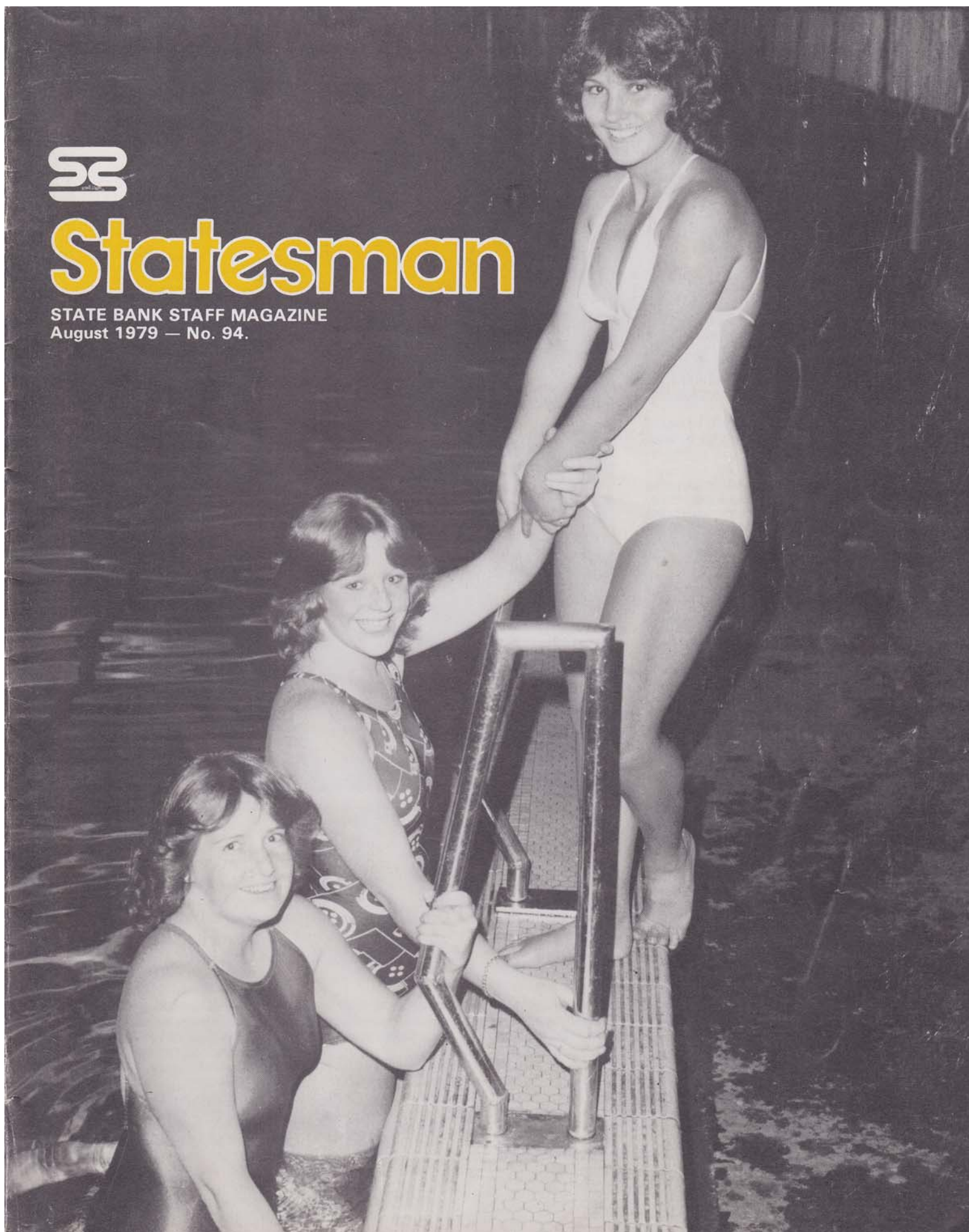




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Bosses 'Back To School'

Executives of the Bank went 'back to school' in June when they attended a special seminar at our Residential Staff Training College, Baxter.

Those taking part included the Deputy General Manager (Administration) Murray Souter and Staff College Principal Jack Roach.

Objective of the seminar was to allow executives to become more involved as a group.

