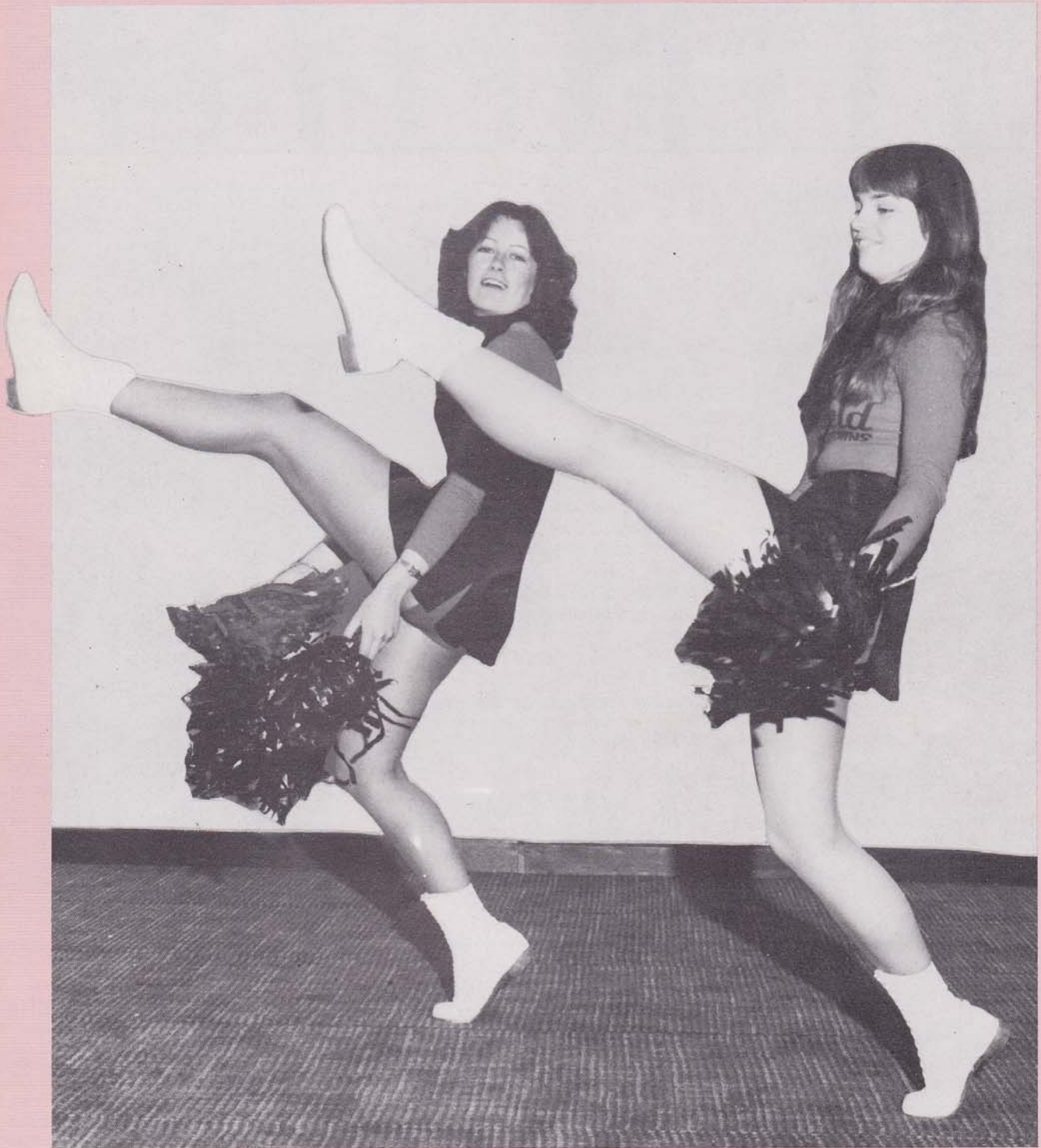


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100% BANDIT ARREST RECORD FOR 1978-79

The Armed Robbery Squad of Victoria Police made arrests for all eleven State Bank branch holdups in the 1978-79 financial year.

Branch staff members greatly assisted police in some of the successful investigations.

The 'cleared up' cases were:

Pascoe Vale West	10. 8.78
Kingsville	18.10.78
Booroondara	26.10.78
Moreland West	31.10.78
Yooralla	28.11.78
Alphington (sub)	1.12.78
Syndal	19.12.78
Blackburn North (sub)	8. 3.79
Somerville	6. 6.79
Albert Park	25. 6.79
Eaglemont	27. 6.79

Additionally, Armed Robbery Squad members have cleared up our recent Preston North branch raid (31.8.79).

The eleven robberies during the financial year cost the Bank a gross loss of about \$41,500, all of which was taken from tellers' stations.

Not one cash safe has been opened by — or for — bandits since our time-delay lock installations commenced two years ago.

Dye bombs continue to be significantly useful in detection of State Bank bandits — and are believed to have had a deterrent effect on would-be raiders.

In many cases, dye has completely ruined the cash hauls of bandits. The notorious 'Beany Bandit' salvaged only about \$4,000 out of the \$25,834 stolen from six banks (five of which were ours).

ABOVE RIGHT:

● NEWS CUTTING quotes from court address on August 30 by barrister Robert Galbally, counsel for 'Beanie' Broughill.

RIGHT:

● THE BEANIE BANDIT (Aubrey Maurice Broughill) now serving a 12-year gaol sentence, was 'captured' by one of our security cameras while raiding Moreland West branch on October 31, 1978.

Mr Galbally said that Broughill had received only about \$3000 to \$5000 from the proceeds of the robberies as the remainder of the notes had been damaged by dye bombs which bank tellers had placed in the bags.



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FRONT COVER: Debbie Bourke, 18, of Melbourne University branch and Cheryl Allchin, 17, of Head Office Overseas Department are members of the 'Bomberettes' cheer squad which performs wherever Essendon football plays. The girls, colourful in red and black, dance and wave their pom-poms in time with the team song.

