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Most of us newcomers were very happy when, after 4-5 very rough post-war years, we landed safely in this country, which we had chosen for our second homeland.

It was not so easy to part with our past, to leave behind everybody, and everything we once had possessed, had loved and lived for.

When we arrived here, many of us empty-handed, our situation was not as rosy as most of the people who received us thought.

The wounds of the parting were not yet healed when we had to start our new life in a strange country with its hundred new customs and habits.

Often a small thing upsets a person and makes him feel unhappy. Did you ever think, besides the language difficulties, how many other things there were to get used to before we felt ourselves comfortable and at home?

I cannot speak for everyone and say "back home" was like that, because we came from as many as twenty different countries, some of us from famous European capital cities, some of us from small villages. I presume that if I give you my own first impressions you can make yourself a general picture of the problems facing a newcomer.

My first shock came when I heard "the railways are on strike": that a country should be left without rail traffic seemed incredible to a European.

My second came when the bus which took us to our first destination stopped and we were covered by flies: the first good meal that we received after 35 days of sea-journey was spoiled, because my two hands turned out not to be enough to keep the flies out of my plate and away from my face.

One of my biggest surprises was when I found out where our drinking water comes from. For a very long time I watched suspiciously the flock of birds on our roof.

I did not understand why our camp was deserted after work. My curiosity inclined me to join the others next day and find out the reason. I found myself rushing to the bar. But what a disappointment there! No tables, no chairs, no waiters, a big crowd of people standing in a circle, 6 - 7 behind each other. It looked hopeless, so I left. But with the rising of the temperature my thirst rose too, and next time I succeeded with a good deal of elbow-work in breaking through the crowd and satisfying my thirst.

Once we had enough money, we planned a good week-end in the city. On Saturday afternoon the city looked deserted and we found out the races were on. When evening came we decided to have a good dinner, but the restaurants were closed by then, and being strangers we could not find a place where we could still get a meal. Next morning we arose very hungry, hurrying for what we thought a good breakfast, but every place was still closed. (At home on a Sunday morning we generally went first to an early church service and afterwards to a non-stop cinema, in the afternoon to a soccer-match or theatre, and finally to a good restaurant, where we had dinner and later danced.) We came home from our week-end very low-spirited.

Think of the poor ladies, who came from big cities and had to start their new life in the country, surrounded by cattle, horses and pigs - or of the trouble of the non-English speaking housewife, who had to work out the weight of her menu ingredients in pounds and ounces, when all her recipes were based on kilograms, dekagramms and gramms.

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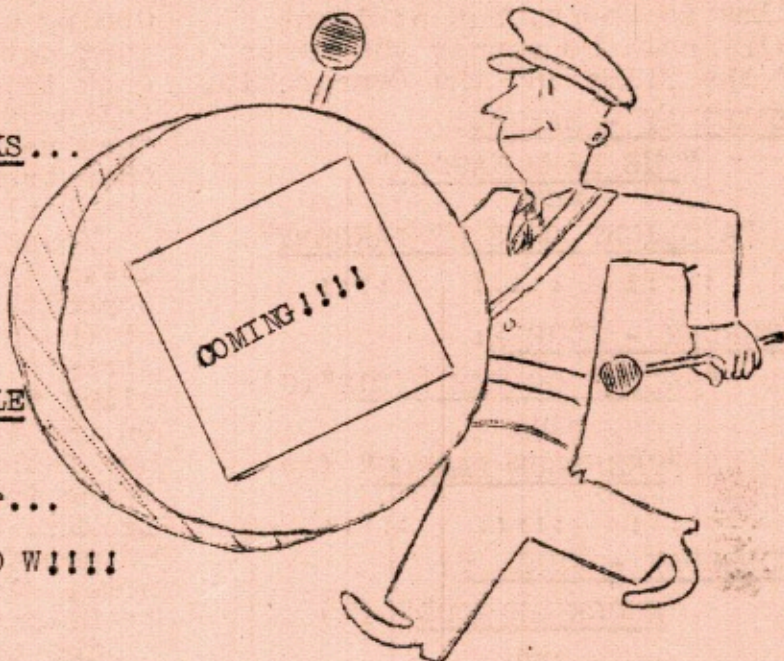
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++ CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS ++

SUNDAY SERVICES: JUNE 3rd.
First after Trinity..11.15am
JUNE 10: Second After Trinity.
-- 7pm.-- HARVEST FESTIVAL.

