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## FRONT COVER

These S.S.B. girls were nominated for selection as our candidates for the "Miss Combined Banks" contest conducted at last month's 1973 Combined Banks Ball at the Royale Ballroom. Back row (left to right): Marie Perabo, 18 (Chief Inspector's Dept.); Barbara Osborn, 21 (Relieving Staff); Patricia Berry, 16 (Overseas Dept.); Elizabeth Butler, 17 (Staff Recruiting). Front (left to right): Cheryl Heagney, 17 (Building Dept.); Michelle Stark, 17 (Overseas Dept.). The judges chose Patricia Berry, and the Bank provided her with free tickets to the Ball, a hairset, a bottle of "champers", and best wishes.

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## HOT LINE

The S.S.B. recently became the first Victorian bank to install a direct-line phone to D24 police control room, to report bandit raids. Pictured above is Jan Norman of E.D.P. Department, running a test on the hot line.

It is now possible for our head office to make instant contact with police while an armed robbery is happening at a S.S.B. branch in the suburbs. The secret system is linked to the Bank's new computer network. It currently serves 60 metropolitan branches as far afield as Croydon, and is being extended to at least two branches every week.

During a robbery at any of our computer-linked branches, a silent signal is passed to the head office computer room, where a high-pitched "beep" signal gives the alarm. At the same time a message is typed on the computer printer giving the name of the raided branch and a street map reference to its location. As soon as this message appears the computer control operator picks up the hot-line red phone and passes the information to D24 car controllers, who alert all cars in the robbery area.

Hopefully this system will save precious seconds — and get police to raided branches in time to intercept fleeing bandits.

## Research man now a 'master'

Frank Garlick, manager of Research Department, head office, recently obtained the Degree of Master of Commerce, following several years of part-time work on a thesis titled "The Growth and Development of the Commissioners' Savings Banks in Victoria, 1875-1900". He is pictured here with a printed copy of the thesis.

Frank, who joined the Bank in 1941, graduated Bachelor of Commerce, with honours, in 1966.





# 'Half-way house' for head office staff on Hartley's site

A new 14-storey, air-conditioned building to be built in Flinders Street, City, will be the temporary home for a number of head office departments during construction of State Bank Centre.

The \$3 million project will occupy the former site of Hartley's Sports Store, which has already been demolished. Completion of the building is programmed for early 1975.

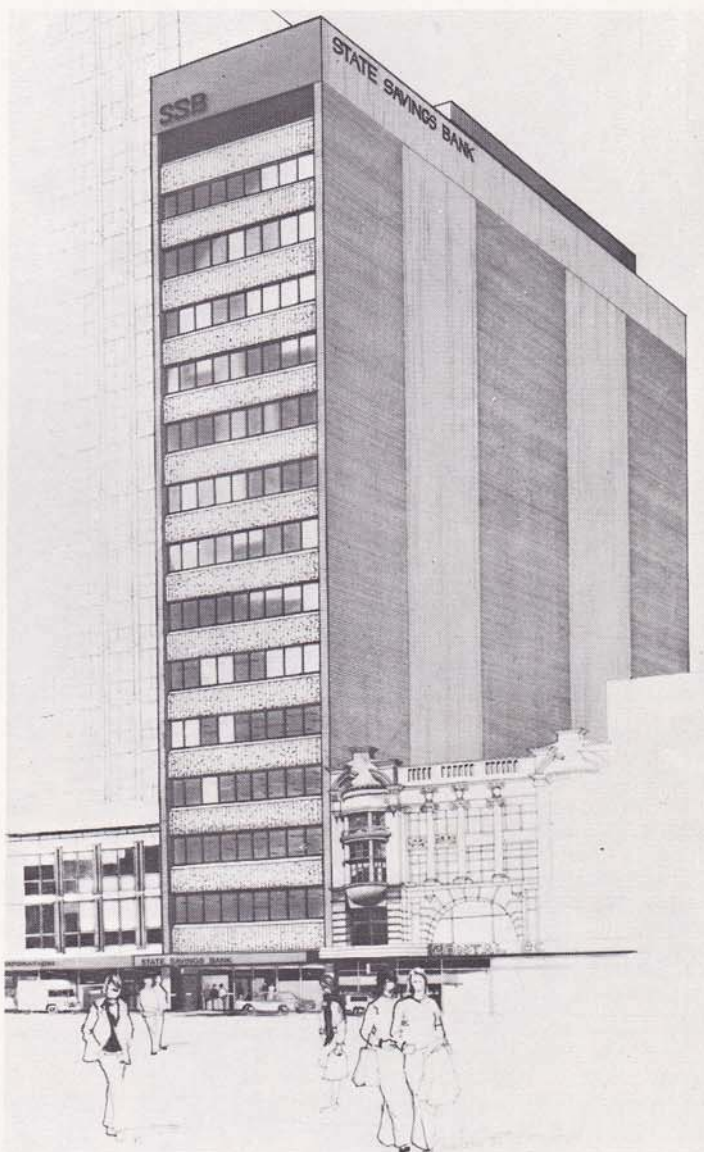
The ground floor will be occupied by a banking chamber for a new branch and a small retail shop. Above the ground floor will be ten office floors and three computer floors. The computer areas will be at the top of the building and will be specially fitted out to accommodate the needs of present and future electronic processing equipment.