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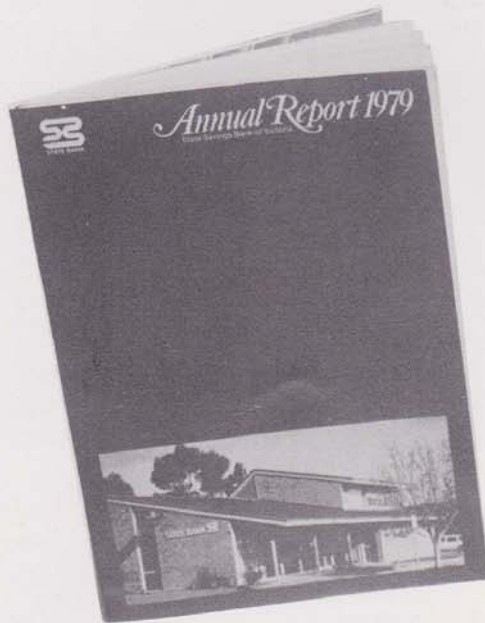
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1979 Annual Report Highlights

Record Deposits and Loans—Despite Increasing Competition



Our Annual Report shows that deposits and housing loans reached record levels in 1978-79.

However, the Commissioners point out that official controls over Banking Sector interest rates have enabled non-banking financial institutions to command a greater share of the markets for both deposits and loans at the expense of banks generally.

The Report comments:

'Other financial intermediaries, enjoying greater freedom, have been able to offer more attractive interest rates for deposits (and charge more than correspondingly higher rates to borrowers) and have successfully competed to gain a larger share of the personal savings hitherto marshalled through savings banks. The relative freedom from controls has been a prime factor in the growth of building

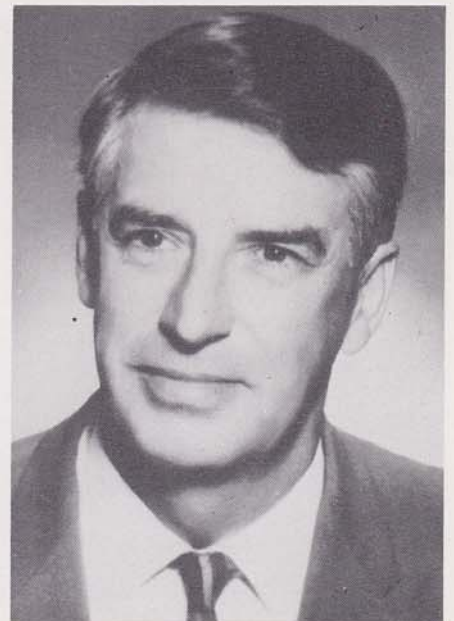
societies, finance companies and credit unions in Victoria during the past decade.'

Housing loan approvals topped \$366 million, of which \$244 million (66%) was sought for the purchase of existing homes, \$106 million (29%) for erection and purchase of new homes and \$16 million for improvements and extensions.

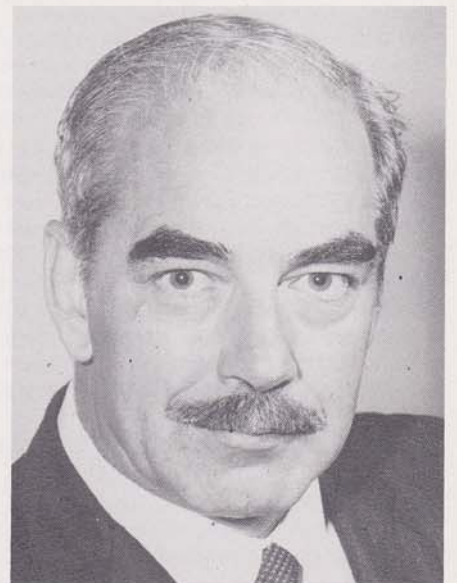
Farm loans increased by more than 50% to \$6.6 million, while Personal Loan advances lessened by \$29 million (16%) to \$157 million.

Our depositors and holders of Deposit Stock and Term Deposits were paid a total of almost \$178 million in interest during the year.

The Bank's profit for the financial year rose by 18% to \$35.7 million, half of which has been paid to the State Government under the terms of the State Savings Bank Act.



● Professor Donald Cochrane, Chairman of Commissioners.



● Mr. Harry Torrens, General Manager.

Girl of the month



Young Oldtimer

Youthful, vivacious Mercia Eva is an oldtime dancing veteran. Already, at 20, she holds (with her male partner) a string of State and National titles for Professional Oldtime New Vogue dancing. Mercia, a clerk in Printing and Stationery department at Carnegie, has been dancing since she was 16, and currently spends at least 10 hours a week practising and teaching at Moorabbin Dance Centre.

With her partner, Mercia has won the following 1979 titles: Dance Masters of Australia Champions ... Commonwealth Society Champions ... Southern Cross Champions ... Australian Associated Dancing Society Victorian Champions.

Mercia designs and decorates her own sequined costumes, spending up to 3 months on each frock.

Her ambition is to become a successful dancing teacher, and to win many more competitions.

Mercia's ideal husband would be "patient and good-looking". He need not be a dancer, but would have to be prepared to stay at home if Mercia succumbed to the lure of the ballrooms.

Mercia's Pisces 'starscope' says she does well in show business, and 'warms to applause'. It adds 'many Piscean girls walk like a dancer, turning their feet out, supple in movement.' Mercia's best-asked romantic partner would be a Scorpio or Cancer man.

'Etiquette' In Banking Competition 80 Years Ago

The threat of business competition and the need to seek new customers was a hot topic even back in 1899 — as the following item from *The Bankers' Magazine* issue of 29.8.1899 shows:

One of the most amusing things we have come across for a long time is the serious complaint of a recent writer to the effect that British bank managers stand too much upon their dignity; and it is considered unbecoming to "tout" or seek for custom; and that "it is a kind of unwritten law of etiquette for the bank manager to wait in his room for the prospective customer to present himself with proper and formal credentials." *The Bankers' Magazine* commented: 'We wonder where the financial Rip Van Winkle who writes thus has been sleeping all the time. Thirty years ago — even twenty years — his statement would have been true enough, but all that has changed with a vengeance.'

