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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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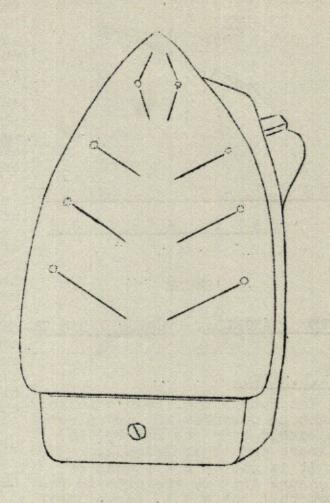
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#### LETTER BELTANA

Well Leigh Creek, The festive hol-Measles. idays are over and now we can all The Lodge picnic, a local affair, settle to our customary routines. was again held at the waterhole bey-

ore on Christmas Eve. Mr. McAuleywho is taking things very carefully and Lexie were with us; also Mrs. since her recent fall. Reg. Doyle Morony had her mother, Mrs. Gold-romped home only to find it was a ner visiting. Mrs. Quick was al-false start, and the second time Jim so there showing us her new baby. Gunter took the honours. 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 cutskirts of the town looking for with time containing was the main attraction and most verandahs were graced cutskirts of the town looking for with time containing tadpoles the next morning. old haunts. Keith Nolls was seen We were pleased to see Mrs. Monsoor taking advantage of the advertis— and Henry visiting with us and

as it was held in the hotel yard:

The only family absentees were Barbara and Karon Lehmann, who had rec-eived an unwelcome Christmas gift -

Though we have had no exciting mo-ond Beltana Station. More adults ments we have had an exceptionallythan children attended. Of the thir bright feeling of friendliness du-teen youngsters all but five were bright feeling of friendliness du-teen youngsters all out five were ring this season. There didn't girls, which made things a bit difseem to be a lonely soul in the ficult for any competition in the town on Xmas Day: those who live inboys! events. A miniature dust storm single bliss ordinarily, joined inwas raised when Ken Julian & Bob Arwith the various families for the nold hit the dust in the bag race. In Xmas dinner. There was such a Mrs. Blinman won the Ladies! Race, lot of laughter in the crowded stahead of our town flyer, June Bradbury ore on Christmas Eve. Mr. McAuleywho is taking things very carefully and Lexie were with us; also Mrs. since her recent fall. Rec. Dovle

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 rord.

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,
"BEITAM."

"BELTANA."

On Saturday, December 17, in Adel -aide, the Marriage was celebrated of Miss June Whiteley & Mr. Dom Oakie. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Trezona of Para-chilna celebrated the 40th Anniversary of their marriage on Xmas Eve .

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Liebeknecht were married 25 years on January 10.

was in the Adelaide Hospital suffering concussion and a broken leg as the result of an argument with an Adelaide vehicle. We're all hoping he will soon be in good health again. ..... Peter Pilmore arrived home from the Navy by plane on Xmas Eve to spend a month's leave with his parents before joining the "Quad-rant" early in February.

Another local lad to join the ser -vices is Ian Spence, who enrolled in the Fleet Air Arm just before Xmas.

Doesn't take MUCH to please the modern youngster - local college lad's last letter home before the holidays, "Dear Dad, I've bought a record...will you buy me a record player?" letter home before the

Raging epidemic of measles in the town over the festive season ... ........

Jan Van Zetton and his wife and two children are settling comfortably in the ex-Wilson residence.

Rita and Jack Ritchie invested in a thrill for themselves and their relatives on the evening of Jan 1 - they spoke by telephone to Scotland. .........

In ten years! experience of Leigh Creek weather, and previously of Broken Hill temperatures, at this time of the year it is always exceedingly hot. This year, for the first time, we have a swim-ming pool. And what happens? for South winds prevail, and except for the last very few days the weather has remained bracingly cool. .........

Victor Curd went to the jamboree as the Leigh Creek Scout representative. It seems that the boys had extremely wet weather, & spec -ial arrangements had to be made for the surrounding roads to get the food trucks rolling into the camp. Victor is due back this lop and family, who are Scottish week, and all the boys are anxious friends of the Jacksons. to hear about his experiences.

"Dutchy" Joe Jongschaap has returned from a holiday at Victor Harbour with the Postmas, who were earlier Leigh Creek residents. Joe says the weather was exceedingly cold, but the welcome and rum-and-milk were very warm.

Mrs. M. Gray, mother of Eric Gray will be leaving England on Feb.7 on the "Strathaird", and on her When last heard of, our old friend arrival in Australia, will come to Butch 'Hot Water Unlimited' Conlin visit in Liegh Creek.

......... Bad luck for Doctor Dean Richards. The "Strathaird" developed engine trouble in Western Australia, and Dr. Richards was unable to spare the extra time away. Mrs. Rich-ards has gone on with the ship to Colombo. .........

Miss Heather Sargent arrived home from work one day to discover most of a rather expensive bottle of her perfume missing, and young brother, Chris, reeking to Heaven of this same perfume. "We're playing," explained Chris, "and I'm a Skunk!" ...... ......

Never saw anything like the enth-usiasm with which Works & Service man Alex Baillie drives that front-end loader. His smile of bliss all the while he's working is a delight to see.

Lester Duthy is relieving Postman Reg Player while Reg is enjoying some leave. .....

Nice to hear of the birth of a daughter, Helen Theresa, to the Colin Galvins at Penola. Mrs. Galvin will be remembered in the district as Miss Marie Liebekne cht.

Clive Whitehead motored from Port Lincoln to spend a holiday as the guest of the Norman Sargents.

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Visiting in time for 'Hogmanay at Kilsbys' and to spend a short holiday with their daughter and son-in-law were Min and Harry Jackson and family, and also the family dog, 'Snap'. Min and Harry lived in Leigh Creek for some years before transferring to Port Augusta with the Electricity Trust, and enjoyed looking up old friends. Miss Pat Jackson was also here for a short while. Pat is now enjoying life as a comptom -etrist with the Commonwealth Railways at Port Augusta. Also in the party were Mr. & Mrs. Dun-

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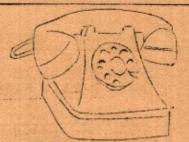
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## CHURCH NEWS

SERVICE: Sunday January 15th. 7.30pm.

NEWS: Mr. Brian Ward left us on Thursday, December 16. He has re-ceived 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 mar-ried. 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. M Billinghurst will be conducting this service as the Bishop recent-ly 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. +++++ +++++

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

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# + COPLEY NEWS

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Hospital. Latest reports from The proceeds of the meeting were
Hawker say that Kath is now doing equally shared by 'legacy' and the well, and we hope that it is not long before she is back with us.

Mr. & Mrs. Des Walker are hol- in the different events. idaying with Mrs. Walker's parents, the O'Donnells, and it's good to see thom again after their long stay in Queensland.

ANGEPENA RACE MEETING.

Angepena Station is owned by Mr. A. Snell; the property is thirty into Copley and ask Mrs. Pierpoint miles east of Copley in the Flinhow her turkeys are getting on. ders Ranges. On Saturday Dec.31, After losing 53 just before Christmas she is in the right frame annual race meeting at the Club's of mind to 'talk Turkey' at great Course three miles from Angepena length. The loss of the turkeys, Station. The meeting had a record however did not appear to dimin attendance of the course three miles from Angepena day's racing.

A mong 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. to her marriage. Mr. W. Ferguson Snr., and Mr. Frank Reynolds motored from Adelaide for

The proceeds of the meeting were Club.

Over fifty horses were entered

A small town is where you chat for a while on the telephone even if you have the wrong number.

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