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## FRONT COVER

Two of our team of Show sample bag sellers—Evelyn Rezuk (left), of Business Promotions and Faye Dunn of Correspondence Department—posed with their wares on head office roof. This year we ordered 30,000 S.S.B. bags containing a total of 210,000 items. They sold at 40 cents each.

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## NEW COMMISSIONER

Mr. Ian Kenneth Morton, B. Comm., 51, was appointed by the State Government on August 4 to fill the vacancy on our Board of Commissioners caused by the death of Mr. W. L. Moss.

Mr. Morton has been Chairman of the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission of Victoria since 1963, and is a member of the Victorian Inland Meat Authority. He was born in Kerang, and worked on his father's property there — and later on properties in the Riverina. He served in the second A.I.F. as a sergeant in 7th Division Signals. After the war he studied at the University of Melbourne. Married in 1943, he has two sons and two daughters, and lives at Essendon.

He is chairman of the council of Penleigh Presbyterian Ladies' College. Mr. Morton is a keen trout fisherman and duck shooter. He claims that, lately, "the ducks are getting faster."



## New Visiting Chaplain

The Reverend Alan Scott, a Congregational Minister attached to the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, is now visiting head office every Thursday to assist with staff counselling.

Mr. Scott will move around various departments, talking to people on the job, and arranging private interviews where required. He will specialise in personal and work problems. Mr. Scott's services are jointly sponsored by the Bank and the S.S.B. Division of the Australian Bank Officers' Association.

Mr. Neil Westaway continues in his normal role as full-time Staff Counsellor.



## On the way up...

Promotions for S.S.B. officers averaged 11 per week in the year ended June 30 last. The 573 promotions included 273 managerial appointments, of which 61 were for first-time managers. Salary increases for the year numbered 11,700. Approximately one-third of these represented the 6% national wage increase. Total amount of salary increases received by staff during the year was \$2,313,000. Salaries paid to officers during the year totalled \$18,300,000.

## Farewell to 'The Duke of Elizabeth St.'



Top-ranking branch manager Bill Duke of Elizabeth Street branch retired last month. So many people wanted to attend his farewell function that two "sessions" had to be held in the Elizabeth Street Cafeteria, and Bill had to repeat his thank-you speech. Pictured against a backdrop of pretty Elizabeth Street girls are some of Bill's colleagues who attended. Left to right: Bruce Stevans (Asst. Mgr., Central), Peter Jackson (Supervisor, Eliz. St.), Bill Gardiner (Property Officer), Jack Mallinson (Supervisor, Eliz. St.), and Ivan Milne (Assistant Manager, Eliz. St.).



# New, secret alarm system to beat bank bandits

An \$80,000 silent alarm system to combat armed hold-ups will be progressively installed throughout the metropolitan branch network from early next year.

The secret alarms, which will be built into the Bank's new computerised on-line accounting system, are now being tested at head office.

Here's how they will work:

In the event of a hold-up at a branch, an alarm signal will be transmitted from the teller's Olivetti terminal machine, via PMG line, direct to the head office computer.

The "BANDIT" signal will be activated either by branch staff — or by circuits triggered automatically by unauthorised removal of cash from tellers' drawers or strongrooms.

Within seconds, a loud buzzer will sound at the city computer control panel, and a message will be printed on the automatic console printer notifying that the raid is in progress, and giving the branch number and name.

The control operator will immediately contact D24 by a direct-line phone call.

The Bank is importing from Italy 400 alarm attachments to teller machines, costing \$200 each.

These alarms were designed expressly for the S.S.B., and are the result of negotiations commenced with the Olivetti company in 1969.

**EXISTING SAFEGUARDS:** Our security officer, working in close consultation with detectives skilled in the solving of armed hold-ups, has assessed all of our 270 metropolitan branches for vulnerability to robbery.

**More than 80 of these branches have been fitted with secret security devices, including silent alarms.**

**PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS WELCOME:** If any individual or organisation can put forward a proven and practical method of thwarting bank hold-ups, the S.S.B. will give it the most serious consideration — regardless of cost.



**RAID ALERT:** Here is how an alarm signal will register on the head office computer console. A loud buzzer will sound simultaneously, to alert the console operator, who will make an immediate direct-line call to D24. Pictured is Ian Staggard of E.D.P. Operations.



