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FRONT COVER: Strolling on the Yarra jogging track is our Girl of the Month, Desley Tremayne, of Monash branch. Desley rates two appearances in this issue because of her beauty and vivacity. There's more about her on page 12.

STATESMAN is produced at two-monthly intervals by the Public Relations section of the State Bank. Staff comments on the magazine are invited. The editorial team welcomes suggestions for articles and pictures, nominations for Girl, Man and Smiling Teller of the Month, wedding photographs and contributions to Around the Branches, State Secrets and Teller Talk. Column paragraphs published earn \$2 for contributors.

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BIG HOLE No. 1

The Spot For a Centre...

Our State Bank Centre site at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets, City, reached a depth of 60 feet in June. Photo shows Mr. Murray Souter (Deputy GM, Administration) and Mr. Jack Horsley (Project Manager), inspecting the excavation with the GPO clock in the background. Site offices are being constructed along the Bourke St. frontage. 'Sidewalk Superintendent' viewing points will be provided around the perimeter of the project, and regular progress report pamphlets will be distributed among 'Site-Seers'.



Getting Down to Bedrock...

Messrs. Souter and Horsley got down to basics on the State Bank Centre project when they examined steel cylinders which will be liners for concrete foundation cores. The cores will be sunk from the bottom of the existing excavation and will extend some 120 feet below footpath level. Boring of holes for the cores began in late June.



First in Victoria?

BANK MANAGERESS

Joan Brady of Elizabeth Street branch is the first female manager in our history. At the time of her appointment early last month she was also believed to be Victoria's first female manager engaged in actual banking duties. Joan, who joined us as a wartime 'temporary' in 1942, has worked for the past 27 years at 'Lizzy Street'. Now, as a Grade 4 Manager, she has taken charge of that branch's eleven manager's clerks.

BIG HOLE No. 2

Sanctuary Site for Staff College

Fragrant eucalypts, wattles and ferns surround the secluded site of our Residential Staff College at Baxter, south of Frankston. Work began in mid-June on the \$1.4 million project, in an excavation measuring about 100 yards by 50 yards. The remainder of the 21-acre area is filled with natural vegetation—and it will stay that way.

Ecology and conservation are high-

priority issues with all people involved in the project, including the Bank's executives and architects, the outside architects (Jackson and Walker) and the builders (Merchant Constructions Pty. Ltd.).

Wildlife will be disturbed as little as possible—and even increased. The entire area has been enclosed by a high chainwire fence to help convert the bushland into a sanctuary

for birds, kangaroos and other natural fauna. There will be bush walks for bankers attending the College. A footbridge will cross a creek behind the buildings and lead into a narrow walking track which will continue to a natural dam in the far corner of the property. If all goes well, the State Bank Residential Staff College will welcome its first course members next April or May.

Nelson's Victory

NEW No. 1 BRANCH MANAGER

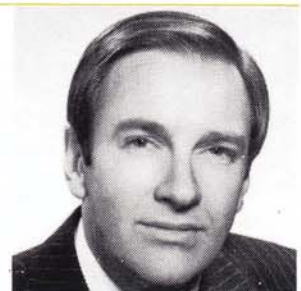


Nelson Warden was recently appointed manager of Elizabeth Street, our No. 1 branch, replacing Jack Rush, who has retired. Nelson was Personal Loans Department manager for the previous two years, following four years as a District Inspector.

'Lizzy Street' is his first branch managership since he left Moorabbin East in 1969.

To London, by Carr

NEW MAN FOR THE U.K.

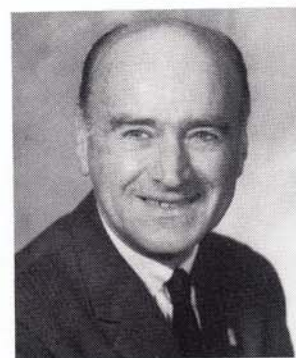


Max Carr becomes our new London Office manager for the next three years, replacing Stuart Turnbull.

Max was manager of Internal Audit Department from its formation in 1973. From 1964 he was deeply involved in the Bank's mechanisation and EDP planning programs. He studied computers in USA, UK and Europe in 1966, and became Senior EDP Planning Officer in 1969.

SAVINGS BANKS BECOMING THE NATION'S LANDLORDS

The following are excerpts from an article written for Savings Banks International magazine by Mr. Don Ross, our General Manager:



● General Manager, Don Ross.

In the past twenty years a small group of savings banks has become Australia's major financier of private dwellings and public works.

Thirteen banks serve a population of thirteen million — through more than 5,500 branches in six states of the continent.

They have amassed total assets exceeding \$15,000 million—more than half of which is invested in housing or public development loans. In early 1976 their housing investment was in excess of \$5,500 million.

These banks, in the 1975 financial year, supplied almost 60% of the approximately \$3,000 million approved by major Australian home finance lenders. Next largest source was a group of some 175 permanent building societies whose collective contribution was about 24%.

