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++ A MESSAGE TO GARCIA. ++

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In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion. When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba - no one knew where. No mail or telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly. What to do? Someone said to the President, "There is a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for, and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia.

How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oilskin pouch strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail. The point that I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter, and did not ask, "Where is he at?"

By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze, and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae, which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies; do the thing - "Carry a message to Garcia".

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias. No man who has endeavoured to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well-nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man - the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it. Slipshod assistance, foolish attention, dowdy indifference, and half hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook or threat he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant.

You, reader, put this matter to a test. You are sitting now in your office - six clerks are within call. Summon anyone and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopaedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio."

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes Sir", and go do the task?

On your life he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye, and ask one or more of the following questions:

Who was he?

Which encyclopaedia?

Where is the encyclopaedia?

Was I hired for that?

Don't you mean Bismarck?

What's the matter with Charlie doing it?

Is he dead?

Is there any hurry?

Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?

What do you want to know for?

for a day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labour, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation; and all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous. My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away, as well as when he is at home. And the man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly takes the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off", nor has to go on strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted. He is wanted in every city, town and village - in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such; he is needed and needed badly - the man who can carry a message to Garcia.

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(Editorial Note: The wealth to be derived from acting in accordance with the principles inculcated in the story is of so great importance that hundreds of thousands of copies have, throughout the years, been distributed to employees of all American railroads, State and Commonwealth Railways employees as well as by other Companies, Corporations and State instrumentalities of Australia.

We recognise the value of the story and its importance to all, and accordingly reproduce the article for the benefit of both Employer and Employees.  
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#### WORLD FAIR PLANS.

More than a million people are expected to visit the Australian World's Fair to be held at Sydney's showground between July 26th and August 4th this year.

A number of leading firms will be exhibiting in the industrial section including John Ly-saght (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., Walter & Son, Pty. Ltd., Atlas Copco Aust. Pty. Ltd., and others.

The Korea, Ceylon, Pakistan and Czechoslovakia governments will have official stands.

Visitors are expected from more than fifteen countries.  
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#### NEW FACTORY.

A factory costing £2½ million is to be constructed at Botany, N.S.W., for Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia & New Zealand. Situated on a 130-acre site it is intended for the production of polythene.  
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#### ANOTHER COAL PRODUCT.

Japanese scientists recently claimed to have made a cloth to rival nylon from castor oil, coal and petrol. The fabric inventor, Professor Sasaki, of Kyushu University, said it was easier to dye than nylon and had more resistance to heat.  
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Almost 40 million words were received by cable in Australia from overseas last year.  
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#### CENTENARY.

Psychoanalysts all the world over were brushing and combing their isms on Sunday May 6th to commemorate the centenary of the birth of their prophet, Sigmund Freud.

"Punch's" explanation in 1934 of the mysteries of the unconscious, unravelled by Freud, is as good as any:

"Without psychonalysis, we should never know that when we think a thing the thing we think is not the thing we think we think but only the thing that makes us think we think the thing we think we think."  
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#### COAL FACTS.

Last month - April, we sent 37,172 tons of coal by rail from Leigh Creek. Seventy-nine trains of coal went to Port Augusta and 14 trains to Adelaide.  
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#### WORKING STRENGTH.

There are 326 wages men working for the Electricity Trust at Leigh Creek at the present time, which is 63 less than were here exactly a year ago.

The Aroona Dam gang at its highest strength consisted of approximately 103 wages men. Altogether with the 'comings and goings' about 450 wages men worked at Aroona at different times.  
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When a man gets 'high' he generally feels mighty....

BLINMAN LETTER.

Our correspondent must have broken down in the last couple of issues, as no Blinman News was evident. We regret this because there has been plenty happening in the old town.

Our Easter Tennis Tournament finished very successfully, although rain fell almost until the first afternoon of play. Willing workers however, soon had the courts ready. The usual large contingent from Peterborough was well in evidence, and the Beltana players managed to get over the wet roads to join in on the Sunday morning. Play continued until late on Monday evening. Most of the prizes for the ladies events were won by Peterborough performers. Cyril Allen and Bob Arnold from Beltana were in the money in singles events. Championship gents events were cleaned up by the Smith brothers from Hawker. Colin Parkyn was about the only local player to score a trophy. Everybody had a very happy time, particularly at a very fine chop picnic, and all voted themselves starters for next year.

