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LEIGH CREEK

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At dawn on a fine April morning, five years ago, a survey party left Adelaide. Passing through Clare and Jamestown, the party took lunch at Hawker and proceeded on the unfamiliar and far from smooth road until at about half past four it reached the summit of a hill from where the multicoloured lights of Leigh Creek became visible giving the impression of a big town.

Then and there did I see Leigh Creek for the first time. The landscape might be familiar to many and just as many might think it monotonous; but for me it had the thrill of adventure and, as it turned out, it meant a milestone on the road of my life. Yes, five years in Leigh Creek! I don't claim that it is an extraordinary feat. Those blue and yellow lights of the runway at the aerodrome, the red glow to the left on the 'old' crusher and to the right on top of the 9-W, somehow made me like the place.

Five years in Leigh Creek. I saw the town grow street by street, saw the open cuts deepen and broaden; I took part in the preparations of North Field and rejoiced in the arrival of new machinery and the installation of additional plant. I witnessed great progress indeed!

In the early days everybody knew everyone and you were a member of a big family. Gradually there appeared new faces and you soon learned to know them too. Later on you missed someone - but there were so many - and to-day you just lose count.

Five years ago you came to an industrial settlement in the desert; as you walked in new surroundings, so did others; as you watched the birth of a new venture, so did others; as you toiled in your garden so did others too. Now notice how tall the trees have grown, how dense the shrubs are; that there are more birds about the place and even bees have found a home. What a pity that an American visitor had no more time but to see only "a coal-dusty horror".

No one should complain: Aroona, an addition to the landscape and an abundant water supply, is completed; the roads are going to be sealed; a swimming-pool is ready for use; social life is amply provided for. And our product - THE COAL - is running on a new railway line. Yes, five years have marked mighty progress: my five years in Leigh Creek.

I never regret having liked the place at first sight.

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DEPTH FACTS.

The "Morro Velho" goldmine in Brazil is the world's deepest mine. Depth is 6,426 feet, and when men are working at the bottom they do shifts of only 20 minutes each, and are continuously drenched with fine jets of water to counteract the tremendous heat. The mine has been

worked continuously since 1725.

The deepest known ocean depth is 35,400 feet in the Pacific off Mandanac, Philippines. It was discovered by the German cruiser 'Emden' during the first World War.

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Matrimony is a process by which a grocer gets an account the florist had.....

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SERVICE - TON-DAY

R.S.L. NEWS.

It was on the evening of Anzac Day, 1933, that the line of demarcation for the Far Northern Sub-Branch was determined to make it distinct from Hawker Sub-Branch. Dr. Makin (President) and Mr. Fulton (Hon. Sec.) of Hawker Sub-Branch conferred with Mr. G.G. Bonython and Mr. A.T. Halls, F.N. Sub Branch, and it was mutually arranged that we would take in Parachilna as our southern boundary.

In those days our northern boundary included Oodnadatta and Charlotte Waters, and records show that a sports meeting was once held in that district by the Far Northern Sub-Branch.

The first Sports meeting to be held in the Far North by servicemen was on September 1, 1933, by the Legion of Frontiersmen, and those sports were the forerunner of our Anzac Day Sports, which are now held annually at Leigh Creek.

It is very interesting to note that as early as 1934 Mr. W. B. Ferguson was elected chairman of the Sub-Branch. It was also in 1934 that Mr. Ron Whyte was elected Secretary, a position he held for 14 years - surely a great effort.

It is also pleasing to note that a letter from the Sub-Branch was written to the Commissioner of Commonwealth Railways commending the splendid way in which the War Memorials at stations on the Port Augusta - North Line are maintained and cared for.

In November, 1934, a letter was received from Legacy, and from that date the Far Northern Sub-Branch has been subscribing to this grand cause. In those years the Sub-Branch used to donate £1/1/- to Legacy: now the

Sub-Branch, through various functions donates anything from £50 to £75 a year - surely a sign of the times.