Savings banking began in Australia more than one hundred and fifty years ago. It has developed into a system characterized by three broad divisions; the Commonwealth Savings Bank, the State and Trustee Savings Banks and the Private Savings Banks (subsidiaries of the private trading banks). Unlike the American system of unitary banking the Australian system consists of a limited number of banks each with a broad and extensive network of branches.

Four Backed By Governments

The 'Commonwealth' and 'State' Savings banks are government-guaranteed independent corporations. Together with two other government-backed banks and two 'trustee' savings banks (community service institutions) they compete with seven private banks which are conducted essentially to earn profits for shareholders.

Three of Australia's savings banks were, in December 1973, among the world's 'Top 20' savings banks, rated by total balances. They were:

- The Commonwealth Savings Bank
- The Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank
- The State Savings Bank of Victoria

The whole of the banking system is firmly controlled by the Reserve Bank of Australia under the Banking Act of 1959. The private savings banks and the federal government-sponsored Commonwealth Savings Bank come under its direct control.

Due to Australia's Constitutional division of powers, the State government-sponsored savings banks have come within the ambit of the Act by mutual agreement.

Because of the general use of savings bank accounts in Australia for transactions as well as savings purposes, the deposits held are very large and are a highly significant proportion of the money supply.

The three main investment areas of savings bank funds, and approximate percentages of funds invested are.

- HOUSING loans for private dwellings 34%
- PUBLIC AUTHORITY loans for services and development 26%
- AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT Securities 22%

SAVINGS BANKS RANKED BY DEPOSITORS' BALANCES AS AT END OF JANUARY 1976

Type of Bank	Year of Origin		Balances at 31.1.76	Share of Total Savings Bank Deposits
			\$m.	%
Govt. Backed	1912	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia	5,143.2	36.61
Govt. Backed	1842	State Savings Banks of Victoria	2,439.2	17.36
Private	1956	Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Limited	1,926.6	13.71
Private	1956	Australia and New Zealand Savings Bank Limited	1,306.9	9.30
Private	1962	The National Bank Savings Bank Limited	808.6	5.75
Govt. Backed	1848	The Savings Bank of South Australia	763.2	5.43
Private	1956	C.B.C. Savings Bank Limited	606.4	4.32
Private	1962	The Commercial Savings Bank of Australia Limited	534.8	3.81
Govt. Backed	1956	The R. and I. Bank of W.A. (S.B. Division)	189.5	1.35
Private	1962	The Bank of Adelaide Savings Bank Limited	121.6	0.87
Trustee	1845	The Savings Bank of Tasmania	103.5	0.74
Trustee	1835	Launceston Bank for Savings	103.5	0.74
Private	1972	Bank of New Zealand Savings Bank Limited	1.8	0.01
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Meet Our New 'Think Tankers'

Why do we use certain working methods in the Bank? Because they are the BEST, in terms of the Bank's present objectives? Or simply because they are THERE — inherited from past administrations?

Management is taking a fresh look at the way we do things. It has set up within head office Research Department an Organisation & Methods Section — which has the following objectives:

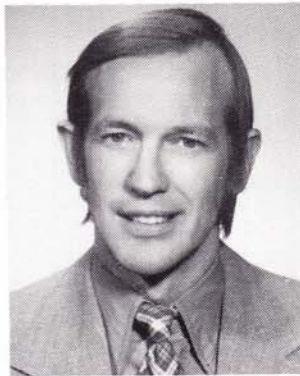
- to clarify the basic functions of our departments and branches.
- to set reasonable standards of performance for these functions.
- to streamline and improve working methods in order to make better use of our human and mechanical resources.
- OVERALL: TO MAKE THE WORK OF OUR OFFICERS



• **BOB DOUGLAS**

LESS REPETITIVE WHILE IMPROVING THE BANK'S EFFICIENCY AND THE STANDARDS OF ITS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

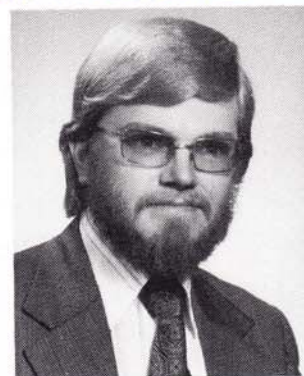
Managers Bob Douglas, Ian Smith and Mike Hills, head-



• **IAN SMITH**

quartered at Hothlyn House, are our initial O & M team. They have recently had special training in sections of Victorian and Australian public service Boards.

