



Statesman



State Bank Centre Tower

Past Half Way Up!



The tower core of State Bank Centre project has climbed more than halfway to its target height of 550 feet above street level.

Already, the tower, at the central-city Bourke/Elizabeth streets intersection, is dwarfing the 188-ft-high G.P.O. clock diagonally opposite.

The head office rebuilding project, commenced in April 1976, is now taking shape at lower levels:

- Basement carpark floors have been formed.
- Most of the heavy plant for emergency power generation, air-conditioning and sprinkler-systems is already in place.
- Escalators to link the street level banking chamber with a lower level have been positioned.
- A strongroom has been formed with walls of 2-ft-thick reinforced concrete and 4-ft-thick ceiling.
- Some exterior wall panels of reconstructed granite have been fitted, but are still largely obscured by scaffolding.

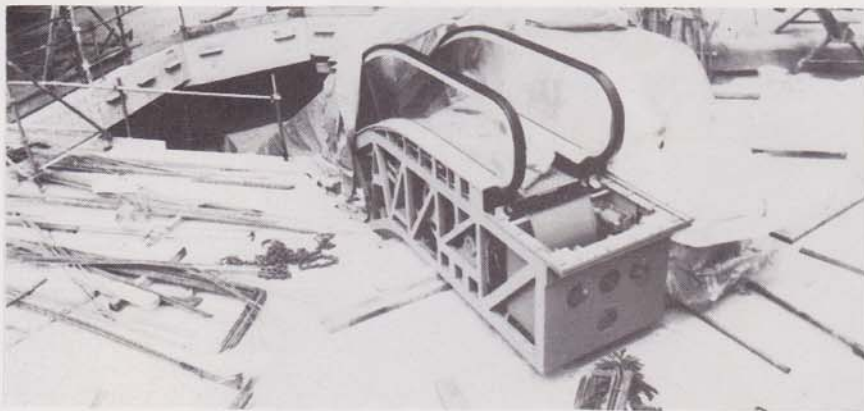
Since the beginning of this year, more than 200 workmen have been employed daily on the project.

Completion date is still a 'big question mark', according to the Bank's Project Manager, Jack Horsley.

... And Going Down

Pictured left are the escalators which will operate between the new street-level banking chamber and other branch facilities on a lower floor.

This photo is one of hundreds taken by Project Manager Jack Horsley of various stages of the State Bank Centre project since construction began 2¼ years ago.



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Paintings for the People_____



- 'The Brothers' by ROBERT DICKERSON, born 1924. He took up painting seriously in 1950, and by 1962 was one of the best-known figurative painters at work in Sydney.

- Professor Donald Cochrane, Chairman of Commissioners, pictured with 'Bush' a painting by Melbourne-born, self-taught artist ALBERT TUCKER, a pioneer of modern expressionist, surrealist and symbolist painting in Australia, and winner of the 1965 Archibald Prize.

- See six more paintings on Page 15.



Original paintings by leading Australian contemporary artists will be displayed in public areas of our future city headquarters, State Bank Centre.

A special art collection is being progressively built up by an executive committee headed by Professor Donald Cochrane, Chairman of Commissioners. Most of the paintings so far purchased are by contemporary Victorian artists of the modern school, but traditional works by earlier painters will also form part of the State Bank collection — which could eventually grow to 200 pictures.

"As Victoria's oldest and largest bank, we are part of the way of life in this State, and we want to show and share the quality of cultural expression with the people of Victoria", Professor Cochrane told STATESMAN.

"The thousands of customers who will be using State Bank Centre should appreciate having something more interesting to look at than bank forms and official notices.

"Most of our paintings will be contemporary works because these tend to be large, and thus suitable for public display in crowded areas."

Girl & Guy of the month



Karate Chops and Modern Pops

Bruno D'Avoine, 24-year-old refer clerk at Fairfield North branch, is ready to take on anything! Over the past four years he has become highly skilled in Taekwondo (Korean style of karate). Bruno began competitive Taekwondo last year by winning his club championships in Wollongong. Last April he became Victoria's Flyweight Blackbelt Champion and, more recently, was placed second in Australian Titles held in Melbourne.

A relatively unknown sport in Australia until the early 1970's, Taekwondo is now well supported by an increasing number of young gymnasts, according to Bruno.

"It's an energetic and rewarding sport which enables me to keep fit and, at the same time, develop my self-defence abilities", he says.

Bruno's ambitions in this field are to represent Australia in overseas titles and eventually to run his own Taekwondo school.

When not at the gymnasium he enjoys playing guitar and singing with a recently formed pop-band, Quorum. The five-member group performs at city and suburban clubs and hotels. Bruno's Scorpio star-scope suggests that "he is endowed with the willpower and courage to overcome setbacks and shoot straight to the top".



