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Opportunity can too often be taken to mean a chance we were scared to take. Every day you can hear people say they wish they had had the opportunities someone else had. In all our lives there are dozens of opportunities to better our positions or our living conditions: unfortunately not many of us have the courage to take advantage of some opportunities which come our way.

It is as well that all our leaders are not as timid as we are, or we would not occupy the position of pre-eminence as a nation which we enjoy to-day. Instead we would be relying on others for our welfare, and would be grateful to gnaw on any old bone they cared to throw us.

Better than idly waiting for opportunity to knock is to create opportunities. In business, in workaday and social life opportunities can be created by the use of a little commonsense and the practice of courtesy and politeness; a good place to practise the latter two is at home on your own family (a fact most of us forget!).

By merely looking around at friends and acquaintances you will no doubt see many who had the courage to grasp an opportunity which they thought would lead to better things. Many, very likely, had an uphill struggle, but had the courage and were tenacious enough to continue working toward their goal, eventually triumphing.

Don't just sit around indulging in wishful thinking. Keep alert and alive to opportunity. Eventually there isn't any reason why you cannot also occupy a position of esteem and affluence such as is occupied by the people you are envying to-day.

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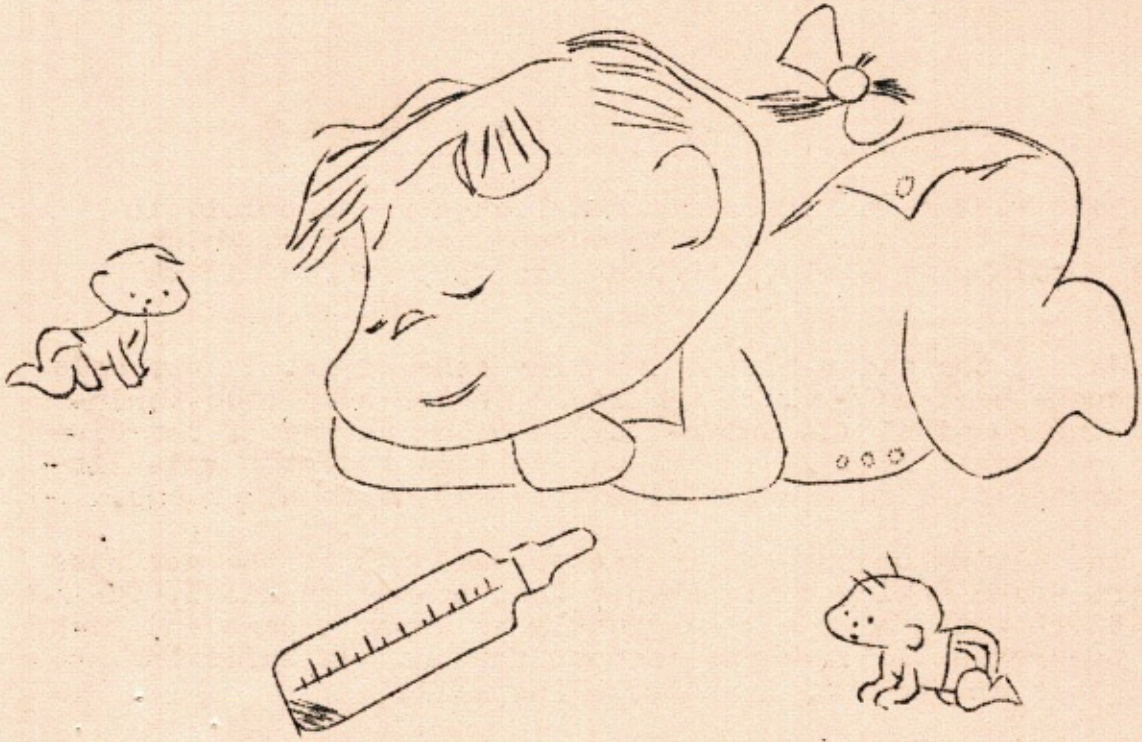
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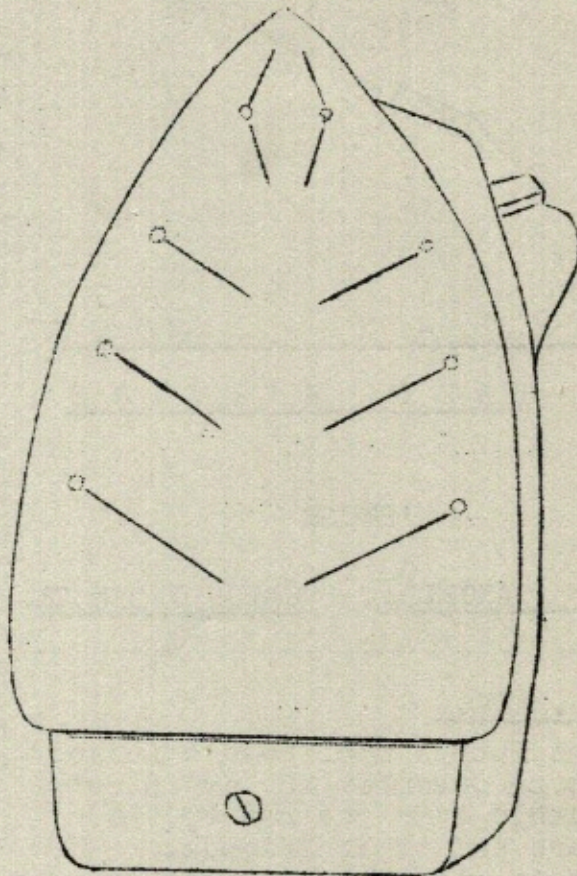
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+ BELTANA LETTER +

