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Recent reflection has confirmed the belief that "TOPICS" creed is meant to be a true reflection of local affairs. With this idea mainly, I've settled to write these few lines. The theme, of course, is "The Single Man and his Predicament in Leigh Creek."

This does not claim to be a philosophical article on human behaviour nor a psychological analysis of mining towns but a closer investigation of common facts. It is my desire to convey my impressions to a wider field than the few friends who, in general, share these views.

The single man whose social position has been a problem in Leigh Creek since the beginning of its prosperity has also had his own problems during that time. This position now seems to be deteriorating, because by the evolution of time the married man and his family reduce the single man's importance. By, possibly, misunderstanding, and perhaps not excluding jealousy, the single man is ill-fitted in the atmosphere commonly referred to as Society. It is here that society has the best opportunity to undergo self-examination.

I do not wish to suggest the best method of effecting a solution or even easing the existing tension: that is a matter of individual adjustment and outlook.

We all belong to the same great human family and it does not really matter what our race, creed or nationality. If the families, who at present make up a large proportion of the town's inhabitants, do not extend their hands in welcome I am sure the single man will retire further into the background and play a continually diminishing part in township affairs. Because of his lack of family ties, the single man is able to contribute just as much to the general well-being of our community as the family, except that the social amenities and respect which he is receiving cannot be favourably compared. The barriers between the two, however, are in many cases overpowering good intentions. Because of differing responsibilities we build different standards and have a different outlook to similar problems.

Leigh Creek, particularly for a single man, is not a place one easily falls in love with, and it is not for the sake of admiration that people are coming here. Every individual (except those born here) has his own conviction concerning the circumstances which influenced his decision to come here; circumstances which he seldom reveals to his fellowmen. Whatever may have been our reasons for coming to Leigh Creek, it is not the past that matters now that we are living here together as a community - it is the present and the future which now has significance.

The single man, however, has no wish to become a usurper and to thrust himself into the social circle, but of necessity therefore must await the initiative of the householder.

My intention in these lines has not been to emphasize mistakes which are mainly committed by lack of interest for another's welfare, but merely to give those who read these lines something to think about and thus find for themselves that all human beings possess something mutual.

This is written by a single man who considers himself very fortunate. How the others feel is a question for the reader.

#### COAL FACTS!!!

Train derailments in Putapa Gap have interfered with this week's coal dispatches. Last week however, 10,049 tons were sent out in twenty-four trains.

Drive-in Theater advertising a 'tear-jerker'..  
...."Be sure to bring your windshield wiper."

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VISITORS

News of our grand weather is gradually filtering down to the South, in the past fortnight we have had, no less than nine visitors from Kelvin Buildings, all finding legitimate excuses to follow the Sun.

Sorry though, that Messrs. Kelsey, Kent and MacMillan didn't find the sun when they arrived here, (they bring us some of Adelaide's liquid variety).....but fellows, even if the sun had been out, there is no truth in the rumour that they are here to arrange another pay increase for us all.

Choosing slightly better weather was L.C. Accounting Man, Charlie Harris, making sure that everything is in order for the end of another financial year.

Out of five chaps from Design Dept., who paid us a visit, Broadbent, Michael, Lubek and Burden, who didn't do badly for weather, but I am afraid Mr. Farnik who picked Monday to arrive, thinks this is a cold place.

A visitor quite familiar with our weather ..... is Mrs. C. Calvin from Penola..... better known to us as Marie Leibeknecht ... who came home for a short visit with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank L., on their return from leave.

LADIES GUILD BIRTHDAY PARTY

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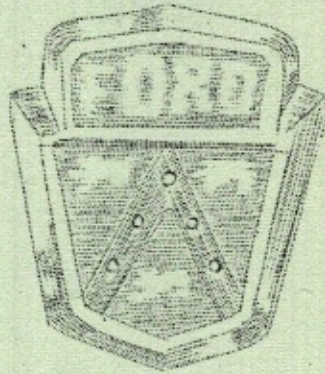
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### CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

#### SERVICES

Sunday 26th. June, Third After Trinity.  
Steven Lawrence, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs.  
H. R. Scarr, was admitted into the Christian  
Church by the Rite of Holy Baptism.

Sunday 3rd. July 7 p.m. Fourth After Trinity.  
"A Film Service," will be held in place of the  
Sermon, two short strip films will be shown,  
"The Prodigal Son," and "The Rich Young Ruler."  
Remember! The Church will be heated by radi-  
ators for all future evening Services.

Sunday 10th. July 11 a.m. Fifth After Trinity  
The Sacrament of Baptism will be observed.  
This is the monthly Family Service, therefor no  
Sunday School on this day.

