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 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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To all our Members and
 Prospective Members!

THE MUTUAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.
 LEIGH CREEK AGENT: GEORGE NAK.

.. BELTANA NEWS ..

The Lodge Ball held a Saturday or two ago was quite a success, takings being £11. Nice to see people from Leigh Creek visiting on that occasion; it makes all the difference to our dances when we have visitors.

We understand Santa Claus is already polishing his sleigh for the Children's Christmas Tree next Saturday.

Holiday time being almost here the Sexton family have left for Adelaide and the Allens will be departing a day or two after Xmas Day. Another old identity has left the town to take up residence in Quorn; she is Miss Symons, and might be known to some of you at Leigh Creek.

Padre Vic Murrell and his family left the Manse last week to take up temporary residence at "WARRAWEE" the A.I.M.'s Home for inland children, at Grange. There Mr. & Mrs. Murrell will be Camp Father and Camp Mother to a group of boys and girls from northern South Australia and south western Queensland.

En route to Adelaide the family will call in at the A.I.M.'s Nursing Home at Radium Hill for a few days so that Mr. Murrell can carry out general pastoral duties and assist the voluntary workers who are erecting a new church there. This building, says Mr. Murrell, is of the steel framed type and when completed will be both substantial and attractive externally and internally.

QUICKER, CHEAPER
H A U L A G E
 D.N. (Dave) MILLER.
 'Phone LC. 66.

The Australian Inland Mission's Bush Children's Health & Holiday Scheme has been in operation since 1932 when Rev. Fred Patterson, Sturt Patrol Padre, arranged for a group of children from Beltana district to spend three weeks' holiday on the beach at Glenelg. Since the war the beach home, "Warrawee" has been bought and extended, the name of the scheme changed to THE A.I.M. FAR NORTH CHILDREN'S HEALTH SCHEME, and the scope of the service extended to include children from as far south as Iron Knob & as far north as Darwin and the Kimberleys, W.A., and to operate throughout the whole year. His Excellency The Governor of S.A. is Patron, and the committee includes representatives of the Medical and Dental Associations within South

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Australia.
 Whilst in the south the children will be shown Rundle Street in its Christmas glory, the lights of Adelaide from Windy Point, spend a day at the Zoological Gardens, visit a factory and the Port Adelaide waterfront: spend a day on a shopping excursion, enjoy a picnic at Waterfall Gully, have free rides at the Glenelg Fun Fair; visit West Beach Aerodrome; attend a Christmas Service and be treated to afternoon tea on board an overseas liner.... all this and three weeks holiday by the sea and, where necessary, medical, dental and ophthalmic treatment.

At the completion of this camp Mr. & Mrs. Murrell will move across to the eastern states for furlough and deputation work.

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all..

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== R. S. L. NEWS. ==

The Annual General Meeting was held on December 3. The President, Mr. A.R.Faddy, presented a report on the year's activities, and thanks thanks Members and Citizens who helped.

Mr. W.A.Smith presented a statement of receipts and expenditures & we are pleased to state that after donating certain amounts to charit-

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See our Leigh Creek Representative, RON CLARKE, to arrange a demonstration.

ies we are once again showing a surplus.

Officers elected for the next year are:

President: Mr. A. R. Faddy.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. T.F. Robbins
Mr. G.A. Snell.

Treasurer: Mr. W.A. Smith.

Secretary: Mr. M. S. Keane.

Assistant Sec.: Mr. J.M. Curd.

Committeemen: Messrs. G. Kilsby,
D. Long, R. Dollard, J. Dingwall.

Auditors: Messrs. S. Teale

E. Foreman.

Members wishing to renew their membership should see the Secretary, who has the 1957 clips.

The Committee of the Leigh Creek Far Northern Sub-Branch take this opportunity to wish all its Members and supporters a very Happy Xmas & a Bright and Peaceful New Year.

Thanks are expressed to Mrs. L. Anderson who made and gave the posy which was presented to Mrs. Pierpoint on the occasion of the Silver Anniversary Dinner.

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, the Sub-Branch will be conducting a New Year Ball, the entire proceeds of which will be passed on to the Legacy Club. This will be the 9th Legacy Ball to be held in Leigh Creek. Tickets are available, and prices are:

Double Ticket £1.

