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After the difficulties encountered by many citizens while navigating our streets after last week's rains, an editorial on Civic Pride will, in all probability, be greeted with derision.

We freely admit that the roads were a shocking mess, but it was a condition that is soon to be remedied, and was caused only because the people responsible for planning the bituminizing of our streets had no way of foretelling May rains for the area. With just a little co-operation from the weather man, the surfacing of our town roads will be advanced to such a degree that a repetition of last week's transportation horrors can not occur..... which leads us to choose this time for such a subject.

Mining towns the world over are notorious for being untidy, dirty and completely unattractive. We in Leigh Creek are indeed fortunate in this respect, because our town, homes and buildings, being comparatively new, have not as yet acquired the drabness nor griminess usually associated with such a town.

The sealing of the town roads represents one more effort in the plan to make the town as attractive as local conditions permit, not only for the residents but for tourists and visitors as well - and makes it an ideal time for us all to look around, take stock of what we can each do in our own little corner to add to the attraction of our village as a whole. There are many ways in which all of us are able to further the reputation of our town, at the same time showing the "Trust" that we do appreciate all improvements, and are prepared to help. Tidying our yards, adding a spot of paint, a shrub or a bit of colour here or there, repairing a broken fence, removing unsightly weeds along the footpaths, - taking an active part on one or more of the local committees, needing and deserving of support (school, hospital, children's playground, to mention a few striving for a better Community) are some of the chores or responsibilities which would not take up much time or effort, but would further, immeasurably, our own sense of well-being.

As we anxiously wait to drive or walk on our new roads, let us remember that although we are probably only temporarily residing in the "Bush", the impressions created by our town in the minds of newcomers and visitors is, after all, a reflection of ourselves.

Let's all make a small effort, then, to make Leigh Creek noted for something more than just the place where coal is mined. Let these new roads run through a tidy community with a cared-for, lived-in appearance, knowing that new residents, the Bus-loads of tourists and casual visitors arriving daily are agreeably surprised to find Leigh Creek is not the drab, unattractive place they imagined. Let's make it a town that all visitors will leave saying, "It is, without a doubt, a community where all the residents display a keen sense of Civic Pride". No finer tribute can be paid a town or its citizens.

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COAL FACTS !!!

Rain and train derailments disrupted the coal production schedule during the past week when only 8,048 tons of coal were dispatched in 20 trains.

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An American in Australia, describing the incredible size of his country, said; "You can board a train in the State of Texas at dawn and twenty-four hours later you'll still be in Texas."

"Yes," said the Aussie, "we've got trains like that here, too."

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COMING TO THE CINEMA

TO-NITE !!! WEDNESDAY JUNE 1st.

"IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO YOU" ..co-starring
Judy Holiday and Peter Lawford,
and on the same program

"SKY COMMANDO" with,
Dan Duryea, Frances Gifford, T.Connors
Cartoon .. "Tell Tale Heart" .. News
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FRIDAY JUNE 3rd.

Glenn Ford and Gloria Grahame ... in
"THE BIG HEAT"
and

"ALL ASHORE" with
Mickey Rooney, Peggy Ryan & Dick Haymes
Cartoon .. "Tollbridge Troubles" .. News
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WEDNESDAY JUNE 8th.

"AFFAIR WITH A STRANGER" .., co-stars
Jean Simmons and Victor Mature,
plus

Edmond O'Brien & Frank Lovejoy,
"THE HITCH-HIKER" News
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SATURDAY JUNE 11th.

Robt.Mitchum, Linda Darnell, J.Palance
"SECOND CHANCE"
and

"MARRY ME AGAIN" ... with
Marie Wilson and Robert Cummings News
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WEDNESDAY JUNE 15th.

"MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER"
Tyrone Power, Piper Laurie, Julia Adam
and

Audie Murphy, Susan Cabot & Paul Kelly
in "GUNSMOKE" News

YOU ARE SURE TO FEEL HUNGRY

at

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BEFORE THE PONIES GET ALL YOUR

PENNIES,

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DICK BARREL WIRTH

and

DALE MATCH STICK GILLIES

at their REFRESHMENT BOOTH.

+Pasties+Pies+Hot Dogs+Cakes+Tea etc.

PLAYGROUNDS???

We do not wish to appear to be telling the children continually, where not to play, but last week a few young lads were seen engaged in a very dangerous pastime.