The 'think-tankers' have an



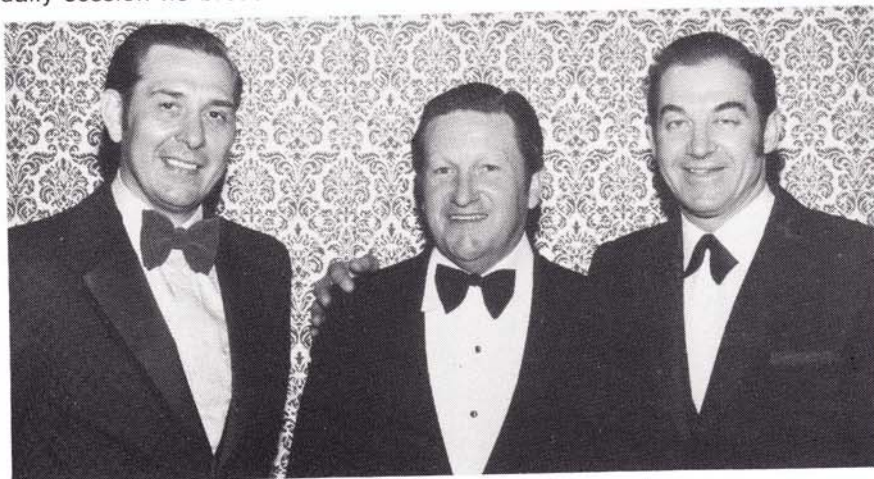
• **MIKE HILLS**

advisory role only. Part of their job is to be purely creative — to originate new and better ways of doing the Bank's work. Their first assignments are centred on our Building and Premises departments.

BIG BREAK FOR BRUCE

Bruce Stevens, Assistant Manager of Central Branch, refereed the recent \$10,000 World Professional Billiards Championship at Geelong. Visiting British titleholder Rex Williams defeated Australian challenger Eddie Charlton in the series.

Our Bruce, a former Victorian Amateur Billiards Champion, spent 24 hours, spread over six days, refereeing the championship matches. After each daily session he broadcast results and comments through radio 3GL.



Mannie Drew Tatts Winner



'Mannie' Sandalis, messenger at 45 Swanston Street branch, has attended Tattersalls draws — as part of his Bank duties — for a long time, and has become well-known to the officials. So Mannie was chosen recently to pull out the winning number — and now he can tell everyone he drew first prize in Tatts, without collecting a cent!

◀ **Bruce Stevens (centre) with Eddie Charlton (right) and Rex Williams.**

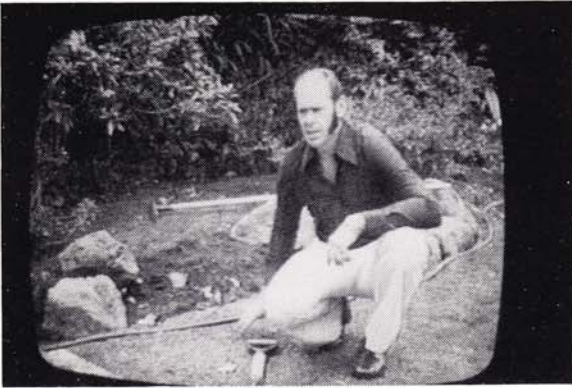
WHAT IS A BANKER?

A grand old man of English banking, James William Gilbart, gave this definition of the qualities of a good banker. 'He need not be a poet or philosopher — an orator or statesman. He need not

possess any one remarkable quality by which he may be distinguished from the rest of mankind. It is only necessary that he should possess a large portion of that practical quality which is called common

sense.' Of the perfect manager, Gilbart said: 'He must not only be cautious and secretive about customers' affairs but also prompt, decisive and firm.'

STATE BANKER NEIL WAS 'SOW-WHAT' STAND-IN



Neil Williams, printing supervisor at our Services Division in Carnegie, recently achieved two distinctions. He was elected president of a newly-constituted Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria and (as pictured here on telly) he helped fill-in for TV/press garden expert KEVIN HEINZE in presenting 'SOW WHAT' on ABV-2 during Kevin's 6-week overseas trip. Neil who lives at Glen Waverley (and has a prize-winning garden of his own) hopes that the new Society will get everyone in Victoria interested in some aspect of horticulture. As a life member of the 900-strong Waverley Garden Club, Neil last year received the John Pascoe Fawcner Silver Medal, awarded by the RHS of England for outstanding service to horticulture.

(A gardening question from STATESMAN:
'If a SOW WHAT program dealt exclusively with radishes, spring onions and cucumbers, would it be listed as a REPEAT?')

Puzzle Corner

1. CATCH: If 10 cats catch 10 rats in 10 minutes, how many cats will be needed to catch 200 rats in 200 minutes.
 2. SPOT HIM: Three employees of a domino factory are named Quayley, Spong and Sprott. Their jobs (not necessarily respectively) are Blackener, Painter and Packer. Quayley who earns more than the painter is married to Spong's sister. The Packer, who was an only child, is the highest paid. He can beat Sprott at Ludo. Who is the Packer?
- Answers: Page 15.

Man OF THE MONTH

Meet a dashing rover and back pocket from the State Bank Football Club: Phil Brennan, 20, a teller at Kew East branch.

Phil, who is in his third season with the Tigers, is one of nine player-elected committee members. One of his main tasks is to keep statistics of matches, such as games played by team members, and the goals they score.