**ON-LINE TELLER TERMINAL:** This is one of the prototype Olivetti teller terminal machines now being tested at head office. A bandit alarm is built into the mechanism to transmit automatic signals to head office computers. These terminals cost some \$4000 each — approximately the same as Sensimatic teller machines. The operator in this picture is Helen Matlik of E.D.P. Operations.





Here is the illustration to appear on our 1971 Calendar. The subject is the main street of Port Fairy, and this is the fifth in a popular series of country town paintings by Mel-

## Calendar preview

bourne artist Kenneth Jack. Blue is the predominant color. We will distribute some 120,000 copies of the Calendar.



## NEW YOUNGER SET

Recently-elected officebearers of this new social group are, from left. PRESIDENT: **Michael Doupe** (teller, 315 Collins St.), SECRETARY: **Pam Marks** (teller St. James branch), TREASURER: **Russell Foreshaw**, Staff Department. The Set has already staged a successful theatre night and a record night. Next scheduled function is a theatre night to "Hair" on November 1.

## What is it?

It costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business, and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and Nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody till it is given away.

Answer on Page 9.





**SIX SMART STAFFERS** won high praise for their part in detecting recent alleged pass book frauds. **ABOVE, left to right:** Geoff Piper, teller, 315 Collins St.; Maria Scagliotti, teller, 45 Swanston St.; Ed. Sudomirski, teller, 45 Swanston St.; Mrs. Marilyn Walsh, teller, Western Branch. **RIGHT:** Graham Bryant, accountant, 45 Swanston St.; Laurie Kyle, accountant, 45 Swanston St.



## ALERT BRANCH OFFICERS DETECT ALLEGED FRAUDS

Two young men were charged on August 6 on 35 counts of forgery and uttering. The charges arose out of alleged offences against S.S.B. branches in late July and early August.

One of the men appeared in Melbourne Magistrates' Court and was committed for trial.

The other did not answer his bail, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Police arrests and charges followed inquiries which were triggered by the actions of several S.S.B. officers at city branches.

On July 30, Geoff Piper, 27-year-old teller at 315 Collins Street branch, referred to visiting District Inspector Fred Veitch what appeared to be a suspicious pass book transaction. The Chief Inspector's Department immediately instituted inquiries at all city branches, and circulated warning information.

On the morning of August 6 Mrs. Marilyn Walsh, 24, teller at Western Branch, became suspicious of a withdrawal transaction. While she was referring it to the accountant a man hurriedly left the bank.

Soon afterwards, at 45 Swanston Street branch, a man similarly presented a pass book and withdrawal form to Miss Maria Scagliotti, 19-year-old teller. He ran from the bank while Maria was examining the pass book.

Moments later at the same branch, teller Ed. Sudomirski, 24, was checking a pass book presented by a

man. The man fled, but was chased for two city blocks by accountants Graham Bryant, 34, and Laurie Kyle, 33. A man was caught, handed over to a traffic policeman, and later taken to Russell Street C.I.B.

Detectives later raided a flat in Fitzroy, detained a second man, and seized printing equipment and rubber stamps.

The Bank suffered no net loss from the attempted fraudulent operations. All six officers whose alertness led to the arrests received personal letters of commendation from the General Manager, Mr. T. E. Hall. Additionally, Geoff Piper, Graham Bryant and Laurie Kyle were granted an extra week's leave, to be taken at any time of their choice.

## Puzzle Spot

1. **HIMALAYA:** If a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will six hens lay in seven days?
2. **TRANSFORMATION:** Turn the word **WORK** into the word **PLAY** in the fewest number of changes. At each change, a new word is to be formed by the change of one letter only.

ANSWERS on Page 9.



# Bank takes interest and makes a lot of sense

By DAVID CAMPBELL

**Just how friendly can your "friendly" bank manager be?**

A colleague's wife took their new dog for a walk when she went to the bank.

Window-shopping her way home, she didn't notice the dog dodge away.

He had, in fact trotted back to the bank

for another look around.

Recognising the dog — and knowing the owner was a regular customer — one of the staff held on to him.

The bank manager then rang our colleague at his city office, the only telephone number on their files, and joked:

"Your wife has just deposited the dog in your account.

"Would you like to make arrangements to collect him?"

Which our colleague did, gladly, by phoning home and asking his wife to go back.

Result?

A wife's mind put at rest.