They were in the railway yards, playing among moving trains & writing with chalk on moving trucks. Station Master Merv. Thomas points out that, while he & his men, try to keep an eye on the lads who insist on playing in this prohibited area, they are extremely busy when trains are being made up and dispatched; consequently can not be expected to warn the lads every time they are in danger.

With a large area set aside for a childrens playground, it does seem a shame that danger areas, like the Cuts, railway yards & places where heavy machines are working, should prove more attractive to the children. If People went out and gave more support & assistance to the Children's Playground Committee, it is quite possible the popularity of the Playground as a place to spend play-time hours would be much improved.

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SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Sisters Regina and Regis, of the Good Samaritan Order, spent a busy fortnight in Leigh Creek, where they imparted instruction in Christian Doctrine to an average of thirty local children each day. The Sisters lost no time in becoming popular with their pupils, & mothers soon found their schedules altered, on insistence from the young ones, that they be ready for class on time. Some mothers quickly adopted the threat, that if Junior misbehaved, there would be no classes with the Sisters that day. One of the few times, this writer feels, that such a form of bribery has been effective.

Five children; Werner Padarin, Ann Swan, Patricia & Kevin Matthews & Judy Goldberg were prepared for their First Communion during the Sisters' visit.

Before returning to Gawler, Sisters Regina and Regis joined with Father Carmody, in asking us to express their sincere thanks to the ladies of the Catholic Community for the generous supplies and assistance afforded them during their stay in Leigh Creek.

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AROONA, May 28th...by A.N.S.S. News Service
(Aroona Native Smoke Signals News Service)

Construction Boss Art Pilmore, having collected over 100,000 tons of gravel -- enough to complete the concrete pouring program, has temporarily put away his WHIP & has turned his hired trucks out to grass.

Concrete Man Al..Faddy, rolled his gang out for an early start last Tuesday morning, planning to raise the dam wall a further six feet, & so capture another 100 million gallons of the water he was sure would be flowing into the gorge. However, the weather man wasn't co-operating with Al that day & only let down enough rain to stop pouring for the day, but not enough to make the creeks run.

Sid Hennessy, manager of the Aroona entry in the Ugly Man Race, has been seen working on something looking strangely like a battery: Manager Hennessy appears to have something up his sleeve, for he is confident that the Aroona entry, which appears to be a bit of a dark horse, will give a good account of himself on Race Day.

MISCELLANY

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Babcock & Wilcox Welder Owen Ansell, with local Welders Nick Kambutz & Karl Briegel, taking a keen interest in the welding picture, at recent Lincoln Electric show.

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Mrs. K. Bock, with her cases, alighting from the rail car, after a brief visit to Adelaide.

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Bill Spence hunting for a 'Dozer to help move that 'wheelbarrow' he had bogged last week. Bill returned from a disappointing fishing trip, determined to do some serious gardening for 15/- per pound. With many acres of the ing -- but the rains came.

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Merv. Thomas, looking slightly thinner, preparing to welcome Mrs. Thomas back from a holiday in Port Pirie, by laying in a good stock of groceries.

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Edna (Happy) Lambert looking in vain for a dry place to walk in her 'dainty boots; while hurrying to lunch last Thursday.

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Four Cars, in one afternoon, travelling on the wrong side of Centre Way.

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Co-Op. Manager "Hap" Hamlyn introducing newly arrived Assistant Manager, Ian Herriot, around the town. Welcome Ian!

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Fitter Doug Long, making some very noticeable improvements to his newly acquired home.

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That some real fast sprints for 440 yards, were clocked on Pay Night; and some weird reasons given for the scratches & torn clothing that was in evidence next morning.

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'Slave Driver' Bill Taylor, Manager of Stores entry in the Ugly Man Race, exhorting some of his assistants on to greater efforts.

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That Dave Tennent & passenger Stan Gotowicz had rough going on their trip to Adelaide over the week-end -- 10 hours to Hawker.

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Rugby League player Bert Benson, here from Sydney with the B. & W. crew, explaining the merits of Rugby League over Australian Rules to Local Aussie Rules supporter, Boy Zevan, who did not appear to be in complete agreement

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That we can expect some new gardening ideas when Gardening Chief Jack Odvody returns from his annual leave.

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That golfing enthusiasts will receive some support from newcomer John Taylor who has forsaken Coca-Cola for Leigh Creek's winter sunshine.

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That Power House employees were pleased to hear that Mrs. Peterson is home from holidays and Ralph's ulcers have quickly vanished.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

There are 6,300,000 tons of overburden in those hills which are being erected by 'man' at "K" cut, and that the 9W bucket travelled over 90,000 miles to put them there.