Lecture topics included 'Managing Interpersonal Relationships', 'The Role and Function of the Bank's Executive' and 'Our Future Computerisation Program'. Among the speakers was a lecturer from the Department of Administration, Monash University.

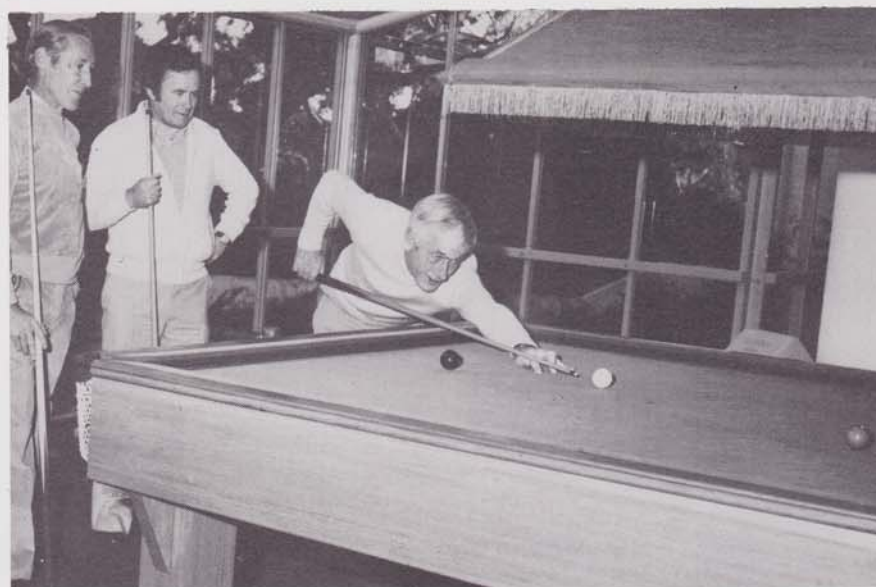
Similar executive seminars will be staged at our Baxter College from time to time.

ABOVE RIGHT:

Among executives attending the special Staff College seminar in June were (from left) Jack Horsley (Project Manager) Jack Pretty (Chief Manager, Branch Banking) Brian Kincade (Manager, Personal Loans) and Lionel Cooper (Chief Manager, Personnel)

RIGHT:

Relaxing in the billiard room between executive seminar sessions (from left) Ron Thompson (Chief Economist) Peter Murray (Manager, Overseas Department) Joe Ward (Manager, Mortgage Loans).



Marketing Chief For U.S. University

Chief Manager, Marketing Trevor Craddock leaves this month for the U.S. where he will attend a senior management school of bank marketing at the University of Wisconsin. He will subsequently visit U.S. banks which have recently embarked on new services and marketing techniques.

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FRONT COVER: State Bank swimmers (from left) Julie Bowen (McKinnon branch) Lesley Loughton (Central Clearing Section) and Joanne Marsh (South Yarra branch) have kept in form during winter months by workouts in a heated pool at Richmond.

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All correspondence and contributions should be addressed to The Editor, Statesman, Box 267D, Melbourne. (Phone 60 0531, Ext. 329, 312 or 444).

State Housing Minister Calls

Mr. Brian Dixon, Minister for Housing (second from left) was a luncheon guest, with other State Government officials, at head office last month. Also pictured were our General Manager, Mr. Harry Torrens (right) Mr. Les Allwinton, Director of Housing (left) and Mr. David Young, Director of the Victorian Employment Committee.



Our First Lady of (Banking) Letters



Gwen Pillar, 22-year-old teller at Moe branch, recently became our first female Associate of the Banking Institute of Australasia, and is now entitled to write A.B.I.A. after her name.



After joining the Bank at Trafalgar branch in late 1974 Gwen acted on a suggestion by her manager (Bob Maxwell) that she should follow her academic inclinations by taking a Banking Institute course.

Gwen enrolled for the 3-year Certificate of Business Studies (Banking) course, and studied by correspondence — guided by R.M.I.T. notebooks. She submitted fortnightly assignments, attended occasional seminars in Melbourne, and sat for half-yearly exams at Gippsland centres. Her subjects included Accounting, Economics, Psychology and English.

