

# Statesman

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# Up she rises!



The tower, or core, of our State Bank Centre head office rebuilding project, has passed the 100 feet mark. It still has 450 feet to rise, but will soon climb above its once-dominant neighboring building — the GPO on the diagonally opposite corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne. Meanwhile, construction is proceeding in the depths of the big project, where concrete floors are being poured for plant rooms and basement car parks.

• Viewed from Little Collins Street, City, the tower of our State Bank Centre project is approaching the height of a Melbourne landmark — the G P O clock.



## The return of Ross

Mr. Don Ross, who retired in February as General Manager of the Bank, was welcomed back as a Commissioner on June 2 by Professor Donald Cochrane, Chairman of Commissioners. Mr. Ross was appointed to the Board in April for a seven-year term. In March he was appointed by the Victorian Government to membership of the Home Finance Trust.

## Statesman

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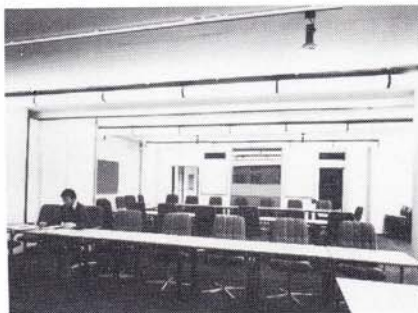
# Staff college set to go!\_\_\_\_\_

## Opening

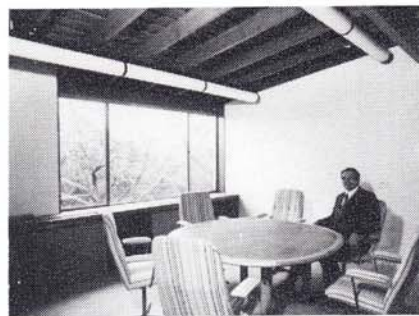
Mr. Lindsay Thompson, Deputy Premier of Victoria and Minister of Education, will officially open our new Staff College at Frankston on August 10. Invitees to the late-afternoon function include all State Bank Commissioners and senior executives, parliamentary and local government representatives. Mr. Thompson will set a commemorative plaque in the entrance foyer.

## The College

The State Bank residential Staff College, a \$1.4 million establishment in Stotts Lane, Baxter, south of Frankston, is set in 21 acres of natural bushland, studded with eucalypts, wattles and ferns. The College has been designed around existing trees, and landscaped to merge with its surroundings. It has 40 residential units, each with a bathroom, air-conditioning and a window with an outside view. There are two conference areas, equipped with film projection and audio-visual equipment, and, upstairs, six 'syndicate' rooms for small-group conferences. The dining room seats 56, and adjoins a spacious lounge, equipped with color television and a piano, with picture windows overlooking a wooded valley. All carpeting is in 'gumleaf green'. Recreation facilities include tennis and squash courts, heated pool, table tennis, billiards, barbecues. A walkway leads across a creekbed to a dam and undeveloped bushland which is being preserved as a sanctuary for native birds and animals.



**Conference rooms:** Equipped with comfortable chairs and latest lecture aids, including back-projection film screens.



**Syndicate rooms:** Principal Alan McNaught pictured in one of six meeting rooms set aside for small group talks.



**Bedrooms:** Air-conditioned motel-type units all have outside views and en-suite bathrooms.

## The Courses

Our new Staff College, administered by head office Personnel Department, is headed by Alan McNaught, Principal, assisted by John McPherson, Vice Principal, with supporting staff comprising a manager, five accountants and three clerks. Domestic staff (non-Bank) will include cooks, housekeepers, waitresses, cleaners and a handyman gardener. Live-in courses of three weeks' duration will be conducted (from mid-August) for managers and accountants, separately and simultaneously. Most participants will come from branches. Lecturers will be drawn from the Bank and from commerce and industry. Broad objectives of the courses: education, motivation and recreation. Instruction will take the form of lectures, discussions, films, case studies and role-playing.

Broad areas of study will be:

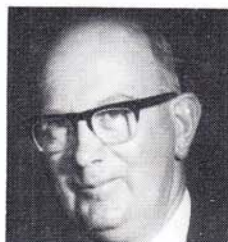
- Development of the Individual (communication, decision-making, problem-solving, health, etc.).
- Banking Environment (social change, economics, government policies, Reserve Bank role, etc.).
- Banking and Finance Practice (lending, analysis and interpretation of financial statements, valuations, banking law, etc.).
- Marketing and Business Development (business acquisition, customer relations).
- Management, Organisation and Human Behaviour (office organisation, management techniques, motivation, job enrichment, etc.).
- Staff Training and Development (in-branch training, learning theory and situations, responsibilities of managers and supervisors).



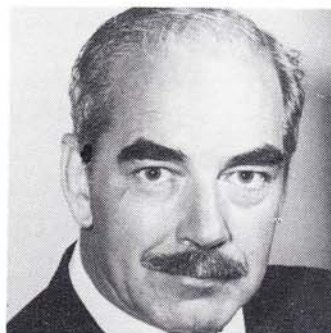
**Walkway:** Crosses creek into acres of unspoiled bushland . . . a sanctuary for birds, wombats and other native animals.