E.D.P. Operations and Planning, Branch Mechanisation and H.O.C.S. will occupy portion of the space to be made available in the new building — and while no firm programme has been announced for deployment of other departments when Head Office is demolished, it has been indicated that the departments handling the Bank's lending programme may move to Flinders Street.

## GO-AHEAD FOR CENTRE

Our State Bank Centre project recently received the "green light" when 12 months of negotiations with the City of Melbourne on a number of planning principles were brought to a successful conclusion.

The development of the design and these negotiations have resulted in some modifications to the original proposals, including provision for a large, covered plaza at Bourke Street level at the southern end of the Centre (in lieu of the former smaller but loftier galleria at Elizabeth Street level) and the deletion of two floors from the tower. Next stage will be the preparation of detailed working drawings for construction of the Centre.



● Sketch of the new \$3 million S.S.B. building planned for Flinders Street. Architects are Godfrey and Spowers Pty. Ltd., of Melbourne.



1. LADDERGRAPH. Change TAME to WILD in four moves, changing one letter and making a new word each time, but not rearranging the letters.
2. DAZE. How many months of the year have 28 days?
3. MOO-MOO. Seven cows were walking in single file along a path. Which one could turn around and say "I can see four horns?"
4. FALL GUY. A drunk staggered against the windowsill of a flat in a 90-storey New York skyscraper — and fell to the footpath below. He was wearing no protective clothing, was not a superman, and possessed no parachute. Yet he strolled away without a bruise. How come?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 15.





## Big day for Jeremy

Fifteen-year-old schoolboy Jeremy Greene, of Malvern, was presented with a gold watch of his own choosing in the General Manager's office on June 1. The reward was in recognition of Jeremy's action on May 23 when he reported, within seconds, the number of a car used by bandits who raided our Glen Iris branch. (Jeremy was outside the branch during the robbery and saw the bandits' getaway.) After the presentation, Jeremy had afternoon tea with (from left), Mr. Don Ross, General Manager; Mr. H. E. Torrens, Deputy General Manager (Finance), and Mr. T. E. A. Paige, Acting Deputy General Manager (Administration).



● MAX CARR

● RON WADE



● IAN JENKINS

## Our B.A.S.C. men'73

The S.S.B. member of the 1973 Bankers' Administrative Staff College course will be Max Carr, Acting District Inspector, who was formerly the Senior Planning Officer in E.D.P. Planning Department. This year's course will be held at the Reserve Bank Staff College, Kirribilli, Sydney, from August 23 to September 19.

Assistant Chief Clerk for the course will be Ian Jenkins, 25, of Staff Recruiting section. He went to Sydney last month to commence the paper work. Next year Ian will be Chief Clerk for the course to be conducted in Victoria.

Deputy Chairman of the 1973 B.A.S.C. course will be Mr. Ron Wade, Staff Superintendent. He will become Chairman of the 1974 course in Victoria.

## Make a hit with golf balls

This year the Bank has added golf balls to the range of "goodwill giveaways" available to branch managers. These items can be bought from head office Marketing Department at wholesale prices — for distribution to clients and contacts before Christmas. It's important to order early, so that fragile parcels can be hand-delivered.

You may order any time from now. To simplify bookkeeping, send a cheque with your order, payable to the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

**GOLF BALLS:** These Spalding balls have a S.S.B. black and yellow map imprint. They are attractively packaged, three to a box. Minimum order: one box. There are two grades: ● De Luxe at \$2.85 per box of three. ● Standard at \$2.16 per box of three.

Other goodwill products still available are: **BEAKER SET:** Four anodised beakers in leather case, \$2.60. **SUIT VALET:** Plastic protective envelope, boxed, 95 cents. **ASHTRAY:** Large, solid ceramic, with S.S.B. symbol, \$1.25. **STEIN:** Brown - glazed tankard with 15 oz. capacity, \$1.50. **BOXED PEN:** Parker-Eversharp ballpoint, gift-boxed, 65 cents. **KEY PURSE:** Yellow plastic pouch with ring, 25 cents.





# How NOT to succeed with sickies

S.S.B. Management replies to an article in June '73 STATESMAN

We were rather surprised at the space allotted in the last issue to "How to Succeed with Sickies."

The "drill" given was all very old hat and (as our records indicate so clearly) it is obviously very well known by the small percentage of MAL-INGERERS and LEDSWINGERS in the Bank.

What is probably not realised by these people is how clearly their absence patterns show up on their Service History Cards. Many officers have been quite astonished when confronted with the evidence.

Don't misunderstand us. Everyone is entitled to sick leave — but the operative word is SICK.

Our generous leave provisions are correctly used by the vast majority of staff, but there is always a small group who abuse any benefits provided and who are prepared to "bludge" on their mates. The attitude of this minority group to sick leave reflects their attitude to work generally — so it's hardly surprising that "Mal Ingerer" is still an unclassified clerk at 30 years.