Disco Dances and Poetry Stanzas

Gemini girls have 'joy of expression, a quick mind and a certain sparkle' and Sue Ksiazko, 19, a Werribee branch teller is no exception.

She is a member of the Geelong Society of Operatic and Dramatic Arts, and has appeared in chorus lines of stage shows such as, 'Orpheus in the Underworld' and 'Sound of Music'. Sue hates routine exercise, so she keeps fit between shows by dancing at discos. "It's a great way to keep in shape", she says. Sue's favourite form of winter relaxation is writing poetry, and one day she would like to see some of her 200 poems published. During summer months she enjoys the 'great outdoors', and can often be found camping and fishing with friends at Peterborough.

Her special 'likes' include the countryside at dawn, and quiet bushwalks around Anakie Gorge, whereas she particularly hates 'dirty, industrial cities'.

Sue's ambitions are to travel to England and Scotland, and to work at our London Office.

CAR-TALK

— by TS



• **WORD WAR:** The media advertising coffers have probably never had it so good since the Holden/Falcon/Valiant 'handling war' began with the advent of Radial Tuned Suspension. Despite undoubted improvements, which CARTALK applauds, these cars still have several major shortcomings to displease the discerning buyer — Holden's archaic, emission-strangled six-cylinder engines, Falcon's poor driver vision and Valiant's excess sheet metal, to list a few. The 'Big Three' still lag behind European manufacturers in producing safe, strong and efficient family cars. Peugeot, for example, put it all together 15 years ago with its 404.

• **SIGMA SUMS:** Last issue's table of top ten sellers (in January) ranked the super-successful Chrysler Sigma at number nine. Since then monthly sales have more than doubled and the Sigma has rocketed to number three to displace Datsun 200B as the nation's favourite four-cylinder car.

• **SUPER SKYLINE:** Mention of Datsun's dreary 200B (and its even drearier 120Y) makes CARTALK wonder how Nissan managed to produce a car of the Skyline's calibre. With fully independent suspension, adjustable steering, five speed gearbox and good ride/handling characteristics the Skyline (nee 240K) is probably the closest thing to a European sports-touring sedan that Japan has produced. The answer no doubt lies in the influence of the old Prince company which produced some of Japan's first sporting vehicles and was absorbed by Nissan in the late Sixties.

• **SCOOP!** A recent conversation with a Leyland executive revealed that there's a move within the company to re-introduce the MGB, suitably modified to comply with the Australian Design Rules that ended local production in 1973. It sounds like a long shot, but if the 'B' re-appears remember, as the motor mags say, you read about it here first!

• **FIAT TRIUMPH:** Recent introductions of the Fiat X1-9 and Triumph's TR7 have brightened the barren sports car scene. The 1300cc mid-engined Fiat has a removable 'Targa' top attached to a built-in roll bar. The fixed-roof Triumph uses the 2-litre Dolomite motor and a five speed gearbox. Both cars are untraditionally comfortable but at \$9,500 for the Fiat and \$10,500 for the Triumph, they're expensive toys.



• Triumph TR7

Staff Support Quake Appeal

Dean Melidonis, accountant, Prahran Market branch, directed a big team of volunteers — including nine Bank migrant advisory officers — to conduct Ethnic Radio 3EA's Thessaloniki (Greece) Earthquake Appeal on Sunday, July 9.

They manned phones in shifts from 6.00 a.m. until 1.45 a.m. next morning, and took 7,600 calls for a total of \$161,670, with an average donation of \$21.

State Secrets by the Teller



HEAD office manager used to buy a lot of sleeping tablets. Now he sleeps on a waterbed, and buys a lot of seasickness tablets.

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THEY say you can be rich and miserable, or poor and happy. I'd settle for being moderately rich, and moody.

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AGENCY examiner says he's in trouble when his wife has the last word in an argument — but in even worse trouble when she has the last silence.

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HEAR about the new alarm system? When thieves break into your premises a bell rings at the insurance company, and they immediately cancel your policy.

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FOR SALE: Second-hand tombstone. Great value for anyone named Snodgrass.

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BRANCH accountant bought used car from dealer who told him "Here is one that is better value than the car owned by a little old lady who used it only for church going. This car was owned by a doctor, who used it only for house calls".

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MANAGER'S wife went to local butcher for Chuck Steak, and was told "Nowadays, madam, because of the high prices, we've renamed it Charles Steak".

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SIGN at head office: Shoes are required to eat at the cafeteria. Underneath, somebody wrote "Socks may eat wherever they wish".

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LETTER from Los Angeles bank to customer: 'This is a reminder from your friendly computer. You are \$48.88 in arrears on your payments. Please remit. If you do not, next time you will have to deal with a human.'