At a meeting of the Sub-Branch in 1935, it was moved for the Sub-Branch Conference that "Reveille" be adopted as the official organ of the League, and if possible issued free to members.

To-day our official organ is "Back". The Board of Directors of "Back" Publishers Ltd., are of the opinion that the name "Back" - originally signifying "Back from the War" or "Back to Civilian Life" is now, 11 years after the cessation of hostilities, no longer so apt as it might be. So there is £10 for some Member of the League who can think of a name for our paper. Any Member interested can see the Secretary, M. S. Keane, Room 20, for further particulars.

The Sub-Branch are negotiating with Headquarters for Plaques for the Graves of Members who are buried in Hawker and Copley cemeteries, and it is hoped that the plaques will be placed on those graves before the end of the year.

COMMITTEE MEETING: 27th AUGUST.

GENERAL MEETING: 3rd SEPTEMBER.

CRICKET.

Leigh Creek again journeyed to Copley on Sunday 12th and enjoyed another pleasant day. Due to prevailing 'flu both sides were not at full strength.

L.C. batted first & due to the efforts of Webber, Bradbury & Kempster made 99 for 9.

Copley struggled for runs until a partnership by Brown & Nader clinched the game for Copley, who made 170 runs.

With more railway men in the district we hope to arrange more games in the future.

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Dandy Flat Press	Sanders
Century Batteries	Switches
Mixmasters Kuick Mix	Drills
Sewing Machines Hoover Irons	Flex
Electric Motors Insect Destroyers	
Lawn Mowers Step Ladders	
Golden Fleece Motor Oil	Paint

IF YOU DON'T SEE ** CASH ** IT* HERE OR ** TERMS ** PLEASE ASK FOR *IT*

. 14, Second Street, Leigh Creek

'Phone LC.51

Can't let this issue pass without commending all who had a hand in 'tissy-ing' up the interior of the Canteen. The new colour-scheme and the pictures certainly make the place a pleasure to visit (as if it wasn't before the new paint job!)

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Shirley and Bill Knott are entertaining Shirley's mother, Mrs. Gerrard, who is a long way from her home in Tasmania.

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Foreman had four men absent in the one day last week. One sick, one ill, one indisposed and one just plain 'crook'...

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Church Guild Ladies are working towards their Fete on September 22.

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Commonwealth Railways' new timetable undeservedly got the blame when no newsletters arrived last Friday. Frantic telephone calls to our reporters elicited the fact that none of them had written, but due to the pleas of the white-headed Editress they all came good..

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Fred and John Bock arrived home on Monday night's train, and Fred says that there definitely is NOT a black-and-white tie for sale as stated in our last issue...

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Several folk in the district with relatives down in and around the Murray River floods. Pictures in a week-end paper showed devastation, and the flood is not at its peak...

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Saw Colin and Marie Galvin and their small daughter Helen visiting with Marie's parents, the Frank Liebeknechts. The Galvins were on leave from Penola.

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Whilst in the south recuperating, Mrs. Robbins saw Adam and Ruth Jamrozik, and they and their small son Conrad are in the pink. Mrs. Robbins also saw Bill and Lorette McEwan, who are shortly transferring to Port Augusta.

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IT HAS BEEN SAID...

Too many people stop seeking employment after they've found a job ...

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MAKE LIKE A BEE AND BUZZ OFF...TA TA...SKEDADDLE...'OP IT...SCRAM

ON YOUR MERRY WAY...SHOVE OFF...WHEN PASSING, PASS...

GET LOST...DO A BUNK...GO CHASE YOURSELF...SCOOT OFF...

WE DO NOT OFFER SERVICE... WE LIKE TO SIT AROUND..

WE ONLY OPEN WHEN WE FEEL LIKE IT..

YOU GET LESS FOR MORE AT THE BOOKSHOP!!!

NEVER HAVE SO MANY GOT SO LITTLE FOR SO MUCH!!