Golf Widow Stymied!

Hear about the banker who was a golfing 'nut' — he played every time he had a free moment?

He talked nothing else but golf, read books on golf, watched golf as often as it appeared on TV ... so much so that it started to upset his wife.

One morning over breakfast, she warned him that he would have to do something about his golfing pre-occupation or she would leave him.

"You", she said handing him a slice of toast, "think more about golf than you think of me."

"Don't be silly, my dear," muttered the banker a little vaguely.

"Please pass the putter."

PUZZLE CORNER

1. **FLIT.** A girl planned a midnight elopement. In case of a last-minute hitch she arranged with her lover to leave a particular piece of fruit in her lighted bedroom window on the big night. What was that fruit?
2. **DAZE.** What day is today if the day after the day after tomorrow will be the day before the day before Sunday?

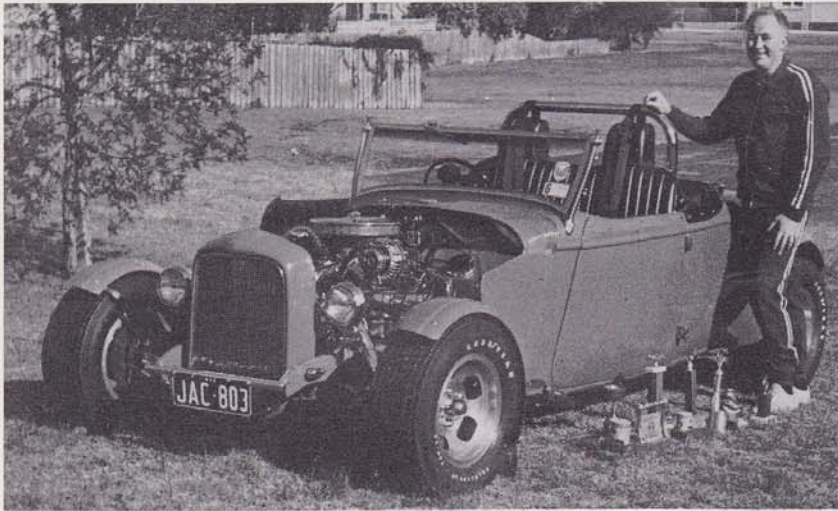
(Puzzles from 'Think', a SUN book by John Pinkney)

Answers Page 16.

CAR-TALK

— by TS

• We discovered another longtime hotrod enthusiast following last issue's CARTALK story about the Ron Binks 'Special'. Keilor East branch accountant John Bowker is pictured here with his rod, which started out as a 1934 Ford Roadster, but now owes much of its character to 15 other cars. John bought the basic body and chassis in 1959 for £20, or \$40, and set to work. He matched a modified 327 c.i. Chev Corvette V8 engine with a four speed gearbox, and cannibalised various Holden, Ford, Morris, Chrysler and Vanguard vehicles for mechanical and body components. The Bowker rod has a top speed of 130 m. p. h. and can cover the standing ¼ mile in less than 14 seconds. It is finished in striking 'red pepper' paintwork, and trimmed with black vinyl upholstery. The car recently appeared on ABC TV's 'Countdown' show.



• ... And now for something completely different: motorcycle enthusiast Ivan Lowe (Display Officer) proudly presents his 1969 Velocette Venom Clubman, a 500 cc, single-cylinder British classic. His was the second last Velocette sold in Australia following closure of the factory. The bike's appearance is distinguished by a traditional 'fish tail' muffler, which delivers a distinctive 'ker-thump, ker-thump' exhaust note. The basic engine design dates back to 1934. Ivan keeps the bike mainly for rallies staged by the Vintage Motor Cycle club. Over the next few years he hopes to restore his 'stable' of vintage bikes, comprising:

- 1930 Rudge Whitworth (500 cc, single)
- 1934 Rudge Rapid (250 cc, single)
- 1934 Velocette ('over cam', 350 single)
- 1950 Velocette LE (water cooled 'flat' twin)



State Secrets by the Teller



COUNTRY branch customer, annoyed at the amount of his car registration renewal fee, made out his cheque to 'ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND TEN BLOODY CENTS!'

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BARRACKER at recent Bank girls' footy match at Albert Park was heard to shout "GET INTO HER, SHARON. GRAB HER BY THE BRA STRAPS!"

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THOUGHT for the month: Think twice before you speak — and you'll find that your wife has changed the subject.

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BE a self-starter, and the Boss won't have to be a crank.

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RELIEVING manager Peter Constable has a son working in the Bank. So Victoria Police is not the only institution with senior and junior constables.

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BRUCE STEVANS (Relieving Manager) reports one of the smallest withdrawal transactions on record: 2 cents. It was done by a lady who had a balance of \$40.02, and wanted to make it 'look neat'. Can any teller attest to a genuine one cent withdrawal?

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BRANCH accountant who claims to be a born loser says that recently he picked up a shell at the beach, held it to his ear to 'hear the waves', and got an engaged signal.

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JOCK HAY, who recently retired, served for 25 years at his first branch (Colac) but this was not a record for the Bank. Brian Noltenius served 27 years at Ballarat branch from 1925.

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HORSHAM branch reports the case of an accountant who was opening a cheque account for an elderly man, and asked for identification. The customer took off his glasses, and showed his name inscribed on the frame. When the accountant, not fully satisfied, sought further identification, the man then pulled out his false teeth and showed his name inscribed on the plate. At this stage the accountant decided that identification was satisfactory.

Branch Staff of the month

Apollo Bay **THE WINDY SOUTHERNERS**

In our last issue we featured Cowes branch, and described how its staff of eight had to cope with a Christmas holiday influx of about 28,000 visitors — a fifteenfold increase in the local population.