NEWS: On Wednesday May 30 the Ladies of the Guild visit Hawker. This is the occasion on the yearly rally. All Guilds north of Whyalla are being represented.

On Sunday, May 20, Gregory John Michael was received into the Christian Church in Holy Baptism.

The Sunday School is making plans to film the parable 'The Good Samaritan. The scenery in the close proximity of the Creek is particularly suitable for this illustrated teaching of Jesus.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Michael and Mr. Odvody for the planting of the lawn in front of the Church.

VIEWS: One of the most deadly foes mankind has to contend with is selfishness. At the root of every sin is self. Jesus knew the problems that face man because of it, and He warned His disciples that whoever would save his life would lose it, and whoever loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Here is the great truth of that old saying -

"No man is born unto himself alone;
Who lives to himself, he lives to none."

THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE: JOHN 10: 10 -- "I came that they might have Life, and have it more abundantly."

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MRS. PAT McFARLANE and Family sincerely thank relatives and friends for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes, and personal expressions of sympathy; also for help and offers of help, in the recent loss of their beloved husband and father. Please accept this as deep and personal thanks.

GARDEN CLUB.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, and is to be held on Monday, June 11 at 8 pm. The business of the evening will be to elect new officers.

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CHURCH SIGN. "This is a CH--CH.
What is missing?"

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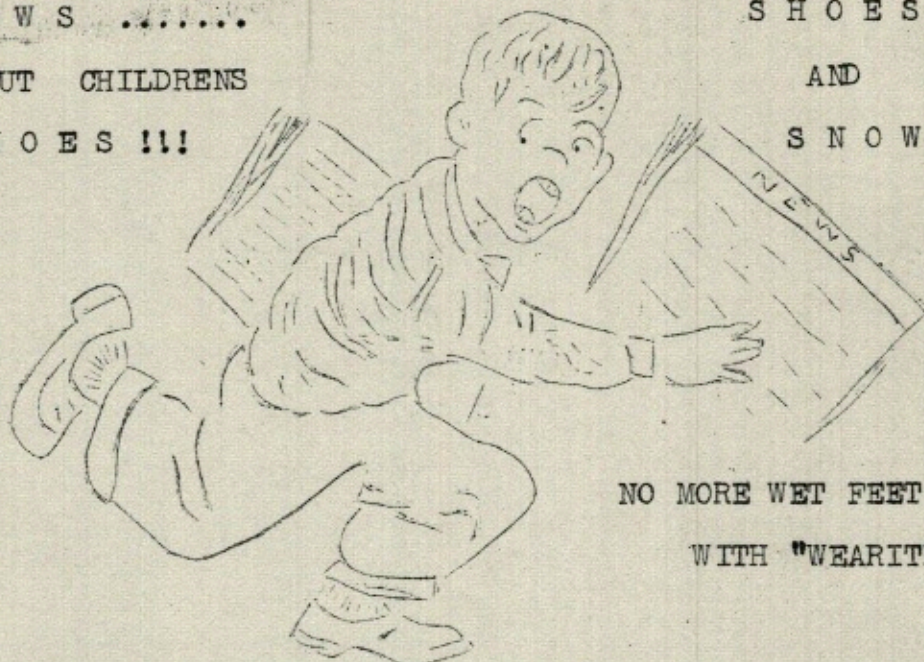
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R.S.L. NEWS.

On Saturday evening, May 19, a successful Social evening was held. The Sub-Branch entertained those Good Folks who assisted in staging the best Gymkhana we have had in 5 years.

On May 17 the President, Mr. A. Faddy, on behalf of the Club, said farewell to Mr. & Mrs. R. Kerr, of Balcanoona Station, who are going back home to Scotland. Mr. Faddy presented Mr. & Mrs. Kerr with a small memento from the Sub-Branch. Among those present were Mesdames Faddy and Kilsby, Messrs. Robbins, G. Simpson, J. Dingwall, J. McKerlie, G. Kilsby and M.S.Keane.