A pet returned to grateful owners.

A colleague feeling good about the way his bank treats him, a fairly average deposit-and-withdrawal customer.

And all because a bank manager, who believes that banking really is a "friendly

service," combined the cult of cash accounting with a little dash of human kindness.

The telephone call cost only a few cents.

But in word-of-mouth publicity for that bank, it was worth more than all the jingle-jangle commercials which flood TV and radio.

— from the Sydney Sunday Mirror.



## 'Miss Banks' candidates

Here are the girls who nominated for selection as our candidate for the "Miss Combined Banks' contest conducted at the 1971 Combined Banks' Ball on August 17 at the Royale Ballroom. Left to right: Sandra Perkin (Pahran Market), Sue Bennett (Loan Accounts), Sandra Hall (Staff Training), Kathy Abbot (Overseas Section), Wendy Eberle (Overseas Section), Margaret Allison (Regent West), Debra Dalton (Lower Templestowe). The judges chose Wendy Eberle and sent her to the Ball with best wishes, free tickets, return taxi fares, a hair set and a bottle of champagne. The contest was won by the Bank of NSW candidate.



## GIRL OF THE MONTH



Nancy Taylor, 19-year-old clerical assistant, has been known as "Nancy with the laughing face" during her 2½ years in the Chief Inspector's Department at head office.

Vivacious Nancy is usually smiling. Appropriately she is co-leader (with twin sister, Beverley, of HO Marketing Department) of the Girls' Friendly Society run by St. George's Church of England, Mont Albert. Inappropriately, the G.F.S. is sometimes called the God-Forsaken Spinsters.

Nancy enjoys both social and stay-at-home life. She hates whistlers, especially female ones. She has no steady boy friend, but is "anxious to meet one". The qualities she would seek in a husband are: "deep sincerity, a sense of humor, zest for life, and great patience with children."

Horoscopically speaking, Nancy is a Pisces subject. Piscean girls are "usually magnetic to the opposite sex. Their femininity is obvious. They yearn for romantic love, but can fix their affections blindly on one idealised person, without accepting reality. They have a desire for law and order, and a longing for expression in religion, philosophy or art, and so are often attracted to the Church, the armed services, or the public service. Ideal partners are Scorpio or Cancer subjects."

## MAN OF THE MONTH

Geoff. Cameron, 28-year-old accountant at Thornbury North, must surely be the Bank's best all-rounder in sport. He has played in the S.S.B. Football Team ever since joining the Bank 12 years ago (193 games), and has been captain for the past three years. He has played 200 games with the S.S.B. Men's Basketball Team, and captained the last premiership side. Geoff. completed 10 seasons with the S.S.B. Cricket Team before switching to golf, his favorite sport. He is a member of Kilmore and Strathallan, as well as the S.S.B. Golf Club. His handicap is 13 and "on the way down".

Geoff. likes meeting and mixing with people, but has "nothing serious" in the way of a girl friend.

His horoscope says: "The Scorpio man is the strong, silent type, ruled by Mars. He tends to be secretive and deep, with a keen intuitive sense. He has a way of cutting through to the heart of a matter, and can always detect a lie. His most likely soul mates are those born under Pisces or Cancer."



## STATE SECRETS by the teller

**STATISTICS** show that most bank hold-ups occur between 2 pm and 3 pm on Friday afternoons. So here's our suggestion for reducing hold-ups: Close all banks at 2 pm on Fridays.

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ON the first warm morning following the recent cold spell a branch teller commented to a depositor: "It's nice to have it above zero again." Depositor looked annoyed, then laughed and said: "I thought you meant my balance."

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**ARMoured** car driver was blocked at an intersection by a funeral procession, so he decided to join it until he could find a street to turn off. An onlooker was impressed by this sight and said to a friend: "There, you see — you CAN take it with you."

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**INVESTOR** put all his money into Bonds — and ended up with 5000 pairs of underpants and 2000 singlets.

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**NOW** we know! Mr. Rudolph Peterson, president of the world's biggest bank — The Bank of America — said recently: "All you need to become president of the world's biggest bank is average intelligence and average common sense."

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**PROVINCIAL** newspaper carried this report of a local Rotary meeting: "The feature of the day's programme was a paper by Jim Casey on Banking — its Origins and Development. Two minutes were given to Jim for his talk, and he handled it splendidly."