That report prompted Apollo Bay branch to counter-claim that its four-officer staff handles a twentyfold population increase at Christmas — from 1,000 to 20,000. Furthermore, says manager Garry Beckett, Apollo Bay staff includes only one classified officer, compared with three at Cowes, and the next nearest branch is 45 kilometres distant. (Cowes has a 40 kilometre gap to next branch.) The 'Bay' branch's other claim to fame is that it is the southernmost and most wind-lashed office in the service. It is thought to be the only branch fitted with a front door latch — because the standard push-pull door would continually blow open.

Are there any other branches to challenge Apollo Bay's holiday 'busyness' in relation to staff strength, or its windiness?



Staff names, jobs and interests (left to right): Pam Welsh, clerk (Badminton, Tennis and Horse-riding), Lorraine Biddle, teller (Netball, Badminton, Horse-riding, Fishing), Garry Beckett, manager (Golf, local club competition, and from next season Cricket for Apollo Bay team), Miffy Tregear, senior clerk (Bushwalking, Badminton, Netball).

BYE, BYE BIRDIE!



Golfers often score 'birdies', but have you ever heard of a tennis player achieving one?

Keith Hall, relieving manager, was playing in a public school old boys' singles competition recently when his second serve hit a yellow finch.

The unfortunate bird landed dead on the server's side of the net, but the ball landed in the service court and — needless to say —aced Keith's flabbergasted opponent. Question was: Did the point stand? Neither Keith nor his opponent had a clue. Their decision was to play a new set — after removing the bird.



Beechworth:

'Sureshot' Collins

Julianne Collins, at 18, is Victoria's Junior Master Marksman, and is pictured with the current Trophy for this title. She has been a competitive shooter for three years, and is now an 'A' Grade member of the Beechworth International Small Bore Club. Julie shoots in interstate competition and was a member of an Australian Junior Team which competed against Southern California.

'Securities' Swamp 'Insurance'

Our head office Insurance Department staff recently challenged their Century Building neighbours in Securities to a Sunday football match. The clash duly occurred, and resulted in a 39-point win for the Securities 'Sluggers'.

Mark Clancy (Insurance) reports that the game was virtually sealed in the first quarter, when the Securities side outnumbered Insurance and outscored them by 8 goals to one.

"Despite the large number of 'retired' and 'not so good' players," says Mark "the play was of a very good standard. The highlight of the match was the performance of Insurance's manager Murray Marshallsea. He took some great marks and used his large frame to stop many players, including some of his own team. "Another star was ex-Rugby player Tony Snell, who sprinted 90 metres with the ball without bouncing it. When asked why, he said 'it was because he had nobody behind him to pass the ball to'."

'INSURANCE INTREPIDIS' (left to right) BACK ROW: David Govan, 'Butch' Condraw, Reg Ludbrook, Peter Smith. MIDDLE: Tony Hazeldene, Murray Marshallsea, Bill Taylor, Gil Park, Mark Clancy. FRONT: Robert Giese, Alan David, Bill Grant, Peter Nicholls.



'SECURITIES SLUGGERS' (From left to right) BACK ROW: Sebastian Sortino, Trevor Spooner, Allan Davies, Bryan Reimers, Mark Senior, Geoff Clamp. MIDDLE: Darren Smith, Joe Dimech, Greg Watson, Glenn Talbot, Greg May. FRONT: Michael Popov, Laurie Casar, Robert O'Neill, Robert Juras.



'It Wasn't My Fault'

Here are some examples of explanations given by motorists to insurance companies:

'She stopped suddenly and I was on top of her before I noticed'.

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'I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident'.

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'To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian'.

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'I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way'.

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'The pedestrian had no idea which way to go so I ran over him'.

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'In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telegraph pole'.

'I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over an embankment.'

★

'The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions'.

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'My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle'.

★

'I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull'.

★

'An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished'.

★

'I was driving through a field and hit a fire hydrant'.



Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary

Watsonia: Kiddy Bank

A mini-bank has been set up at Watsonia Special School so that students can see their weekly transactions processed on the spot. Branch manager Warwick Ball reports that banking activity at the school has doubled since the scheme began, and school principal Graham Page says: "We greatly value the Bank's assistance with this operation, because it provides children with very practical experience, and encourages a sense of thrift."

Armadale: Peeved Parker's Poetic Payment

A cheque issued in payment of a parking fine recently gave the branch staff a laugh ... It was made out for the amount of 'FIFTEEN BUCKS'. Written between the crossing lines was ACCOUNT MUGS ONLY ... NOT CASHABLE. On the back of the cheque was penned this poem:

What I did was illegal
But not illogical
You should think
before writing on pink.

I parked in the street
To save my feet
You give me a docket
To line your pocket.

Northcote: Brighter Mondays for Steve



● While Steve Bates is optimistic about Box Hill's future his branch workmates do not share his enthusiasm. Pictured standing (from left): Brian Bell, Christine Smith, Jeanette Donaldson, Lorraine Morton.

Now that the footy season has finished, accountant Steve Bates finds it a bit easier to face his workmates on Monday mornings. During winter, Steve is centre half-back for lowly Box Hill in the V.F.A. second division. He has to endure weekly 'rubbishings' from workmates, following repeated defeats. Box Hill has won only 17 games in the past seven years, and Steve as a key backman, admits that he is kept pretty busy on-field. "The rubbishings I get at work can be quite embarrassing," he says. "But when we win I let them have a real blast. Anyway, I'm sure that things will improve next season," says Steve, the Mustangs most experienced player.

(Photo by courtesy 'The Herald'.)

Syndal: His Worship



Accountant Graeme Duggan (pictured) recently began his second term as Mayor of Springvale. Graeme, who held the position two years ago, entered Council in 1973 and now heads the City's Corporate Planning Committee. (Photo by courtesy of Standard Newspapers.)



499 St. Kilda Road: Congrats from Carl

Clerk Robert Walters spearheaded Melbourne football team's surprise win over Essendon early in August by kicking 9 goals — and won the praise of Demons captain-coach Carl Ditterich. It was 23-year-old Robert's 13th senior appearance since signing with Melbourne in 1976.

(AGE photo).