# EXECUTIVE GALLERY



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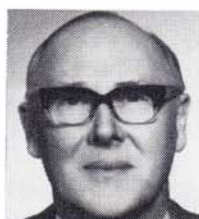
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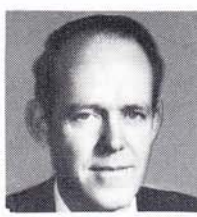
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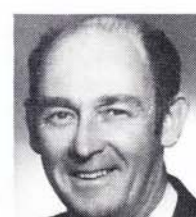
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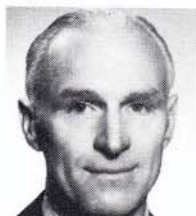
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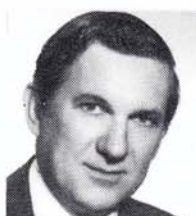
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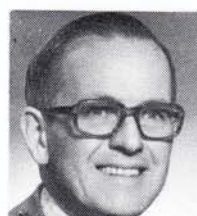
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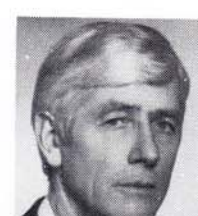
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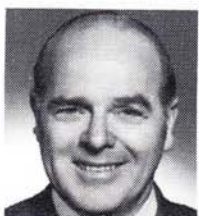
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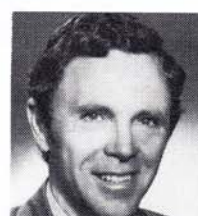
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# Fairfield Staffers Foiled Thief!

A man who tried to defraud an elderly lady depositor of \$800 was recently detected and captured by the teamwork of Fairfield branch officers. The man phoned the lady and posed as a bank detective investigating alleged frauds committed by bank tellers. He then called at her home, where she was persuaded to hand over her State Bank passbook and a signed withdrawal order, so that he could "trap" an allegedly dishonest teller at our Fairfield branch. When the man presented the order at the branch shortly afterward, teller Denise Callahan referred it to accountant Colin Wilson for cancellation of the signature. Meanwhile accountant John Williams was taking a phone call from the lady, who had become suspicious. At this stage, the thief left the branch. After quickly comparing notes, Wilson and Williams set off in pursuit. They followed the man through several streets before detaining him and returning with him to the bank, where police arrested him a few minutes later.

Denise Callahan, Colin Wilson and John Williams received letters from the Deputy Chief Manager, Branch Banking, commending their alertness and initiative.



Colin Wilson (left) with fellow fraud-foilers Denise Callahan and John Williams.

## \$1000 rewards for bandit convictions

Two Vermont butchers earned \$1000 each — from a fast phone call.

Doug Oxley and Brian Cavill rang police on July 2 last year to report the number of a getaway car used in a bandit raid on our largest Agency — Pink's Hardware Store in Canterbury Road, Vermont East. Two bandits tied up Mr. Ian Pink, our agent, and bashed him on the head with a rifle butt after grabbing \$419 from a safe and cash drawer. Police arrested the raiders soon after receiving the phone tip from Doug and Brian in their nearby shop. Meanwhile the butchers gave first aid to Mr. Pink, who was subsequently treated in hospital for jaw injuries. The bandits were convicted in December and were sentenced to effective gaol terms of 18 months and 3 years.

State Bank agency examiner Barry Bilton presented the reward cheques to Doug and Brian at the scene of the crime — the hardware store/agency — in the presence of the proprietor, who is now, happily, again in the pink of condition. The Vermont rewards brought the total given by the Bank this year to \$5500. Earlier rewards were \$2500 for the capture of a bandit at Heathcote and \$1000 for information leading to conviction of a Balwyn North sub-branch bandit.

## Butchers in for their chop



• AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, butchers Doug Oxley (left) and Brian Cavill received \$1000 rewards from State Bank examiner Barry Bilton in the presence of Mr. Ian Pink, our Vermont East agent.



# State Secrets by the Teller



BANK manager — with long experience in the lending field — retired and bought a small service station. When the first customer drove in and said "Fill her up, mate" the ex-banker automatically asked "Won't half a tank do, sir?"

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ANOTHER retired manager took up clock repairing, without much success. A cuckoo clock he fixed now "oos" before it "cucks".

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LITTLE old lady who called at branch to have her passbook balance checked told the counter clerk "I'm fairly sure my book balances, but just in case, because of all the metrics business, I'd like you to check it again on your scales".

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SAME little old lady wanted branch staff to verify that there was an invisible signature in the front of her passbook. "I can't see one," she said.

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HEAD office cleaner was ripped off when he bought a so-called talking parrot. The bird turned out to be lazy. All it would say was "Rhubarb, rhubarb, rhubarb".

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HEAR about the mean-spirited manager who trained homing pigeons, then moved to a new address?

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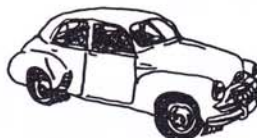
PUBLIC phone hoppers are a well-known breed, but a woman recently broke all records at 45 Swanston Street city branch when she yakked away on a red phone continuously from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. At closing time she refused to leave, until staff threatened to call police.

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HEAD office manager's wife, who is learning to drive, recently managed her first U-turn . . . in a car wash.