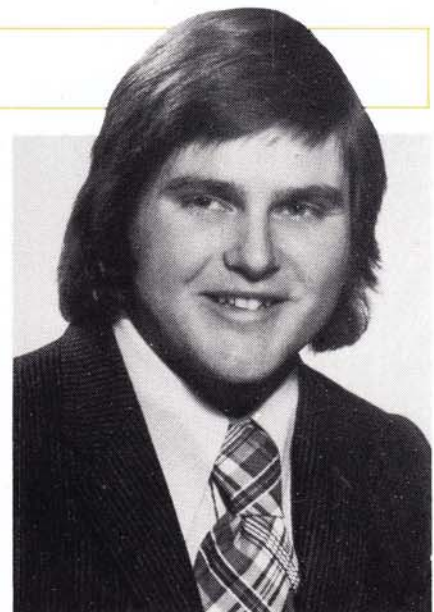
Phil is also on the club's social committee, and helps with fund-raising efforts to cover running costs.

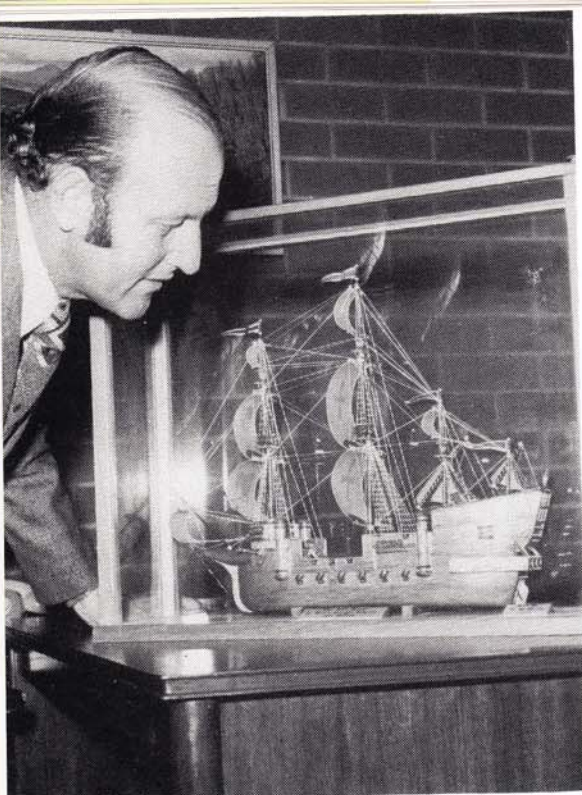
"This year the Bank gave the club a great boost by donating jumpers featuring the SB symbol," he says. "The players are very pleased with

our new look."

Besides footy, Phil is a car-rallying enthusiast. He is a control official with the Light Car Club of Australia, the main body administering the sport. During events, Phil uses sophisticated timing equipment to clock-in cars at check points along the way. He did two 'controls' in last year's Alpine Rally — the top event in the rallying calendar — and he hopes to make the team of officials for this year's run.

Astrologically speaking, Phil is a Piscean, which means "he is not often a failure for he has many talents and a subtle intelligence." Likely soul-mates would be subjects of Scorpio or Cancer.





Watsonia

Getting Ship-Shaped

Ever wondered how people manage to persevere with difficult and time-consuming hobbies?

"It's easy — if you're really interested in your subject", says branch boss Max Ward, whose painstaking pastime of model galleon-making spans some 30 years.

He constructs his complex models after drawing plans from illustrations in history books. His pride and joy is a replica of Sir Walter Raleigh's 'Ark Royal'. Max carved the solid hull from balsa, modified wooden knitting needles to use as masts, and fashioned the sails from stiffened parchment. It took five months, working most nights and weekends, to complete the project.

● *Manager Max Ward examines his hand craft — a model of the 'Ark Royal' — flag-ship of his fleet.*

(Photo by courtesy of Leader Associated Newspapers.)

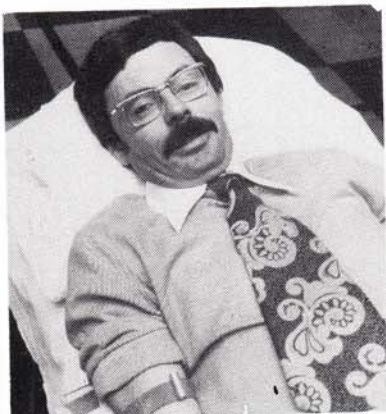
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branch

—with T

45 Swanston Street

Call To Arms

Twenty branch staffers bled for another bank when they answered a call from the Red Cross to help ease liquidity problems at the Blood Bank. Among the donors was teller Julian Moylan, 28, who was born an RH or 'blue' baby, and was saved by a transfusion when three days old. He has now decided to become a regular blood bank depositor. Other staff members wishing to join Julian should phone the Blood Bank on 63 5661.



● *Former blue-baby Julian Moylan helps to keep the Blood Bank in the red.*

(Photo by courtesy of 'The Herald' Melbourne.)

Footscray, Barkly Street

Manager Harry Pocock, recently browsing through some old account registers, discovered family associations with the branch going back almost 90 years.

"My grandmother was one of the branch's first customer," says Harry. "She opened account No. 39, when the branch commenced business on July 2, 1887, as the Footscray office of the Melbourne Savings Bank."

