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Raise the standard of living. Often we hear this slogan, and immediately we think in terms of more wealth, more time for leisure sport, and entertainment, less work, sickness and worry. If only we had all that, what a wonderful world it would be!

Or would it? Are our problems purely material? If so, why are the poor often more happy than the rich, the sick more content than the healthy? There is more in life than satisfying our bodily needs. It is an economic axiom that when primary needs are satisfied, secondary needs become primary, or in other words, the more we get the more we want. Because the spirit of man is limitless in its aspirations, it can never be satisfied with material things, but will be content only with the possession of infinite good, which is God Himself. After a misspent youth, St. Augustine came to realise this and concluded that "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts shall not rest, until they rest in Thee."

By all means let us raise the standard of living, provided we understand what living means. Were we as much concerned with our duties and responsibilities as we are with seeking after material comforts, our standard of living would be raised. Those duties & responsibilities are outlined for us in the Ten Commandments. They are the basic laws of human conduct, and should be our standard of living. If everyone were to observe all the Commandments, then it would indeed be a wonderful world. The more we study and understand them, the more we see how completely they regulate all our actions, the more we realise they are not mere restrictions of our liberty, but constitute a positive way of life. As seen in the light of Jesus Christ's summing up, they constitute the highest object of human endeavour. He reduced them to two main precepts: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, with all your strength and all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself." "This do," He said, "and you shall Live."

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Bill McEwan, whose unfailingly gentle pen brought "Topics" into our lives, has gone to the City to live. Bill and his wife, who did all the typing for this paper, came to Leigh Creek just over five years ago, and early in their stay here introduced us to gen-U-line hamburgers and aromatic coffee.

The idea of editing a newspaper was implanted some years ago when Bill wrote long, newsey letters for an uncle, and this idea which he brought to a reality through hard work and long smoke-laden hours has fulfilled a need: it can be truly said that "TOPICS" is making and recording history and conveying the atmosphere of our life here in the north of the State, as well as drawing some of the more scattered folk together with news of each other.

Bill's kindly humour and love of people, and quiet efficiency will be greatly missed, but we are going to hear from him from time to time from, to use his words, "the bitumen jungle".

Good luck, good health and good wishes from all of us to our first Editor.

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CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS.

SERVICES: Sunday 23rd Oct., 7 p.m.
Twentieth after Trinity.
Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper.....
Sunday 30th Oct. 11.15am.
Twenty-first after Trin-
ity. Family Service -
Flannelgraph.....

NEWS: We are extremely fortunate
in having Mr. Michael and Mr.
Billinghurst and their families
take up residence in the town.

The Billinghursts came to us
from Holy Trinity Church, and the
Michaels from the Prospect Church.

At last we have assistance in
religious instruction; both Mrs.
Jaensch and the Minister have
been teaching nearly fifty child-
ren each. The difficulty is con-
siderably eased by Mrs. Billing-
hurst's offer to take Classes 3 &
4.

Commencing Friday 21st October
there will be a weekly discussion
group for the assistance of those
desirous of taking a course in
local preaching and for the gen-
eral instruction of the congrega-
tion in Christian belief. Any
person interested is eligible to

attend. The attendance of Sunday
School teachers is desirable. This
class will be held until further no-
tice in the Church, commencing at
7.45.

The new room is well under way.
Our thanks are due firstly to Mr.
Dicker who is responsible for the
design and a great deal of the work.
We also thank Mr. Wirth, who assis-
ted with the floor.

THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE: Acts 13: 28 &
30 (R.S.V.)

"Though they could charge him with
nothing deserving death, yet they
asked Pilate to have Him killed...
But God raised Him from the dead."

(Rev. F. Measday.)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND people will be in-
terested to know that it is planned
to continue the four-weekly visits of
the Bush Church Aid Society's Padre
commenced at the request of the Bish-
op of Willochra. It is hoped that
these will be the means of establish-
ing a more adequate ministry to the
Anglican people of the Far North. De-
tails of the next visit from 11th-
15th November will be given in the
next issue of "Topics".