A large crowd attended a pleasant dance to Farewell Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Farley and family (who have taken up a business in Myponga) and to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Ray Birrell the new proprietors of the North Blinman Hotel. Tributes to the departing guests were made by Ken Butcher supported by Don Carter, & both Mr. & Mrs. Farley responded. The Farleys were presented with a beautiful electric standard lamp from their many friends in the district.

The town also had its first wedding for quite a time, when Margaret Player married Colin Edwards in the Town Hall which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Upwards of 120 guests attended the wedding and a sumptuous reception which followed. Credit for the wonderful spread goes to the Blinman Branch of the C.W.A., who were responsible for the catering. The radiant bride was attended by her sister Beryl, who looked very charming on the arm of the handsome John Branch, who was best man. Little Margaret Pumpa was an appealing flower-girl. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Norman from Hawker. The happy couple left town in Mr. Pat Henery's Customline, rendered much noisier than usual by the addition of buckets, tins and other assorted articles.

Ideal weather has welcomed the first tourists of the season. A social held in honour of a recent Bus-load of tourists was well received. The visitors were all Victorians & expressed envy of the locals living permanently in this picturesque lo-

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cality.

Mr. Don Carter was recently married to Miss Elaine Haynes in Adelaide. The couple will take up residence in South Blinman.

The C.W.A. Ball was held on May 12, when dancing was interspersed with items from local talent. The all-male ballet was something not to be missed!

Cheers from

"BLINMAN."

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HONOURS GAINED IN RECENT SCHOOL

TESTS.

- Gr.VII: Yvonne Connors  
Karl Arntholz.
- Gr.VI: Robin Dimaline.
- Gr.V: Michele Faddy:Terry Knott(2)  
Jennifer Curd.
- Gr.IV: Robert Faddy:David Doyle.
- Gr.III: Desmond Brown (2)  
Ursula Arntholz (2)  
Elka Schleyer.
- Gr.II: Christine Donlan (2)  
Christine Reed (2)  
Alexandra Szekely (2)  
Jenny Thomas,Bobby Julian,  
June Miller.
- Gr. I: Nessie Doyle:Rita Fey,  
Anne Donlan:Rodney Brown,  
Marianne Pschicnik,  
Joachim Kamin,

Good work, Children!

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- CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS -

SUNDAY SERVICES: MAY 20 - 7 PM.

WHIT SUNDAY.

Sacrament of Baptism.

MAY 27 - 7 PM. TRINITY SUNDAY.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

NEWS: It was our pleasure to have a goodly number of the members of the Country Women's Association at our service. Mothers' Day also brought many to our Church apart from our normal congregation.

VIEWS: WHIT SUNDAY - This is the annual celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of men. Jesus promised to send another in His place. One who would assist men in living and be their continual reminder of God. Read for yourself the account of that great day in Acts, Chapter 2.

TRINITY SUNDAY - Here is one of the Sacred Mysteries of our Christian Faith. The relationship between The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, has been a cause of strife and a great deal of Consecrated thought. A Christian is only aware of the fact of God, His redeeming Son Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the influence of God & our Lord, which is so real that we ascribe personality to 'it', and

refer to 'HIM' as the Holy Spirit.

THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE: ACTS:1 -8.

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

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ST. BARBARA'S CHURCH.

Mass will be celebrated on May 20 and May 27, at 7.30am and 10.00AM. on both Sundays.

Two Nuns will be visiting Leigh Creek to teach religious instruction to school children as from May 18.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICE.

The next service will be held in the Interdenominational Church at 10 AM. on Sunday, May 20.

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PLAN NOW TO BE AT THE  
 COMMUNITY HALL  
 AT 8PM. on MAY 26TH.

"CAFE CONTINENTAL"

Organized By  
 THE LEIGH CREEK SCHOOL  
 WELFARE COMMITTEE.

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TRANS - AUSTRALIA AIRLINES.

NEW SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND:

SATURDAY -

Arrive L.C. -- 8.45pm.  
Depart L.C. -- 9.00pm.

TUESDAY -

Arrive L.C. -- 8.35am.  
Depart L.C. -- 8.50am.

THURSDAY -

Arrive L.C. -- 6.35pm.  
Depart L.C. -- 6.50pm.

SOUTH BOUND:

MONDAY -

Arrive L.C. -- 4.50pm.  
Depart L.C. -- 5.05pm.

WEDNESDAY -

Arrive L.C. -- 4.15pm.  
Depart L.C. -- 4.30pm.

FRIDAY -

Arrive L.C. -- 5.45pm.  
Depart L.C. -- 6.00pm.

'PHONE LEIGH CREEK 11.

LOCAL AGENT: H.W. HAMLYN.

FLY T.A.A. - THE FRIENDLY WAY..