Two years later, his father, an uncle and an aunt all opened accounts at the branch. His late father was then aged 13.

While examining the registers, Harry couldn't help notice the impressive handwriting style of bank officers of the time. "It was almost copperplate", he reports.

FAMILY TREE IN OFFICE



● *Manager Harry Pocock.*

North Fitzroy, St. George's Rd.

BANKING = BANDITS!

To prepare for a recent visit to the branch, 25 local primary school children were asked by their teacher to draw something typical of banking. Manager Peter White says that more than half the drawings depicted robberies.



Kilmore

SALUTE!

Local newspaper, Kilmore 'Free Press', reports that the branch was the only building in the town to fly the flag during the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.



h Sedunary

Brunswick West

Still kicking at 50

Footballing manager Frank Alexander, 50, recently resumed playing with Royal Park club after a serious ankle injury had sidelined him since the beginning of last season. And the locals say it was the greatest comeback since Lazarus. Centre half back Frank was voted best afield in his second match, proving he can still keep up with the young 'uns. Frank has won several club trophies since joining Royal Park 14 years ago. In 1966 — at the age of 40 — he was runner-up in the Essendon District League best and fairest award.

However, Frank's sporting interests aren't confined to football. In summer he plays cricket with South-West Brunswick.

Footnote: STATESMAN'S records show that in 1958, when Frank was leaving his home town St. Arnaud, the local newspaper printed glowing tributes to the town's 'best footballer ever'. Headlines included 'ALEXANDER THE GREAT' . . . 'STANDING ROOM ONLY.'

• Frank prepares for a training run.



Braybrook

Best at badminton



Teller Moira Berry, 18, was all smiles after sharing a Victorian doubles victory in the Junior Australian Badminton Championships played recently at Newcastle, NSW. It was quite an achievement for Moira, playing in her first match with the State squad.

(Photo by courtesy of Cumberland Newspapers.)

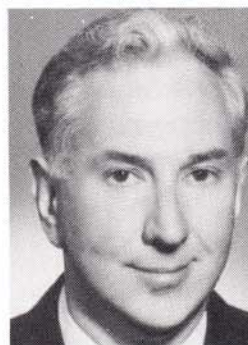
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LOTTA LOTTO LOOT!

Manager Les Bain had the pleasure recently of handing over a cheque for more than half a million dollars to customer Mr. Ian Woods. The \$530,715 payout was the proceeds of a near-record Tattsлото win which the Bank collected on behalf of Mr. Woods.

It was the second largest 'Lotto' prize ever collected by the Bank.

• Manager Les Bain



Albert Park

'Nothing but praise'

This cheering letter was received from a former depositor now living in Queensland:

Dear Sir,

As I have now moved to Queensland, it is no longer practical to maintain my cheque account with your bank. I would be grateful if you would supply my mother, Mrs. Chambers, with details of the amount remaining in the account so that I may draw my last cheque to close it. May I say that, having dealt with two other banks since my arrival in Queensland, I have nothing but praise for the efficiency of the State Bank and the on-line system. For savings facility purposes, it leaves the others for dead.

Yours faithfully, Mrs. Janet Chalmers.

AROUND MORE BRANCHES . . . see next page

AROUND THE BRANCHES (Continued)

Red Cliffs

BUT-NO-FISH!

Accountant Ray Walker and some fellow banker-anglers recently spent a relaxing afternoon fishing the Murray at Nangiloc near Red Cliffs. Judging by their photo, the fish had it easy too! Pictured from left to right are: Allan Smith (teller, Relieving Staff), Geoff Burke (senior clerk, Red Cliffs), Ray Walker (A3, Red Cliffs), Paul Livingston (teller, Red Cliffs) and relieving manager, Bob 'Tiny' Ellis, who is spinning a plausible yarn about a rather small 'one that got away'?



(Photo by courtesy of Hamilton Spectator.)

• Manager Jack Lyle shares a joke with Bankcard promotion girl Glen-Marie North.

Personal Advance

Prior to Bankcard's recent launch in the Western District, manager Jack Lyle hosted a promotional visit to Hamilton by Glen-Marie North of Charge Card Services Ltd.

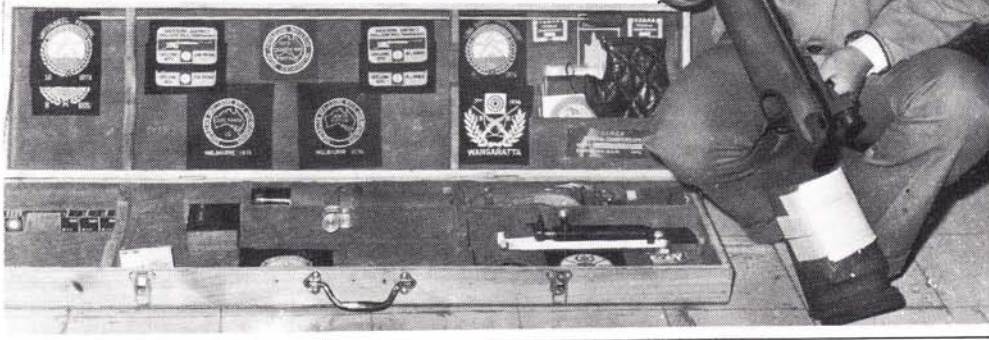
Jack introduced Glen-Marie to local bankers and traders, and took her to lunch with the manager of the town's radio station. Next day, the station broadcast a 45-minute talk on Bankcard.