Gents Ticket 12/6d.

Ladies Ticket 7/6d.

Supper is usually a highlight and if anyone is prepared to cook and to help in this direction the Sub-Branch will supply the necessary ingredients for Sausage-rolls, scones, Savouries, etc.

For a number of years now our Sub-Branch has supported two Legacy Wards, and it is hoped that through district generosity it will be possible to continue to do so.

We would like to express our thanks to "Topics" and those who edit, print and despatch it, and we hope that the paper will grow and expand in the New Year.

(Thank you! ED.)

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LADIES' GUILD.

The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday Afternoon, Dec. 12 at 3 pm., in the Community Hall. Members are asked to bring a friend.

There are prizes for the prettiest and for the smallest cup-and-saucer; there are to be other competitions and a Trading Table.

Afternoon-tea will be served and all ladies from the town and district will be welcome.

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Hear that Ted Gangell is going contracting on Beltana Pastoral Company property, and the Day-N-Nite taxi.business is folding up.

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Little Girl: "Did we fill it up?"
Little Lad: "Well, it came out over the top!"

Mother decided to investigate and found that all this was to do with three flagons of water the little angels had poured into the petrol tank of the car so that Mummy wouldn't be held up anywhere....

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Peter Charles Parsons was christened on 3rd December, after which a small party was held in his honour.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Wertaloona Station, east of Copley, are the parents of a daughter who arrived on 4th December at the Leigh Creek hospital.

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What do you think of this gem....
A dumb girl is a dope, a dope is a drug, doctors give drugs to relieve pain; therefore a dumb girl is just what the doctor ordered ...

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See Don Oakey back in town again for a week or two. What with no home being available, and relief being required at Leigh Creek again, Don's stays at Woomera were very short....

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And speaking of the housing situation, the latest news of the move to Port Lincoln for the Dickers and Feehans has now been postponed to something like February ..

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Noticed a goodly sprinkling of migrant ladies at the C.W.A. party and it was good to see them joining in the fun.

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Don't know when I've seen a better range of stock in the Leigh Creek shops. The town is becoming quite a district shopping-centre.

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Hear Mick Keane's son, Pat, will be starting work here again next week. Pat recently had a bad time recovering from the effects of a football accident.

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Overheard.. "There's a lot to be said in her favour, but it's not nearly so interesting..."

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Remarked in last issue about a water-melon patch Bill Swan is cultivating at the North Field. One of the boys later heard him muttering, "The whatsername rabbits must read 'Topics'. They've come and cleaned the lot up, plants and all."

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Had a visit recently from Mr. Mortlock, of Mortlock Agencies, Port Augusta. This firm is agent for all sorts of things, including sea-travel. Mr. Mortlock left a brochure of a very fascinating trip to Japan.

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Other and nearer trips can be arranged on the Orient Line..

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Must be quite a few entertainments on at Marree keeping our scribe busy.

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Postal man Bill McGuinness is back at the northern centre again, relieving over Christmas.

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Lawn on the cricket pitch is being assiduously watered ready for next year's play.

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Sayings have their season, and some of them are here to stay, and some fade-out. Latest saying to get a hammering in this district is, "That's for sure!"

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Ex Leigh Creek Stationmaster Merv. Thomas has been relieving at Copley. He will then be transferred to Pimba.

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The Olympic Games spirit even affected the inland children. Teachers had to stop the youngsters from pole-vaulting after a couple of fractured limbs in the one day.

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Sheep bogged in mud at the North Field was rescued by Lou Mocicka. Lou took the sheep to the Power Station, hosed the jumbuck and sent it on its way rejoicing...

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E.T.S.A. Administration Block is getting a face-lift outside, too.

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Adults who have been recently affected by chicken-pox include Eric Blieschke and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Clarke.

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LEIGH CREEK SWIMMING CLUB.

The Club has now been granted permission to operate the Pool, and during December intends to open the pool at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday,)	7 p.m.
Thursday & Saturday)	
Saturday) Afternoons	2 p.m.
Sunday))	

The following admission charges will operate:

Adults - - - -	1/6d.
Children (School Age & Under - - - -	6d.
Spectators - - - -	6d.