# CAR-TALK

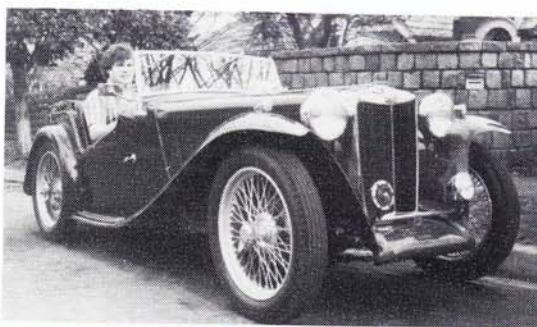
— by TS



• **Stable Holds.** "Radial Tuned Suspension" in the Torana/Sunbird range means a new standard of road behavior for GM cars. Hopefully big brother Kingswood will receive the "RTS" treatment soon.

• **Sweet 16 — or lemon?** Head Office accountant, with a preference for European cars, recently bought a locally built Renault 16TS, and now has greater understanding of sales successes of bland but well-built Japanese products. His new car had the following faults on delivery: hatchback lock inoperative, rear window demister not working, small dent in bonnet, patches of black paint on bodywork. In addition there were several waterleaks, and more rattles than a day nursery. Two days later, with a mere 175 km on the speedo, a driveshaft seized and the car was tow-trucked back to the dealer's. Fortunately the \$250 repair job was covered by warranty. Within the next 1500 km the rear vision mirror fell off (twice), the electric windows packed up and the engine transmission began to leak oil. Remember when "Made in Australia" was a claim we made proudly?

• **Inflation Beater.** It sounds like the ideal recipe: four door European import boasting independent suspension, laminated windscreen, radial tyres, four speed wipers, carpets, cloth covered seats, 40 m.p.g., category one insurance. It's Skoda's 110L from Czechoslovakia, bringing with it a reputation for rugged reliability, and priced at \$4057 on the road it is hundreds of dollars cheaper than Corolla/Gemini type competitors. Distributors MW Motors (the former Alfa people) claim a good supply of spares. Possible "catches" to this bargain may be mediocre finish, "interesting" handling and microscopic dealer network.



• **Golden Oldie of the Month:** John Dunstan (General Manager's Dept.) is pictured at the wheel of his MGTC. This 30-year-old British classic is now a real collector's item. Powered by a 1250 cc motor, it could comfortably hit the "ton" in its heyday.

## Inventions

The following new inventions, still to be patented, have been reported to STATESMAN, and we will be interested in hearing about any others dreamed up by the staff:

- SPOT REMOVER fluid to remove the spots left by spot removers.
- BLANK VISITING CARD for managers who wish to remain anonymous.
- DEODORANT flavored with chlorine, to make people think you own a pool.
- HOLLOW SOAP, to eliminate those left-over little bits.
- INFLATABLE PLASTIC GNOMES to take on picnics and camping holidays.
- RUBBER-SUCTION medals for nudists to wear on Anzac Day.





Taal Lake and Volcano viewed from Tagaytay City.

# Go Away!



Statesman Travel Notes by  
Gordon Northcott,  
Manager, Thomas Cook - State Bank  
Travel Service

## THE PHILIPPINES—LAST BARGAIN IN THE ORIENT

Volcanoes, rice terraced mountain-sides, rapids and waterfalls, old Spanish culture, and the 'Santan' — can all be discovered by you in the PHILIPPINES, where all locally-produced goods are bargains.

'Santan' is the beautiful national flower of the Philippines, — and also the name of our Thomas Cook programme of tours available to that area.

Combine the Philippines with a visit to Hong Kong and Japan and you have the

excitement of Asia in a nutshell; — and it can all be done comfortably within 18 days.

As a State Bank staff member or Annuitant you can take a tour at special rates, provided you make your reservation through one of our Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel branches.

An example of approximate costs are \$770 for 7 days in Philippines, \$1000 for 14 days (including Hong Kong) and \$1400 for 18 days visiting Philippines,

Hong Kong and Japan. The costs include your return Air travel, Economy Class; accommodation in good three star Hotels; Continental Breakfasts; and transportation to and from airports and hotels.

So, if you'd like to see a 'Santan' get a brochure from your nearest Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel office. (Remember we now have three — one at Bourke Street, one at Flinders Street and another at Boronia.)

### Frustrations

LOOKING for the end of a roller towel.

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TRYING to slam a revolving door.

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JOGGING in Venice.

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SLIDING up bannisters.

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SORTING hundreds and thousands.

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DRYING your hair in a micro-wave oven.

### PUZZLE CORNER

1. REHASH: Change FISH to FOWL, altering one letter and creating a new word each time rearranging the order of letters.
2. WHAT NEXT? What are the next two letters in this series?  
A E F H I K L M
3. BRAIN-FAG: A derelict collects cigarette butts, and is able to make one cigarette out of every seven butts. One day he manages to find 49 butts. How many cigarettes can he now make?

Answers on page 14





## Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary



• Tennis ace Alan Hutchins proudly displays the latest addition to his collection of country club trophies.

## Seymour: Travelling Champ

According to accountant Alan Hutchins, promotion does wonders for your tennis. He recently won the Seymour Tennis Club Championship, and completed a hat-trick of country club titles. Last year, while A2 at Echuca branch, he was champ of the local club, and in 1975 when A3 at Alexandra he cleaned up that town's tennis titles — for the tenth time since 1962. Seymour branch manager Ron Wilson reports that Alan recently bought himself a new racquet, and so the bookies have him at very short odds for next year's championships.