(The Bank provides assistance with fees for officers who undertake approved study courses — and pays salary increases to officers who successfully complete these courses).

J.K. for U.K.

John Kennedy this month becomes our London Office Manager for the coming three years, replacing Max Carr.

John, 45, was chosen from a large group of applicants, joined the Bank in 1951 and spent almost all of the next 25 years in branches. Since 1976 he has held head office posts — as third officer in Personal Loans Department, Manager, Staff Training and Staff Manager (Reports).

He sees the London appointment as an exciting challenge with excellent opportunities for broadening his banking knowledge. John and his wife have four teenage children, and the whole family is looking forward to exploring London's historic highlights.



BASC-BOUND

Our delegates to the 1979 Bankers' Administrative Staff College will be Noel Wood, Head Office Investment Manager, and Ian Walter, Manager, Bankcard.

The College will run for September 12 to November 2 at the Commonwealth Trading Bank Staff Training Centre, St. Ives, a Sydney North Shore suburb.

Professor Donald Cochrane, our Chairman of Commissioners, will be one of the invited guest speakers — his 25th appearance in this role.



Noel Wood



Ian Walter

Our New Guide To Form

'The paper war' is still an essential part of business but our Bank is always looking for ways to reduce the number and complexity of official Forms.

Soon appearing in the branches will be new, graphically smarter versions of Withdrawal and Deposit vouchers.

They have been greatly simplified without loss of efficiency, and — for the public — made more easily distinguishable one from the other.

The key words "Deposit" and "Withdrawal" are set in large type on green and red panels respectively.

The new Withdrawal form has a total of 37 printed words, compared with 61 words on its predecessor.

The new Deposit form has 42 words (former version: 82).

Our newest passbooks have a space for the depositor's name on the front cover. Inside, the printed sections have been greatly streamlined.

Coming up soon: new Deposit Stock application forms.



DEPOSIT		ACCOUNT NUMBER	/
		SURNAME IN PASSBOOK	
STATE BANK <small>State Savings Bank of Victoria</small>		NOTES	
		COIN	
		CHEQUES SEE OVER	
		TOTAL	
		Complete if Account is kept at another Branch	
		Branch Shown in Passbook	
1824		BANK USE ONLY	
Allow Interest on \$ _____	Cheques for \$ _____	BRANCH _____	
For _____	Cheque _____	MANAGER _____	

WITHDRAWAL		ACCOUNT NUMBER	/
		SURNAME IN PASSBOOK	
		19	
STATE BANK <small>State Savings Bank of Victoria</small>		Complete if Account is kept at another Branch	
		Branch Shown in Passbook	
		Pay the sum of _____ \$	
		SIGNATURE OF DEPOSITOR _____	
		1900	
		BANK USE ONLY	
		BRANCH _____	
		MANAGER _____	

PUZZLE CORNER

1. COCKY: "I guarantee," said the pet shop salesman, "that this parrot will repeat every word it hears." A customer who brought the parrot found that it would not speak a single word. Yet the salesman had been truthful. Explain this.
2. TELL WHETHER: Give at least two ways by which a barometer could be used to determine the height of a large city building.

Answers: Page 15

Poetic Plea For Clemency

Ian Smith, Head Office Loan Accounts Manager, passed on the following poetic apology from a borrower in arrears:

*Apologies for payment late —
 So many thing upon my plate
 One child ill with bronchial 'flu,
 Visitors from England, interstate too.
 Other boy from his cycle fell,
 Broken nose, concussion as well,
 Now my error has been put right,
 Hope you'll forgive this oversight?*

Bank Bride-To-Be Wins Big Prizes



Meet the Bank's luckiest engaged couple: Marilyn Glynne, 21 (Head Office Correspondence) and Garry Hall, 24 (North Fitzroy branch): When they marry on October 20 most of their wedding and honeymoon costs will be covered by Contest prizes.

Marilyn recently won a Bride competition run by the Sunday Press newspaper and Katies Pty. Ltd.