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**GIRLS** without principle can attract a lot of interest.

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**AN** American bank has two customers named Mr. and Mrs. Noah. Recently they notified their change of address — to a houseboat. Could it be that they have some inside information?

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**BUDGETING:** a system for going broke methodically.

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**SIGN** on a head office notice board head-lined **BLOOD DONORS LOVE LIFE** attracted much more attention after someone inserted an apostrophe before the S.



For the guidance of officers who serve as honorary treasurers in local clubs and societies here is an extract from the Bank's booklet on Public Speaking, which was specially compiled by Mr. Chris Ryan, Dip. Com., A.A.S.A., Assistant Manager of our Mortgage Loans Department:

## Tips to treasurers

Even though a Club may have a Chairman and Secretary who have all the qualities to make them good ones, with the help of a conscientious Treasurer their work can be lightened considerably. The need for a conscientious and efficient Treasurer cannot be stressed too much.

The Treasurer (with a receipt book) should be at every meeting, and also at every Club function, whether it be a dance, hike or picnic.

A method of obtaining the maximum number of subscriptions by the end of the financial year is for the Treasurer to ask the Secretary to insert, in a circular, say, early in February, that subscriptions fall due on the February 28, and are payable to the Treasurer.

At the beginning of March, the Treasurer can draw up a letter and this can be sent out with the monthly circular. After, say, March 31, all those who have not paid could be called on by Committee members.

The example of the letter can be varied in any way whatsoever, but it should be personally filled in and signed.

It is the duty of the Treasurer to handle all the finances. The word ALL is stressed, for no other person should ever handle the finances of the Club, as the Treasurer cannot keep an accurate account of finances if many people are handling the money.

### DUTIES

The duties of a Treasurer are, briefly, as follows:

1. **Open a bank account on behalf of the Club.** For this purpose, a form can be obtained from the bank and the signatures of three executive officers recorded. Two of these signatures will normally be required on a cheque.
2. **Collect all moneys on behalf of the Club.** The Treasurer should be on the lookout for sub-

scriptions, donations, etc., at every function and at all times.

3. **Issue an official receipt** for all moneys received.
4. **Have accounts passed for payment.**
5. **Pay all accounts by cheque.**
6. **Keep an account of all receipts and payments.**
7. **File carefully all relevant documents** — receipts, petty cash vouchers, etc., as these will be required by the auditor.
8. **Keep list of members** and whether or not they are financial.
9. **Prepare and present financial statements** at every meeting, giving credit balance at last meeting, receipts and expenditure since then, and credit balance. Number of financial members should also be given.  
REMEMBER: Always get a Bank Statement.
10. **Prepare and present Annual Financial Report.** Under the main statement there should be a statement of Petty Cash expenditure,



● Mr. Chris. Ryan, Assistant Manager, Mortgage Loans Department.

compiled from petty cash vouchers, so that the actual annual cost of running the Club can be readily ascertained.

(Before presenting the financial statements to the Club, the Treasurer should arrange for the accounts to be audited. To enable this to be done, he should submit to the Auditor:

- (a) A copy of the rules of the Club so that the Auditor will be aware of the rules relating to subscriptions and the procedure for financial transactions.
- (b) The minutes of the Club for the period covered by the financial statements, to enable the Auditor to note any decisions relating to finance to satisfy himself that all accounts have been properly authorised.
- (c) All account books, receipt books, cheque butts, receipts, bank statements and other documents.
- (d) The financial statements.

When the Auditor is satisfied regarding the statements, he will certify to their correctness, and if there are any items to which he desires to direct the attention of the Club, he should submit either a written report to the President or an oral report to the meeting at which the financial statements are presented for adoption.)

It is obvious that close co-operation between the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer is essential for the smooth running of the Club. To obtain this, a spirit of friendliness between those three, both within the Club and outside, is desirable.