## Ashwood: "Miss Marching"

Teller Robyn Lawson, 22 (pictured), is Australia's top marching girl — and that's official. She was judged best team leader after guiding her "Fawkner RSL Marines" to their third successive Australian championship in recent national titles in Brisbane.

Although Robyn was taking part in her fifth Australian championships, her individual and team victories followed months of hard work, involving up to 20 hours of practice each week.

"The friendships, opportunities for travel and the satisfaction you get in perfecting difficult manoeuvres makes it all worthwhile," says Robyn. "Our team of ten hopes to compete in New Zealand in October — provided we can raise the \$8000 for fares."



• Photo by courtesy The Sun.





• Our new \$86,000 Romsey branch premises.

## Romsey:

### Comfy New Home

It was a big day for the branch when it recently moved out of cramped quarters into new premises costing \$86,000. The building provides new comforts for staff and customers alike. A wide glass frontage and roof skylight allow lots of natural light into the roomy two-teller office. The banking chamber is carpeted and air-conditioned, and the cedar-panelled ceiling complements blackwood counter fittings. The building was designed by Bank architect Duncan Caporn.

## Wendouree:

### Bouquets for Burkie

Ballarat Shire President Cr. Reg. Kinnersley paid glowing tributes to the Bank and manager Michael Burke when he officially opened new \$170,000 branch premises in June. At a function attended by senior Bank executives and more than 80 local residents, Cr. Kinnersley congratulated and thanked the Bank for its foresight in establishing the branch 12 years ago, and for its continued role in local progress. He said that Michael Burke was to be praised for the way he had conducted the branch since its opening. Cr. Kinnersley said the attractive Bank-designed building was a fine addition to the Wendouree shopping centre, and set the standard for future commercial premises. In reply, General Manager Mr. Harry Torrens said that the branch reflected the Bank's confidence in Wendouree's future.

## Syndal:

### An A1 Mayor

Accountant Grade 1 Graeme Duggan (pictured) will late this month become mayor of the City of Springvale. He is currently chairman of the Springvale and Noble Park Sewerage Authority, and will squeeze his mayoral duties into an already tight sparetime schedule. Graeme, a City councillor for four years and a life governor of the Royal Women's Hospital, belongs to many organisations which, collectively, benefit the community as a whole, from pre-schoolers to pensioners. As mayor, Graeme will represent some 80,000 Springvale citizens in local government matters, and will chair com-

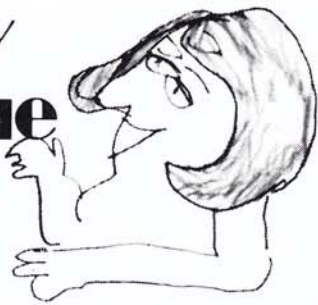


mittees concerned with provision of essential services and community recreational facilities.

**Footnote:** Graeme is the second State Bank accountant to lead a municipality in the past year. Last September Mike Parks, our Geelong business promotions officer, became president of the Shire of Corio.



## Teller Talk by Sue



**BUMMER** is defined by Heinemann's Australian dictionary as 'a disappointment'. OK, so here are some bummerers well known to all bank tellers:

- Having your Closed sign up, and somebody asks if you're open.
- A customer giving you seven transactions — one at a time.
- Finding Twenties in the Tens, and not knowing how they got there.

ANY other bummer reports? I'll pay \$3 for each one published.

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**OVERHEARD** in the queue: "The hardest thing to get these days is easy money".

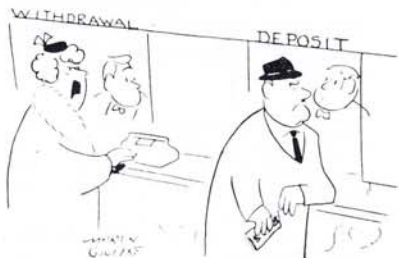
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*OUR accountant complained about seeing purple spots and red blurs before his eyes. "Have you seen an optician?" I asked him. "No," he said, "just purple spots and red blurs".*

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**HAVE** you noticed how, when somebody says "It's only money" they're usually talking about yours?

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**OUR** manager and his wife have been a bit worried about their 21-year-old daughter. He says "She wants to find a nice boy and settle down. We want her to get married".

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**HOW** to look young: always get around with Oldies.

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*NOTE from branch depositor: 'My apologies for delay in replying to your request. I have been on holiday, followed by my secretary.'*



## Elephant walk into Tiger territory

Graham Marks, district manager, who recently enjoyed a most unusual annual leave in India, Nepal and Malaysia, recalls some of the highlights:

Want a holiday trip with a difference? Try touring India by plane, car, elephant and canoe.

My wife Dorothy and I spent two weeks in India, followed by a fortnight in Nepal and Malaysia. All-up cost for the month including fares, accommodation, excursions and breakfasts, was about \$1400 each.

We flew from Sydney to Bombay, then on to Delhi. From here we toured major cities like Jaipur and Agra by car for seven days before flying to Katmandu in Nepal, and on to the "Jungle Lodge" in Royal Chitwan National Park.

At the lodge we lived in three houses equipped with flush toilets and solar-heated showers. We travelled on elephant-back into the jungle to search for game — rhino, buffalo, deer and Bengal tigers.