Her prizes include: full bridal outfit from Katies . . . a bridal suite at the Old Melbourne Inn . . . hire cars . . . floral bouquets . . . an album of wedding photos . . . hire of outfits for groom and groomsmen . . . a champagne dinner for two. Marilyn and Garry became engaged last October. They have already bought a home in Bundoora, but before they shift in after their extra happy wedding day they will be honeymooning for two weeks at Surfers Paradise.

To win the contest, Marilyn had to rate in the correct order (as pre-decided by the judges) the following reasons why she believes in a traditional wedding:

- (a) The bride looks so beautiful;
- (b) The full church ceremony is so important;
- (c) It is a memory to treasure for all time;
- (d) It's the most important day of your life;
- (e) A bride wants to look her loveliest;
- (f) It's the best way to start your lives together;
- (g) Because mother and father did;
- (h) Because the church adds solemnity to the occasion.

Marilyn's winning order was d, b, c, f, e, h, a, g.

State Secrets by the Teller



WHICH member of the Bank's footy team attributes his kissing skill to his experience in blowing up footballs?

CHEQUE for home loan instalment recently received from a Wodonga borrower had a strange signature: Not Negotiable.

COUNTRY manager is working on a TV script for a history of his pioneering family in north-western Victoria. Our suggested title for the series: MALLEE ROOTS.

IT's still remembered at our Baxter staff college: that 'Last Tango' demonstration given on a course closing night by Ken Castanelli (Blackburn South) and Peter Trease (Foster).

ENTHUSIASTIC job applicant was asked at end of lengthy interview 'Is there any question you would like answered?' He replied promptly 'Yes, just one. When do I start?'

THOMAS COOK Travel received enquiry from two couples who said they were planning a joint honeymoon trip and required 'descriptive literature'.

THERE is only one infallible way of keeping up with the rising cost of living: DROP DEAD.

PETROL-SAVING tip: Fit smaller wheels on the front of your car and you'll always travel downhill.

THOUGHT of the month: If our knees bent the other way, what would our chairs be like?

ANSWER to correspondent: The only thing that stops falling hair is the floor.

STAFF Manager (Industrial) Eric Black turned red recently when he accidentally jammed his thumb in the top of a plastic 'terrarium' in McEwan's city store at the peak of the lunch hour. A crowd gathered while Eric's colleagues offered such helpful suggestions as 'Pull your finger out'. Eric finally managed it, less a layer of skin.



Presentation at Institute

GENERAL MANAGER Mr Harry Torrens (left) who is President of the Bankers' Institute of Australasia, last month attended a farewell function for retiring General Secretary Mr L. W. Weber and presented Mr Weber with an Honorary Life Membership certificate. The new General Secretary and Editor of the Bankers' Magazine is Mr Peter Hayes, former registrar of the Institute.

Phew!

We asked in our last issue for a story, comprising more than 82 words, all commencing with the letter P.

Here is an 86-word effort by Head Office Advertising Manager Maurie Cavanough:

Poverty-plagued peripatetic pirate, Peter Perkins, paddles pacific Port Phillip pondering past profit-less purloining. Perhaps, Peter premises, preventing plundering proves profitable, perhaps probity prevails. Portsea Pier promises prospects. Peter puts Peter Pan — Peter's punt — portwards. Promenading Portsea Pier, Peter perceives Pretty Polly Perkin's pannier, pike piled profusely. Passing pelican probes prospects. Plunge? Pounce Pike? Perhaps perilous? Petrified pelican? Pshaw! P'lunge! Plunging pelican perturbs Polly. Peter Perkin's pistol pots pelican. Pike preserved. Polly pretty pleased. Polly's plutocratic papa praises Peter. Polly pouts prettily. Probity pays.

Our Van-Cramming Champ!

On a recent edition of the DON LANE SHOW, Elizabeth Street staff member Daryl Anderson, who is actively involved with the Bedford Vans United Van Club and Morris Minor Car Club was seen entering an empty Bedford van. This was soon to change, as following him were another 61 people, setting a new record in 'van cramming' — one of many activities vanners indulge in. Previous record was 55.

This is not Daryl's first attempt at cramming, as he was once one of 14 sandwiched into a 1954 Morris Minor Sedan. A challenge is now put out to any club or organisation who are willing (and crazy enough) to set new records.