## SPORTSCOPE

### OUR OWN ANNIE OAKLEY

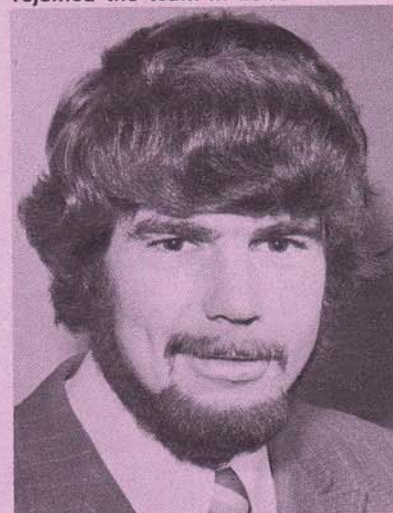
Diane Groves (right), 17-year-old clerical assistant at Head Office Clearing Section, is pictured here with her mother and the trophies they have won for rifle shooting. Both have been shooting for 12 months with the New Caledonian Rifle Club at St. Andrews. Mrs. Groves is considered a good shot, but Diane usually beats her by a couple of points. The captain of the Club predicts a rosy future in rifle shooting for Diane if she continues to improve at her present rate. (Photo by courtesy of "The Heidelberger".)



"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE CLUB . . .": S.S.B. Bowls Club president Frank Scorgie (centre) appeared to be in mid-anecdote when this picture was taken at the bowlers' annual meeting at the Amateur Sports Club, City. All office-bearers were re-elected. They are (left to right): SELECTOR: Ron Barclay (District Inspector); VICE-PRESIDENT AND SELECTOR: Ron Carison (Manager, Securities); PRESIDENT AND SELECTOR: Frank Scorgie (Manager, Central Branch); SECRETARY-TREASURER: Arthur Butler (Relieving Manager); VICE-PRESIDENT: Tom Paige (Assistant Chief Inspector).

### BEST AND FAIREST

Peter Wynd, 25-year-old relieving teller/clerk, was voted the S.S.B. Football Club's Best and Fairest Player for 1971. Peter, who fills the centre half-back position, played for the Bank in 1963 and 1964 and rejoined the team in 1968.



### What is it?

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A SMILE.

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

From Page 5

1. HIMALAYA: 28 eggs. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  hens lay  $1\frac{1}{2}$  eggs in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days. Therefore  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hens lay 1 egg in 1 day. Therefore 6 hens lay 4 eggs in 1 day. Therefore 6 hens lay 28 eggs in 7 days).
2. WORK, WORD, WOAD, GOAD, GLAD, CLAD, CLAY, PLAY.





## PROUD POP:

Orm Duckett, manager of Bentleigh East, posed proudly with his wife and son Gregory at a recent police graduation ceremony. Gregory was Dux of his squad of 26 members. Before joining the Victoria Police Force he was a clerk at our Frankston branch. Father Orm is one of our well-known managers, with a long career as a sporting administrator — particularly in football and tennis. He is a J.P. (Photo by courtesy of "Police Life").

## Useless Information

As a service to officers who compete in quiz shows — and to assiduous collectors of trivia—we offer the following items of little-known and useless information:

1. When you cough, the air is expelled through your throat at a speed of 760 miles per hour.
2. No matter what color plasticine you start with, you always end up with brown.
3. The first three men on earth, according to the Bible, were Adam, Abel and Cain. The first three men on the moon were Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins.
4. Victoria, in the year ended June 1968, produced 21.3 million imperial pints of tomato sauce.

## ORDER OF PRECEDENCE IN VICTORIA

1. The Governor-General.
2. The Governor or the Lieutenant-Governor (if administering the Government).
3. The Premier.
4. The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.
5. The Lieutenant-Governor (if not administering the Government).
6. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria.
7. (a) Foreign Ambassadors and High Commissioners; (b) Foreign Ministers and Envoys.
8. Victorian Executive Councillors under summons to the Executive Council.
9. The President of the Legislative Council of Victoria.
10. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
11. Federal Executive Councillors.
12. Privy Councillors.
13. The Chief Justice of the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia.
14. The Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
15. The Leader of the Third Parliamentary party in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
16. The President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia.
17. The Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.
18. Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria (according to seniority).
19. Judges of the High Court of the Commonwealth of Australia.
20. Judges of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.
21. Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria.
22. Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
23. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
24. Heads of Churches.
25. Senior Officers in local Command of the Naval, Military and Air Forces (according to seniority in rank and date of appointment).
26. Members of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia.
27. Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.
28. Consuls-General, Principal Trade Commissioners, Consuls and Trade Commissioners.
29. Knights of the various Orders and Knights Bachelor.
30. Permanent Heads of State Government Departments, the Solicitor-General, the Chairman of the Public Service Board, and the Auditor-General.
31. Judges of the County Court of Victoria.
32. Ex-Ministers of the State (not under summons to the Executive Council and not now Members of Parliament of Victoria).