The Secretary, Mr. M.S. Keane, has in his possession a Racing Bridle, which was left on the course on the day of the Gymkhana.

Members are reminded of the Sports Night on Friday, June 1st. Roll up and show your appreciation toward the Committee who are running this night!

A General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 3. It is in Members' interest to be there, as the business of the evening is important.

It is harder for a fat man to be brave than for a thin one ... He's got two or three chins to keep up!

MR. JOE KEANE SETS RECORD.

Mr. Joe Keane, engine driver at our North Field Power Station has been on leave to attend a meeting in Sydney during April 9-16, of the Federated Engine Drivers' & Firemen's Association.

Mr. Keane was elected to the Executive State Branch of the F.E.D. & F.A. at age 22. He was elected President at age 24, and is the youngest man ever to occupy the position of Federal Council Delegate at age 25.

Mr. & Mrs. Keane and their 17-months old daughter, Kathleen, also went to Brisbane, where a T.A.A. official informed them that Kathleen has flown over 14,000 air miles, - a record for her age. As a memento Kathleen was presented with a special badge from T.A.A.

LEIGH CREEK MOTORING CLUB.

The Club regrets that there have been no entertainments recently due to pressure of work.

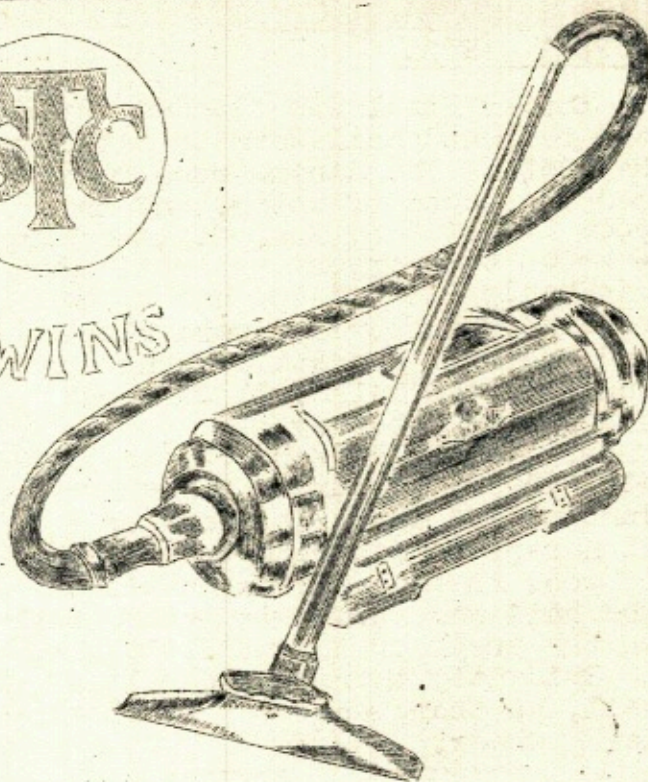
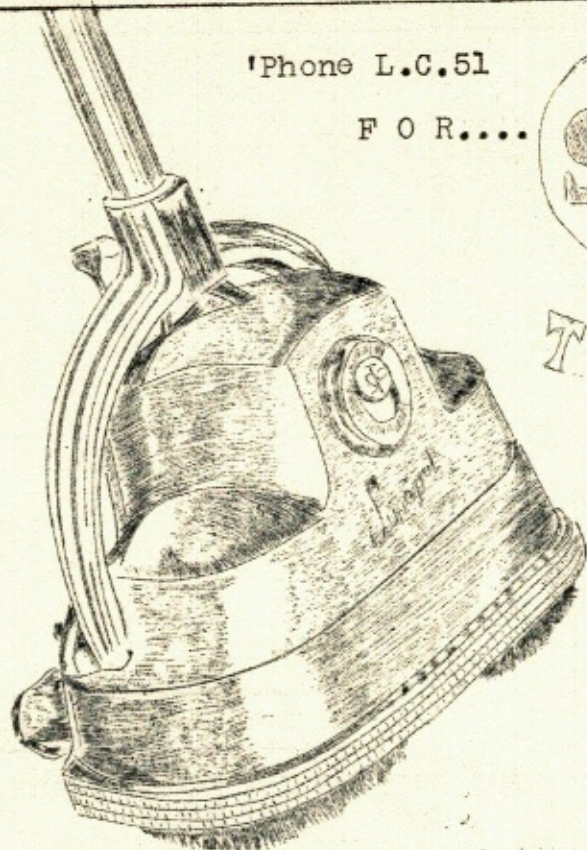
However, the Annual General Meeting is being planned for June 25, and all Members are asked to keep this night free so they can attend.