IF YOU CAN'T GET IT ANYWHERE ELSE, YOU CAN BET YOUR LIFE WE HAVEN'T GOT IT EITHER....

WE DO NOT DELIVER ANY ORDER UNDER £100.

PLEASE DON'T DISTURB OUR SPIDERS OR THEIR WEBS.

DON'T RING

BOB DUNN'S LEIGH CREEK BOOKSHOP - PHONE 79 -

(EXCEPT IN EXTREME DESPERATION)

MAKE LIKE A BREEZE AND BLOW THROUGH...DON'T BOTHER US...VAMOOSÉ..

- BLINMAN LETTER -

Well, Leigh Creek,

Owing to district shearing arrangements, our Sports Day has been rearranged. The Sports will be held on August 30, and on 31st there is to be the dance where there will be stalls, and the cups will be presented from the school sports. From the two socials held by the school committee a sewing-machine has been purchased.

We all have been enjoying Mr McIntosh's film evenings, and the children especially look forward to the cartoons.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fargher and their daughter, Beryl are spending some time in the city. Beryl is collecting her trousseau in preparation for her marriage in October to Ian Kemp of Orraparina. Mr. Fargher is going on to the South East for the ram sales.

We were pleased to see the wedding photograph of Margaret Ragless in one of the Adelaide week-end papers.

Mr. Henery's huge new woolshed has been completed, and we are wondering if it's right to have a 'shed-warming'.

Mr. Ken Butcher has his car back in excellent condition and complete with a new wireless. Some time ago the car stopped in a deep creek and was firmly wedged in stones for 30 hours. After the creek subsided the car was able to be moved and sent to Adelaide to be thoroughly cleaned. The Butchers spent last week-end at Port Augusta.

There are still beehives in the bathroom wall of the Police Station and now that the trees are beginning to blossom we believe the wall will be full of honey. These bees have been there for 8 months now, and it is understood that arrangements are being made to have a beekeeper up from Port Augusta to remove them.

Many tourists come here - mostly from Victoria - and they infect us with their jolly happy-holiday mood. We have some very entertaining evenings.

All the best till next time,

"BLINMAN."

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"A home does not mean what it used to, because people are born in hospitals, entertain in clubs, eat in restaurants and buried from funeral parlours"

S.C. Justice Ford. U.S.A.

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For Further Enquiries, 'Phone

BOB DUNN L.C. 79.
DAVE MILLER L.C. 66.

++ CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS ++

SUNDAY SERVICES: AUGUST 26th.

13th after Trinity -- 11.15am.

SEPTEMBER 2nd.

14th after Trinity -- 7 p.m.

NEWS: The visit of the Secretary of the Inter Church Association proved to be a time of fellowship and encouragement to the local Church. Situated as we are, with our nearest neighbour 106 miles away, it was uplifting to have the reassurance that the rest of the Church was interested in us.

The report that Rev. Mr. Davis was able to give the Adelaide Com-mittee awakened them more fully to the difficulties associated with the Church here. The result is not for general publication, except to say this: we are promised the continuation of the Ministry, when the present Minister leaves next year.

We are now in possession of the slides of "The Good Samaritan". We propose to show these slides, together with others, in the Church on Tuesday, 28th August.

In order to defray the expenses incurred in the filming, we will charge admittance. The evening will last about 1½ hours, and

will commence at 7.30.

THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE: MARK 9:41.

"For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward."

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LUTHERAN SERVICES:

SUNDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

English Service - 11 a.m.
Sunday School in the
School Hall - - 2.30 pm.
German Service - 8 p.m.

Pastor T. Prenzler will be here from Whyalla for these Services.

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KITE: On August 16 at Leigh Creek Hospital to Rhonda and Jack - a DAUGHTER. (Maxine Pamela).

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To be healthy, happy and successful it is necessary to learn the art of forgetting as well as to cultivate that of remembering...

The only thing not taxed is the wages of sin