In recent times some counselling of officers has taken place where records have indicated an abnormal usage and pattern of sick leave. These interviews have shown that sometimes the apparently excessive leave was completely justified. In other cases, interviews were followed by astonishing reversals of pattern. Whereas prior to counselling, a staff card showed a long succession of single day absences (frequently Mondays and Fridays) after counselling this pattern ended dramatically.

In some cases officers admitted to "taking the odd day off," but were then surprised to find how these "odd days" had mounted up. A common excuse for absences was along the lines. "I had to stay home to look after my sister who was ill. If Dad or Mum had taken a day off they would have lost a day's pay."

Yes, all sick leave is carefully recorded — and it

is sometimes taken into account when that special consideration such as extra time off or some other favour is requested of management.

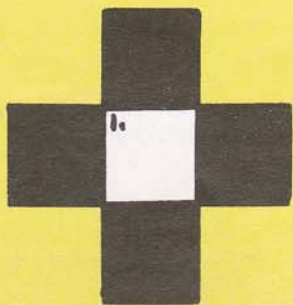
Finally, a tip for the vast majority of staff — those who do the right thing and use the sick leave provisions correctly and fairly: If you have a high incidence of genuine sick leave of the one, two or three-day type make sure you are not open to suspicion.

Although our Staff instructions state that a doctor's certificate is required only for absences in excess of three consecutive days, it is a good idea to send in a certificate, when available, for shorter periods of sickness. In many instances some medical attention is obtained during a one or two-day absence. In these cases it costs no more to obtain a certificate and send it to the Staff Superintendent. The certificate is filed and is noted on your individual record card — thus leaving no doubt of the genuineness of the absence. It pays.

After all, who would want to be in the same class as MAL and IMA?



"I CALLED YOUR BOSS AND HE THANKED ME FOR BRIGHTENING HIS DAY."



## Crossword puzzle for idiots

Clues:

ACROSS 1. First letter of the alphabet.

DOWN 1. Last letter in word Australia.

ANSWER ON PAGE 15



# It's in the Good Book

Many of the expressive phrases we use in everyday life come from The Bible, especially from The Old Testament. For instance:

If somebody says he wants to get at the "root of the matter" he is quoting the Book of Job, and if somebody else is referred to as living off "the fat of the land" the phrasing comes from Genesis.

And if a national hero is said to have "feet of clay", the description comes from the Book of Daniel. A man might be said to live to a "good old age" (Genesis) or he might "die before his time" (Jeremiah). When he does he had better first "set his house in order" (II Kings); and if he is missed people will say that he was "a man after my own heart" (I Samuel).

Your child may be the "apple of your eye" (Psalms), but perhaps you are at your "wit's end" (also Psalms) when he fails to "rise and shine" (Isaiah) at school time. In which case you are advised not to "spare the rod" (Proverbs).

And when you fail "to see eye to eye" (Isaiah) with someone, you shouldn't take a "holier than thou" (Isaiah again) attitude, but remember President Johnson's favourite saying: "Come let us reason together" (also Isaiah).

These phrases and expressions are merely "a drop in the bucket" (Isaiah once more!) compared to the total wealth of language which has entered into our common speech from The Old Testament.

It's an indication of the power and precision of The Old Testament language, which refers to events of thousands of years ago, that so many of the expressions can still be encountered.

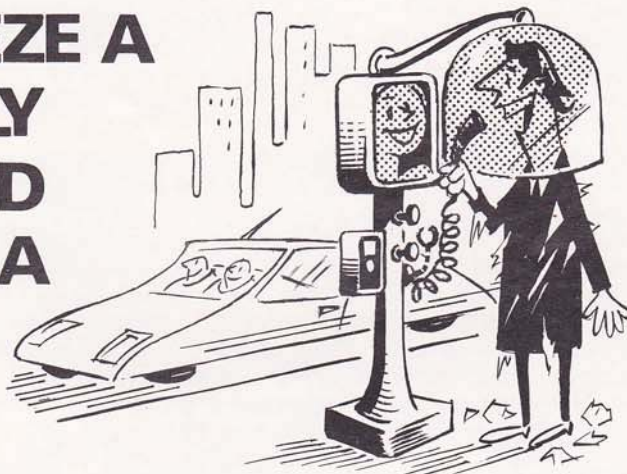


## 50 YEARS AN AGENT

Meet Mr. Stan Gribble, who has been our agent at Wandiligong, in north-eastern Victoria for 50 years. (For this photo we thank Mr. George Hazlett, manager of Bright branch). A silver and gold pen set was presented recently to Mr. Gribble by Mr. Bob Douglas (acting manager, Bright) on behalf of the Bank.

Mr. Gribble also received a letter of congratulations written personally by Mr. Don Ross, General Manager, who said: "This is a record of which you may be justifiably proud, and one which has rarely been equalled."

## FREEZE A JOLLY GOOD FELLA



Since 1967 some American firms have been operating a "suspended animation" service for humans. Immediately following death, a body is snap-frozen in a special tank. The plan is that the person can be resuscitated 200 years later — by which time the disease which caused the original death might be curable.

