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On the evening of Friday, December 23, the Leigh Creek Swimming Pool was opened for public use. To herald the opening of the pool the weather turned cool for several days with fresh south winds. Nevertheless since opening, twenty-six sessions have been held including 7 special children's sessions made possible by voluntary attendants. The total number to have used the pool to date is 1,009 adults and 1,378 children, the largest number of people at any one session being 190 on Sunday, January 15.

With such large numbers of people using the pool it is necessary to keep the water pure, i.e., free from bacteria and slime. The common and most effective method of ridding the water of harmful bacteria is to add small quantities of chlorine, in this case 0.5 parts of chlorine to one million parts of water. This quantity is sufficient to kill all bacteria but is harmless to humans. At present the addition of this amount of chlorine is done by manually adding bleaching powder to the water. Growth of slime is at present being prevented by adding copper, in the form of copper sulphate, at the rate of one part per million.

In the near future automatic plant will be installed to dose the water with chlorine and copper. In this plant chlorine gas and copper filings will be used.

Additional plant also to be installed soon is filter plant which will rid the water of all suspended matter and make it clear. Included with this plant is special suction cleaning equipment which will be able to clean the bottom of the pool without pumping out the water.

Being built at the moment are the changerooms. These will consist of a central office and to left and right showers and toilets and changing areas for both sexes.

All these facilities are being provided for us at considerable cost and we will gain most pleasure and enjoyment from them if we treat the facilities and others using them with the respect they deserve.

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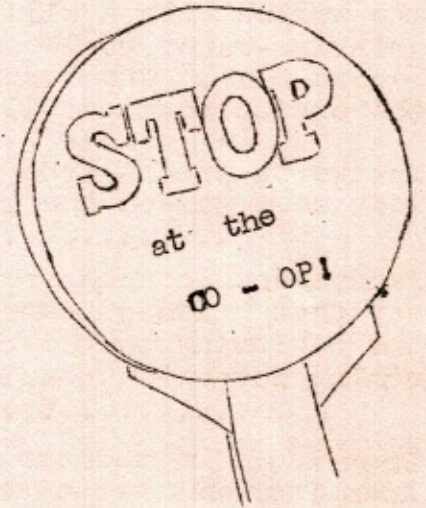
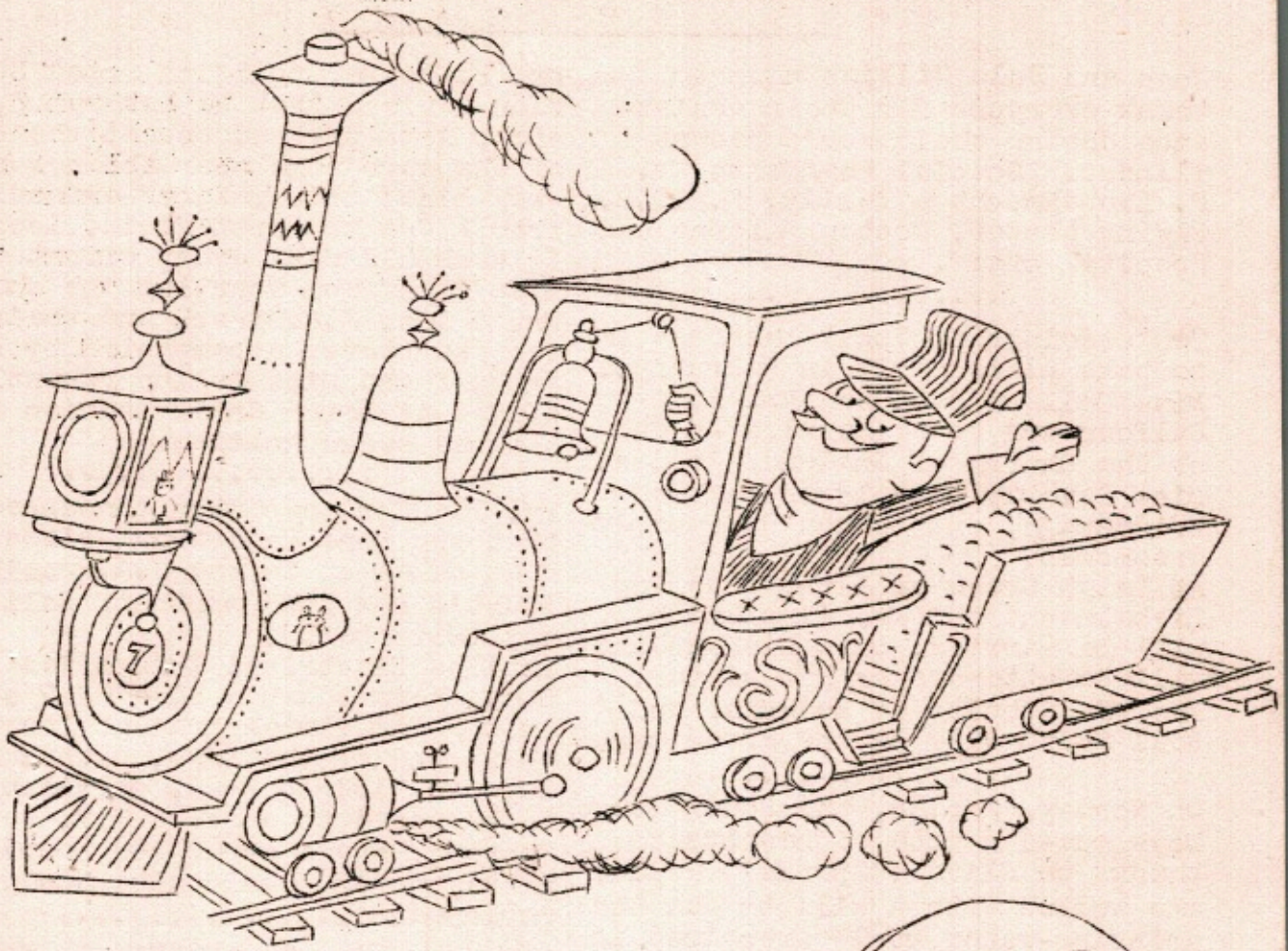
## TO ERR IS HUMAN....

