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Music is as intangible as a rainbow and yet it is a mighty force in the lives of each and every one of us. The majesty of the organ gives us peace in turmoil; the disturbance of the percussions brings out the primitive in us; the blare of the saxophone takes us back to our gay young days; the thrill of the violin leaves us awestruck, and the versatility of the piano makes us wish we had practised more when children.

Hundreds of years B.C., King David of the Hebrews used the harp and the trumpet to praise the God of Israel. "Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psalter, blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed on our solemn feast day. Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob." We still add to our worship and praise of God in Christian countries with the great grand organ. But music enters every phase of our lives these days affecting us all in different ways. We all have our favourite types of music and anyone who likes something else is, we think, not quite normal at least as regards musical appreciation! Some have a great liking for ballet but are considered effeminate, especially by men: others devote their lives to church and organ music and are considered wowers. Some spend their hours going into raptures about Johnny Ray and are considered hopeless and some are enthralled by a symphony while others would not waste their time!

However, it takes all sorts to make a world, they say; but the type of music appreciated by a person generally gives some indication of the depth of character of that person. There are those of us who have a liking for music in general, and will tolerate even the extremes from Duke Ellington to Jean Sibelius in small doses, but prefer to be lulled into satisfaction by something tuneful with a romantic air. Then again some patronise the symphony concerts and sit through a whole session, becoming frightfully embarrassed when nodding off to sleep in spite of the uncomfortable chairs, just because it is thought a good thing to appreciate classical music. Some get all enthralled with Grand Opera and probably go all Bohemian at the same time. Many of us seek to escape the realities of life by devoting ourselves to bawdy rhythm and frothy pop and paradoxically ending up more primitive in a world given over to "evolution". On the other hand there are those who become fanatical about "fine music" too (chamber music being too descriptive for words) and eventually lose sight of the over-all picture when music becomes their master rather than their servant. We even have some disconsolate versions of the Swiss yodel which make us very sad indeed as we listen to the tale of someone's dying days.

Whatever we like or don't like in music, our choice reflects our ultimate aim in life - and it pays to stop and listen occasionally, and take stock.

After all this, you can try your hand at musical character divining on the writer. My ultimate enjoyment in the musical field is in such things as 'The Messiah', 'Elijah and Belshazzar's Feast', but I must say I have quite a weakness for Fats Waller.

Incidentally, the other evening I was listening to a session on the radio for amateur composers - I felt that the writing of music, at least, could well have been left to the professional!

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::: BLINMAN NEWS :::  
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Many visitors are to be seen lately, due to the September holidays. One day we counted 70 cars - mostly with caravans and pack racks. Each creek has its quota of campers.  
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Mrs. Carter of South Blinman has her father, Mr. Haines, and her cousin Graham staying.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Max Peters and family of Police Station, Hawker visited Blinman for the first time on Sunday 16th, and spent an enjoyable day with the Ken Butchers. Mr. Butcher is looking forward to a visit from Professor J. B. Cleland on Monday 24th.  
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Mr. Doug McLeod, an ex-policeman and now a solicitor in Adelaide is holidaying at Wirrealpa.  
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A social was recently held by the Progress Association for funds to repair hall chairs and general improvements. £6.13.0 was raised.  
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The Fathers Association of Port Augusta are planning to drive the annual bus-load to Blinman on 6th October; their usual dance will take the form this year of a Mad Hatters' Dance, and they provide their own orchestra. There will be supper and novelties, and we are looking forward to seeing some of the Northern people down for this occasion.  
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The C.W.A. are having a special meeting on the night of Monday, 24th September. Visitors including Mrs. Dolling from Headquarters, Mrs. Hall - President of the Flinders Group from Iron Knob and Mrs. Blinman - State Treasurer, are expected.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Lord of Angorichina are the proud parents of a new son.  
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THE PRESENCE OF RAILWAY CAMP EMPLOYEES NEAR NEW TELFORD STATION HAS INCREASED ALREADY HEAVY BOOKINGS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT CINEMA SHOWS.

ALL PATRONS ARE ADVISED TO BE EARLY

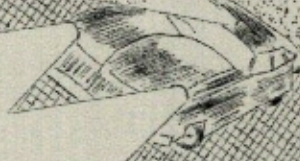
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### SOME DETAIL CONCERNING THE DISASTROUS RIVER MURRAY FLOOD.

Between Waikerie and Renmark the river has risen 20'6" above Pool (normal) Level, which is governed by the locks. Speed of current is very hard to assess, but it is generally said to be about 8 knots.