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Our Timelocks Make More Headlines —Here and Overseas—

Our press advertising campaign for branch safe time-delay locks was recently repeated — with revised wording which commenced with the bold heading **BANK ROBBERS**.

This resulted in news follow-up reports in the *Sun*, *Age*, *Canberra Times*, *West Australian* and *Ballarat Courier* . . . radio news and talkback coverage on 3XY, 3AW and 3LO . . . and TV news reports on HSV7 and ABV2. Subsequently, a Telex message was sent on behalf of Japanese police in Tokyo, requesting technical information about our locks. Meanwhile, the dramatic drop in State Bank armed holdups continued. In the six months of 1978 to June 30 there were 2 metropolitan branch holdups for a total of \$6,555.

By comparison, in the first six months of 1977 we had 8 metropolitan branch holdups for a total of \$182,757.

BANK ROBBERS

State Bank branches are protected by **Time Locks** on cash safes which cannot be unlocked in less than **Five Minutes** by staff or any other person.

The State Bank appreciates the co-operation of those customers who require large cash withdrawals and are prepared to wait for safes to open.

STATE BANK 

● Our most recent 'time lock' ad was headed **BANK ROBBERS**.



Above: Melbourne, provincial and interstate papers carried stories.

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A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER RECENTLY CARRIED AN AP DISPATCH FROM MELBOURNE WHICH REPORTED THAT VICTORIA'S STATE SAVINGS BANK INSTALLED "AUTOMATIC TIME-DELAY LOCKS" TO DETER BANDITS STOP JAPANESE POLICE WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE LOCKS STOP EYE SHOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME ANY INFO ON THE NEW LOCKS YOU MAY HAVE STOP

REGARDS
FURUTA

Left: Japanese police requested information about our locks.

Bank's Bumper BASC Year

This year, for the first time, the State Bank will host and direct the annual Bankers' Administrative Staff College. Scott Walters, Deputy Chief Manager, Branch Banking, will be Principal for the seven-week course commencing August 30 at our Staff College at Baxter.

For the second successive year the Bank is sending two delegates to participate. They will be Ron Scheffer, District Manager, and John McPherson, Vice Principal, Staff College.

Aim of the course is to enable selected senior bankers from all States to study developments in the industry, and the problems and processes of administration. The format is similar to the Bank's own Staff College courses, with emphasis on syndicate conferences and projects, and private study. Specialist speakers from banking and other fields of finance and industry will address the BASC group. The State Bank will be represented by Professor Donald Cochrane, Chairman of Commissioners, in his capacity as Professor of Economics and Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Politics at Monash University. Professor Cochrane has been an invited guest speaker at 24 BASC courses.

State Bank 'graduates' (and their present positions) from past BASC courses were: 1977 — Peter Murray (Manager, Overseas Department), Murray Marshallsea (Staff Manager, Reports); 1976 — John Williams

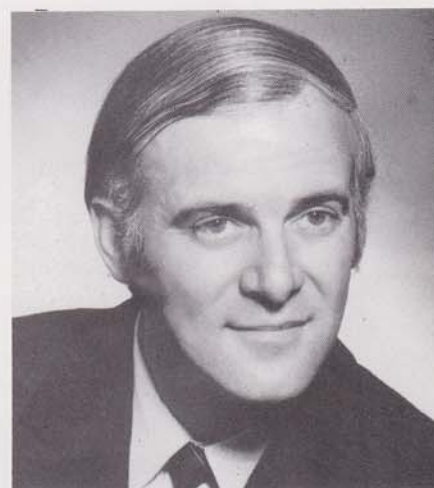
(Emergency Staff Manager D); 1975 — Jack Roach (Principal, Staff College); 1974 — Scott Walters (Deputy Chief Manager, Branch Banking); 1973 — Max Carr (Manager, London Office); 1972 — Errol Wood (Senior District Manager); 1971 — Jack Crofts (Chief Accountant); 1970 — Frank Meyers (Deputy Chief Manager, Personnel); 1969 — Jack Pretty (Chief Manager, Branch Banking); 1968 — Jack Horsley (Project Manager); 1967 — Alan McNaught (Secretary); 1966 — Jack Ryan (Managing Director, Westralian International Limited); 1964 — Ross Strang (Chief Manager, E.D.P.).



● Scott Walters



● Ron Scheffer



● John McPherson

Pistol Priming



District Managers Kevin Slavin (left), Graham Jenkin (centre) and John Wilson were among 17 District Managers to take part recently in Staff Training's course on maintenance and safe handling of pistols. The tuition is normally given to branch managers and accountants responsible for pistol supervision.



Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary



● Wally Hicks shows off his 'Thanks Badge' — a small medal awarded for big effort.