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SCOUTING.

All the scouts of the 1st Leigh Creek Troop agreed that the May camp was exciting and full of fun and they have asked "Topics" Editor to print this story on -
OUR MAY CAMP.

The camp site was about 1/2 mile up Magnesite Creek. After the patrols had made their tent sites they pitched their tents, not without a great deal of trouble.

On Friday Charles Mulholland, our chief gadget maker busied himself making camp gadgets. The Magpies' Patrol Leader, Z. Kazimour unluckily had to be taken home because of tonsillitis.

On Saturday afternoon, the Magpie Patrol were visiting the Eagle Patrol when suddenly it started to rain and hail. At first the Magpie Patrol were scared to go back to their tent because of the huge hailstones, but when the hail stopped they made a great dash for their tent only to find everything soaked including themselves.

During the rain everything in the Magpies' Tent was hung from a rope which was strung between the tent poles. It was night before everything was dry, so we decided to have a moonlight hike to Aroona.

On the way we found huge piles of hailstones and Aroona Dam had risen 18 inches.

Magnesite Creek came down washing away a few careless Scouts' belongings; luckily they were found washed up on a log further down the Creek.

Later that night when everybody was in bed, Kevin Liebeknecht jumped in his sleep, grabbed the tent and yelled, "Help! A ghost!" not knowing he was treading on his friend's face. His friend, John Fuchs, who also jumped in sleep told him to get down and Kevin, who was still asleep, replied, "No - I can't swim."

(This report was written for us by our young school reporter, Trevor Beal, who is a very versatile young fellow. 'Nobody seemed to know much about cooking, so I had a go at it,' Trev. said in an interview. Some of the Scouts appeared to lose their courage over one of Trev.'s inspired dishes of herrings and rice, and the cook himself recalls that "it didn't look too good". However, all arrived home well and in good spirits, and agreed that it is going to seem a long time until the next camp. ED.)

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Gratifying response to Scouts "Bobs for Jobs" Appeal, and everyone agrees that the boys earned their bobs..

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Unusual, gusty winds from northwest noticed late on Wednesday 16th - the day of the atomic explosion in the Monte Bello Islands.

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Just another birthday for Miss Helen Stewart, elder daughter of Police Sergeant Jim and Avis Stewart - until tea-time, when all sorts of good things appeared on the table and several girl-friends appeared in the doorway. An evening at the cinema followed..

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"1-lb Mince Steak please Butcher!"
"So sorry: you must be wrong; but we have 'T-bone', Oyster Blade, Porterhouse, Rump, Fillet, Skirt - don't you mean one of those? There is no mince steak on a bullock."
And it happened in Leigh Creek (Ask Mr. Liebeknecht).
Happy to advise that the butcher has since taken himself elsewhere..

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Keith Graham has just returned from his seventeenth trip to Coober Pedy where he spent his leave. Keith had no opal to show us this time..

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Ex-resident Ron Swan was married to Miss Joan Hamilton of Port Augusta on Saturday May 26 in St. Augustines Episcopal Church, Port Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ralston of Leigh Creek attended.

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Various reasons, good or bad have been advanced in the City recently against granting approval for "Drive In" Shows. Progress has been held up in some cases.
We believe here in Leigh Creek another "Drive In" is threatened with delay or some modification of original plans. The object of the hold-up is a thing the old song says "only God can make.."