The level is expected to remain up for two - three months, and may yet even increase.

Flooding has extended for miles either side of the normal course in many places. For example, between Kingston-on-Murray and Barmera, a distance of approximately 15 miles as the crow flies, where normally the total width of water to be crossed does not exceed 1/2 mile, the entire 15 miles is many feet under swirling water.

Everywhere levees hold water back from homes, buildings and orchards.

Waikerie has one levee 2 miles long, 20 feet wide on top, and 70' wide at the base, and 10' high, holding back an 8' wall of water.

As a matter of interest, this levee would be made up of 176,000 cubic yards, or 25,450 tons of sand. The distillery is under 12' of water: however the wine and alcohol vats are sealed and it is hoped that the £70,000 worth of content will be safe.

Renmark has 22 miles of levees.

Lyrup, a small settlement near Berri is surrounded by a levee holding back 6' of water. If the levee broke the whole town and settlement would be inundated.

At Murray Bridge the Flour Mill adjacent the wharf appears to be right in the middle of the river.

Along the length of the Murray, thousands of acres of orchards have been flooded and many hundreds more are becoming water-logged and sodden even though the water is still banked back from them. It is expected that a large proportion of the trees and vines

in these areas will also be drowned.

Many of the buildings and homes inundated are starting to collapse or will be irreparably damaged.

Already many people have lost almost everything and the same may yet be the fate of many others.

The loss of production and other effects of the flood, overall, may well cost our State many millions of pounds.

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(These details were supplied for us by Mr. Graeme Kilsby, who last week was at Waikerie, and saw this shocking damage. ED.)

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### CRICKET.

On Sunday afternoon a scratch game was played on our local ground. Peter Bateson and Peter Gore, both newcomers to Leigh Creek cricket showed excellent form and should prove worthy assets to the Club in further matches. Lyel Kempster's new style of bowling was the highlight of the match. The local batsmen are looking forward to a repeat performance.

The condition of the oval on Sunday was very heartening to cricket fans. The ground has recently been graded and rolled, and the Couch Grass on the near side of the wicket is growing splendidly. With our cricket area in such excellent condition there will, no doubt, be much more interest in the game locally.

To those people responsible for the good work carried out on the oval the Cricketers are extremely grateful.

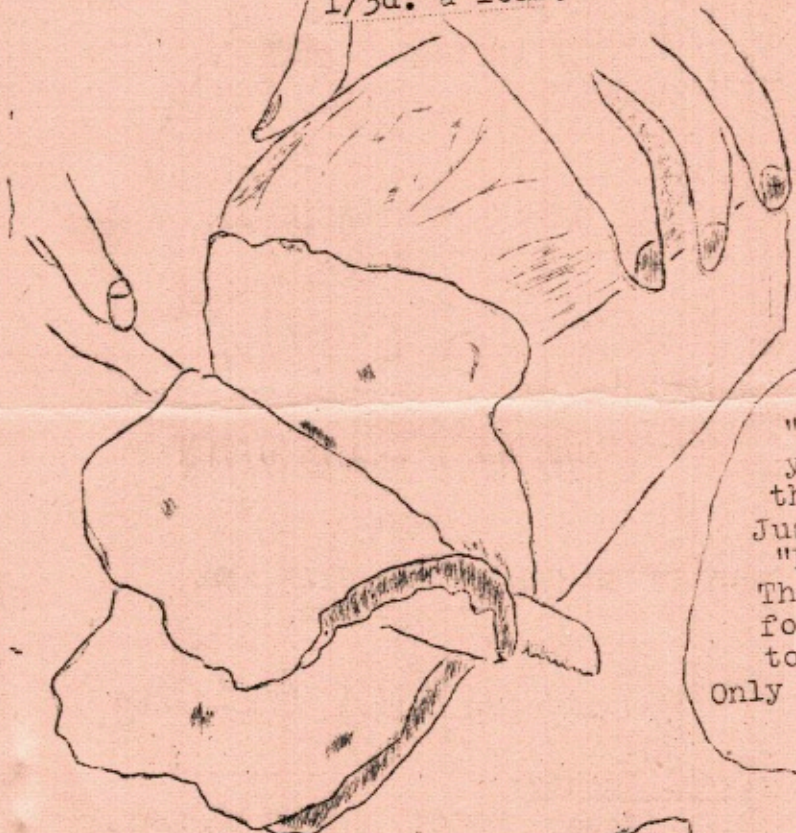
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LONDON. During its long history, London has been known by the following names: Augusta Trinobantum, Augusta Basilia, Trinovant, Lunderwic, Ludentun, Lundenburh, Lundenia, Llundain, Luntain, Londinion & Londinium.