Prahran:

Gold for Good Scout

Manager Wally Hicks has won the highest scouting award possible for a 'lay' person. Wally, an office bearer with the 9th Caulfield Group since 1964 and secretary of the Somers Area Committee for three years, received the Chief Commissioner's 'Thanks Badge' for "specially meritorious service". The gold medal is rarely awarded for less than 20 years' service.

Ballarat: Rainbow Title

Colourful manager Kevin Kerr couldn't believe his eyes when, out of the blue, a mortgage loan borrower supplied a Certificate of Title featuring a property description that would make just about anyone see red! It read:

"... all that piece of land delineated and coloured red blue blue-hatched blue-cross-hatched green green-hatched green-cross-hatched purple purple-hatched and purple-cross-hatched on the map on the sheet annexed hereto being part of Crown Allotments 14 and 15 Section A Township of Nerrina Parish of Ballarat County of Grenville. The land coloured blue blue-hatched blue-cross-hatched green-hatched purple purple-hatched and purple-cross-hatched being part of Lots 3 and 4 ..."

Studfield: Water Baby



Clerk Gayle Lord, 26, will compete with the Australian Women's Water Polo Team in international competitions to be held in Amsterdam and Berlin this month.

The team's huge success last December in the First International Tournament in California took Australia to the forefront of world-wide women's water polo.

Werribee: Doug takes MP's to court

Accountant Doug Jeffery, probably the Bank's best tennis player, gained the special honor of playing in the recent Governor's and Parliamentarians' Tournament at Kooyong.

Doug was one of 10 players selected for the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria's team which soundly defeated the racquet-wielding politicians representing the Governor and State Parliament.

Over the years Doug has won numerous tournaments, including club, State and country week championships, and has proved to be an expert administrator. He is current Geelong doubles champion and has been an L.T.A.V. councillor since 1965.



Geelong North: Top Shot Gordon



● Gordon Clarence with his special competition air rifle

When it comes to calling the shots, top air-rifleman Gordon Clarence, 20, is usually on target. In recent months he has won the Western District Championships, come second in Victorian titles and finished a creditable 13th of 40 shooters in National Small Bore and Air Rifle Championships. Gordon's performances earned him a trial for Australia's Commonwealth Games team which will compete in Canada later this year. Though he didn't win selection, Gordon has set his sights on future Games.

Incidentally, Gordon's rifle is not your everyday slug-gun, but a special target shooting model valued at around \$300.



Manangatang: Miss Australia Entrant

Janine Hildebrandt, pictured, 17, has entered this year's Miss Australia Quest. Her objective is to raise funds for the Spastic Children's Society and already her fund raising committee has organised bingo nights, street stalls, make-up demonstrations and a car trial to help the cause. Janine lists photography, sewing, hockey, netball and teaching piano among her wide range of sparetime activities.

Malvern East Station: Our Fort Knox



● Australia's most bandit-proofed bank branch.

This branch, recently reconstructed, now has more anti-bandit safeguards than any other bank in Australia... Timelocks, on-line alarms, dye bombs, surveillance camera and a wall of glass — the bullet resistant kind — comprise a security smorgasbord.

A floor-to-ceiling screen incorporates the bullet resistant glass to a height of seven feet above a solid brick counter. The glass, imported from Belgium and installed at a cost of \$15,000, is nearly 1½ inches thick and weighs 20 pounds per square foot. A framework of steel, fastened on to a concrete base, was constructed to support the weight.

Tellers and customers pass cash, passbooks and forms to one another through a narrow aperture at counter level. They speak through a head-level gap between overlapping glass panels — where no gun barrel can penetrate.

Branch Staff of the month

Charlton:

Staff line-up with sparetime interests in brackets: Peter Shepard, centre (school board member, Apex treasurer and public relations officer, Golf Club committee-member, church book-keeper, treasurer of Community Bingo Council); Brad Cossar (secretary Young Farmers' Club, football, cricket); Marea Noonan (Guides leader, tennis, basketball, netball, badminton).

THE THREE 'E' PEOPLE



Three words — enthusiasm, effort and enjoyment — summarise the banking approach of Charlton manager Peter Shepard and clerks Brad Cossar and Marea Noonan.

They believe that by adopting a positive outlook they can maximise the business potential that exists in what many would otherwise regard as just another quiet country town.

Peter says: "We believe that we can help almost everyone in Charlton and so we try to make the most of opportunities to discuss the Bank's services with both existing and potential customers.