Life Governor Of R.C.H. at 22

Sandra Plover, 22, a microfilmist in Head Office Records Section, recently became a Life Governor of the Royal Children's Hospital. She gained the honorary award for meritorious service to the 'Pied Pipers' group, the hospital's third largest fund-raising auxiliary.

Sandra joined the Pipers four years ago because she was "a bit bored and wanted to do something useful for someone". Since then, she has worked tirelessly for R.C.H. causes, including the famous Good Friday Appeal. Last year, while Sandra was the Pipers' social secretary, the group raised more than \$67,000.

Bill Dellar's Dilemma

A young Prahran couple, grateful for the hastening of their housing loan to meet the terms of contract, recently sent this intriguing invitation to Bill Dellar, Special Duties Officer, Head Office Mortgage Loans Department:

"We're not sure whether you'll remember us arriving at 9 o'clock on a Monday morning in April, with a request to speed our loan up. This you did for us, and of course many thanks once again.

"We're warming the house a little next Friday, and you're welcome. It's to be a 'Bishops and Tarts' night, so you'll have a choice. Hope to see you."

Bill did not take up the invitation, and he is still trying to visualise the house-warming scene.

CAR-TALK

— by TS

COMMOFORD: Let's face it, most appraisals of the new Commodore and Falcon ranges are centred on their visual impact. After more than 20 years of vulgar American-sourced styling, the clean lines of these pseudo-European cars make a refreshing change. Traditional heavy fuel consumption, however, diminishes their modernity. They are anachronisms. At a time when fuel prices are rising in five cent jumps, antiquated, pollution-gagged six and eight cylinder motors just do not seem appropriate in cars for the Seventies. Sooner or later, most of us will forsake potential for the annual caravan tow for year-round four cylinder fuel frugality.

404 REVISITED: Recently drove a 10-year-old Peugeot 404, a longtime CARTALK favourite, and found it immensely satisfying. Even by current fine car standards, the old 'Puggy's' ride, steering and brakes were first class. Little wonder that these cars are still highly prized by their owners, and that the few well-kept ones that go on sale are always quickly snapped up. The 404's production run lasted from 1962 to 1970, and it's not uncommon for late model examples to sell for more than \$2,000. In 1970, a new 404 cost around \$2,600.

Satisfied State Bank owners of 404's have supplied these testimonies: RON BIRD (accountant, Premises Department) 1968 model: "130,000 virtually trouble-free miles, with most significant repairs being a new head gasket and a water pump rebuild. Would love to buy a new 404". NEIL WESTAWAY (Valuers' Department) 1967 model: "Bought mine new, and wouldn't swap it for quids. It's always reliable . . . hasn't let me down in 67,000 miles". BARRY COGHLAN (manager, Chiltern branch) 1968 model: ". . . economical, comfortable, reliable, but a bit noisy. A great open road car". JOHN COCKREM (accountant, Relieving Staff) 1968 model: "My third 404, and it's as good as its predecessors. They're spartan cars but well engineered. Marvellous handling . . . rust can be a problem".

NAME GAME: Car model names have always been a curious, but vital part of image-building in new car marketing. Animals, jewellery, bureaucratic rank and posh-sounding place names have traditionally inspired buyers by appealing to their senses of superiority, exclusiveness and fantasy. (Same too for 'number names', but they're usually attached to vehicles marketed with a 'technical excellence' image — real or imagined.) One wonders how Holden's Kingswood would have sold had it been called, say, the 'Bloggsville', or Ford's Falcon, if it were named the 'Budgie'. Japanese manufacturers, especially, still fumble for names that 'click'. Honda changed the name of the Prelude for its American release because Prelude there is a brand of contraceptive aid. Perhaps the most memorable name flop in Australia was Nissan's Holden challenger of the Sixties . . . the Cedric. I mean, how many bronzed Anzacs would admit to driving one?

RODDER RON: Ron Binks, recently-appointed Head Office Relieving Staff Officer, constructed this award-winning hot rod nearly 20 years ago, cannibalising 27 cars — and his kitchen — for the components. The V8 engine block came from a '48 Mercury, the gearbox from a '34 Ford, the modified dash from a '51 Ford Custom, etc. Ron's kitchen furnished a serviette ring and two door knobs for the gear-shift lever! Ron has progressively refined the car over the years to keep it competitive. Though performance is breathtaking, the 'Binksie Special' is tractable enough for Ron to use daily as a road car.