CONCESSIONAL RATES FOR SWIMMING CLUB MEMBERS:

Adults - - - -	1/-
Children (School Age & Under - - - -	4d.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE:

Adults - - - -	2/6
Children - - - -	1/-

Any Member wishing to help the Club by offering to act as attendant is asked to please contact the Secretary, or any member of the Club Committee.

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Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year ...

Two morons each had a horse, but they couldn't decide which belonged to whom. So they cut the mane off one to differentiate, but it soon grew back. Next they cut the tail off one, but that also grew back. Finally they measured them and found that the black one was four inches taller than the white one ...

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A Scotsman had to send an urgent telegram, and not wishing to spend more money than necessary he wrote like this:

"Bruises hurt erased afford erected analysis hurt too infectious dead."

The Scotsman who received it immediately decided it was:

"Bruce is hurt. He raced a Ford. He wrecked it and Alice is hurt too. In fact she's dead."

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The family had overslept, and Mrs. Smith woke with a start to the clanking of cans in the street. She remembered that the garbage had not been put out and raced down to the front door, struggling into a robe, with her hair in curlers, and looking rather sleepy-eyed.

"Yoo-hoo," she called, "Am I too late for the garbage?"

"No," shouted the collector, "Jump right in."

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The day was rainy and the cellar leaked. Bertram, aged 5, was having a wonderful time sloshing around in the water when his mother caught him, soaked to the skin. As punishment he was ordered to stay in his room until his pants were dry.

A short time later his mother heard a commotion in the basement. "Are you down there wetting your pants again?" she bellowed.

There was a long pause and then a deep masculine voice replied: "No, Ma'am. I'm just reading the meter."

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"There was a daschund, one so long
He hadn't any notion
How long it took to notify
His tail of his emotion.
And so it happened, while his eyes
Were filled with woe & sadness,
His little tail went wagging on
Because of previous gladness."

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Women are a delusion, yet a man is always hugging some delusion..

N O R T H E R N M O T O R S .

LEIGH CREEK.

Phone 16. Garage.
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(After Hours).

Bulletin No.1.

E. BEAL. MANAGER.

TRADING HOURS.

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2.00 pm.- 5.30 pm.) to Sunday: 9.00 am.-12.30 pm.
7.00 pm.- 8.30 pm.) Saturday.

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- GERARD & GOODMAN LTD. - Electrical Supplies, Photographic Equipment & Machinery.
- ELLIOTT BROS. LTD. - Bicycles, Guns, Ammunition, Sporting Equipment. Bicycle Spare Parts.

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BULLETIN No.2 NEXT ISSUE OF "TOPICS".

MATINEE AND CABARET.

Although there is probably no future Pavlova here in Leigh Creek those who witnessed the dancing display in the Community Hall last Saturday afternoon will agree that it was both colourful and entertaining, and certainly not lacking in variety with elves, fairies, capering clowns - not forgetting "Santa" whose arrival provided the Grande Finale. Credit goes to Mrs. Jean Kilsby who trained the children, and to many busy mothers who made most of the costumes.

The cabaret dance on Saturday evening was well patronized, and a special word of praise goes to Mr. Bill Knott (who decorated the hall and stage) and to all willing helpers from the Kindergarten Committee and Mothers' Club. A word of appreciation also to Co-op Manager Mr. Alec Jamieson, who handed over the theatre foyer to the organizers to enable the sale of ice-cream & cool drinks.

The afternoon show and cabaret were voted highly successful both from entertainment and financial points of view, proceeds being in aid of the Kindergarten.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

The Adelaide Co-op wish to notify customers that Fruit and Vegetables arriving on 20th December will be the last consignment until 2nd January.

Please place your order next week to cover two weeks.

It would be appreciated if orders be left at the shop by 30th December for deliveries of fruit and vegetables on January 3rd.

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ACCOMMODATION DURING RACE MEETINGS.

There seems to be a feeling around this part of the north that Leigh Creek is unable to cater for outsiders attending local functions. With particular regard to the Racing Club it is understood that many of the pastoralists visiting the town cannot find accommodation. Perhaps we can do something about this.

In order to further this particular amenity we would ask your generous support and remind you that there is a Registered Race Meeting scheduled for 8th June, 1957.

The accommodation asked for would only amount to a shower and change prior to the Ball.

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