"We find that it's relatively easy to break the ice because we

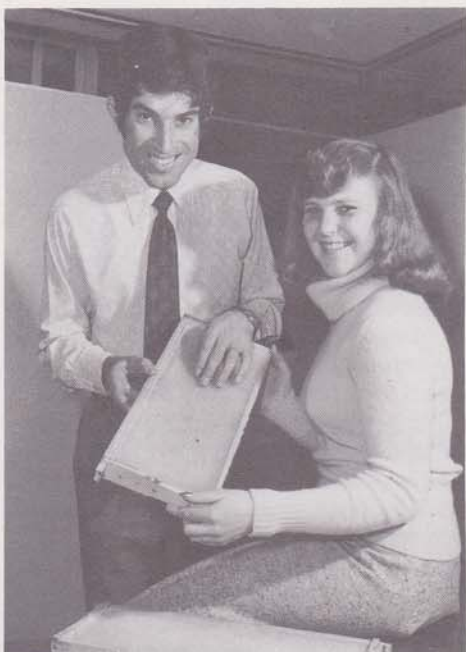
know so many people through our community interests.

"Community involvement forms the basis of our public relations. It broadens our horizons and contacts, and new business often results."

Peter and his able assistants also make a special effort to maintain close contact with their agents in outlying districts.

"We visit our agents as often as possible to build stronger bonds between us and to help keep them up-to-date with the Bank's services. It's well worth it, because the agents have referred substantial lending and investment business our way", Peter says.

Hobby With a Sting



Robert Veal shows a frame of comb to Leanne Binns, "a little honey" from Chief Accountant's Department.

Robert Veal, of Head Office Chief Accountant's Department, goes to great pains to get his breakfast honey.

As a part-time apiarist, or beekeeper, he risks the ire of some 350,000 bees whenever he gathers honey from his hives.

"It's not as bad as it sounds", says Robert. "I cover myself with netting, and calm the bees with smoke. I always pick fine, warm days when the bees are relatively docile."

Robert began his bitter-sweet hobby two years ago by replenishing a neglected hive with a swarm he found on his parents' property at Cohuna. He has since added five more hives to his Cohuna collection and has put one in the backyard of his Mitcham home.

For Robert the honey production cycle begins in Spring when he prepares his hives for a dramatic increase in bee population. His main tasks are to ensure that each hive has a strong queen — one capable of laying around 1,500 eggs a day — and to provide sufficient room for the rapidly growing colonies. The bees are housed on removable

frames in boxes, stacked one on top of the other to form a hive.

Robert makes his first raid on the hives in early Summer. He removes the frames, cuts away a wax seal the bees have placed over the honey-laden comb cells and extracts the honey by spinning the frames on a reel inside a drum. The frames are returned to the hives and the extraction process is repeated a month or so later. Robert obtains as much as 150 pounds of honey per hive annually. And how often is he stung?

"Maybe four or five times a year", Robert says. "I'm extremely careful and know how to avoid upsetting the bees."

Some Amazing Bee Statistics:

Robert says that:

- During spring the average hive houses more than 50,000 bees.
- Female bees — the workers — may live for only six weeks before literally working themselves to death.
- A single bee would rarely produce more than one teaspoon of honey in its life.
- A pound of honey represents some 50,000 miles of bee flight.



● Doug Trottman (left) and Mick McKimm got together for some last-minute practice before their tour of Switzerland and Canada.

Tootling Off Again

Trumpeters Doug Trottman (Head Office Legal Department) and valuer Allan 'Mick' McKimm left Melbourne late last month to tour Switzerland and Canada with the Footscray-Yarraville City Band. Doug is the musical director and conductor for the tour. It's the second overseas trip for the musical duo who played in the band's world championship-winning concerts in Canada three years ago.

While in Switzerland Mick, Doug and fellow bandsmen will give seven concerts, appear on Radio Zurich and play in two Moomba-like parades in Geneva. Then they will travel to Canada to perform at the Canadian National Exhibition and compete in the International Band Contest.

They will return to Melbourne in late August, hopefully still billed as the world's best brass band.

PUZZLE CORNER

1. **TRANSFER:** Change ARMY to NAVY by changing one letter and creating a new word each time, without rearranging letters.
2. **GROUND:** A diner in a restaurant found a dead fly floating in his coffee. He sent the waitress back for a fresh cup, but after a sip he shouted "This is the same cup of coffee I had before!" How did he know this?
3. **SHARP:** A professor of logic who was holidaying in a small town decided to get a haircut. The town had only two barbers, each with his own shop. The professor saw that one shop was very untidy. The barber needed a shave, his clothes were scruffy and his hair was badly cut. The other shop was extremely neat. The barber was freshly shaved, well-groomed and had neatly-trimmed hair. The professor returned to the untidy shop for his haircut. Why?

Answers on page 16

Teller Talk by Sue



OUR accountant answered a mail-order advertisement for a device guaranteed to keep down fuel bills. All he got for his money was an iron paperweight.

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CUSTOMER commented on her domestic budgeting difficulties: "No matter how carefully I plan my monthly spending, I always end up with too much month at the end of my money."