Cricket Report Hampton Central Flatten Flyers

Dear Sir,

Further to the article in Statesman regarding the Frankston Flyers cricket team, I am pleased to advise you that they were soundly thrashed at their next appearance by Hopeless Hampton Central.

After a late start due to torrential rain, Hampton won the toss and sent Frankston in. After looking good at 2/56, Frankston were bundled out for 74 runs, thanks to a brilliant spell of spin bowling from Ralph 'Asif' De Silva and the great keeping of Fred Jamieson. Asif took 5/7, B. H. Patterson 3/18, Ron Grubb 2/3.

Paul Canavan provided a solid start to the Hampton innings using his Carlton United bat, after Bob Addison went for a golden Duck. Frankston struck back, however, and the game was poised for a close finish with Hopeless Hampton finding themselves 4/20. From then on however the result was never in doubt due to a fine captain's knock by Michael Woods and a good innings from Fred Jamieson who put on a 50 partnership between them. (Both retired not out.)

Hopeless Hampton are now looking for any challenges for next season from branches in the southern suburbs. Any Takers?

—A Player's Mum.



Newlyweds

Mrs Christine Sporn (nee Bunston) formerly of Thornbury West branch, pictured with husband Michael (and cake) after her wedding at Underbool. Christine is now on the staff of Carlton branch.



Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary



Drouin: 50 Years Ago:

A horse and buggy was standing outside the branch when this snapshot was taken in the early 1920's. Exterior of the bank has altered very little over the years, reports manager Max Hine, although the interior obviously has been modernised.



Footscray, Nicholson St. and Footscray South: Crafty Promotions



'South' manager John Andrew and Business Promotion Officer, Leanne Davis instal paintings and sculpture.

Both branches, in conjunction with HO Business Promotion Section, set up interesting displays of art and crafts as part of a local Bankcard drive. Craftwork and toys produced by Footscray Social Welfare Citizens' Club, and painting and sculpture by Yarraville artist, Pino Calati, formed separate displays, switched between the branches after a fortnight's exposure at each. Coverage in local newspapers helped to generate public interest.