Shepparton

MASTER GUN-FIRER

Bandits beware! Senior clerk John Neumann, 27, is one of Australia's top riflemen. He recently won selection in an Australian team following a first class performance in national small bore championships. The team took part in the 'Dewar Match', an international target competition.

(Photo by courtesy of Shepparton 'News'.)



You can help us to make Statesman more branch-oriented by giving us news and photo tips about your branch and its staff.

Items on branch happenings (funny incidents, displays, etc.) and the spare-time interests, activities and achievements of staff members will be welcomed.

Send your contributions (brief notes will suffice) to Tom Sedunary, Associate Editor, STATESMAN, Box 267D, GPO, Melbourne — or telephone 60 0531, ext 444.

Girl OF THE MONTH



When 19-year-old Desley Tremayne was at school her favorite subject was drama and she took part in several plays, including a production of Macbeth.

So when she joined the Bank in 1974 at Monash Uni. branch, she was a 'natural' to enrol at a drama school to develop her acting talents.

Classes to date have mainly comprised speech and stage-movement exercises — with an emphasis on television techniques. Desley hopes these skills will enable her to gain regular parts in local TV shows.

Last year she took the first step towards this goal by entering the commercial section of Safeway New Faces. She won her heat with a record score of 93 points, and came a close second in the series final.

Desley's other spare time activities include going to movies and parties with fellow 'Monash' staffers. She lists music and dancing among her favorite 'things', and 'being in crowds' as her 'pet hate'. Desley doesn't have a 'steady' at present, but says she would most likely be attracted to someone with "a great sense of fun".

Her Arian horoscope reveals . . . "her ambitions reach for the stars, and she will never go through life unnoticed. She is a clever conversationalist, and good at entertaining. Her good taste shows in the way she dresses." Leo and Sagittarian-born people should prove compatible.

Ties For Staff



In our last issue we offered bargain-priced State Bank tie tacks. Now we can supply special ties to go with them. Choose from three versions, all featuring an all-over pattern based on the new Bank symbol, on either sky-blue, navy-blue or black background. These smart ties are medium-wide and are made from crush-resistant polyester with a silky finish. Price: \$3.50 each. Send cheques payable to State Bank, to H.O. Marketing Dept., specifying background color required.

LITERARY COMEBACK

Central Clearing Dept. manager Ken Gellatly, recently received a parcel containing a copy of the November, 1975 issue of Reader's Digest, and a letter which read:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am returning this Digest I appropriated from the ground floor of your building earlier in the year, so that others may enjoy reading the story I so desperately needed to finish. May I recommend to all those who are interested, to read: 'Please Don't Hurt My Baby'. But don't forget to look over your shoulders if 'ya goin' ta nick it'.

Anonymous.

Ken says it cost the sender 60 cents in postage to return the book.



Think Victory!

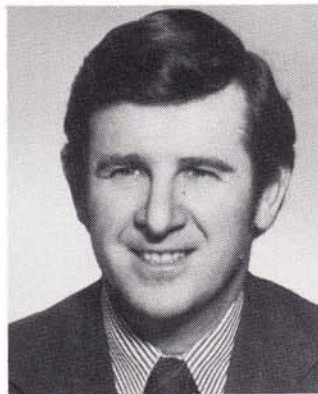
This little poem is displayed boldly on the wall of the State Bank Sports Pavilion, Albert Park reserve:

*Full many a game is lost
Before ever a goal is kicked,
And many a duffer fails
Before ever a team is picked.
Think big, and success will come
Think small, and you'll fall behind.
Think that you can, and you will . . .
It's all in the state of mind.
Sports battles don't always go
To the stronger or better man.
And sooner or later the one who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can.*

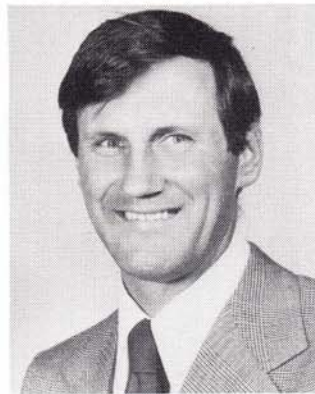
MEET OUR NEW MANAGERS



B. J. LAIDMAN
Peel St. Market



J. E. VERDON
Agency Examiner, Branch
Banking Dept.



P. C. JOHNSON
Stratford

Bachelor Brian has been overseas twice in the past year or so. He visited New Zealand and toured S.E. Asia with fellow staffers John Ferguson (Relieving Staff) and Reg Price (Keon Park). The trio plans to visit the USA early next year. Brian's spare time interests include surf-fishing and reading — travel books, naturally.