From 'Tiger Tops' lodge we returned to Katmandu for a 200-mile return flight along the edge of the Himalayas and Mount Everest. Then we were flown to Calcutta, Madras and Singapore. During the Indian section of the trip we made 15 flights in 8 different planes, and travelled more than 800 miles by car.

We had to buy all midday and evening meals, but they were cheap, averaging about \$1 per person. Even the best hotels charged only about \$5 a double for a three-course meal (well up to



Graham and Dorothy Marks at the Taj Mahal

Australian restaurant standards) and often there was live musical entertainment at no extra cost. It seemed to us that the modern world has made very little impact on India, especially outside the major cities. Most people there are still driving oxen or donkeys, carrying water in jars, and pushing handcarts along dusty roads. If you removed the occasional motor car, and all the bicycles, much of India would look as it must have done in Biblical times.

## Indian Banking by degrees

Want a banking job in India, as a typist clerk? Before applying, you'll need a university degree in Commerce, Arts or Science, plus a typing speed of 45 words per minute. Also you will have to be aged between 18 and 25 years.

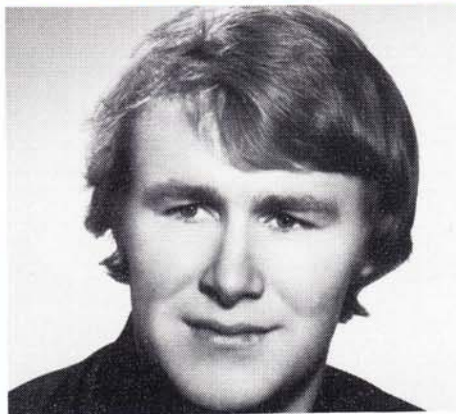
A classified ad. seeking one typist clerk for 'a leading nationalised bank'

appeared in a copy of the Indian Express — a Bombay newspaper picked up by our District Manager Graham Marks on his holiday tour. The ad. was about nine inches deep and contained more than 700 words about the job specifications and the correct method of preparing applications.



# Girl & Guy of the month

## Steamin' Demon



Auburn branch teller Bob Walters, 21, a budding V.F.L. forward, recently made his debut with Melbourne Seniors. It was a triumph for Bob who earlier this season (his second with the Reserves) was sidelined for seven weeks with a bad ankle injury. With demon determination he bounced back and kicked six goals in his re-appearance with the Reserves. Days later he was selected as 20th man for one of the Seniors' night matches, and kicked three goals when given a run after half-time. Soon after, Bob played his first day game with the Seniors and kicked a handy goal during a low scoring match played in appalling conditions. Bob, however, is an expert goalsneak. Two years ago he booted 150 for Romsey and won the Riddell League goalkicking and best and fairest awards. Last season he topped the V.F.L. Reserves goalkicking for "home and away" matches but was eventually pipped by a player from another club that took part in the finals. Footy occupies most of Bob's spare time from November to September, but during summer he manages to play tennis and make regular visits to his hometown, Romsey. Bob's Scorpio starscope suggests he has "willpower and courage to overcome setbacks and to shoot straight to the top". Subjects of other water signs Pisces or Cancer should provide astrological amity.

## Sun-seeker



Kerry Hyde, an 18-year-old typist from Overseas Department, is a sun-worshipper who thrives on summer heat and enjoys spending days at the beach swimming and sunbaking. Cold, wet weather is Kerry's only pet hate and unfortunately conditions were such the day she courageously posed (complete with goosebumps) for this photo. During winter months Kerry keeps warm by playing netball. She began playing the game when she was 11 and has been attack-wing with the Dingley Netball Club for three years. Recently her team was upgraded to Open A division and it is presently gathering strength for possible future victories. Kerry lives in Dingley with her parents. She has a steady boy friend and enjoys going out with friends to movies and pop concerts. Her other sparetime activities include reading, and listening to a variety of musical groups including the Eagles and the Doobie Brothers. Kerry's horoscope says: "Sagittarius women are often fair and attractive, with physical courage and a great sense of adventure. They accept others as they are and are true optimists". Kerry's plans for the future display a sense of adventure — she is keen to travel overseas and perhaps combine business with pleasure through working in the Bank's London Office.

### OPTICAL ERROR

Your house as seen by .....



.....The architect or Real Estate Agent



..... Yourself



.....The finance company .....The insurance man



.....The taxation department



## Netball Premiers

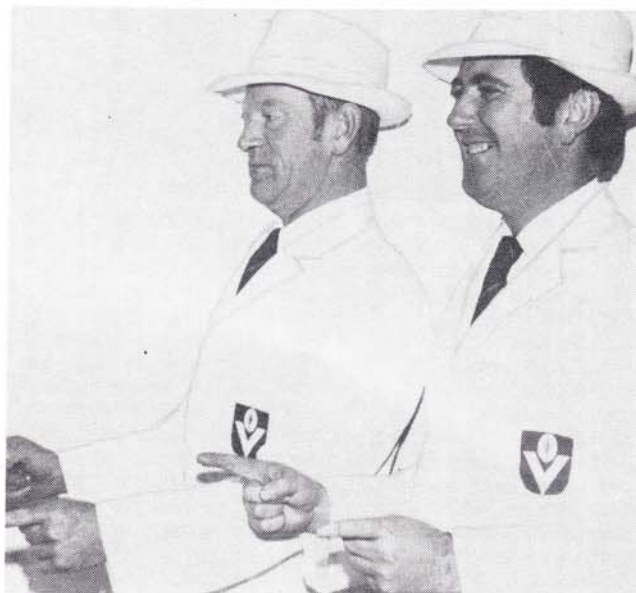
The Bank's Netball team was really on the ball in June when it won the Section 1 "Autumn" premiership in the Victorian Netball Association.