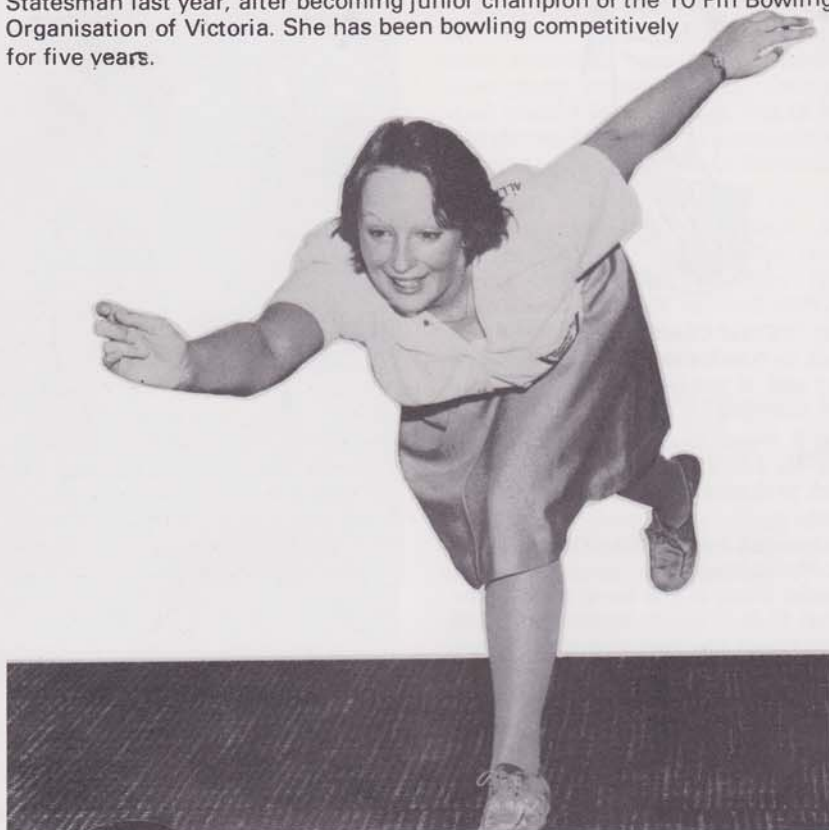
Balwyn East: Robyn's Quest

Robyn Dart, 17, has been busily raising funds since entering the 'Miss Concern' Quest. Her efforts will aid some 600 mentally handicapped children and adults cared for by six east-suburban Centres comprising the Concern Group. The Group operates hostels, training centres, sheltered workshops and nursing homes. Robyn aims to raise as much money as possible, and to win one of three Quest titles based on fund-raising and personality. She must raise at least \$500 to be eligible for judging.



Hampton Central: Tops in 10 Pins

Junior clerk Allison Brook, 18, captained the Victorian Girls' 10 Pin Bowling Team which won the 1979 Australian Championships at Surfers Paradise. It was Victoria's first National Titles victory. Allison featured as a cover girl in Statesman last year, after becoming junior champion of the 10 Pin Bowling Organisation of Victoria. She has been bowling competitively for five years.



Neerim South: 'Miss Aussie' Candidate

Teller Amber Kemp, 20, is counting on the support of local people in her efforts to raise funds for her candidature in the Miss Australia Quest. Amber gained nomination as the sole entrant from the Warragul-Neerim South district, and she is running raffles, games nights, discos and assorted activities to aid the Spastic Society. When regional judging takes place later this month at Morwell, Amber hopes to make her best-ever cash count. If she's successful at regional level, then it's off to Melbourne for the Victorian finals in October.

Stawell: Staff Bled For Bank

The staff recently answered a call from the Red Cross, and gave a mass donation of blood. Seven officers led by manager John Vellenoweth, and some family members, went to a temporary blood bank unit in a local woollen mill. Several of the staff are regular blood donors, and their deposits' over the years total around 70 pints.

● Among the Stawell branch blood donors were (from left) Debbie Bell (clerk), John Vellenoweth (manager), Kaye Baxendale (teller), Mrs Vellenoweth, Geoff Causon (A3) and Mrs Causon. (Photo by courtesy Times-News, Stawell).



8 Days in Fiji

From \$512

Flee from Melbourne's winter freeze to Fiji's balmy Coral Coast where average August temperatures are around 27° Celsius and coconuts are never out of season.

You can spend seven nights and eight days soaking up the Fijian magic at Nandi on Viti Levu island and the nearby Coral Coast resorts.

Here's the itinerary:

Day 1: Australia to Nandi:

Bula — Welcome aboard your Qantas jet for the luncheon flight to Nandi where you are met and transferred to The Dominion hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Nandi to Coral Coast:

This morning you travel by coach to the Coral Coast Reef Hotel.

Day 3 to Day 6: Coral Coast:

Four days of relaxation, four days of 'Fiji time' as the locals call their unhurried accounting of the hours. Swim in the hotel pool or the sea, bask on the beach, visit the local villages, fish or view the coral reef. Whatever you do, your days and nights will be filled with delights.

Go Away!



Day 7: Coral Coast to Nandi:

Back to Nandi today for an overnight stay and, if you fancy, last minute duty-free shopping.

Day 8: Nandi to Australia:

Say 'Isa Lei' a little sadly — today it's back to Australia by jet. But come back soon.

Discounted Price: \$564.60 (Share-Twin Ex-Melbourne).

Special Price: If you book and pay for ticket 45 days before departure: \$512.40. Free colour brochure and more details available from Robyn on 67 6481.

Travel Notes by Robyn Freilich, a consultant of Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel, McEwan's Annexe, 391 Bourke Street, Melbourne (Phone 67 6481).



A Big Day For 'Stork' And 'JJ'

Two longtime stalwarts of the State Bank Football Club recently reached playing milestones.

Club secretary Steve 'Stork' Roberts (Liaison Officer, Branch Mechanization Department) played his 200th game and senior team captain John 'JJ' Jeffery (Mortgage Loans) notched up his 150th.