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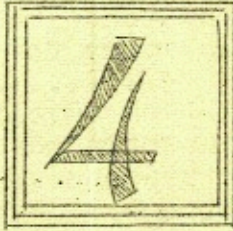
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- COPLEY NEWS -

Many favourable comments have been passed about the Beltana Races. The main problem was finding enough jockeys for the horses: it is the opposite at most Copley Meetings.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ford have returned to Wooltana after attending their daughter's wedding in Melbourne. Joyce married Mr. Keith McKinnon.

Local people were very pleased to hear that Bill Snell's horse "Rain Dance" won in a photo finish on Saturday. "Rain Dance" has been in five photo finishes and this is the second time that he has won. It is believed the name 'Rain Dance' was chosen by Bill after careful consideration - it is in honour of a certain dance performed on memorable occasions on the East Side Stations. We all hope that "Rain Dance" will keep up the good work.

Anyone looking for a couple of likely chaps to catch pigs in wool-bales can consult Keith Hirsch and Gil Mortimer any time.

It is rumoured that a Leigh Creek business is looking for a suitable building site in Copley, in order to extend its activities to that centre and surrounding stations.

Also rumoured that Mert Lewis and Monty Slade are nearly always to be found at home now that their daughters have acquired driving licences.

Mr. Bert Leslie and Miss Ravell cooked steak and sausages at Copley Hotel on Thursday night. They were heading for Quorn and the inaugural Trotting Meeting at Port Augusta when last seen.

Mr. & Mrs. Alby Brooks will be leaving for their home in Woodville on Friday week after a nine weeks' stay with popular Fluid-Dispenser 'Lox' and Mrs. O'Donnell.

Dairyman Tom McFarlane has returned from a ten-day business trip to the City.

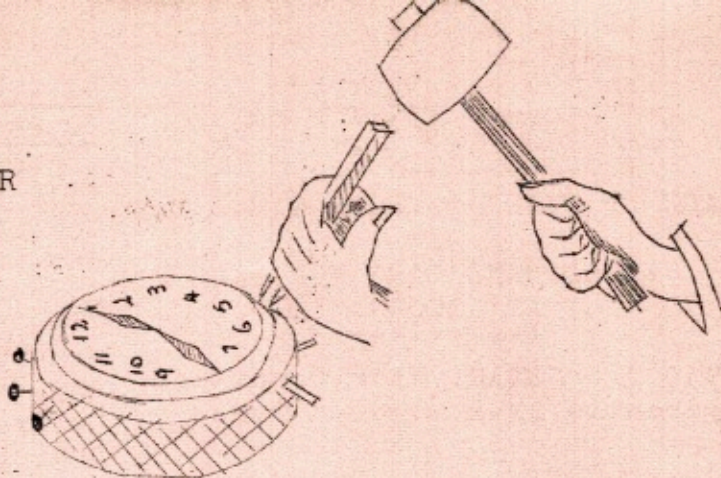
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BELTANA LETTER.

Hello Leigh Creek,

It has been a strenuous week-end for all the race workers. Although the weather appeared unsettled on Saturday, Progress Association was pleased with the attendance and the exceptional number of horses. Nominations were entirely local. Owing to accidental bumping, a bad accident was narrowly averted by one rider clutching the other, so both horses regained their balance. Miss Bradbury had a nasty spill in the Thread the Needle race. The ever-popular Ladies Stepping the Distance was won by Mrs. Raglass with Miss Raglass second. Mr. Sexton's Belle Leeds ran to win the Beltana Cup. The tea booth did a steady trade, and most of the money taken came from aboriginal pockets. Two cars collided on their return from the course; presumably the thick dust prevented them from seeing each other. Little damage was done.

As this reporter saw it, the dance was disappointing; there was a lack of ladies, too long between dances and the men were over-anxious. We like everyone