Members of the triumphant team pictured are (from left): Lyn Sullivan (Elizabeth Street), Gail Smith (Bankcard Dept.), Evelyn Formica (Business Promotions), Rose Lindsay (Footscray West), and Robyn Magnuson (Premises Dept.).

## Goals achieved

Two State Bank staffers have become V.F.L. goal umpires. Doug Langham (printer, Services Division) and Peter Taylor (A1, Aspendale branch) graduated to the senior panel after several years as reserve grade "goallies" with much finals' experience. Coincidentally, Geelong full-forward Larry Donohue (teller, Ryrie Street), last season's top goalkicker, played in the first senior match Peter and Doug umpired together.



• New V.F.L. goal umpires Doug Langham (left) and Peter Taylor.

## Footy Club sees red

Thirty-one State Bank Football Club members last month gave up a Sunday morning to answer a Blood Bank "call to arms" — and made one of the biggest-ever mass donations of blood at Red Cross headquarters. The footballers helped the Blood Bank "get into the red" during an appeal to sporting groups when "reserves" were down to a mere three days' supply. The inter-bank transfer of liquid assets was filmed by GTV9 and televised that night during a news session.



• A Red Cross nurse explains the withdrawal procedure while the fellas enjoy a remark made in a lighter vein. Footballers pictured (from left) are: Peter Wabbis (Relieving Staff), Peter Wynd (Elizabeth Street), Robert Aliott (Internal Audit), Stuart Cloke (Valuers' Dept.), Phil Brennan (Kew East), and Peter Mitchell (Mortgage Loans Dept.).



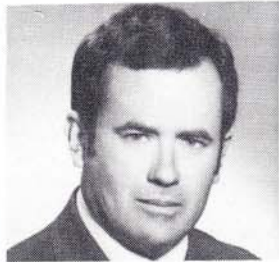
## B.A.S.C. Bound

This year, for the first time, we are sending two delegates to the annual Bankers' Administrative Staff College. They are Peter Murray, manager, Overseas Department, and Murray Marshallsea, Staff Manager (Reports). The eight-week course will be held at Kirribilli, Sydney, from September 1.

Assistant Principal of B.A.S.C. for 1977 will be Scott Walters, Secretary to the Commissioners. Specialist speakers will include Professor Donald Cochrane, Chairman of Commissioners, in his capacity as Professor of Economics and Dean of the Faculty of Economics at Monash University, and Ross Strang, Chief Manager, E.D.P.



• Murray Marshallsea



• Peter Murray

## You and your Newspaper

In case you haven't caught up with this analysis of Australian daily newspaper readers, the following item "You and Your Paper" appeared in a recent issue of the Printing Trades Journal:

- The MELBOURNE AGE is read by the people who run the country.
- The CANBERRA TIMES is read by the people who think they run the country.
- The SYDNEY MORNING HERALD is read by the people who think they ought to run the country.
- The MELBOURNE HERALD is read by the wives of the people who run the country.
- The FINANCIAL REVIEW is read by the people who own the country.
- The WEST AUSTRALIAN is read by the people who think the Eastern States run the country.
- The MELBOURNE SUN and the HOBART MERCURY are read by the people who think the country ought to be run the way it used to be run.
- The ADELAIDE ADVERTISER and BRISBANE COURIER-MAIL are read by the people who think it still is.
- The SYDNEY DAILY MIRROR is read by the people who don't care who runs the country as long as they've got big busts.

## Visit to staff foster-child

Bali Charlie, Personal Loans Balinese foster child, saw his first Europeans when Peter Galletly (Manager Advances) and his family visited Charlie in May. (In our last issue we reported how Charlie was being supported by the profits of soft-drink sales in Personal Loans Department.) Although Charlie was shy, Peter said he posed for photographs and handled the situation very well. It took two days of travelling by taxi, four wheel drive and on foot to reach Charlie's village of Kubu in northern Bali, which is considered by many Balinese to be at the ends of the earth. The Galletlys were greeted by Charlie and his family, and a reception party of neighbors who remained in the background observing throughout the visit. Representatives of the Foster Parents Plan and the village acted as interpreters. Peter presented Charlie with a photo of the Personal Loans staff, an "Australian Down-Under" T-shirt and some rice for his family. The visitors were then treated to a morning tea of thick black coffee, rice cakes and coconut palm fruit served under the trees on bamboo mats (the family's beds). Crockery had been borrowed from a village woman who keeps a communal collection for use on such special occasions. The refreshments were a feast by village standards, as coffee, tea, sugar and rice are goods which must be bought. In the volcanic dust the villagers can grow only sweet potato, tapioca, red beans, coconuts and bananas. "Poor but happy" is how one man described his people. Peter said they appeared to have only the clothes they were wearing, and the children's heads were shaved for reasons of hygiene — the climate is hot, and salty water for washing and drinking must be carried from six kilometres away.