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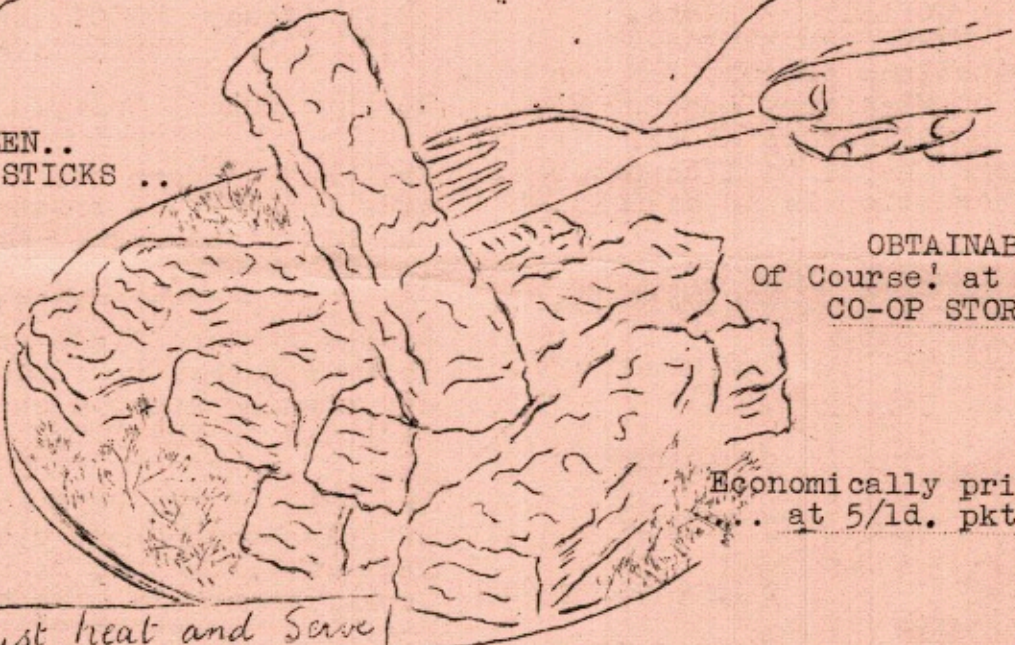
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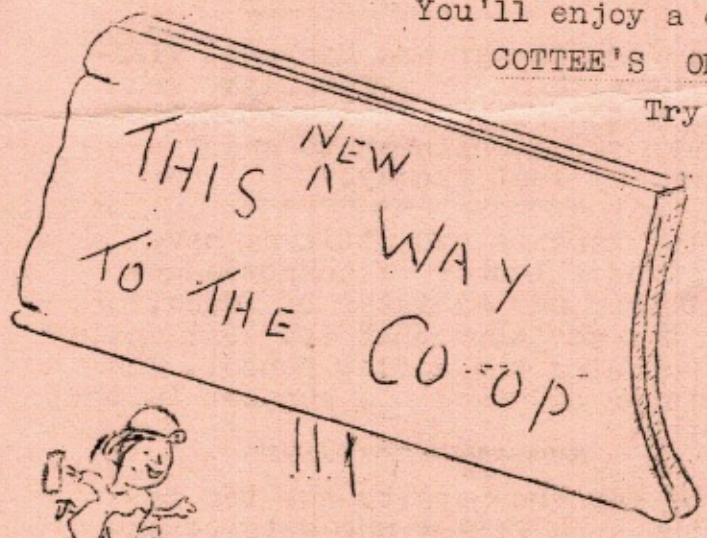
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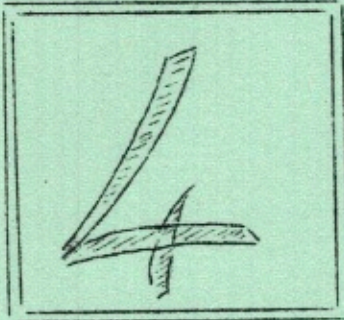
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R.S.L. NEWS.

At our last General Meeting a Circular was read from Headquarters regarding Flood Relief for those citizens of our State who have suffered in this disaster. The Sub-Branch has already made a donation to the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund.

The Sub-Branch understands that a Committee is to be formed in L.C. to raise funds for this appeal and we wish the Convenors every success; we also ask all Sub Branch Members to assist this appeal in every way.