## PROGRESS IN PREMISES

### KEILOR

Staff Architect: J. Lim

This new branch, now in course of erection, faces the busy Calder Highway in a rapidly expanding area. Finished both internally and externally with rusticated bricks, it has a dramatic, steeply rising roof line. The building will have facilities for heating in winter and fresh air circulation in summer. December is the estimated opening date.



### THOMASTOWN

Staff Architect: D. Caporn

Extensive alterations and renovations recently completed at a cost of over \$30,000 at Thomastown have more than doubled the area of the branch. Alterations include a new facade, entrance and staff interview room. Amber colour upholstery and black bean fittings complete the decor.



## BRANCH OF THE MONTH

## Niddrie

# First stop for flyers

Niddrie district has a sizeable sprinkling of airline employees—including pilots, engineers, ground staff and office workers. These people previously worked at Essendon airport and are now based at Tullamarine.

Many of them take advantage of the substantial employee travel concessions (would you believe, for example, \$60 return air fare to Fiji?) and make frequent overseas trips for holidays—and for buying duty-free goods.

So our Niddrie branch has to cope with a big demand for travellers' cheques and foreign currency.

The branch is our north-west frontier in the metropolitan area, and attracts depositors who drive to Niddrie's thriving shopping centre from Broadmeadows, Bulla, Keilor and Diggers Rest.

First established in a shop site in 1955, Niddrie branch moved in 1964 to its present premises. Features include an all-glass frontage, spacious front-of-counter area, and attractive interior decor of white brick.

This high-transaction Class D branch, with balances approaching \$4 million, has a staff of 14. It was centralised last month in preparation for computerised on-line accounting.



Manager JIM CLOUGH took over Niddrie branch in July. Previously manager at Coburg West, he knows the district very well. His chief outside interest used to be cricket—he played in the Brunswick - Coburg church competition for 20 years—but he now concentrates on bowls, as a member of the Heidelberg Bowling Club.



## Meet the staff

**NIDDRIE STAFF:** Names, ages, positions and interests are —  
**BACK ROW,** left to right: Matt O'Brien, 37, accountant 2 (tennis, swimming), Frank Evans, 27, relieving staff (tennis, golf), Maurice Brennan, 38, accountant 1 (football, cricket), Jim Clough (manager), Bill Owens, 33, accountant 3 (golf, squash), Alan Moule, 24, clerk (squash, fishing), Ed. Elleissy, 19, clerk (squash, swimming), Robert Brens, 21, (flying,

squash). **FRONT ROW,** left to right: Mary-Anne Rovers, 17, clerical assistant (skating, reading, collecting matchboxes), Alana Gregg, 22, clerical assistant (tennis, basketball), Sue Weston, 20, clerical assistant (ski-ing, swimming), Jan Curley, 22, clerical assistant (basketball, motor racing), Jo Mifsud, 25, clerical assistant (swimming, reading), **NOT SHOWN:** Charles Hinsley, clerk, Annette Fanning, clerical assistant.



# AROUND THE BRANCHES

— with Joan Freeman



## MACLEOD

### The All-sports

Name a sport at Macleod branch and you can be sure some member of the staff will not only be able to discuss it with you, but will probably be an expert as well. Manager, Bob Grisold, feels that few branches can match his for the variety and standard of every member of the staff of nine.

We're inclined to agree with him. Here's the list: **Manager, Bob Grisold** (47), keen bowler, last year a semi-finalist in the Victorian Singles Championship; **Accountant, Ken Thompson** (34), cricket administrator and still a keen cricketer; **Senior Clerk, Frank Guppy** (27), ex-Association footballer with Northcote and now leading full-back in the Panton Hill League with Reservoir; also previously a top-class competitive swimmer; **Clerk, Paul McLeod** (19), footballer with Research, in the Panton Hill League; **Clerk, Geoff Ryan** (19), promising cricketer with the Bank's cricket team; **Clerk, Alan Homes** (17), very promising young golfer and also a very good wicket-keeper with his cricket team, the office "Quiz-kid" on all sports; **Clerk, Barry Smith** (17), cricketer and baseballer with Lower

Plenty; **Beverley Briggs**, a very promising hockey player of whom we expect big things in the future; **Jacki Metcalf**, a top-class tap and classical ballet dancer, who competes regularly in championship dancing.