Charlie's home consists of a primitive sleeping hut (12' x 15'), kitchen hut (12' x 9') and one other used for housing two cows. The money the family is paid for minding the cows and one pig is their only source of income (\$4.50 a month) apart from F.P.P. funding. Peter was impressed with the way money is handled by the Foster Parents Plan



• Bali Charlie and his family.

— 85% is used directly on projects and 15% on administrative costs. In Kubu, concrete wells have been built for storing water during the wet season, a new primary school is nearing completion and the village will soon be employing a doctor. At present Charlie, who is in grade one, walks about four kilometres to school each day. His family receives towels, soap, kitchen utensils and daily necessities as well as the monthly cash grant which is spent on food and clothes. Pete said the visit to Charlie was the highlight of his trip to Bali. "It was good to visit a place where no tourists had ever been and to see how worthwhile our financial contribution is," he said.





## Whispers in the Lift

Can you stop speaking in clichés?  
No way.

★

Do you ever give a straight answer?  
Yes and no.

★

What made you give up your  
switchboard job?  
Eh?

★

Why do they call you illiterate?  
I aint got no idea.

★

Don't you think you're being a bit  
pompous?  
We are not pompous in the least.

★

Do you set a good example for your  
English class?  
Hopefully, at this point of time, yes.

★

Astrology is absolute nonsense. I don't  
know or care what my sign is, and I  
won't talk about it.  
Hmm. Obviously a Taurus.

★

The man I marry will need to have the  
good looks of Robert Redford, the wit  
of Benny Hill and the courage of Evel  
Knievel.  
Isn't it lucky that we met?

★

Where have you been all my life?  
Well, for the first 20 years of it I  
wasn't even born.

★

My wife brought something new into  
my life: Boredom.

★

The best thing for your health is to  
give up drinking and smoking.  
What's the next best thing?

## Cook gold medallions have doubled value

Captain Cook gold medallions, originally sold for \$100 each, now bring more than \$200, reports Allan Renshaw, manager, Doncaster Shoppingtown branch, in the following letter to STATESMAN.

"Many of our staff will recall the excitement generated around 1969/1970 by the release for sale of the Bank's Cook Medallions in gold, silver and bronze, as part of the Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations. The interest created was widespread, both public and staff clamoring particularly for the very limited striking of 100 gold medallions by Messrs. Stokes (Australasia) Limited. Of these, 50 were allocated to the public and 50 to our staff. Ballots were found necessary to assist in the fair distribution of the medallions, such was the demand. Over the years, the value of the gold medallions, which were sold for \$100, has steadily increased, and one was sold recently for \$210 at a regular public coin auction conducted by a well-known numismatist and stamp dealer — Mr. P. J. Downie of Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. It appears that the bidding was spirited as the estimated sale price of the medallion, as catalogued prior to the sale, was stated as \$150. Perhaps one of our staff was the purchaser?"

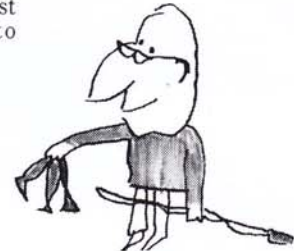
## Translations

If a lady tells a man "No"  
You can assume "Perhaps"  
If she says "Perhaps"  
You can assume "Yes"  
If she says "Yes"  
She's no lady.

## Gone Fishin'

The following June-July and early August retirements have been reported to STATESMAN:

KEITH LAVERS (St. Vincent's Hospital)  
BILL PAMPHILON (Clayton)  
BOB BENNETT (315 Collins Street)  
GEORGE HORTLE (Geelong)  
DES PALMER (St. Kilda Road)  
MICK O'HALLORAN (Reservoir)  
DICK WINTOUR (Emergency Staff)  
VIC PETERING (Emergency Staff)



## PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. REHASH: FISH, FIST, FAST, PAST, PASS, PALS, PALL, TALL, TOLL, TOOL, FOOL, FOWL.
2. WHAT NEXT? N and T. These are the next two letters in the alphabet which are formed by straight lines.
3. BRAIN-FAG: Eight. He makes seven, which can then be smoked to yield seven butts — enough to make an eighth cigarette.





**I. R. DOAK** Elmore

Ian's sporting interests include golf and cricket. He plays golf at Rosanna Golf Club where he is a member, and has only recently retired from the Surrey Park/Surrey Hills Cricket Club, after ten years as a player and four years as an A-grade team captain. Ian is married with a one-year-old son and two daughters aged seven and four.



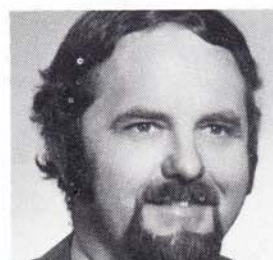
**G. J. SPENCE** Systems Group, Branch Mechanisation

A keen cricketer, bachelor Graham was a member of the Bank's premiership cricket team in the early sixties. He is treasurer of the South Yarra/Windsor Cricket Club and has played with the club for five years. Graham's other interests include playing golf and making renovations to his newly acquired home in Dingley.