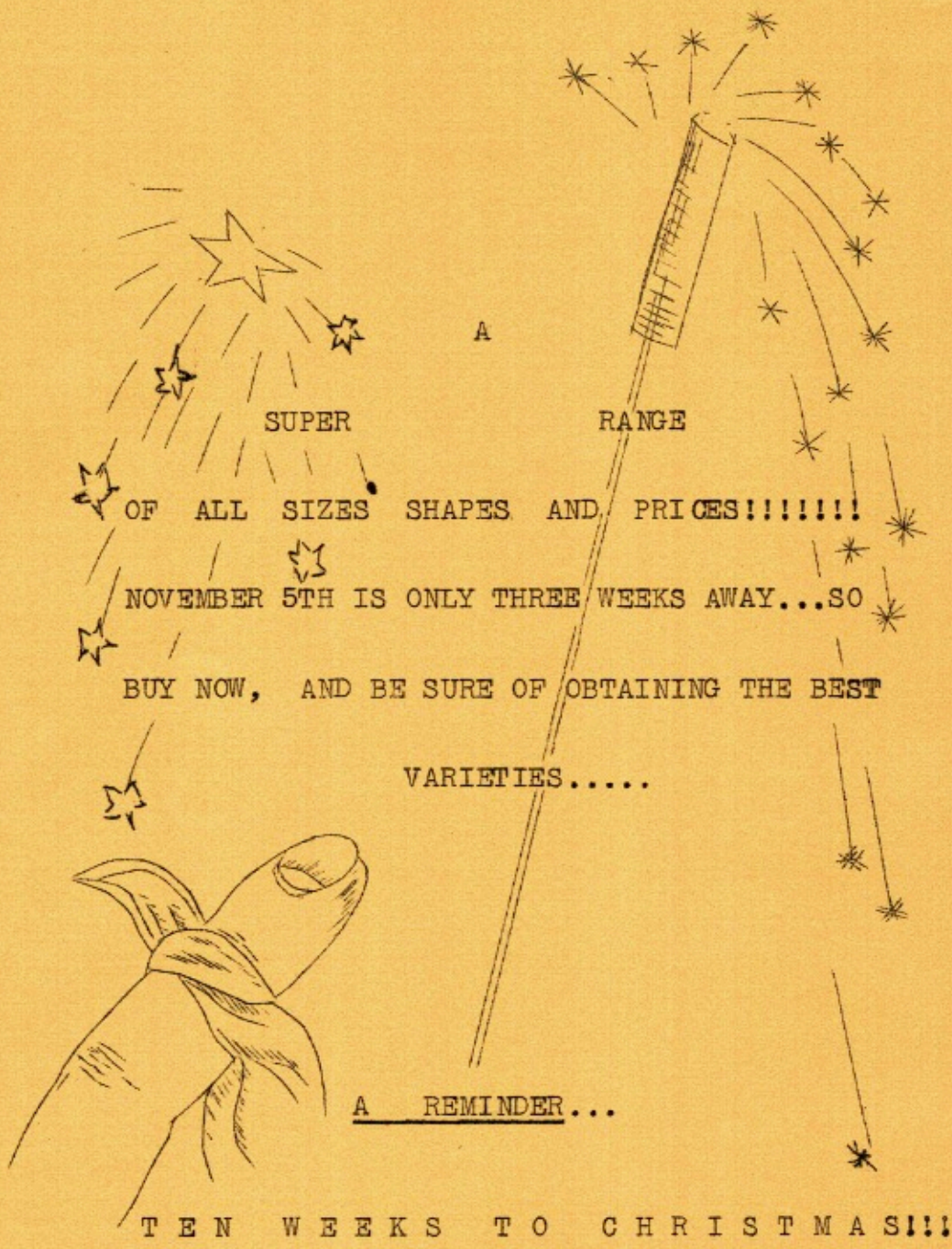
to enjoy himself, but over-zealous dancers can damage frocks. Luckily this time there were few evening dresses. Something will have to be done to prevent non-dancers from taking up so much of the floor space.

Leigh Creek visitors were Mr. & Mrs. McLeod, Kito, Gangel and Clark. From Blinman came the Butchers, Farleys, Players and John Branch. Tom Place and family were down from Lyndhurst for the weekend, also Mrs. Butler from Mt. James, and Mrs. Place Sen. has returned to her daughter, Mrs. Gunter. At the dance Mrs. Butcher wore a charming blue taffeta frock and Mrs K. Julian's black and silver nylon dress was also attractive. Mr. L. Roberts was MC.

In spite of scattered showers the RSL picnic on Sunday was enjoyable. Twelve cars brought over thirty children many from up your way. Every child won something in the events.

The highlight of the day was the Ladies' Race when every entrant except two ran off the course. Mrs. Ken was pipped at the post by her sister-in-law Mrs. Parkins. Parents' Summary of the day was "Mud, Rain and dirty small fry."

You'll be seeing us on your Tennis weekend.
"BELTANA".



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