This reminds us of the man who arranges in 1973 to be deep-frozen. He leaves \$1000 in his bank account. In the year 2173 he wakes up and calls his bank from a pay phone (presumably they still exist) and excitedly asks what is his balance. "Seven million dollars," comes the reply. A moment later his whoops of joy are interrupted by the operator saying "Please deposit \$25,000 for the next three minutes, sir."



# TWO ON TELLY

Two of our Business Promotions officers appeared on T.V. in private roles during recent weeks.

John Lidgerwood (right) competed in "Showcase" on Channel 9, and in his rich baritone voice sang two songs which won him the unanimous vote of Mr. Hector Crawford and fellow judges.

In the lower picture, snapped directly from the telly screen, we see Neil Williams (right) with compere Kevin Heinze on the high-rating Channel 2 program "Sow What." Neil is the livewire president of Waverley Gardening Club, which was featured in two editions of the show. Neil claims that, both inside and outside the Bank, his business is growing.



## NATIONAL LEADER OF LIONS

MR. ERIC BLACK, of Williamstown Lions Club, is the new leader of Lions throughout Australia.

Mr. Black is manager of the West Sunshine branch of the State Savings Bank in Sun Cres., Sunshine.

At the recent annual convention of Lions Clubs in Sydney, he was elected chairman of the multi-districts council.

The council comprises the district governors from 18 Lions districts throughout Australia, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

Mr. Black was the retiring governor of one of the districts — 201F, which runs from the Western Suburbs to South Australia.

Five retiring district governors stood for the post of chairman of the combined council and Mr. Black was elected.

Local  
man  
head

**HEADLINE FOR HEAD LION:** The press cutting above tells the story of our West Sunshine manager's elevation to Lions Club leadership of Australia. Eric joined Williamstown Lions in 1964 and has held a number of local and "District" posts. The press report mentions that "his tact and non-abrasive nature apparently were factors in his winning the vote for national leadership of the movement".

## STATE SECRETS by the teller

LADY filling in form came to question "In what State were you born?" She wrote "Naked".

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ACCOUNTANT overheard reprimanding junior: "I've taught you everything I know, and now I find you know absolutely nothing."

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IN this business, to get to the top of the tree it's usually necessary to spend some time in the branches.

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GUSHING lady customer on phone to grumpy manager: "I just can't tell you how much I admire your bank." Grumpy: "Well get somebody who can."

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MANAGER to long-haired clerk who arrived on duty wearing a knitted cap: "Take that off." Clerk did so, revealing his hair in curlers. Manager: "Put it on again."

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FARMER answering a "please explain" letter from the Bank about his loan arrears, wrote: "In case you feel I am not doing my best, I must tell you that I have been afflicted by low prices and drought, road accident and matrimony this year, along with the usual problems."

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HEAR about the doctor who lost all his money? He decided to become a bank bandit, but he was a flop. Nobody could read his hold-up notes.

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OVERHEARD in lift: "I'm suffering from a SPASM . . . sharp pangs from an annual shortage of money."

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ACCOUNTANT discussing a curvaceous clerical assistant with manager: "What's wrong with that girl? She can't add." Manager: "No, but she can certainly distract."



## MEET OUR NEW MANAGERS

**R. F. HANSLOW,**  
Elizabeth Street North.

Scouting occupies much of Roger's spare time. He's Assistant District Commissioner in charge of training at North Moorabbin. That, with keeping the house and garden in order, means he doesn't get much time for fishing; his favourite spot is off the rocks at Mt. Martha. A married daughter, two sons at University and one at school make up the family.



**J. F. COCKS,**  
Relieving Manager.

John spent 10 years in country branches before coming to suburbia, and is looking forward to visiting new areas as a reliever. He and his wife have a family of three, who are all actively engaged in Little Athletics and, like their father, are keen Collingwood supporters. John keeps fit with tennis and squash.



**B. J. GILES,**  
Murchison.

Until they moved to Murchison, Barrie and his family were living on a small beef cow property at Main Ridge and were very actively connected with the community life of the Peninsula. He's a Life Governor of Southern Peninsula Hospital, was President of Flinders Lions and a member of Rosebud Country Club. The Giles have a family of four.



**K. J. GLENISTER,**  
Foreign Bills Officer,  
Overseas Department.

Having recently moved into a new home in Lower Templestowe, the Glenisters are still busy getting the garden in order. Kevin's wife, the former Aldene Splatt, has a lovely singing voice and has made several appearances on TV and light opera. Kevin is the club captain of Bulleen Tennis Club and also a keen golfer.



**F. R. BENNETT,**  
Chiltern.

Ross comes from Mornington and played football for Mornington and also for the Bank (15 years in all). He's now turning his attention to golf. Ross' wife, the former Elaine Elder, was also a member of the Bank's staff, finishing at Frankston branch. The couple have four young children, three girls and a boy, whose ages range from eight to two.



**K. M. NICHOLLS,**  
Supervisor,  
Legal Department.

All Kenneth's nine years in the Bank have been in the Legal Department, where he joined as a Law Clerk. He and Ruth have a family of five — four boys and a girl — and all their interests centre round the home and family. Kenneth is a leader in a Church of England Boys' Group, to which all his sons belong.