How often we intend one thing and it turns into another! There is a joke in the Greek Anthology about a man who invented a stove that didn't work but served excellently as a wine cooler in summer. Eccentric "Lord" Timothy Dexter of Newburyport, Mass., sent a strange cargo of warming pans to the West Indies and made his fortune when the natives discovered that the long-handled pans were perfect for cooking in a hot climate. Columbus aimed at India and found America.

The same thing happens often in daily life. A job is lost which, if it had been taken, would have prevented the acceptance of a better one. The wrong book comes home from the library and opens a whole new field of interest.

It should take the edge off disappointment to remember that half the things that go wrong surprise us by turning out all right.

From "This Week."



SUMMERTIME  
IS  
HOLIDAY TIME.....

AND WHILE YOU'RE ON LEAVE

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TO CALL AND SEE

THE WIDE RANGE OF STOCKS  
AT

YOUR  
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TRAVELLERS' TALES.....

A tiny, friendly, motherly person, Mrs. Whitely, who with her daughter Jean has come to live in Leigh Creek with her sons Malcolm, and Doug Long, has given this account of her trip from England:

"On December 13 we left Tilbury docks in England for our first voyage. The first three days we suffered a rough trip, and on Dec. 16 we passed Gibraltar and went on to Naples, where we docked: this being our first port of call we were very excited. We went ashore with three friends, & our guide told us of all the places of importance, such as the Houses of Parliament, Gracie Fields's home, and Mount Vesuvius.

"We docked again at Port Said on Dec. 22; there I did not go ashore but watched with interest the merchants selling their baskets, shoes, etc.

"We reached Aden Dec. 26. There we visited the main stores, such as the famous cameo works where some of the finest workmanship in the world is on display.

"On New Year's Day we reached Colombo, where we bought gifts & had an enjoyable day.

"January 9th we were at Fremantle, but as it was too hot to go on to Perth we looked around the port.

"We reached Adelaide on Jan. 13, where we stayed with friends prior to our journey by 'Plane to Leigh Creek and our new home. We were met at the aerodrome by another daughter and her new husband, the Oakeys.