## KEW

### Best and Fairest

Steve Bates, a teller at Kew branch, has completed a fine year of football by winning the best and fairest award in C grade in the churches competition.

Nineteen-year-old Steve is more than six feet and weighs around 13½ stone. In two games that helped his team, Balwyn Combines, into the finals, he kicked 11 goals as a forward in one match, and four goals in another match while playing in the centre.

## EMERALD

### Wants to join the Friendly Group

Manager, Lance Wilkinson, was pleasantly surprised recently to receive a letter addressed to himself, as General Manager of the Bank, from outback Queensland. The letter from

Thiess Bros. Peak Down Project Camp, read:

Dear Sir,

I wish to open a savings account with your bank, to which I can make mail deposits during my stay in the bush on this project.

A drunken friend of mine, Jim \_\_\_\_\_, recommended your bank.

Anticipating the opening of an account I enclose cheque for \$25.

Yours sincerely, . . . .

Lance was only too happy to accommodate his new customer.

## GEELONG

### False Alarm

The sight of three policemen rushing into Geelong branch at 11.30 a.m. one August morning sent rumors of an armed hold-up circulating like wild-fire through Geelong.

However, like the report of Mark Twain's death, the rumors were greatly exaggerated.

The branch had just been fitted with a new secret alarm linked with the police station. The alarm had only been connected that day, most of the staff were unaware it was "live", and somebody accidentally pressed the button.



## BALLARAT

### "S.S.B. Bashers" beaten

Women's Lib. must be making some inroads. Now the girls are taking to football. The female staff of Ballarat S.S.B., augmented by a few depositors who really believe it's "their" bank, recently issued a challenge to the C.T.B. "Crushers".

Our correspondent, Neil Stevens, reports: "Trailing all day, the "Bashers" fought back strongly in the last quarter to level the score with only minutes to play, only to see the "Crushers" goal on the bell. The match was highlighted by long kicking, high marking, spectacular tackling and clearing dashes — at least that's the girls' opinions."

HERE'S THE TEAM: Standing (L. to R.): J. Murray (depositor), Carmel Forbes (B.), A. McDougall (B.), J. Harding (B.), W. Murray (depositor), L. Dodd (B'rat. E.), P. Flood (Obscured, Graham Finn's fiancée), J. Smith (Ken Smith's wife), G. Irwin (B.), L. Baker (B.), M. O'Callaghan (B.), L. Plover (depositor), K. Hunt (B.), Sitting: Claire Forbes (B.), S. Roche (depositor), and R. Lang (B.).



## MEET OUR NEW MANAGERS



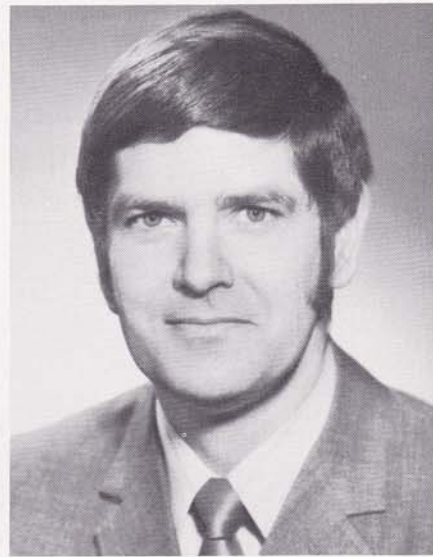
**J. D. LINDSAY**  
Systems Officer, E.D.P. Planning

John's golfing ability is well known. He's won two State Amateur titles and plays off one at Victoria. Another interest and one he shares with his wife, the former Joy Mitchell of Staff Department, is a love of opera. They have a collection of over 600 records. Their major interest at the moment, however, is six months old daughter, Michele.



**A. CONOMY**  
Claims Officer, Insurance Department

Andrew has one daughter 21, a B.A., and in her final term of Dip. Ed., and three sons 19, 16, and 13. He says that his home and family take up most of his spare time. The only sport he claims to have excelled in is darts and he has many outstanding scores to his credit.



**K. W. M. WICKENS**  
Ferntree Gully, Mountain Gate

Keith had 14 years' service in Ballarat before coming to Melbourne. His wife is also a Ballarat girl and both their families still live there, so the Wickens and their two children spend much of their spare time in that fair city. Tennis (with a church club), table tennis and badminton are Keith's sports, and he enjoys reading and gardening.