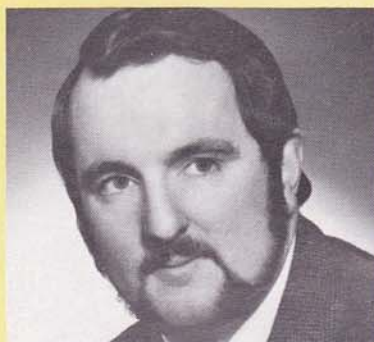
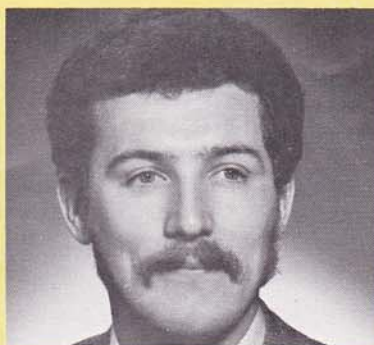


**R. J. PEARSON,**  
Hopetoun.

Building "stereos" is Ron's favourite spare-time occupation, and naturally music plays a big part in the life of the Pearsons. Ron leans to the classics, while his wife, who's a Ukrainian by birth, and their four children are more pop fans, so the family's records cover a wide range.







## The strange coincidence of the Pearts

It's a very odd coincidence that the Bank has on staff two pairs of unrelated Peart brothers — with the same first names.

First there are (top left and right) Bruce Peart, of Holmesglen branch, and his brother John, of head office Branch Mechanisation section.

Then (bottom left and right) we have Bruce Peart, of Elizabeth Street branch, and his brother Jon, of Central branch.

The two Peart pairs are quite unrelated. Let's hope they never all finish up in the same branch or department! If they did, imagine the confusion if somebody phoned up and asked for "Mr. Peart".



## JOHN SCORES A HOLE-IN-ONE

The Bank's best golfer, John Lindsay of E.D.P. Planning Department, scored a 160-yard hole-in-one at Victoria Golf Club recently while in a foursome defending its Club Championship title. It happened on the Par 3 fourteenth hole, and was John's third hole-in-one in 14 years. John has twice won the Victoria Amateur Golf Championship (1968 and 1970) and for the past four years has represented Victoria in the Australian Amateur Championships.



"The nerve of them, taking the word of their computer against my check book stubs."

### BANK LOANS



"PURPOSE FOR WHICH MONEY WILL BE USED? SPENDING."



"For small investors."

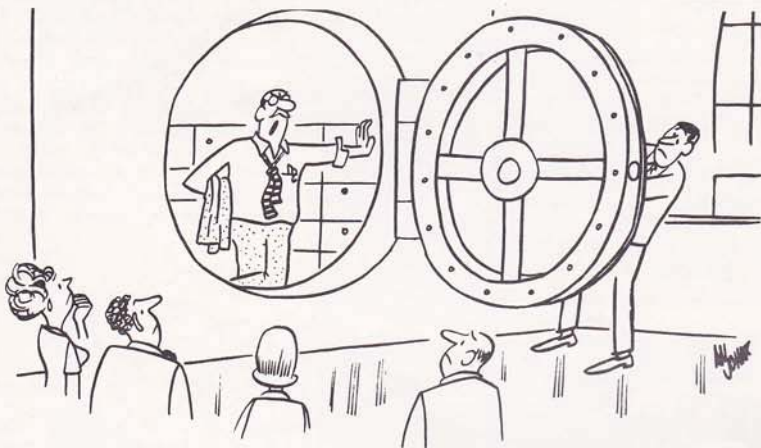




**S.S.B. PEOPLE** at Ringwood figured prominently in a recent Apex Beauty and Charity Contest which raised \$18,500 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Pictured (left to right): Ed Milne (Ringwood branch manager), Bruce Ward (Ringwood branch accountant, who was the Apex Quest treasurer), Lynette Wylie (Ringwood trainee teller, who was "Miss

S.S.B." in the Quest), John Lidgerwood (Head Office Business Promotions Officer, who donated his singing services at the Quest Ball), and Cec. Martin (who recently retired from the Bank as Ringwood branch manager).—

Photo by courtesy of Nunawading News.



"Good morning! I trust you all had an enjoyable weekend?"

● Reprinted by courtesy of Burroughs Clearing House.

## Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Scintillate, scintillate, globule vivific,  
Fain would I fathom thy nature specific,  
Loftily poised in the ether capacious,  
Strongly resembling the gem carbonaceous.



"Cool it with the cheques till  
you let us have some more  
bread, man!"



## GIRL OF THE MONTH

Meet a designing young woman: Eve Faith, 19, of Personal Loans Department. She studies interior design three nights weekly at R.M.I.T. On another night she kicks up her heels with a Hungarian folk dancing group.

Other interests of the decorative Eve include snow and water ski-ing, and piano playing. Her special likes in life include "children, horses, dogs and beautiful clothes". And she has high praise for the Personal Loans staff: "Great to work with." She hates "rushing about".