"My recollections of the ship, the 'Orontes', will always bring back happy memories: watching the pictures by moonlight, the Captain's cocktail party, the fancy-dress dance, and the many friends I made. One girl, who was going to Bendigo to be married, seems now to be like one of my own family.

"The number 13 must have been our mascot: we sailed on the 13th our dinner-table was No. 13, our cabin-number began with 13 & we docked on 13th.

"The reunion with my sons & daughter was the highlight I had awaited for so long..."

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AND FROM VICTOR CURD...

Having arrived home safely on the Hippo after my trip to Victoria for the Pan-Pacific Jamboree I would like to give a few impressions of the trip.

The camp was very wet but we had two very fine days; I don't think any of the other 17,000 Scouts

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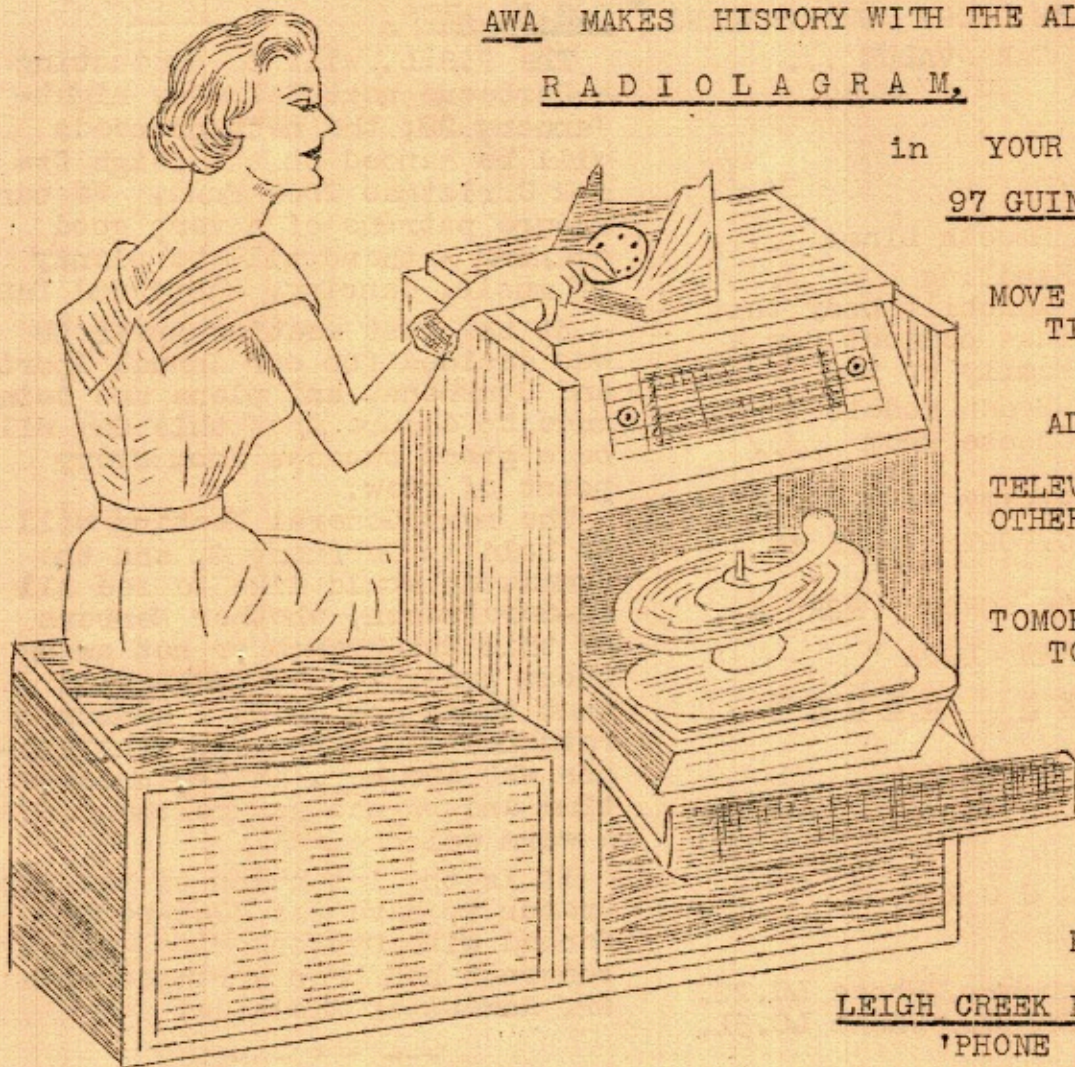
considered it a waste of time & nor did I. The funniest incident was when we awoke one morning to find a huge pair of black masonite swans from the W.A. contingent gateway outside our tents. They were returned with due ceremony; the ceremonial guard wore towels as kilts & shoe-shine kits as sporrans.