Ivanhoe East: Lions' Pride

Despite stares and chilly weather, Joanne Catmull recently paraded down Bourke Street in tights and Fitzroy footy jumper to win a \$100 bet. Joanne, a teller, was a Fitzroy Football Club entrant in the V.F.L.'s 'Premier Girl' quest, and she accepted the dare to walk Bourke Street as part of her fund-raising efforts for the club. As STATESMAN went to press Joanne was well on her way to achieving her goal of \$1,000.

Brunswick:

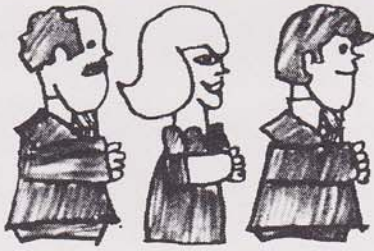
Demons' Tribute to Our 'Rick Melbourne'



'Demons' World', the newsletter of Melbourne Football Club, recently featured the following tribute to branch manager Rick Mollison: "We at Melbourne are most fortunate in having numerous former players involved heavily in the organisation of the Club and not the least of these would be Rick Mollison. He had a long association with the Melbourne Club as well as going to country areas during his bank service transfers. He played with Melbourne Seconds from 1949 to 1951, before a broken ankle put paid to what was a promising League career. After being shifted to Seymour where he played with the local side, Rick returned to the M.C.G. as a talent scout in 1954-55, before moving over as Secretary to the S.S.B. Club in 'A' Grade Amateurs and then back to Melbourne as a talent scout. Then it was to Gisborne as Bank Manager and treasurer for the local football club for three years. Further moves to Maldon, Yea and Heyfield in his job and further involvement with local football sides, before moving back to Melbourne '72 where he once again took on the role of recruiting. His commitment these days to Melbourne is huge. He is Club Treasurer, a member of the Committee, various sub-committees and attends training at least four nights a week, plus Saturday and Sunday. And all this is on a voluntary basis."

Lower Plenty: Surprise Serenade

Staff and a large crowd of customers were dumbfounded when a strangely dressed young lady rushed into the branch and burst into song, just before closing time on a recent Friday afternoon. The weird visitor, wearing white overalls, gloves, a bowtie and an imitation police cap, had been hired by the Singing Telegram Company to serenade teller Sharyn Ritchie on the occasion of her 21st birthday. The performance provided an entertaining 5 minutes for all concerned, and one customer asked who would be performing on the following Friday. Branch staff believe the 'singing telegram' incident was first in the history of the Bank. Any challenges?



Meet Our new Managers



K. L. MOORE, Relieving Staff

When Lindsay first listed his sparetime interests he simply included 'golf'. Further research revealed that he has captained the State Bank Golf Club for 10 years, winning the Championship nine times. He is also captain, current champion and committee member of Kilmore Golf Club. Lindsay has won three district championships and has played in many Country Week tournaments. To cap things off, he once scored a hole-in-one.



G. VANCE, Relieving Staff

Guy has spent nearly 11 years on the relieving staff since his first appointment as an accountant in 1969. His sparetime activities include cabinet-making and waterskiing. Guy and his wife, Josephine, have three children ranging in age from 7 to 11 years.



J. F. FERGUSON, Relieving Staff

Bachelor John, in association with some fellow bank officers, has two main sparetime interests: overseas travel during annual leave, and horse racing. (He and some colleagues leased a horse, Tricoline, and planned to enter it in this year's Melbourne Cup. However their hope 'broke down' and has since been retired to stud.) John is a keen angler, and a Life Governor of the Royal Children's Hospital.



R. MIFSUD, Relieving Staff

Ron is a keen collector of Australian coins, and has built a complete set covering 1910 to 1965. Home renovations and woodwork are also current activities, and lately Ron has been trying his hand at wall panelling and furniture making. Social tennis, swimming and water-skiing, and "keeping one step ahead of three young children," keep Ron and wife Joyce on their toes.



N. SETTE, Chief Officer, Term Deposit Section, Chief Accountant's Department

For the past 10 years Nick has burned the midnight oil to gain his Leaving and Higher Schools' Certificate, and a degree in Business Studies. No wonder he is keen to get back to long forgotten sparetime interests, such as gardening, fishing and reading. Chances are, though, there will be more night work when Nick's wife Cristina soon gives birth to their first child.



R. B. TOBIAS, Assistant Manager, Bayswater

Cricket is Barrie's main spare time occupation. His links with the sport, both as a competitive player, and more recently, as a club administrator, span some 25 years. Calisthenics is a Tobias family interest. While his wife and two teenage daughters are actively involved in competitions, Barrie is kept busy taping music and providing props for stage productions.



J. CARYDIAS, Relieving Staff

As a young Greek student living in Egypt, John achieved fluency in five languages: Arabic, French, English, Italian and, of course, his native tongue. After John migrated to Australia, the Bank employed his linguistic skills in the migrant promotions area. He has gained broad banking experience since 'branching out' a few years ago. John is married and has three children aged one, eight and 10.



C. J. KELLY, Manangatang

After 21 years of life in Melbourne suburbs and nearby country towns, Colin is returning 'home' to what he considers the best climate in Victoria. Colin spent many of his early years in the Mallee, but left during his teens to join the Bank at Fitzroy. He, his wife Lesley, and four teenage children are looking forward to a long hot summer up north.



A. W. KENT, Club Accounts, Branch Banking Department

If ever Allan invites you to inspect his cellar, don't knock back the offer. He has collected Australian wines — mainly reds — for the past 10 years, and his liquid assets currently stand at around 800 bottles. Most wineries are represented in the 'Kent Collection', and there's a wide range of varieties. Allan enjoys social games of squash, and he is a keen supporter of Essendon Football Club.



L. J. O'SULLIVAN, Yarragon

Terry was born at nearby Yallourn, and after 20 years is delighted to be returning to 'home territory'. He is a competitive golfer, and whilst stationed at Geelong was 'B' grade champion of his local club. Terry, his wife Fran, and three young daughters spend most annual leave camping and fishing at resorts throughout Australia.