(We will make shovel and wheelbarrow available to anyone wishing to disprove those figures.

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Macademia Nuts, more popularly known as the Australian or Queensland Bush Nut, have proved very popular in the U. S. A. and have been developed into a thriving industry there.

Deville, salted & Packaged, they are selling for 15/- per pound. With many acres of the Bush Nut being planted in California & Hawaii, promoters of the project expect to increase the supply of these nuts on the markets, thus reducing the price and increasing still further its popularity.

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Peter Strathearn was a very tired young man, when he had finished helping Mrs. Strathearn, and the Kiddies, move into their new home on Third Street.

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Dick Markey has arranged a Table Tennis Tournament in the Silver City Recreation Room.

That he has thirty entrants, and semi-finals are to-night and finals to-morrow night. Play begins at 7.00 p.m.

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Mr. & Mrs. N. Militch are the new tenants in the recently vacated Maynard residence on Second Avenue. Mr. Militch is a Tractor Driver in the Open Cuts.

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John Liebeknecht had a fine new 'Peugeot' Saloon all ready for the first person to point out the error in his last advertisement, but no one came forward.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SATURDAY JUNE 4th.

Leigh Creek Copley Race Club, Registered Meeting.

MONDAY JUNE 6th.

R.S.L. General Meeting in the Club Rooms.

MONDAY JUNE 13th.

Garden Club Meeting in the Admin. Office 8 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 17th.

Car Club Rally & Gymkhana: Follow the road signs from the T. A. A. Corner. 2.00 p.m.

JUNE 11th, 18th. & 25th. at 2.00 p.m.

Scouts "Matinees for Children," in the Cinema.

JULY 22nd., "ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR"

Grand Annual Hospital Ball

TUESDAY JUNE 7th.,

"Variety Show" in the Cinema in aid of the School for Deaf, Dumb & Blind Children.

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DON'T FORGET THE BRIDGE & EUCHRE EVENINGS ..
AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

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FAREWELL SOCIALS

For Mr. & Mrs. Lawson.

Electrical Supt., Bill and Mrs. Lawson left last Saturday to take up residence in Gawler, where Bill takes over the position of District Supervisor.

Bill Lawson, a veteran with over six years in Leigh Creek, & Mrs. Lawson, first Matron of the Leigh Creek Hospital were guests at several functions held in their honor during past weeks.

On Friday the 20th., R.S.L. Members arranged a farewell evening, where Club Pres., N. Wilson, after commenting briefly on Bill's interest & support of the R.S.L. Club, presented the couple with a memento from members.

Saturday the 21st., Mr. & Mrs. Lawson were guests of the Electrical Section Social Club. Ron Morgan, President, reminded Members that the Social Club had been only one of Bill's progressive ideas, his wish being to promote comradeship between the members & families of the various sections of his Department, which idea has proved a complete success from the beginning. Ron was supported in his remarks by Mr. Robbins, who referred to Bill's twenty years' service with the Trust, and particularly his six years in Leigh Creek. Mr. Robbins, on behalf of the Hospital Committee, thanked Mrs. Lawson for her help in getting the Hospital started and for the help given that Committee.

The boys then presented Mr. & Mrs. Lawson with an electric kettle, and wished them well in their new sphere at Gawler.

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... VISITORS ...

Visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Bill Knott during the school holidays, were two busy business-women from Largs, with their children. Mrs. Alma Edwards & Mrs. B. Dawe motored up via Wilpena & Blinman. Mrs. Edwards was making her second visit to the town. After a week of the Leigh Creek social round, the two ladies, completely exhausted, headed for Adelaide and a good rest.

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Well known nurse, formerly of Leigh Creek Hospital, Miss Suzan Dercsenyi, has been in town. With the ever present shortage of young feminine society some of our stag-line wish she would stay.

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Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Page have as their guest, Mr. Page's mother, who it may be remembered, was with us for a short visit some time ago.

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Among recent business visitors to the town was Mr. K. Whitehead of Lincoln Electric Co., whose picture evening was so much appreciated.

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Two more 'men with a mission' were Mr. Miethke of the Trust Accounting Section, Head Office, who absconded with the C. P. E's. shoes; and Mr. W. Goulter, Government Auditor, who had some of the local 'figure-men' shaking in theirs.

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Mr. R. E. Trehene, representing the Vacuum Oil Company, was here on a short business visit.

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Adelaide Co-Op. General Manager "Hal" Banks, and members of his Staff, arrived for a short, fast look into their business interests.

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