#### NEWS

The splendid effort of Mr. Bill Spence in  
"graining" the seats is well rewarded by the  
comments of those who have been convinced that  
they are the original pews. Our thanks are due  
also to Mr. Nicholls & Mr. Blieschke who assist  
ed him. Yes! The New Carpet has arrived and  
has greatly added to the 'feel' of our little  
Chapel. Two new collection plates also have  
been included, and another Bible for the Lect-  
urn.

#### VIEWS

What a mouthful "The Interdenominational  
Church Leigh Creek!" Is there any reason why  
our Chapel shouldn't have a name? Think about  
it!

#### THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE:

Leviticus 23: (R.S.V.) "When you reap the har-  
vest of your land, you shall not reap your  
field to it's very border, nor shall you gather  
the gleanings after your harvest; you shall  
leave them for the poor and for the stranger:  
I am the Lord your God."

(Rev. F. Measday)

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AROONA, June 26th.

(By A.N.S.S. News Service)

Eric Coster and his crew are not seen in town....All this without a Space Suit too, altho' too often these days, as they are on the job from daylight (and before) to dusk (and after) trying to catch up to Wally's levels and off-sets.

er. at the bottom of the dam the carpenters could get a form ready which took Al. Faddy and his concrete gang up to 20 hours to fill, (the biggest continuous pour was 499 cubic yds) now they are nearing the top however, the carpenters are finding just as much work involved in leveling and lining a form which Al. can fill in as little as three hours.

With enough gravel collected to finish the job we are now dismantling the gravel grading and stockpiling plant, incidently, it is coming down much quicker than it went up. Our Boss Man, Gordon Lewis, is now looking for a purchaser for one 'good as new,' solid concrete and steel tunnel. There are many possible uses for this structure, e.g., an "H-Bomb" shelter, a pen for raising frustrated rabbits, or with the top removed a neat backyard swimming pool would result. If Gordon would only revise his ultimatum that the purchaser must arrange his own transport, I'm sure we could find a buyer.

Our Statistical Section has come up with some interesting information. Since going in- to the transport business, our Bus Driver, Sid Hennessy, has travelled his Seddon Bus 28,534 miles between Aroona and Leigh Creek. This is slightly more than a journey round the world at the equator. To carry this further, use an Airways term and quote the accident-free pass-

enger miles travelled, it would be a figure equal to at least two round trips to the Moon... there were days when a respirator would have been welcome.

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our Household Labour-Saving appliances DO IT!!  
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"THE BELTANA LETTER"

Dear Leigh Creek:

We have asked to join you in "Topics," hoping that friends dwelling in the, "Bright Lights," may find something of interest in our bits of news. We, in Beltana, have always appreciated the interest you people show in our Dances and our Socials, and we are always sincerely happy, to see our friends from Leigh Creek, & not just because of the admissions we are able to collect from you.

The Bishop visited us again and for the second time held the Service in the hall.

Many of our regular visitors from the Creek, braved the weather and bad roads to attend our Xmas Tree Dance on the 17th. We all had a most enjoyable time.

The Gangell Family, Mr. & Mrs. McLeod and Mr. & Mrs. Kite, all staunch supporters were here, also with us was the new Assistant Manager of the Co-Op. Store, and that good-looking Butcher. The outstanding frock of the evening, was worn by a Leigh Creek visitor, Mrs. B. Bradbury...red velvet with pearl trimmings.

Another popular visitor Miss Lexia McCauley of Commodore had much to say to a certain young man, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the conversation.

Master of Ceremonies, our Bob Arnold, was his usual cheerful self and somehow, managed out of all those caps he sold, to hold winning numbers for himself. We now have a New Australian Cornet Player, Fred Lucchi, who is going to add a great deal

of zest to our dances.

On Sunday the 18th., Blinman came over for a Tennis Match and brought a number of welcome supporters as well as critics. Owing to a bit of confuasion in the mixed doubles, darkness stopped the play, but we were able to win the day by three sets.

That's all for now, see you soon,

BELTANA.

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LEIGH CREEK HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

"Topics," take pleasure in announcing the names of those children who gained honours in Tests held this week;

CHRISTA SCHARFF	FLORIAN PIWANSKI
KEVIN PLACE	GILROY PLACE
CHRISTINE GUST	URSULA ARNTHOLZ
CHERYL NICHOLLS	DESMOND BROWN
CHRISTINE DONLAN	

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE YOUNGER SET.

Very young "Man-About-Town," L. Krassovich Jr., "Cookie," to his friends, celebrated his Birthday on Saturday last, with a lively party, where Peter Leolkes, Peter Robbins and Alexandra Szekely, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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Jane Wyman, sings, dances and wears some lavish gowns ... while Ray Milland, zestfully returns to sleek sophisticated comedy, in the Technicolor Musical, "Let's Do It Again," .... at the Cinema Saturday July 9th. With Wyman & Milland and Aldo Ray as a good-natured illiterate, it should be a good show!

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