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Even the children are interested in news on the wireless, and young Neville McPherson hastened to assure his father (after hearing news of a dreadful Adelaide occurrence) that five hundred taxis were going to St. George's funeral.

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First-Aid kit in the Community Hall these days..

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Sister Burton's appeal in last issue for warm baby clothes, toys, books and comics for the hospital was answered by many kindly folk. These things are always handy at the hospital, as are any outgrown dressing-gowns. Sister Burton thanks the donors for their warm generosity.

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Breakdown at the cinema last Friday night during the picture show. On investigation of the outside fuse-box it was found that a small grey bird had made its winter home there. This, however, was not the cause of the breakdown. The management are grateful to Mr. Graeme Kilsby for his quick repairs to a faulty fuse.

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Glad to hear that Mrs. Bob Reed is recovering and convalescing from major surgery in Adelaide. Also on the sick list in Adelaide is young Nanette Tully, who was ready to come home when she sprouted mumps..

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Good deal of grumbling with the curtailed plane services. The unloading in Adelaide of daily papers is causing the local news vendor some headaches. Hadn't had a daily paper in for a week at one stage..

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There's a plan afoot to take the matter of the curtailed plane-services further..

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Michael Bock and Doug Hasse entertained about fifteen of the younger-fry at a party at Doug's house last Saturday night. Cannot say more because the two mothers, who had done endless cooking and preparation were asked when they were leaving, as soon as tea was over and cleared up...

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Nice to report that our two ex-residents, Mrs. Kipling and Sister Dalgliesh were presented to Lady Slim at Alice Springs as previous A.I.M. workers..

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Block between the hospital and Co-op filling up with new homes.

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Not a plane-seat to be had for the youngsters going back to Adelaide schools. Some of them went on Monday night's train, and Merv Duthy chauffeured some by car.

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++ DATES TO REMEMBER ++

SATURDAY AND MONDAY - JUNE 2-4:

Registered Race Meeting at Marree.
SATURDAY - JUNE 9: Registered Race Meeting at Leigh Creek..

THURSDAY - JUNE 7: C.W.A. Meeting.

SUNDAY - JUNE 10: Swimming Club's Annual General Meeting.

MONDAY - JUNE 11: Garden Club's Annual General Meeting.

MONDAY - JUNE 25: Car Club's Annual General Meeting.

FRIDAY - JUNE 1: R.S.L. Members' Sports Night.

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NIGHT NOISES.

Visitors who like to sleep in during holidays at the seaside resort of Nordeney Island, West Germany, complained bitterly of one local sound - roosters crowing in the early hours.

Scared of losing well-heeled patrons, innkeepers and entrepreneurs appealed to the local council to do something. Burghers pondered the subject just as did their Hamelin cousins the celebrated plague of rats.

Then they issued a solemn edict: roosters must not crow between dusk and dawn.


The lawbreakers are summarily condemned to death or exiled outside the residential area.

Many a Nordeney family dined on fowl for a week, having found roosters extremely hard to reason with - and the town's rulers even more difficult.

The edict is in line with a recent bylaw made for a New York suburb. This lays down that no



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on June 8, 9 & 10.

cat "shall be permitted to run around loose and make unseemly noise at night".

The penalty for non-compliance is death. But who eats cats?

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HEADS OFF..

The guillotine was named after a French physician, Joseph Guillotin, who proposed the adoption of this device to prevent unnecessary pain. It was introduced in 1792 and is still used in France. A previous instrument known as a Louissette, was invented by another surgeon, Antoine Louis.

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DRAMA..

Many actors call themselves Thespians, a term which goes back to the 6th century B.C., when a famous playwright named Thespis introduced such innovations as costumes and masks into the Greek theatre. He became known as the father of Greek tragedy.

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DEFINITIONS AND 'ORIGINATIONS'

- Sinema - a naughty film.
- Smuble - smug and subtle.
- Reminiscences - long-winded reminiscences.
- Girdle - an accessory after the fat..
- Slang - a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and gets to work..
- Opportunist - One who meets the wolf at the door and the next day appears in a new fur coat...

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