Eve is engaged to be married at the end of this year. She believes that an ideal husband's attributes would include "sincerity, unselfishness, ability to share his wife's interests, and to love her for what she is."

Born under Capricorn, Eve "stands out in a crowd, appearing cool and detached . . . is truly shy at heart". Her most likely partnership prospects are Taurus and Virgo men.



## MAN OF THE MONTH

Joe Murphy, a clerk at Sunshine Heights, is still searching for the right "steady" girl friend. But, girls, if you want to catch him you'll need to put on your skates and be prepared to travel some rough terrain — because Joe is a top cross-country runner. A few months ago he represented Victoria in the Australian Amateur Track and Field Championships, competing in the 800 and 1500-metre events.

Joe runs at least 10 miles nightly on training jaunts at Sunshine or the You Yangs. His other interests include rock music, movies and all sports. His ambition is "to run for Australia, and to reach the top in my chosen career of banking". His star sign is Virgo, which denotes "a strong-willed perfectionist . . . rarely romantic, but once he's made his mind up about a girl he goes out to get her." Likely soulmates are Taurus and Capricorn girls.



● Suburban teller politely asked a customer: "What is your name, sir?" He snapped: "Don't you see my signature?" Teller replied: "Yes, sir, that's what aroused my curiosity."

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● Three banned words: YOU'VE GOT TO. Never tell a depositor he has to do anything, even when he has omitted to do the right thing. He doesn't "have to". Ask him if he "would mind doing" . . . or say "It is necessary to . . ." or "Could you please . . . ?"

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● Elderly Chinese went to teller's window at busy suburban branch and spoke excitedly in his own language. Eventually the harassed teller turned toward the back office and called out: "Is there anybody in the bank who speaks Chinese?" The customer plucked at his sleeve happily and announced: "Yes, yes, ME speakee Chinese."

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● They call us the front-line troops of the Bank. We certainly come under fire occasionally from difficult depositors. But when this happens we just have to keep a smile in our voices. And we must acknowledge, sympathetically, the possible reasons for a complaint.

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● Teller at Melton was baffled while making out a monthly return to find that total local payments for two consecutive days were exactly the same. It was just a coincidence, but a strange one, considering that two tellers were operating on the days in question, and their individual figures were quite different. (\$2 to R. McIntyre, Melton branch.)

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● Often when I ask "withdrawal" customers, "How would you like it?" they reply "Yes". Others say, "Any way, thanks." But when I give them, say, a couple of twenties and a few tens they say, "Oh, on second thoughts you'd better change that twenty and I'd like a few fives . . . change the ten into twos if you wouldn't mind, and I'll have some silver . . . other than that I don't care."

(\$2 to J. Fraser, Clifton Hill branch.)



# around the branches

— with  
Joan Freeman



## Ashwood

### THINK OF A NUMBER

An advertisement put out by the Bank many years ago asked: "What do you see in your State Savings Bank Passbook? . . . Your passbook can mean many things . . . a cash reserve . . . new home . . . happiness unlimited."

Well, all these things seem possible to Mrs. Juanita Goldthorpe, holder of passbook No. 6479 at our Ashwood branch.

Not that, perhaps, that early writer would have approved of the way Mrs. Goldthorpe's passbook was used to improve her fortunes.

She's a moderate punter, who uses an extraordinary system which resolves round using her telephone number, her children's ages, her horoscope, etc.

Last month she took two quinnellas, using her Ashwood passbook number.

It paid off to the extent of \$10,558 for each unit, and Mrs. Goldthorpe has opened a cheque account as well as her passbook account and deposited \$21,116 in it while she's thinking what to do with it. Paying off their house is No. 1 priority.



## 327 Sturt Street

### Ballarat

One of the oldest and best-known personalities on the BTV6 Juniors Program is "Benjie Bunny". The program, in which our Bank has a small segment, goes to air each Friday evening and is shown throughout Western Victoria. Mr. Peter Gamble, who doubles as Benjie, is the host of the program, and in this role he visits a different venue each week.

Recently, a six-minute film was shot at our 327 Sturt Street branch where "Benjie" followed his deposit from the teller through to its posting in the ledger and then inspected the strongroom.

In this photo, Manager Mr. Jack Gribble is shown demonstrating to "Benjie" how the strongroom door operates. Neil Stevens, Ballarat Business Promotions Officer, who did the bank liaison work for the film, looks on.



## Mildura

### ROVER'S GOT THE HABIT

Who could refuse such a wistful appeal? Rover, a 16-year-old Border Collie, is owned by Mrs. McCormick, who conducts a newsagency next to our Langtree Avenue, Mildura, sub-branch. He's been performing tricks all his life, but his special one is to cart our money-box around in his mouth and deposit it at the feet of visitors, who are expected to donate a small coin to the Lady Nell Seeing Eye Dog School. When the box is full, Mrs. McCormick takes it round to the bank, tooth marks and all, to have it emptied.

Rover's teeth aren't too strong these days, he's deaf, and his eyesight is failing, but he still does his rounds with the original box. Manager, Dave Renshaw, was recently invited to "visit" Rover and made a suitable donation to his tin.