FROM "TOPICS" TO YOU ---

A year ago on May 18, "Topics" came into being.

It was brought to its readers by its first editor, Canadian Bill McEwan, whose courage never wavered, although a few last minute doubts may have tried to creep into his mind; typiste Lorette McEwan, loyal and serene wife of the Editor; and Stan Gotowicz produced the art work. The printer had been no closer to operating a Gestetner Duplicating Machine than she had to operating a power-saw until about a month previous.

In October, due to Bill McEwan's transfer to the lush green of the Clare district, the printer took a mighty leap to the positions of typiste and Editress as well as printer. Shortly afterwards Stan Gotowicz took himself off to the city, and the art work changed hands several times. With the assistance and faithful help of Dick Wirth, who has since moved to Canberra, the paper continued.

Help has come from every hand, and if everyone who assisted were to be mentioned by name the list would amount to almost everyone in Leigh Creek, some from the surrounding district, and about half of the Electricity Trust Staff in Kelvin Buildings, Adelaide.

Not to mention the Advertisers, without whom it would be impossible to keep the paper in paper.

This is the first issue for the second year; one hundred and forty-four copies go out each fortnight on our mailing list to every State in the Commonwealth, and one or two even find their way overseas. Over three hundred copies are distributed in the township and district.

It is hoped that readers will help with articles and constructive suggestions to make the paper looked-for in the next year.

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Ever spare a thought for the mid-night shift Power House boys, and all those on night shift these cold evenings?

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Saw Mr. H. Banks and other Co-op Directors visiting on Monday May 7 to note the progress being made on the new Co-op building. Since then the roof is on...

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The Commonwealth Railways Commissioner, Mr. P.J. Hannaberry, and some of his staff stopped on their way down from the opening of the Flynn Memorial Church at Alice Springs, and inspected progress on the new railway.

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A busload of Masters and boys stayed overnight on Monday to look over the Coalfield, and they're on their way from Blackfriars School, Adelaide, to the Cooper and to Lake Eyre, on a camping trip.

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Pat and Les Feehan have been entertaining Pat's sister, Miss Jean Sherman, who was enjoying some leave from Supervisory work at the Adelaide G.P.O. Jean left with the Hoares from Leigh Creek Station last Friday night.

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Mrs. Clarke's sister, Mrs. Higginbottom from Port Augusta has been holidaying in Leigh Creek.

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Alan and Kay Smith are back from their interstate holiday. Whilst in Geelong, Victoria, they met the Fred Monsoors, who were also on leave at the time. Although the womenfolk have lived in Leigh Creek for upwards of two years they had never previously met.

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Edna and Bert Holland also back after a holiday in the new Morris. The weather was unkind on their trip.

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Allen and Joy Smith have moved into the home vacated by the Jack Allens in Second Street.

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Hear the Allans have found temporary accommodation in Mount Gambier until they manage a Trust home..

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More than 320 people (100 children) attended the showing of "Doctor in The House" at the Cinema on May 5.

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From Copley, we hear the news that Dean Lillecrapp, of Yancaninna Station is to marry Miss Beryl Cummings of Penola in Adelaide on May 19. Miss Ynis Lillecrapp and Miss Mary Lord, who have been at the station with Gordon Lillecrapp are to be in Adelaide for the wedding.

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The Bob Kerrs, who have been on Balcancona Station were tendered a farewell evening at Wertalcoona on May 5. They will be leaving on May 17, and will soon be sailing overseas to visit their people.

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Company of men catching rabbits on the east-side stations. Big van in Copley for refrigeration.

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Mr. Jenkins has lost the "Bronco" title now that he is driving the new fawn Dodge taxi...

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College children arriving home for the May holidays. Only seems like a couple of issues ago they were going off. Doug Hasse beat them all home - poor lad had to come before school finished because of an attack of mumps.

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Mr. J.R. Lyons, draper who visits Leigh Creek every six weeks is planning to run a mail-order business in Adelaide. More about this later...

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Called Tassie's Taxi lately? Always on time!

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Warm-hearted Sister Pam Burton is asking for help in the matter of warm baby-clothes for the hospital. In the last couple of days a little child with a shocking cold was brought in from a long way north, wearing a little silk frock. The child is dark, and was born in very sad circumstances. This is not an isolated case, and the nurses don't like to send a child home well, knowing it will be back again sick for want of warm little woollies. What about those baby things your child has outgrown?

Children can help, too. There are no toys or books or comics left up at the hospital for any little sick children. Little Fiona Burton has given some of her toys to help the children get well. Could you give some books and comics too?

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