**F. L. NEAVES**  
Lakes Entrance

Frank and his wife are both very involved in community service. An active Jaycee for a number of years. Frank's main interest now is the Scouts, while his wife is a Ranger with the Guides. They have three young children aged from 5 to 1½ years. Trout fishing is Frank's favorite recreation and he's a great believer in positive thinking.



**G. S. CADMAN**  
Relieving Manager

A remarkably active sportsman, Graeme keeps fit with skin diving in summer, ski-ing in winter and squash all the year round. He's also a keen trout fisherman. The four Cadman children, aged 13 to 8, are pretty keen skiers also and Mrs. Cadman is the president of local Guide Association to which the girls also belong.



**A. G. WARREN**  
Relieving Manager

Ten years of Allan's bank service has been on the relieving staff, so he obviously enjoys the life. In fact on one relieving trip to Warracknabeal he first met his wife. Now living at Glen Waverley the couple have two very young daughters. Allan, a keen gardener and a Fitzroy supporter, has had his most enjoyable football season for some years.





**W. A. L. HILL**  
Relieving Manager

Bill's made many friends in his years in branch mechanization and business promotion and hopes to make even more relieving. The Hills have a family of three boys, aged from seven to 12. Although he's played most sports, Bill finds now with a growing family that an occasional game of snooker and winter afternoons spent following Collingwood account for most of his spare time.



**P. KELLY**  
Relieving Manager

Peter, his wife (the former Sue Healey of Elizabeth Street) and their three daughters have just moved into a new home at Aspendale and most of Peter's free time lately has been taken up getting established. Normally his leisure is spent golfing at Patterson River. He also plays squash and has regular sessions at a gymnasium to keep fit.



**J. F. DRUMMOND**  
Supervisor, Legal Department

John had 13 years' experience previously in Legal Department so is no stranger to the work. He and Judy, formerly Judy Taylor of Correspondence, have a family of three boys, aged five to 13. The family have a caravan and a boat and most holidays find them near the water where John can go fishing and the boys swimming or water skiing.

## **Obituary**

**OUR OLDEST ANNUITANT:** Edwin Pitt of Bayswater died on August 16 at the age of 98. He retired from the Bank in 1938 at 65 years and received an annuity for 33 years until his death. During his service in the Bank, Mr. Pitt managed branches at Warrnambool and 520 Flinders Street. In recent years he frequently visited Bayswater branch. He drove his own car, and aspired to becoming Victoria's only centenarian licensed driver. Shortly before his death he made his first air trip, to visit his daughter in Adelaide.

**OUTSTANDING LEGAL EXPERT:** Bert Thomson of Strathmore died on August 14 at the age of

71. He retired from the Bank in 1965 after 36 years' service as a managing law clerk in H.O. Legal Department. Bert was considered to be the best general law conveyancer in Victoria, and his advice was widely sought by outside solicitors. His son Albie is our Rippon-lea branch manager.

**FORMER PUBLICITY OFFICER:** George Faulkner of Holcombe, Somerset (U.K.) died on July 8 at the age of 75. He joined the Bank at South Richmond when he was 14, and progressed to the post of head office publicity officer. Following his retirement in 1953 he went to live in England, where he married.



## NEWLYWEDS



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Canterford get ready to cut their beautiful wedding cake. The bride is the former Sue Grant of Staff Department Recruiting Office and they were married at St. Martin's Presbyterian Church, Beaumaris.



St. John's, Donvale, was the setting for the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Large. Mrs. Large was formerly Rae Chivell of Insurance Department.



Wedding day smiles from Mr. and Mrs. Ken Farrell following the ceremony at the Independent Church. Judy, nee Coffey, as well as being one of our first and most efficient Elizabeth Street tellers, is also a competent needlewoman. She made the dresses and crocheted matching coats for herself and her attendant.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dienhoss were married at St. Francis Xavier Church Box Hill. Mrs. Dienhoss is the former Anne-Marie Ledwitch of E.D.P. Planning.



Mr. and Mrs. Max Hopkins about to leave for the reception following their wedding at St. Mary's, West Melbourne. Mrs. Hopkins, nee Wendy O'Dea, is an Elizabeth Street branch teller.