## Oakleigh South

### IT REALLY HAPPENS

You know the standard banking joke about the lady who's overdrawn and puts it right with a cheque drawn on the same account.

Well, Oakleigh South has a dear old lady in her late seventies who occasionally goes into the red. Recently she went in by about seventy dollars and, after receiving a statement and a note from the Manager, wrote this letter:

*To the Manager, State Savings Bank, Oakleigh South.*

*Dear Sir,*

*Your letter to hand re my account. I am posting today a cheque for 300 dollars and trusting that it will be right now in order till I return.*

*Yours faithfully*

Yes, you're right, the cheque was drawn on the same account.

Reliever Peter Wynd happened to be at the branch at the time and passed on the story.

● Send your contributions to Joan Freeman, Associate Editor, "Statesman", P.O. Box 267D, G.P.O., Melbourne — or leave them at head office Marketing Department.





# The folks next door

*(to head office)*

As part of the long-range plan for State Bank Centre, four head office departments have been moved into the adjoining building owned by the Bank — Elizabeth House, on the corner of Elizabeth and Little Collins Streets. There is direct access to the second floor of Elizabeth House from the first floor of head office (a new doorway has been opened from the passage behind the Commissioners' dining room.) Below are glimpses of the new quarters of Deposit Stock, Research, Recruiting and Salaries.

Last month, eight members of Overseas Department — those handling foreign currency Travellers' Cheques and Banking Instruments — moved to a first-floor office in Elizabeth House. (Internal phone: 247).



**4TH FLOOR: RESEARCH** Department, previously located in a corner of the Chief Accountant's Department in head office, now has self-contained quarters in Elizabeth House. (Internal phone: 248.)



**6TH FLOOR:** This is one section of the new suite of offices housing our increasingly busy **DEPOSIT STOCK** department. (Internal phone: 236.)



**2ND FLOOR: STAFF RECRUITING**, which previously occupied rooms on the head office second floor — and latterly on the third floor — now has a "corner cluster" of offices in Elizabeth House. (Internal phone: 271.)



**2ND FLOOR: SALARIES** staff have been following "Recruiting" around — from the second floor of head office to the third — and now to Elizabeth House, where they are just along the passage from "Recruiting". (Internal phone: 320.)





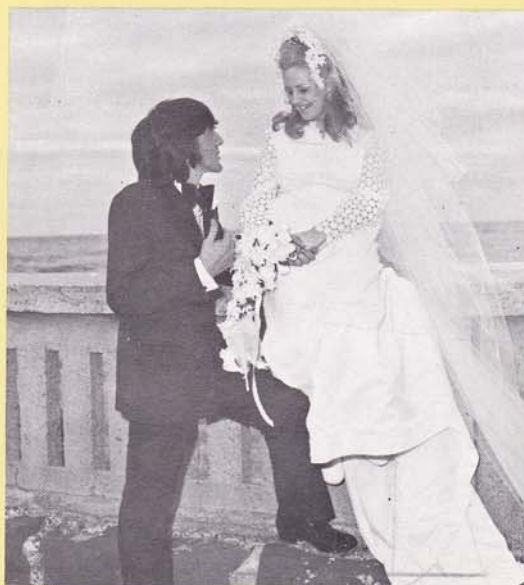
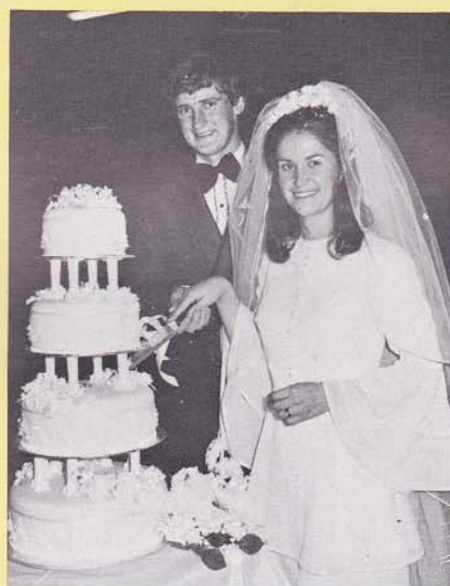
## NEWLYWEDS

**LEFT:** These two popular staff members were recently married at Holy Trinity Church, Doncaster. Geoffrey Brooks (Doncaster East) and his wife, the former Beverley Targie (Camberwell) study their marriage certificate. Beverley's brother, Noel, of Staff Department, was a groomsman at the wedding. **BELOW:** Miss Pamela Couch of our Timboon staff was recently married at Timboon. Here she helps her husband, Ivan Beechey, cut their lovely wedding cake.



**ABOVE:** Mr. and Mrs. Scott McMillan smile for the photographer following their wedding at Benalla Methodist Church. Mrs. McMillan, who's on the staff at Benalla, was formerly Dianne Cook. Dianne's reception is unique in one way. It was held at the new Civic Centre and will be the only wedding reception held there. The privilege was extended to Dianne as a tribute to her late grandfather, the M.L.A. for the district.

**RIGHT:** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urquhart stopped at the seaside on the way to their reception. They were married at St. Raphael's West Preston. Mrs. Urquhart, nee Marie Harty, is on the Elizabeth Street staff.