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INFLATION: When you pay \$4 for the \$2 haircut that used to cost \$1 when you had hair.

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RELIEVING manager, staying in small town during flood rains, telegraphed head office 'Marooned by storm. Wire instructions.' Back came a prompt reply 'Start annual leave as of yesterday.'

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WHEN you smile you brighten everybody's day.

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CLERK came in with bandaged feet after three days off, and blamed his injuries on spaghetti. He said the directions for cooking it said "Open can and stand in very hot water for 10 minutes".

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MANY people these days are quite willing to do a full day's work, for a full week's pay.

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WHY be difficult when, with a little more effort, you can be impossible?

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OUR accountant went to a fancy dress ball as a lampshade, but nobody turned him on all night. His mate went as a telephone pole, but unfortunately somebody else went as a Great Dane.

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WHICH near-city branch manager woke up one morning to find that somebody had carried a large FOR SALE sign from a nearby house and planted it in his front garden?



Pictured in Ansett's V.I.P. lounge prior to take-off from Tullamarine were (from left to right) Gerry Weston (Sitmar), Gordon Miller (Bayswater), Bill Dunstan (Asst. manager, Croydon), Wally Searle (Mitcham), Len East (Monbulk), Neil Rutherford (Ferntree Gully), Hugh McMaster (Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel, Boronia), Noel McPherson (Belgrave).

Managers Take Cook's Tour

Six east-surburban managers recently spent a day in Sydney to become better acquainted with Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel.

The bankers, selected by Hugh McMaster, supervisor of the Cook-Bank Boronia office, met at Tullamarine Airport at 9.00 a.m. where they were joined by Mr Gerry Weston representing the Sitmar Line. On arrival in Sydney the group travelled to the shipping terminal to board Sitmar's cruiseship *Fairstar*. Following lunch they toured the liner and then settled down for an afternoon seminar on travel — with emphasis on cruising.

Belgrave manager, Noel McPherson, said the excursion gave the group a valuable look behind the scenes of the travel industry, and first hand experience of a cruiseship.

"We all feel much better equipped to handle travel enquiries at our branches", he said.



OLDEST BANKCARDERS?: Octogenarians Ernest and Mary Minette were featured in June STATESMAN when they opened a joint savings account at Coburg South Branch. Now Ernest, 89, and Mary 83, are married, and have become BANKCARD holders. They were pictured last month receiving their cards from Derek Jones, relieving manager at Coburg South.



Husband and wife basketballers Glenda and Frank Salter, of Elizabeth Street and Branch Mechanisation Department respectively, model the Club's new windcheaters.

Windcheaters for Sale

Seen what the best-dressed Bank basketballers have been wearing lately? They recently produced their own windcheaters for wearing to matches, and in response to many enquiries they can now supply them to other staff members.

These top quality Exacto windcheaters, in distinctive yellow with a discreet, black State Bank logo, are ideal for casual weekend wear. Best of all, they cost only \$11 — several dollars below normal retail price.

The windcheaters come in men's chest sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and women's bust sizes 32, 34, 36. Send your order, with cheque payable to State Bank Basketball Club, to Peter Wynd, Bankcard Department.

DID YOU SEE THIS AD?

The classified advertisement shown below was published in the Melbourne Herald on June 16, and the seventh line from the bottom has since caused much comment:

PUBLIC NOTICES
STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA
ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PASSBOOKS
Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with Section 47 of the "State Savings Bank Act 1958", the following Auditors will attend at the undermentioned Branches from 19th to 23rd June 1978 for the purposes incl. donkey rides for BOOKS OF DEPOSITORS: Mr J. S. Young, Peel Street, Market; Mr G. R. Carter, Abbotsford; North: Mr F. L. Smith, Sunshine North; Mr J. W. Fulton, Upper Ferntree Gully.



Go Away!



*Travel notes by Ernie Simpson,
manager of Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel,
McEwan's annexe.*

HONOLULU HOLIDAY

Most of the tourist highlights of the Hawaiian Islands — including Honolulu, Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbour — are not on the island of Hawaii, but on sun-soaked Oahu Island.

Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel can arrange a 13-day group holiday based in Honolulu for any month of the year, travelling Canadian Pacific Airlines from Sydney.

You stay at the Miramar Hotel, and enjoy a variety of activities ... sun-baking at Waikiki, sightseeing at the Iolani Palace, Diamond Head Crater, the Governor's Mansion ... cruising in Pearl Harbour ... visiting the Heritage Theatre, the Bishop Museum and the Planetarium, with free rides on an English double-decker bus.