I met boys from Malaya, USA, Canada, U.K., New Guinea, India & Fiji, as well as from all States of Australia. (Contd...)

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+ COPLEY NEWS +

At a recent meeting of the Stockowners' Association of South Australia in Copley, the Members present were Mr. R.J. McAuley, Messrs. J.C.Hirsch, C.J.Frost, C.P.Edwards, R.F.B. Kerr, P. Treloar, R.V. Ragless, M.P. Sexton, P. Hoard and L.J. Kent (Sec.).

Discussions referred to association matters.

There was a great deal of discussion with regard to the new railway, and Members are still negotiating for improvement of trucking facilities.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Kerr referred to representations made to him from Leigh Creek regarding support for a Rodeo to be held annually in aid of the Flying Doctor Service.

The feeling of the meeting was that Station people already subscribe to the Service by annual subscription and meetings such as the Angepena Races, but that they would support any function given by Leigh Creek by attendance at such functions wherever possible.

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Miss Janet Lewis, of the Copley Post Office left by air looking very smart, for several weeks holidays in 'the big smoke'. In her absence, Mr. Mert Lewis, Janet's father, has taken over the Post Office work.

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Kath Cook returned to Copley last Monday from Hawker Hospital, where she had recently undergone a serious operation. Although Kath was her usual smiling self, she is not able to start work again for some time, so left by air on Wednesday night to stay with relatives at Mount Gambier.

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The Leigh Creek Ambulance was called to Mount Seple Station on Tuesday to take Mr. Les Kent, the Manager, to hospital. Mr. Kent was taken ill suddenly, and his present condition is reported to be satisfactory. We hope to see him well again very soon.

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Badges in aid of the Flying Doctor Corps are on sale at the Leigh Creek Bookshop priced at 2/-.

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= BELTANA LETTER =

Good Grief, Leigh Creek!

While I am writing the thunder is making corroboree overhead, and the constant rumble makes me wonder if the noise is celestial or my brains rattling round. They'll have to rattle to some purpose, as our usual reporter has succumbed to the heat. A cold drink first, then let's go...

The town is full of joy at the news of the engagement of our popular girl, Jan Nicholls to Howard White, who is at present teaching at Copley, and we all wish them happiness. One of our newlyweds, Clara Nicholls, celebrated her twenty-first birthday with a cheery tea party, given by her two sisters-in-law, Jan & young Jessie at the hotel. The party, unfortunately coincided with Anne Farley's birthday party.

Our respected citizen, Bill Brands, left for a short trip to town, and Trace and Mrs. Collins are now ready to leave us. Adelaide visitors Mr. & Mrs. Robertson spent a night at the hotel on their way home from Leigh Creek:

some of you may remember Mrs. Robertson as Ethel Nicholls. The Ryan family are staying with Mrs. Ryan's people at the Mallees.

If there are any War 1 veterans in your town it may interest them to know that one of the Sisters, still staying at Puttapa, comes from Harefield: this small village, outside London, was an Australian camp during that war. Incidentally, Harefield is only a stone's throw from one of my old homes.

Seen In Passing... Two of the most hard-working boys in town - Roger Edwards & Peter Bradbury - giving a helping hand at the store... Mr. Putland, on his crutches, chasing one of Old Bill's mokes who, finding himself dissatisfied with the company, found the only weak spot in the fence, and went off to "fresh fields and pastures new".

For the young people: just found my two kittens under the table making mince of my paper pattern, and one has decked itself in my new dress sleeve. Guess what I am saying?

Good rains! Hope you haven't been washed out..

"BELTANA"

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