized power combine, announced that work would start this spring on a £25 Million tidal project near Saint-Malo on the Brittany Coast.

Key to the power project will be a concrete dam, 625 ft. long and 154 ft. thick, across the narrow estuary of the River Rance.

Twice daily, as the 27 ft. tide rises, the sea will flow through the dam's water gates until slack tide. Then the gates will be shut. Three hours later, as the tide ebbs, the trapped water in the estuary will fight its way through 26 turbines (each 14,000 h.p.) to the sea.

With water pushing through the turbines at the rate of 176,500 cu.ft. per second, the Rance Valley project will produce an annual 550 million kw-h. of electricity -- enough to supply the needs of a city about the size of Perth. Estimated completion date; 1960

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PICTURES

Cinema-Thursdays at 8 p.m.
 Courtesy Lincoln Electric Company

Leigh Creek Book Shop

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.....

RADIOS AND RADIOGRAMS!!!

TELEVISION (Later..... It's Not Here Yet, BUT
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ALL TYPES OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - - -

Harmonicas..... Pianos..... ETC.

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GIFTS...



MAGAZINES....

DEADLY RACE

In its brief history, Mexico's border-to-border Pan-American road race, world's longest (1,908 miles) and most punishing, has more than earned its reputation as a man-killer; in its first four years, it took the lives of 17 drivers and spectators. Before this year's opening gun was fired, two Argentine competitors were killed in pre-race tests. Before the contestants roared across the flat homestretch to Juarez so many cars had missed turns, somersaulted off the road & plowed thru' packs of spectators, that more than a score were injured & seven more drivers were dead. But by the time they wound up the bloodiest Pan-American yet, the racers had also managed to hang up a few less gloomy marks. In the unlimited sport car division, Italy's Umberto Maglioli, driving a Ferrari, set a new race record of 17 hrs. 40 mins. 26 sec. In the small sports car division, Germany's Hans Hermann, driving a Porsche, finished in a record 19.32:33. In the small stock car division, Texan Tommy Drisdale, driving a Dodge, ran the route 22.35:53

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GARDEN CLUB EVENING

Residents of Leigh Creek were treated to a pleasant and informative evening on Sunday last when Mr. Kemp (Grevillea) addressed them on behalf of the Garden Club.

Mr. Kemp brought with him motion pictures and color slides of a Horticultural interest, taken by him while touring Europe and the United Kingdom. An interesting commentary on the film was given by Mr. Kemp, together with a detailed description of the Kodasliques. Much interest

was manifested in the question period, which followed screening of the film and many local garden problems were aired.

Mr. Kemp in his remarks warned against a tendency to over-water, which quite often raises the salt content of the soil.

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EXTENSIONS TO LOCAL BUSINESS

Leigh Creek Service Station has undergone several changes in the past weeks. A new "4 Square" sign now predominates the front of the premises; modern equipment and new stocks are filling the area behind the sign, while on the other side of the building, Tom Agnew is busy adding new plant and tools to the repair department. With the installation of the "4 Square" sign, Leigh Creek Service Station and Store, become the 210th shop in South Australia to affiliate with this group of grocery merchants.

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MYRTLE SPRINGS HARD ON ARMS

Young Robin Coulthard, in falling from a pile of baled wool at Myrtle Springs on Saturday, fractured an arm and became the second victim of such a misfortune on that station in recent weeks. Still carrying his arm in a sling is Alan Smith also of Myrtle Springs who suffered a painful arm injury recently while shoeing a horse.

This makes two arm injuries in short order and we certainly trust that you folks at Myrtle Springs are going to end it there and show us that there is nothing in that old bogey that says this sort of thing happens in threes.

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