K. C. MORRIS, Relieving Staff

Ken spent three years building, in his sparetime, a log cabin home but was devastated when it was razed by fire just three months after it was finished. A new brick home is now nearing completion on the Morris family's 19-acre property at Lancefield. There they grow most of their vegies and run a milking cow. Ken is a member of the C.F.A., gives obedience training to German Shepherd dogs.



J. M. ANGUS, Mortgage Loans Department

As a member of the Chirnside Park Progress Association, John has had a leading role in the development and improvement of community facilities in his suburb. At present he is involved in the planning of a new primary school, a task which demands many hours of negotiation with Council. John and his wife have an eight-year-old daughter, and a son, 6.



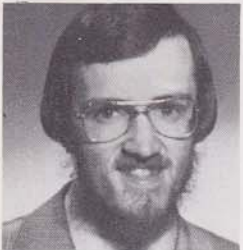
MISS L. STAGGARD, Relieving Staff

Lorraine can be sure that her 'wheels' are in perfect running order when tripping from branch to branch. She has recently completed a car mechanic's course and is now well equipped to carry out all kinds of minor repairs. She is a member of the Melbourne Theatre Company, and enjoys reading and overseas travel. Lorraine's brother Robert is on the Bank's branch audit staff.



A. D. SMITH, Assistant Manager, 315 Collins Street

Tony has served at a wide variety of branches throughout the Melbourne suburbs since joining the Bank in 1959. During his sparetime he has spent many hours landscaping the gardens of his home. Music is another interest. Tony and his wife, Marilyn, have two young children.



R. H. HAINES, Supervisor, Legal Department

Rob has played competitive tennis for 18 years. He is currently playing pennant grade with the Parkville Club, where he is chairman of the social committee, and a member of the team selection board. Rob enjoys gardening, reading and the occasional bushwalk. He also tackles home renovation projects with enthusiasm. Rob and his wife Kerry are proud parents of Ben, 2, and Tom, five months.



T. A. CROTHERS, Repaid Loans Officer, Personal Loans Department

Tom recently completed his first year as a Diamond Valley Shire Councillor, and has found the experience most satisfying. "I've learnt a lot about the workings of Council, and gained insights into politics at grass roots level," he says. With regular committee meetings and constant phone queries from ratepayers, 'after hours' are rather hectic.



N. COSTAS, Relieving Staff

Fishing and boating are Nick's favourite pastimes, but at the moment he is on a fitness kick at the Vital Club, managed by Hawthorn footballer Don Scott. There Nick recently met Prime Minister Fraser (who was no doubt present to comfort those who'd found that getting fit wasn't meant to be easy). Nick's specialities are swimming and gymnastics. Nick and wife Teresa have four children aged from two to 14.



G. J. WHITESIDE, Relieving Staff

Gary's recent promotion is his second this year. Last February he was appointed senior accountant at Cheltenham branch, following a four year stint as a loans expert at Elizabeth Street. After office hours Gary keeps fit playing tennis, and is currently enjoying his third season of night competition. He is married to former Oakleigh branch staffer Judy Plowright. They have a nine-year-old daughter.



A. HUTCHINS, Violet Town

Allan has moved on to his fifth country town and possibly another tennis title. He has been a competitive player for 20 years and his run of country club titles began in 1962. While at Alexandra, he cleaned up the town's titles in nine consecutive years. He moved on to Echuca to be local champ in 1975, and in 1977 and 1978 won the Seymour Tennis Club Championship. Allan also plays golf and badminton.



R. SPEEDIE, Wandin North

Little wonder Ralph feels right at home with his latest appointment! His family has been part of the Wandin scene since 1880, when his great-grandparents were early settlers in the area. Ralph and his wife Jacquie are presently renovating their home at The Patch — a task which has occupied most of their spare time over the past five years. They have three children aged from four to 10 years.



D. A. BLACK, Assistant Manager, Boronia

Don adds to his collection of 500 bottles of wine by spending his annual leave visiting Australia's main wine producing areas. His sporting interests include golf and fishing and he is a committee member of a gymnastics club. Don and his wife, Jan, have two daughters aged 13 and 15 years and a son, 9.



K. W. FALCONER, Lending Officer, General Manager's Department

Ken's new position involves assisting the Chief Manager, Lending by appraising financial statements submitted by organisations (such as merchant banks and finance companies) seeking State Bank bills of exchange or special loan facilities. In his sparetime Ken is secretary of a Camberwell lodge, and a member of the Bellarine Steam Railway Restoration Society.



G. J. BUTCHER, Commercial Bills Officer, Chief Accountant's Dept.

Garry, as captain-coach of a B-Grade team in the Geelong Amateur Basketball Association, conducts strenuous training sessions, and a personal fitness programme. The keenness he has instilled in the team has paid dividends: two premierships and a 'second' in the past four years. Garry is married with a daughter, 4, and a three-month-old son.



N. TAYLOR, Chief Accountant's Department

Most of Neil's spare time is spent outdoors playing tennis or a few rounds of social golf. He is a competitive player for the M.C.C. Tennis Club, and on most long weekends enjoys tournaments in the country. Earlier this year he tested his skills against tennis ace John Newcombe in a pro-set tournament at the Sports Expo show (Exhibition Buildings). Neil won two of the 10 games.



C. MELIDONIS, Assistant Manager, Box Hill

Until recently, Dean was the Bank's senior migrant promotion officer at its Prahran bureau, where he assisted many hundreds of local Greek residents. For several years he became well known to 3EA ethnic radio fans in his capacity as Greek programme co-ordinator. Dean has also been an actor and director with an ethnic theatrical group for 20 years, appearing in more than 40 plays.



E. J. JENNINGS, Cheltenham

Ted spent his early years on a dairy farm at Heyfield, and frequently returns with his young family for a relaxing weekend or annual holiday. Ted and his wife, Helen have three daughters aged from six to eight years. When not 'down on the farm' they enjoy visiting Melbourne's museums, galleries and gardens.