John is a real family man. He and wife Lynette have five children, including seven-year-old triplets. Their eldest is aged 10. "At one stage we had more nippers in nappies than the Queen Vic," says John. "Nowadays, we are kept pretty busy taking the kids to Little Aths. and their other activities, but we wouldn't change a thing."

Stratford is Peter's home town. He joined the Bank there in 1956, and lived locally until moving to Sale three years ago. He has kept up contacts in the town through Apex Club membership. In younger days, Peter played more than 300 matches in 17 seasons with Stratford Football Club. He and wife Norma have three young children.

Men, here's
the Boozer's
Guide on how
to tell when
you've had
one too many:

How to tell if you've had one over the .05!

STAGE 1. Usually hits you about 5.15 pm (assuming you've gone straight home from office to pub). You suddenly find all your worries have disappeared. A feeling of goodwill towards all men (and women) pervades your soul.

STAGE 2. You begin chatting up the barmaid, who has developed a distinct resemblance to Raquel Welch. Were your wife around at this point she would recognise the symptoms and remove you from the premises with the curt command, "You've had enough." She isn't, so you proceed to . . .

STAGE 3 at which you become a political expert. Speaking with a fluency you never knew you possessed, you discuss with anyone willing to listen, the unemployment problem, the impact of fluoridation, or the political implications of the Petro-Dollar. Colleagues who have imbibed roughly the same amount as yourself nod sagely and tell you 'you've got something there.'

STAGE 4 is easily recognisable. It's accompanied by a wild desire to burst into song. This stage may be accelerated if there happens to be music in the pub. Complications can ensue, however, if the pianist turns out to be playing 'Fernando' while you're singing 'Moon River'.

If the pub is a well-run establishment, you may, at this point, be invited to take your custom elsewhere. Which leads directly to . . .

STAGE 5, and by this time no blankety-blank barman is going to push you around. Throwing caution to the winds, you inform the entire company you're as good as any of them, that the barman's a Fascist, and that Carlton can beat South six days a week and twice on Sunday. The barman, a South supporter, gently escorts you to the door.

STAGE 6. You find yourself wandering along the street laughing. Trouble is, you're not quite sure what you're laughing at. Alternatively, you may be overwhelmed by the sadness of life, and find tears coursing down your cheeks.

STAGE 7. The tragedy is drawing remorselessly to close. It has been known at this stage for a reveller to find himself at a party and realise he has never set eyes on anyone in the room before.

STAGE 8. You may find yourself hanging round a telegraph pole in an unfamiliar part of town. The power's gone from your legs. You're shivering uncontrollably. The street is going round in circles. If you reach this stage, you are one over the eight, and it may well be that the local constabulary will shortly take a fatherly interest in you.

Then you've only two things to worry about: How much you'll be fined.

And what the wife will say when you get home!

Uniform Cold Cure

The girls at Ballarat East branch have come up with a warm and attractive outfit to help keep out winter chills. Their 'uniform' consists of brown slacks and contrasting bottle-green tops. Manager Don McKinnon added the finishing touch by supplying our silver 'symbol' pendants. "The girls look really smart and they have received many compliments from customers," says Don. Pictured from left to right are Karenne McLean (poster), Alison Hoare (typist), Heather Anderson (poster), Margaret Rodgers (refer clerk).



Miss Banks Finalists

Here are the girls who were on the short list to represent the State Bank at the 1976 Combined Banks Ball. The nomination went to Heather Dawes (Internal Audit Dept.) pictured top left. Other girl finalists were (top row, left to right) June Ridler and Robynne Oglevy (Correspondence Dept.) and (front row, left to right) Barbara Osborn and Sue Hewish (Relieving Tellers).



BRANCH STAFF OF THE MONTH



Here's a Lively Group!

The staff of Aspendale branch recently suggested that STATESMAN should introduce 'branch staff of the month' photos. What a good idea! Naturally we decided to feature Aspendale first, and here's the lively line-up of present staffers — with their interests and activities shown in brackets: BACK ROW (left to right): Norm Smart, teller (Bulldogs and Boxing fan); Peter Hibbert, A3 (Cricket and Football); John Matthews, Manager (Youth work and Gardening); Peter Taylor, A2 (Cricket, Football and The Local). FRONT (left to right): Judy Love, posting clerk (Netball and Studying); David John, teller (Pistol shooting and Gold Panning); Heather Walton, posting clerk (Basketball and Reading); Kay Bromfield, teller (The Dons and The Brownies). All are unmarried except John Matthews and Peter Hibbert.

Manager Matthews reports: 'The Aspendale staff are happy in their work, and with one another — and this spirit of friendship and goodwill is passed on to depositors, many of whom have praised the courtesy and consideration shown to them.'

'In the same spirit the branch staff extends very best wishes to officers throughout the service. We hope that by inaugurating this series of staff photographs we have helped widen and strengthen the bonds of fellowship among State Bank people everywhere.'