A farewell evening in the R.S.L. Hall was tendered to Mr. & Mrs. Don Brown on Saturday 8th September. An electric coffee percolator was presented to the departing couple by the R.S.L., the C.W.A., and the School Committees.

Another R.S.L. Member who has left Leigh Creek is Garry Burzacott, who took up a fencing contract with the Beltana Pastoral Company. Garry is, however, still retaining his Membership in the local Sub-Branch.

Rumour has it that yet another staunch Member is shortly to sever connections with Leigh Creek. He is Mr. George Simpson. We feel that not only the Sub-Branch but the community in general will be losing a reliable helper in any town project. George, by the way, is one of

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CONTINUING THE EARLY HISTORY....

As far back as 1934 we were represented at a Sub-Branch Conference by Mr. W. Ferguson & Mr. Ron Whyte. It is interesting to note that they were allowed a 2nd Class Rail Fare. At this year's Conference the Secretary was supplied with a 1st Class Fare and his expenses paid - the present seems to be "the good old days".

In 1937, the State Secretary, Mr. Dowling paid the Far North a visit and was a guest at the Annual Dinner. To-day the Committee are endeavouring to have not only the State Secretary but also the State President, Mr. A.J. Lee present for the Annual Dinner.

From records it would appear that the first Poppy Day to be held in the north was in 1937, at Copley, & it was a great success.

An interesting motion of 1936-37 was that the Government be asked to grant free rail travel to sick returned servicemen sent to Hospital from country districts. We of to-day are indebted for this forethought, because to-day servicemen and women whose complaints are applicable to war service have free return rail-warrants to any city Repatriation Hospital.

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Have you ever noticed that the "girls" describe people by their personal features, and the "boys" describe them by what sort of car they own?  
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See Post Office chaps Bernie O'Day and Reg Player flying about on new motor cycles.  
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Hear the Don Oakey's have been transferred to Woomera.  
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The Dimalines have taken Carol back to Port Lincoln High School by car.  
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Gardens are looking very tidy for the annual competition. Mr. Lothian arrived to judge the gardens on Tuesday morning's plane. Due to the long, dull winter the gardens seem to need another few weeks to be really at their best.  
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The Scout Field Commissioner, Mr. Muggé visited Leigh Creek early last week with a group of Scouts on a hike through the Flinders Ranges.  
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Mr. Gordie Patterson of Farina, who is well-known in the north, was brought to Leigh Creek Hospital late last week, and is now in Adelaide undergoing further treatment.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Will Whitford of Gladstone have been holidaying with Mr. & Mrs. Bert Napier at Murnpeowie Station.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Wigan and Mrs. Gilbert Poole plan to arrive in Leigh Creek on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Pilmore has arranged an evening for Mrs. Poole to renew acquaintances.  
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Can't get away from vehicles.... Mr. Ted Gangell advises that he has four tyres on his car that have done 17,000 miles without a puncture, and would like to know if there is anyone north of Quorn who can better this average..  
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Station-Master Ken Whitty's wife and family are up for a holiday from Port Augusta.  
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Schoolteachers Miss Elaine Schultz and Mr. Ian Webber chose the September holidays to announce their engagement. Miss Schultz's home is at Sedan and at present she is teaching at Darwin.  
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C.M.L. men Mr. Bill Marshall and Mr. Ray Case are at present in Leigh Creek. Mr. Case is the new agent for the area north of Port Augusta.  
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See Philips Radios are holding a competition for Olympic Games year. You have to identify phrases in six different languages and then write 30 words about any particular Philips model radio. Prize is plane tickets (return) from anywhere to Melbourne and accommodation for the Games. Bob Dunn can help with any further information..  
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Fruitless hunting expedition led by Arnold (Pudden) Holmes on the week-end. Not even a rabbit to show.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Wally Sires and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Balfour have returned after a week in Adelaide. The Balfours bought themselves a Mainline..  
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Understand one of the Co-op's big windows came to grief last week.  
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Mr. Kevin Hage of Quorn has been relieving at the Post Office while Postmaster Len O'Toole is away on a course..  
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Activity going on behind the Administration block is for the two-way-car-radio mast.  
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Nice to hear the drum going to march the children into school again this morning. Understand Mr. Len Wachtel is the new Head Master.  
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Many visitors during the school holidays with schoolchildren who have Leigh Creek as one of their projects..  
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"I have every sympathy with the American who was so horrified by what he had read of the effects of smoking that he gave up reading." .. H.G.STRAUSS, M.P.