On the Way Up

Here are our newest classified officers,
promoted in recent months to
Accountant 3 status:



PETER BURL
Branch Mechanisation



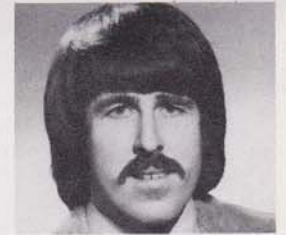
EUNICE MOON
Heathmont



DON PAXTON
Newmarket



JAMIE GOVAN
Ballarat



GRAHAM FRASER
Cobram



MARIE BARTON
Marketing



BEV THOMAS
Overseas Department



JOHN MARTIN
Sunbury



DAVID REEVE
Overseas Department



GREG WALLIS
Mirboo North



SUE COX
45 Swanston Street



SUSAN CATON
Aberfeldie



TONY CAMPANARO
Thornbury



ROSS UNDY
Richmond South



LAURIE BOWEN
Sunshine Heights



ANNE BALLANTINE
Auburn South



LILI BURTON
Burwood



GEOFF VALENTE
E.D.P. Operations



RON DAVEY
Relieving Staff



JAMES DOUGLAS
Monash University



MAUREEN SALTER
Horsham



STEVEN MARKOWSKI
Surrey Hills



STEVEN HOWE
Kilmore



RUSSELL WILLIAMS
Relieving Staff



RUSSELL BLAIR
Sebastopol



KEN RENSHAW
Auburn



RON CARMICHAEL
Elizabeth Street



KINNEY ALLAN
Wangaratta



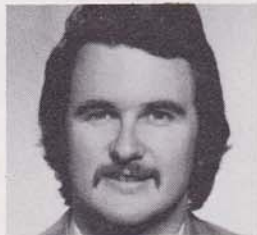
JOHN GOEMAN
Current Loans



REX KEANE
Titles Office



GAVAN DOVEY
Footscray, Barkly Street



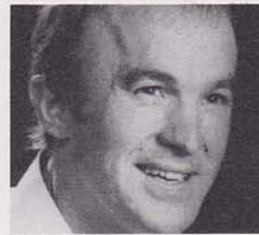
KEN BOYCE
Securities Department



GREG DWYER
Blackburn



HELEN KAY
Chelsea



BRIAN EARLES
Rye



ROBERT LAIDLER
Melton



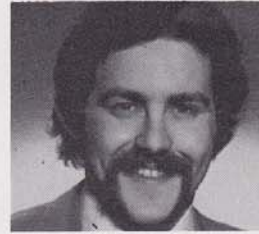
PHILLIP PATERSON
Balwyn North



IVAN HEATHCOTE
Doveton



MARIO MASSARO
Hadfield



JOE CAMILLERI
Moonee Ponds



LES BLACKBELL
Provident Fund



CHRISTINE ZIELINKSI
Newport



EDWARD DAWSON
Sunshine North



KEVIN CAMPAGNOLO
Fairfield North



LORRAINE BUNDY
Dallas



LESTER RODRIGUES
Securities Department



ROBERT PEARCE
Sandringham



KEVIN COILLET
315 Collins Street



BRIAN KEADY
Hastings



PETER MOORE
Altona East



IVAN WILKINSON
Branch Mechanisation



IAN BUCKLEY
Beaumaris, The
Concourse



FRANK RIGONI
Regent West



RUSSELL WADE
General Manager's
Department



ROBERT KEATING
Ferntree Gully,
Mountain Gate

'RANGERS' KILL 'EAGLES'

The Personal Loan 'Rangers' defeated Legal 'Eagles' in two football battles at Albert Park on September 2.

The curtain raiser was a girls' match resulting in Loans 22 goals; Legal 3. (Top goalkickers: Loans: Antonelli, 4, Riley, 4, Kingwell 3. Legal: Olsen, 2, Adams, 2, Jane 2).

Best and Fairest: Lesley Pascoe (Loans). In the men's game, Loans defeated Legal by 15-11 to 9-2.



LOAN 'RANGERS' (left to right) BACK ROW: Eddie Sudomirski (Captain), Barry Smith, Wayne Keith, Peter Barber, Russell Levins, Ian Siddle, Robert Morris, Wayne Kerr, Ross McConchie. FRONT: Neil Riley, Geoff Gallagher, Richard Kingwell, Peter Johnson, Ken Moncrieff.



BROWN-EYE MEDALLIST: Lesley Pascoe, of Personal Loans Department, was unanimously judged 'best and fairest' on the ground' following the 'Loans' girls' victory over the 'Eagles'. Her trophy was a battered beer can nailed artistically to a pinewood base.



LEGAL 'EAGLES' (left to right) BACK ROW: John Terlikar, Rod Myers, Trevor Olsen, Pat Silvey, Hermann Jani, David Adams, Peter Galletly, Fred Rizio, Stephen Adams, Tim Smith. FRONT: Bill Morgan, Stephen Galletly, John Peacock, Les Fernandez, Alan Thomas, Ray Buxton, Gary Bryant.



GIRLS ALL-IN (left to right): Eleanor Lindsay, Marian Robson, Lorraine Morton (rear), Gayle Shepherd (in slacks), Jo-anne Rayner (with ball), Anna Perri, Samantha Gellatly, Vicki Mason and Lesley Pascoe.

Prahran Centenary Stirs Memories

Last month's (September) centenary of our branch in Chapel Street, Prahran was marked by an 'open day' of displays and giveaways at the Branch, climaxing in a special function for leading citizens. The building was festooned with centenary banners, and staff wore period costumes throughout the day.

Some State Bank annuitants who worked at Prahran fifty years ago sent to STATESMAN the following recollections of branch life in a much more leisurely age:

FRED SMITH (Burwood) — at Prahran 1923-28

"I spent 4½ happy years at Prahran. The manager then was Mr. E. H. Cutts — a bearded bachelor who thought he had a reasonable good voice. At odd times in the office he would suddenly start singing the Marseillaise or some similarly rousing item. In 1926, Mr. Blacker was appointed Manager. He was a most efficient, helpful and likeable person, setting a great example to his staff, and expecting loyal co-operation. After his retirement, his former staff were invited annually to his home for enjoyable get-togethers."