GONE 'FISHIN'



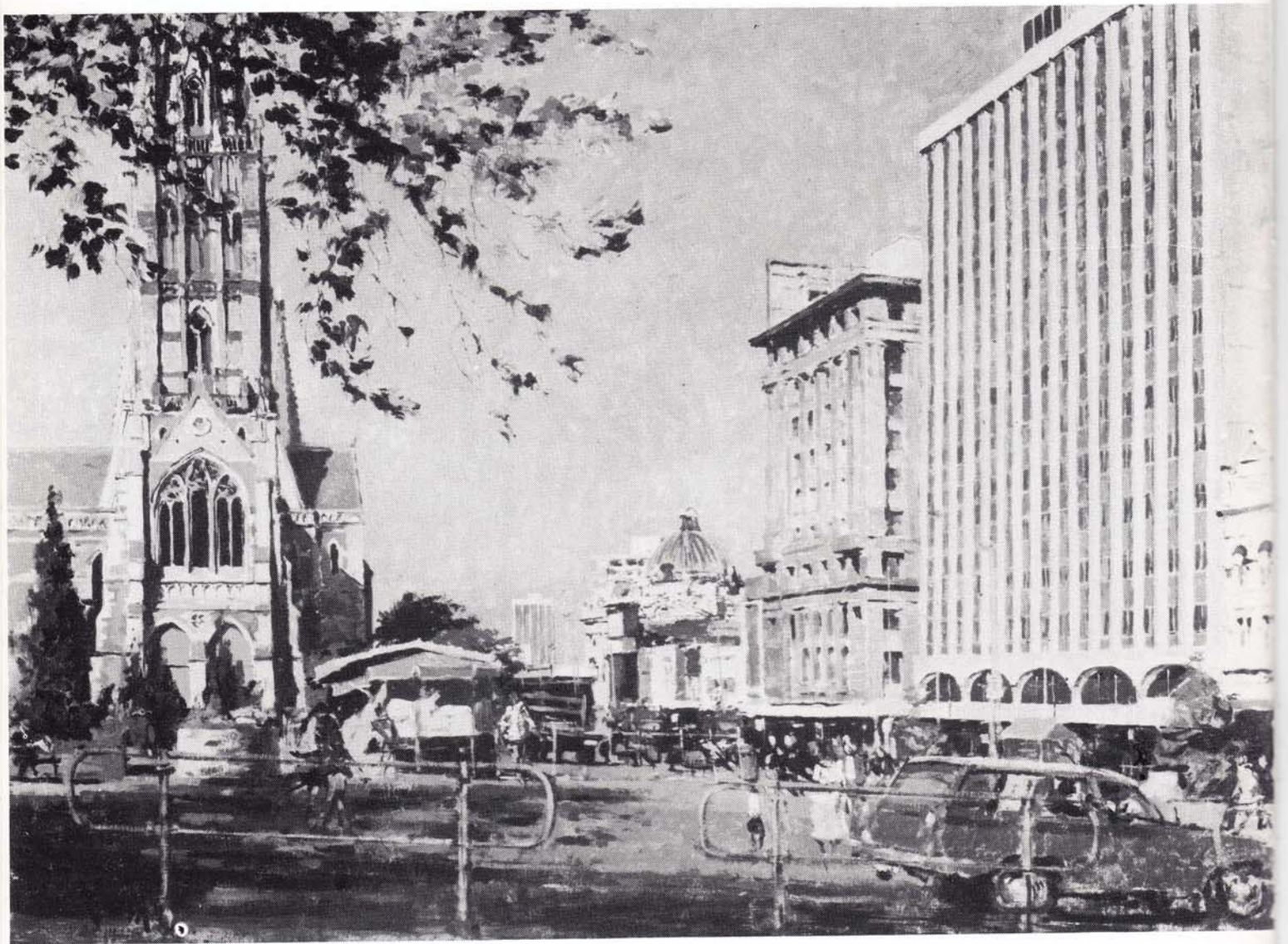
The following retirements have been reported to STATESMAN since our last edition:

JACK RUSH (Elizabeth St.)
RAE RASMUSSEN (Frankston)
BILL O'SULLIVAN (Colac)
BERT EDGOOSE (PH Hospital)
BILL MORRIS (Myrtleford)
GRAHAM HUTCHINSON (Shepparton)
FREDERICK WATTS (Building Dept.)

Puzzle Answers

1. CATCHER: 10 cats.
2. SPOT HIM: Quayley is the Packer. Spong is not an only child, and therefore cannot be the Packer. Quayley is therefore married to the sister of either the Painter or the Blackener, so he cannot be either one of those men.

We Go 'Bush' For City Square Painting



This painting of the City Square by the well-known Australian artist Charles Bush was commissioned by our General Manager Mr. Don Ross — specifically for the Bank's 1977 calendar illustration.

The painting shows, apart from the Square, our 45 Swanston Street branch and other buildings spanning several different periods of architecture. A similar painting by Charles Bush, depicting the old head office building, appeared on our 1964 calendar. The originals of both paintings will hang side by side in State Bank Centre, our future headquarters.

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