Well Leigh Creek,

The festive holidays are over and now we can all settle to our customary routines. Though we have had no exciting moments we have had an exceptionally bright feeling of friendliness during this season. There didn't seem to be a lonely soul in the town on Xmas Day; those who live single bliss ordinarily, joined with the various families for their Xmas dinner. There was such a lot of laughter in the crowded store on Christmas Eve. Mr. McAuley and Lexie were with us; also Mrs. Morony had her mother, Mrs. Goldner visiting. Mrs. Quick was also there showing us her new baby. At our New Year's gathering at the store Mrs. Quick was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Fels. Our old townsman, Laurie Connors spent quite a bit of time on the outskirts of the town looking for his children, who were visiting old haunts. Keith Nolls was seen taking advantage of the advertising mirror outside the hotel for shaving purposes.

The Nicholls family gathering, the Xmas Tree, was a great success and attracted many from the town as it was held in the hotel yard:

The only family absentees were Barbara and Karon Lehmann, who had received an unwelcome Christmas gift - Measles.

The Lodge picnic, a local affair, was again held at the waterhole beyond Beltana Station. More adults than children attended. Of the thirteen youngsters all but five were girls, which made things a bit difficult for any competition in the boys' events. A miniature dust storm was raised when Ken Julian & Bob Arnold hit the dust in the bag race. Mrs. Blinman won the Ladies' Race, ahead of our town flyer, June Bradbury who is taking things very carefully since her recent fall. Reg. Doyle romped home only to find it was a false start, and the second time Jim Gunter took the honours.

Two small babes taking a keen interest in each other caused great amusement among the mothers.

Frog catching was the main attraction and most verandahs were graced with tins containing tadpoles the next morning.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Monsoor and Henry visiting with us and looking so well. The town is very sorry to hear of Mrs. Pierpoint's recent turkey loss. Hoping you all enjoyed Christmas,

"BELTANA."



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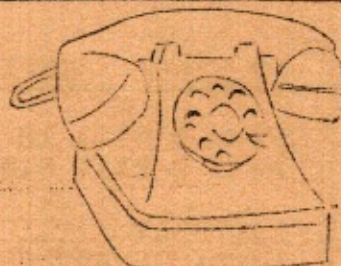
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+ CHURCH NEWS +

SERVICE: Sunday January 15th.
7.30pm.

NEWS: Mr. Brian Ward left us on Thursday, December 16. He has received an appointment at Mount Gambier, where he will be able to join the Wilsons. Mr. Ward was married last Saturday and we send him and his wife all our best wishes for their future.

The Rev. Frank Measday left in a rush and flurry after service on New Year's Day, also to be married. We wish him all the best and are looking forward to seeing him and his wife back with us at the end of the month.

Christmas is over once again & it was very gratifying to see such a good number of people at Church on Christmas Day to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Rom. 8, 38 & 39.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

+ CHURCH OF ENGLAND +

SERVICE: Sunday, January 22nd.
7.30pm.