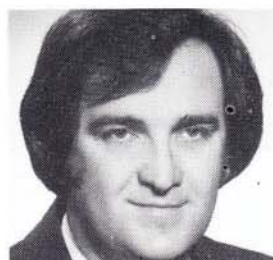
**P. FITZHENRY** Business Promotions, Marketing

Peter has been a one-eyed Hawks supporter for 27 years. He belongs to the Hawthorn Football Social Club and faithfully attends matches during the season with his wife and sons aged 11 and seven. Peter keeps fit by kicking a footy around the backyard with his sons and by playing a weekly game of squash.



**A. W. CLARK** Staff College

Alan is a former coach of the State Bank's Football team and a former assistant coach and player with the V.F.A. Frankston. He is still a keen footy fan, although his sporting activities are now limited to social squash and tennis. Alan is married with an eight-year-old son and a daughter aged five.



**J. DIMTSIS** Migrant Promotions, Marketing

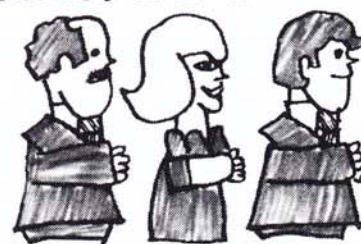
Greek-born John is treasurer of the Victorian Soccer Federation and Fitzroy Soccer Club, and he manages the Victorian Soccer team. At present he is in Greece on long service leave with his wife and two young children. While there he will be attending a Pan Macedonian international conference, as the national treasurer of the Association in Australia.



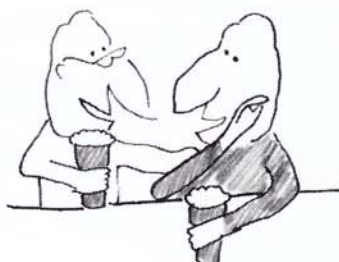
**B. E. THOMPSON** Relieving Staff

Brian, who is married with four children, trains the Edithvale Rovers Under 10 Football team and acts as a general helper and fund-raiser for the club. He says he is kept busy with football and acting as a taxi-service for a junior 'ballerina' in the family. He plays squash in his spare time.

## Meet Our new Managers



## On the Grape- vine



## Remember when?

Remember when HIPPY meant big in the hips, and a TRIP involved travel in cars, planes or ships?

When lights and not people were TURNED ON or off, and the PILL was intended to help cure a cough.

When GROOVY meant furrowed, with channels and hollows, and BIRDS were winged creatures, like robins and swallows.

When FUZZ was a substance all fluffy like lint, and BREAD came from bakeries — not from the Mint.

When a ROLL was a bun and ROCK was a stone, and HUNG UP was something you did on the phone.

When CHICKEN meant poultry and a BAG was a sack, and JUNK was just cast-offs and old bric-a-brac.

When a SWINGER was someone who swung in a swing, and PAD was a sort of a cushiony thing.

When WAY OUT meant distant and far, far away, and a man wouldn't sue you for calling him GAY.

IT'S GROOVY, DAD, GROOVY, BUT ENGLISH IT'S NOT, METHINKS THAT OUR LANGUAGE IS GOING TO POT!

— The Old Codger



# What they say (on the phone) and what we visualise

— cartoons by Darma Yeomans.



"HE'S JUST STEPPED OUT OF THE BUILDING".



"HE'S ON THE PHONE".



"HE'S ROUND AT THE BACK".



"HE'S TIED UP WITH MR. BLOGGS".

Almost a century ago . . .

## How to defend banks from hold-up men

The following letter, which appeared in *The Australasian Insurance and Banking Record* magazine in October 1879, shows that the bank bandit problem — and suggested solutions — have been with us for 100 years.

**BANKS AND BUSHRANGERS.**

TO THE EDITOR: SIR, the frequent successful raids on banks with which we have been familiar of late suggest additional precautions for the defence of banks in the districts infested by bushrangers. The uniform success of these worthies, whether in a house or in the open, lies in surprise. They choose time and place, are heavily armed, and are often, if not generally, more numerous than those immediately opposed to them. Measures must therefore be taken to reduce these odds in favor of the attacking party by putting the banks in a posture of defence, like a camp or fort in Zululand.

On the outer edge of the bank-counter I would place a wooden partition, the top of which should be eight or nine feet from the floor, sufficient in fact to prevent a man springing over it, with one or more iron gratings, of which the bars should be sufficiently far apart to enable money and notes to be passed either way between them. There should also be a door in the partition fastened on the inside for the admission of customers or others when required. In a position commanding the grating or gratings I would erect a

bullet-proof, loop-holed screen or turret, presenting a semicircular or angular front to the enemy, from which a clerk might fire safely at his leisure. This screen should also be so arranged that the clerk might reach it from the desk without exposure to the enemy's fire.

As the general habit in the colonies is to leave doors and windows open, I would have iron bars fixed to every window in the bank, including the private apartments, and inner doors of iron grating (for the sake of ventilation as well as defence) inside of every external door, as may be seen on the continent of Europe and the Spanish-American colonies. If in spite of this protection the manager and clerks allowed themselves to be surprised, the fault would be theirs alone, and they should be held responsible accordingly.

One more precaution remains to be adopted, if desirable, which is to have a large bell fixed on the top of the building, the rope of which should be in the bank office, to enable the clerks to alarm the neighbours.

I think these precautions would go far to turn the table on our bushranging friends, and contribute to their capture in the event of attack.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

— September 22nd, 1879,

A SUBSCRIBER.

(submitted by Chief Economist Frank Garlick.)