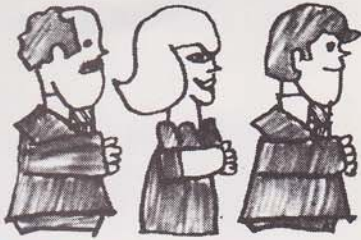
The holiday price includes return airfares, twin-bedded accommodation at the Miramar, Waikiki or similar grade hotel, local tours and entertainment features. Meals are not included.

Children's prices vary according to age and room occupancy.

Fares must be paid 45 days before departure from Australia.

PRICE PER PERSON: 13-day group holiday, from Melbourne, including TS-SB staff discount: \$930.

● On the beach at Waikiki



Meet our new Managers



G.L. ALLEN, Legal Department

During his spare time, Gerry is often busy in his workshop, making and repairing toys for his three sons and daughter (aged three to nine years). His sporting activities include social games of squash, and fishing 'for the elusive snapper'. On winter weekends, Gerry is goal umpire or timekeeper for his two elder sons' football teams.



S.M. BROOKS, Research Department

Sue, who has recently obtained a Bachelor of Economics degree, is the third female manager in the history of the Bank. She and husband, Ray share a love for native gardens, and are presently cultivating orchids in their backyard glasshouse. A keen snow skier, she enjoys annual leave at both Australian and European winter resorts.



R.H. GENN, Relieving Staff

Rod has been involved with motor sports for more than 10 years. As a member of the Scrutineering Panel with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport, he attends race meetings at Phillip Island, Calder and Sandown. His duties involve checking that the cars comply with regulations before racing. Between meetings Rod enjoys deep sea fishing. He is married with two daughters aged 12 and 10 years.



J.L. KINNA, Relieving Staff

As president of the Iceland Figure Skating Club, Jim spends most of his spare time supervising the many competitions and pantomimes held at the Ringwood ice rink. He is a past player with the State Bank Football Team, but now prefers social games of squash and golf. Jim is married with two daughters (both keen skaters) aged 16 and 8 years.



R. McINNES, Elizabeth Street

Ron joined the Bank in 1958 after migrating from his native Scotland. He has been a keen stamp collector since childhood and currently specialises in Australian stamps. Ron is now married with two sons aged 10 and five years, and a daughter seven. He is involved in the administration and coaching of a junior soccer club in Sandringham.



F. MELICAN, Supervisor, 45 Swanston Street

Frank has been assistant coach of Werribee Football Club for the past two years. His long association with the Club commenced in 1964 when he played in the first side to represent Werribee in the V.F.A. Frank, who is married with three young children, enjoys social participation in lawn bowls, tennis and squash.



R.W. METCALF, Merino

Bob has been closely associated with the Australian Jaycees for a number of years. Recently he helped form a Wendouree branch of which he is the Steering Committee Chairman. An 'all-round' sportsman, he enjoys social games of tennis, golf and cricket. He is also a past member of the State Bank Football Team. Bob is married with four sons aged between nine years and four months.



K.T. NIALL, Alphington

During recent years Ken has been breeding trout in a small country dam. On latest estimates he says he has some 300 trout averaging 6 - 7 lbs each. However most of Ken's spare time is spent tending his 1/2-acre vegetable garden, where he grows everything from parsnips and pumpkins to peas and potatoes. Ken is married to former staffer Freda (Suelzle) and they have two young children.



R.J. POOLE, Beaumaris

After spending two years on the Relieving Staff and a further thirteen months on the staff of our Staff College, Richard says his new appointment will enable him to become more involved with community activities. He is also looking forward to an overseas holiday next year with his family (one daughter and three sons) during his long service leave.



P.J. SMITH, Chief Accountant's Department

Four years as a branch audit officer will undoubtedly prove beneficial to Peter in his latest posting as supervisor of the Reconciliation Section, Branch Returns. During spare time he plays competitive tennis for the Studfield Tennis Club. Peter and his wife Lorraine have two daughters aged nine and three years and a son, seven.



J.B. WHITEHEAD, Rushworth

Barry has been closely associated with brass bands for 25 years. While stationed at Shepparton he was awarded a badge of merit for outstanding service to the local band. His main sporting interest is tennis, but he occasionally finds time to test a few guns from his collection during winter hunting expeditions. Barry is married with three daughters aged six to 15 years.



A. WILL, Assistant Manager, Loan Accounts

Arnold has spent much of his spare time restoring his Edwardian home in Brighton which he purchased two years ago. Until recently he was secretary of the AJAX Sports Club, actively participating in judo. For relaxation he and his wife Clare enjoy taking their two daughters (aged seven and ten) on outings to the Dandenongs.

● Some of the Australian paintings which are being collected for eventual public display in State Bank Centre
(See story, Page 3)



Above: 'Today I Thought I Saw a Kangaroo' by CLIFTON PUGH, born Melbourne 1924, studied at National Gallery School under William Dargie and others ... made impressive public debut in 1955.