NEWS: The Rev. Ian Booth will not be visiting Leigh Creek again until mid-February. However, an evening service will be held in the Interdenominational Church at 7.30pm, on Sunday, Jan. 22nd. Mr. Billingham will be conducting this service as the Bishop recently appointed him as a Lay Reader for Leigh Creek.

A number of Leigh Creek children are spending a pleasant week or two of their holidays at Port Lincoln attending a house party organized by the Bush Church Aid Society for outback children. We hope the long trip to Port Lincoln, which was made possible by Mr. Booth taking the children by bus from Port Augusta, will be abundantly worthwhile to all those attending.

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DERSZI: To Mr. & Mrs. Frank Derszi at Leigh Creek, on 29th December, - a Son.

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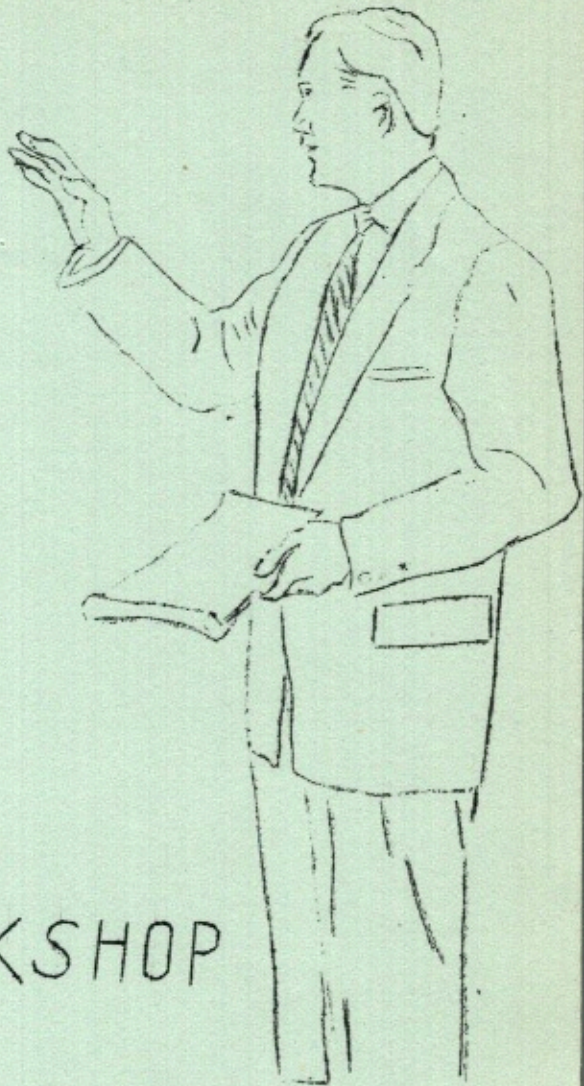
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ANGEPENA RACE MEETING.

Any person who wants to start a heated argument should wander into Copley and ask Mrs. Pierpoint how her turkeys are getting on. After losing 53 just before Christmas she is in the right frame of mind to 'talk Turkey' at great length. The loss of the turkeys, however, did not appear to diminish the festive spirit at Christmas Dinner at Copley Hotel. The usual Leigh Creek patrons rolled up in force and appeared to enjoy themselves. The dinner was prepared by Kath Cook, who has performed this mighty task for a number of years with great success. Kath's many friends will be sorry to hear that she has been very ill and had to undergo an emergency operation at Hawker Hospital. Latest reports from Hawker say that Kath is now doing well, and we hope that it is not long before she is back with us.

Mr. & Mrs. Des Walker are holidaying with Mrs. Walker's parents, the O'Donnells, and it's good to see them again after their long stay in Queensland.

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Angepena Station is owned by Mr. A. Snell; the property is thirty miles east of Copley in the Flinders Ranges. On Saturday Dec.31, the Angepena Race Club held their annual race meeting at the Club's Course three miles from Angepena Station. The meeting had a record attendance - over 100 cars came from near and far to see a good day's racing.

Among those who travelled great distances to attend were Mr. & Mrs. Keith McKinnon of Broken Hill. Mrs. McKinnon will be remembered as Miss Joyce Ford of Wooltana Station prior to her marriage. Mr. & Mrs. W. Mortimer arrived from Mannahill. Mr. W. Ferguson Snr., and Mr. Frank Reynolds motored from Adelaide for the day.

The proceeds of the meeting were equally shared by 'Legacy' and the Club.

Over fifty horses were entered in the different events.

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