HARRY ROBSON (East St. Kilda)

"In the early 30's the late Selwyn Porter, who subsequently became Chief Commissioner of Police, was attending to a customer and said to him 'I understand you are an octogenarian, Mr. Brown'. The old gentleman quickly retorted 'They are bloody liars, I am a Roman Catholic'."

CLIFF ANNISS (Nerang, Q'ld.)

"In the mid-20's the manager, Freddie Blacker appeared to be gruff and tough. One day a new junior arrived, and this was the greeting from the boss:

Manager: 'Who the hell are you?'
Junior: 'The new junior clerk.'
Manager: 'What do you expect to do here?'
Junior: 'Postage Clerk, Sir.'
Manager: 'Well, do you know the difference between a letter box and a bullocks behind?'
Junior: 'No, Sir.'
Manager: 'Well get back to head office. You're no bloody good to me.'

"The same junior's indoctrination went further.

"Doc Maloney, well known in Savings Bank staff circles, was appointed to the Prahran branch staff as Signature and Refer clerk. His cool manner was interrupted by the depositor's surname — MRS. BARSTARD.

However, the junior, not long after his encounter with Freddie Blacker, was instructed by Doc Maloney to call the depositor up to the refer counter. But the junior was wary, and politely requested 'MRS. BUSTARD' to attend the refer counter. "Doc's aplomb was rudely shattered."



THEN AND NOW. A blow-up photo of the 1914 staff of Prahran branch was prepared as an exhibit for the branch centenary celebrations by 1979 staff members (Left to right): John Palliotta (rear) Julie Vlahos, Dimitra Kokkalos, Michael McFarlane, Bruce Sheppard, Craig Conlin, Walter Hicks (manager) Graham Wilson, Diane Walker and Andrew Gellie (rear).

TOM BOLAND (Newport) — at Prahran 1933

"A fellow staff member lunched most days on canned frankfurts bought from a nearby grocer. One day, the office joker replaced the simmering can with a previously opened one, packed with sausages steeped in red ink. The unsuspecting diner later inspected the progress of his 'franks', but made no comment. Then he disappeared from the branch with the can, only to return later with a new, unopened can, which he had coaxed from the bewildered grocer. What the grocer subsequently said to the frankfurt dealer's traveller would have been interesting to hear."

ALEX GRAY (Mooloolaba, Q'ld.)

"One morning, the paying teller announced that he was short of 10 shilling notes. Phone calls were made and I was sent to the C.B.A. to fetch the 'note printing machine'. I was told by the C.B.A. staff that a bet was on that I could not carry it the full distance. It was in a cardboard box about 2 feet long by 6 by 8 inches and, being pretty heavy, it was hoisted on to my shoulder.

"Most of Chapel Street turned out to see the event, and a great deal of laughter prompted me to glance at my reflection in the show windows, I made out the letters KOTEX printed on the box, and concluded that the contents were foreign made — as that old car cylinder head certainly was!"

W. A. ROACH (East Malvern)

"In the early thirties it was the done thing to play jokes on raw juniors. A favourite one was to send a lad, equipped with a cash bag complete with wrist strap, to another bank, with a request for 'a bunch of overdrafts'. The other bank staff would fill the bag with rubbish, and warn the junior to carry it very carefully back to his branch.

"Another joke was to send the junior to the ironmongers for striped paint.

"A clerk who owned a Baby Austin car used to park it outside the branch with its wheels chained. One day, at lunchtime, he discovered that the car was missing, so called police. Then he found that his staff mates had carried the car bodily around the corner.

"One customer regularly entered the branch without doing any business. If any member of the staff quietly said the two words 'Hop Harry' to him, he would respond by shouting HOP HARRY several times at the top of his voice, and would then depart. We never discovered why.

"One of our juniors who believed he was a wake-up to practical jokes, once asked for a coming Monday off, in order to attend a Scout camp. He was granted this request but was warned not to mention the matter to other staff members. On his return to work on the Tuesday he realised that the whole staff had enjoyed the Monday public holiday."

TESTIMONIAL FOR TRAINER TED

Ted Woollard (head messenger at our Elizabeth Street branch) was honoured last month for a quarter century of dedicated service to the State Bank Football Club.

STATESMAN thanks longtime Club stalwart Peter Wynd (Bankcard Department) for the following tribute to trainer Ted:

"Ted Woollard has been our club trainer for 25 years. For most of this time he has performed the job single handed. He attended at least one training night per week, and was 'on duty' on Saturdays from 11.15 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., to take care of the training needs and injuries of both Firsts and Seconds. Ted missed only a handful of games, through no fault of his own. He never complained about his job or conditions, and accepted only a small honorarium to cover travelling expenses. He cheerfully coped with difficult conditions at 'away games', and the long hours of watching from the boundary line on cold, wet days.

"Ted has the nickname of 'Magic Towel' which stemmed from his use of a wet towel to wipe the face of an injured player, irrespective of the nature or severity of the injury. We estimate that in Ted's 25th year that towel may have wiped its millionth face.

"Ted is a quiet and unassuming man who is fiercely loyal to the Club. He suffers in our defeats and celebrates our wins with the players."

The club has recognised Ted's service by awarding him a "Best Clubman" trophy in 1975 and a "life membership" in 1970. He has been given the only "key to the club" which admits him free to any function.



'MAGIC TOWEL TED' WOOLLARD was congratulated by State Bank Football Club coach John Murrie during the special picnic day function staged at Albert Park clubrooms to honor Ted's quarter century of service as trainer. A crowd of more than 100 players, supporters and friends applauded lustily when John, on behalf of the Club, presented Ted with a silver ice bucket, suitably inscribed.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. FLIT: CANTELOPE
2. DAZE: TUESDAY

Gone Fishin'

- DON CORNELL (Maintenance Staff)
- JOCK HAY (Box Hill)
- HUME BAUD (Blackburn)
- MAX BELL (Swan Hill)
- GEOFF WRIGHT (Emergency Staff)
- CLIVE MAGGS (Emergency Staff).