Right: 'Crystal Mine Shack' by ROBERT JUNIPER, born Western Australia 1929, became an art teacher in Perth, later studied in England, and has exhibited in London.

Below: 'Poor Fellow' by SIDNEY NOLAN, born Melbourne 1917, and by 1962 had achieved an international reputation — based largely on his 'Dead Heart' and 'Ned Kelly' series of paintings.



Above: 'Vertical Movement' by ROGER KEMP, born Bendigo, 1908. After leaving art school, worked in factories by day and painted at night. Achieved prominence in 1961 and later won several notable art prizes.

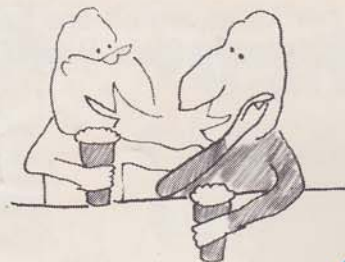
'Landscape With bending Figure' by RAY CROOKE, born Melbourne, 1922. Studied at Swinburne Technical College. Became especially interested in scenery of Queensland, New Guinea and Fiji. Represented in all State galleries.



'Take Your Choice' by MAYNARD WATERS, born Sydney 1936. Was a construction worker for many years, travelling around northern Australia. Specialises in large oils depicting sub-tropic vegetation, and people in remote country towns.



On the Grapevine



1920 Revisited

Though annuitant Norm Fish couldn't remember the names of the two unidentified footballers in last issue's picture of the Bank's 1920 football premiership team, he supplied another snap from the same year showing the Elizabeth Street branch New Accountants Section staff. Norm, who retired in 1962 from Burwood branch, will turn 81 in December. See snap at right.

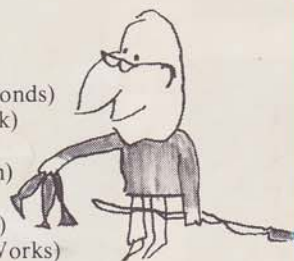


Pictured (from left to right) back row: Norm Fish, Basil Nixon, Jack Corby, Bessie Pooley, Tom Gatliff, Jack Ellis, Cec Polmear. Front row: Vic Marchesi, Ada Belliou, Les Pullman (supervisor), Lindsay McLean, Ada Merrie.

Gone Fishin'

The following retirements have been notified to STATESMAN:

CHARLIE FRICKER	(Moonee Ponds)
JACK LAMOND	(Elsternwick)
OKKA O'BRIEN	(Sunshine)
FRANK RICHARDS	(Rushworth)
LOU EDWARDS	(Kilsyth)
KEVIN LANDRIGAN	(Brunswick)
DENIS HOWELLS	(Clerk of Works)
AUB COUSINS	(Eltham)



MAILBAG: The Good Old Days

Dear Editor,
I wonder if your readers would be interested in bank cleaning allowances of the 1930's Depression era.
I am Treasurer of the Bendigo Auxiliary for the Blind Home and when I was writing a letter for one 82-year-old blind patient, I mentioned that my husband was the manager of the State Bank here. She told me she had worked at the State Bank Croxton, as a young widow with children in 1931. Every Saturday afternoon she cleaned and polished the banking chamber, dusted fittings, washed all the inkwells, polished the brass, cleaned the toilets and received the lordly sum of 3/-. All this used to take about two hours. The bank manager's wife at this time told her the weekly cleaning allowance was 12/-.
She asked and received from a subsequent manager's wife, at the same branch, a raise to 5/- weekly. But in addition to the above she (to justify the raise) had to polish the edges of the lounge and diningroom floors and wash the kitchen and bathroom floors. At a later stage she resigned from that job and worked at the local Commonwealth Bank for a weekly wage of two pounds, nineteen and eleven pence.
Thank goodness those days are gone forever and aren't we all so fortunate now?

Grace Higginbotham (Bendigo)

Mystery Photo of the Month



ONLY TWO of the serious, earnest gentlemen in this 1914 photo of the staff of our Footscray branch can be identified by Archivist Joan Freeman. They are E. T. Benson (third from left) who later became the Bank's Chief Inspector, and retired in 1958, and John H. Frey, second from right, who retired in 1951 as manager at Carnegie. CAN ANY READER IDENTIFY THE OTHER FOUR IN THE PHOTO?

PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. TRANSFER: ARMS, AIMS, AIDS, BIDS, BIDE, WIDE, WADE, WAVE, WAVY, NAVY.
2. GROUNDS: By the taste. He had sugared the coffee before finding the floating fly.
3. SHARP: The professor reasoned that each barber must have cut the other's hair. So he chose the slovenly barber who had given his rival the better haircut.