# EGGSPENSIVE SANDWICH



**A canteen manager received a letter from a disgruntled customer complaining about the price of an egg sandwich. Here is the manager's reply:**

*Dear Sir,*

*Today I received your letter in which you complain that the 15 cents I charged for an egg sandwich is exorbitant.*

*Have you ever given any thought about the ingredients and labor costs of an egg sandwich?*

*First, it takes a chicken six months to produce its first egg.*

*During that time it has to be fed and watered, accommodated and generally nursed and cared for day and night.*

*Second, if you took the trouble to notice the watery, sad blink of a chook's eyes, you would realise the pain and strain involved in the production of an egg.*

*After this miracle of nature, what is the result? The chook gets nothing, the poultry farmer gets the princely sum of maybe four cents.*

*The egg is placed in a carton, sent to the Egg Board, inspected and delivered to my canteen.*

*It is cooked, which involves utensils, water, gas and labor. It is then chopped up.*

*In case you have never noticed, it takes two slices of bread to make a sandwich. Have you ever tried to grow wheat? Or got hold of a bit of yeast and then work all night in a bakehouse at a temperature of 35 degrees, knowing that the bread you produce is helping keep a mug like you alive.*

*This bread is sliced, wrapped in greaseproof paper, and a man is paid to deliver it. We have in Australia a fair standard of living therefore we do not use dripping but only the best butter or margarine.*

*Not wishing to miss out on anything, you obviously want salt and pepper on your egg sandwich. The salt is a product of Bulgarian Saltmines which are worked by slave labor. It is estimated that from every shake of the salt two slaves drop dead from exhaustion.*

*The pepper is a product of Bombay transported in ships by men risking themselves in the hazards of the Indian Ocean.*

*It takes a qualified woman three minutes to make an egg sandwich — or twenty an hour.*

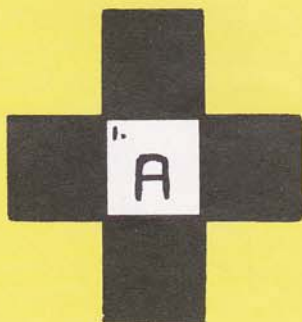
*She gets \$1.20 an hour, or 6 cents per sandwich.*

*So even if I laid the egg myself, had it cooked free, and received free bread, butter and condiments, each sandwich would cost me 6 cents.*

*From now on, an egg sandwich from my canteen will cost you 95 cents.*

*And if you don't like it ask your father (if you ever find him) what to do. He's the expert in useless production.*

*Yours emphatically,  
I. STANDER MAZED,  
MANAGER.*



## PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. LADDERGRAPH. TALE, TILE, WILE, WILD.
2. DAZE. All of them.
3. MOO-MOO. None could say it. Cows can't talk.
4. FALL GUY. It was a ground floor flat.





**FORTY YEARS AGO.** Many serving officers and annuitants will find familiar faces in this picture of the 1933 S.S.B. Football Team. Our present Chief Inspector, Mr. Tom Paige, is third from the right in the back row. **BACK ROW** (left to right): V. J. Dunin; W. McGregor; D. R. Robertson; H. M. Pettiford; E. K. Williamson; H. Davis; T. S. Pelly; T. E. A. Paige; C. D. Quihampton; W. Templer (Trainer). **CENTRE:** H. W. Denby (Hon. Sec.); G. B. McDonald; G. E. Bromley; L. Bols (Coach); H. H. Rankine

(Capt.); R. L. Callister (Vice-Capt.); H. Tulloch; W. J. Heath; W. N. McTaggart. **FRONT:** C. D. Chandler; R. A. McPherson (Asst. Sec.); A. L. Howse; G. E. Kemp. **Absentees:** K. Cocks; C. R. Jones; T. L. Joyner; F. Lawn; D. J. McVean; W. L. Steele; H. Watmuff; A. A. Kay; D. R. Phillips; R. H. Hallam (Hon. Treas.).

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## MY BEST CLASSROOM

Pupils at North Sydney Primary School were asked to write on the subject: "The kind of classroom I would like best." Here are excerpts from their essays.

- "I would like to be hanging from the ceiling."
- "I would like the classroom to have a big swimming pool 400 metres long from the shallow to the deep end and an underground tunnel to my house."
- "I would like our desks to be yellow and orange. I would like the floor pink and the blackboard purple."
- "I would like a clock with a larm in it."
- "I would like a swing in the classroom."
- "The best things I like in a classroom is air car-deshings on every windows."
- "I wish there was a locking room and a mini-rocket."
- "I would like 2A to be made out of sweets."

## ADDLED ADAGES

- People who live in glass houses shouldn't take a bath.
- People who live in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses.
- You can lead a horse to drink, but you can't make him water.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away — unless it's been sprayed with insecticide.
- Familiarity breeds.
- It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness — unless you work in a dynamite factory.
- Two heads are better than one — but not on the same body.
- A biting dog never barks.
- A bird in the hand is messy.
- A man is young as long as he looks.
- Where there's a will, there are relatives.
- You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely.
- Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside, it's too dark to read.