Both players have been associated with the Club for more than 10 years.

Steve, 29, who has played most of his footy on the back line, won Best and Fairest awards in 1973 and 1976. He is in his seventh year of Club administration.

John, 28, has played in nearly all positions, and is currently giving fine service as a ruckman-forward. He was vice-captain last season.

● Coach John Murrie (centre) congratulates Steve Roberts (left) and John Jeffery.

Girl & Guy of the month



For most people, cartoons are loads of fun, but for Sally Chandler, Hothlyn House's 'resident' sketch artist, they're hard work.

Sally, 19, a typist in Head Office Chief Accountant's Department, says that to draw something funny usually requires some pretty serious thought. Then you must transfer ideas to paper. Not all beer and skittles. (One of Sally's cartoons was featured in the April issue of Statesman.)

Despite Sally's talents for fun sketching, she prefers straight portraiture. She first 'took up the brush' during her days at Waverley High School, and has since received plenty of encouragement from her father, who shares her artistic talents.

Sally is also a sewing enthusiast, and enjoys making soft toys for young children, as well as many of her own clothes.

Born under Aries, Sally is likely to find best partnership prospects with subjects of Leo, Aquarius, and Gemini.



Ross Allen, 25 year-old senior clerk at Tooronga branch, enjoys taking a shot at most things, whether it be with a camera or bow and arrow. During the past four years, Ross has been shooting with the Oakleigh City Archers, spending nearly every spare moment perfecting his technique.

Although to date he has had only moderate success at State and National championships as an archer, he has established himself as a successful photographer. On several occasions he has photographed tournaments for archery magazines, combining his two favourite interests.

Ross's aspirations for the future centre around archery. His chief goal is to represent Australia in the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Although Ross is romantically unattached at the moment, his Scorpio star-scope suggests that subjects of Cancer, Pisces or Sagittarius would be receptive targets for Cupid's arrows.



Big Prizes For:

**Miss Victoria,
Miss Australia,
'Miss Charity'**

There are probably hundreds of girls in the Bank who are basically eligible to enter the Miss Victoria Quest, which leads into the Miss Australia Quest and associated 'Charity Queen' awards.

To become a Miss Victoria candidate you must be single and aged at least 17 on October 1, 1979 — AND you must raise at least \$100 for the Spastic Children's Society (which you can achieve by selling 200 tickets in a Ford Fairmont raffle).

Prizes for Miss Victoria include a trip to Europe, a car, clothes, furs and cash. There are also prizes for all entrants who raise at least \$500 for the spastic children.

Interested? Contact STATESMAN on 60 0531 (Ext. 329 or 444) at Head Office Marketing Department, for entry details.

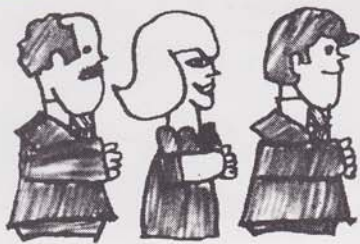
N.B. The Bank does not sponsor Quest entrants.

WANTED

News and photos about staff members.... their sporting achievements and unusual interests or hobbies.

Humorous incidents from everyday life from branches and Head Office departments.

HELP PUT MORE VARIETY INTO YOUR MAGAZINE



Meet our new Managers



S. G. PRIESTLEY, Relieving Staff

Sid's interest in coin collecting began nearly 20 years ago. He has since accumulated a wide variety of foreign coins, most of which, he says have come across the counter. Sid is an accomplished tennis player, and has been a committee member of his local club since 1964. He has four children aged from 11 to 19 years.



W. C. PACKER, Glen Iris Upper

Scouting is very much a family activity in the Packer household. Wally is president of the 3rd Bennettwood Group, and is kept busy at district and group meetings throughout the year. His wife Kaye, assists with administration, while their two young sons enjoy the many outings and activities. Wally's other spare time interests include collecting Australian stamps and doing his own mechanical repairs.



R. L. MUNCKTON, E. D. P. Department

Bob and his family (wife Rhonda, and two young children) have established a small nursery on their 2½-acre property at Skye. Consequently, most leisure time is spent tending their native plants and flowers for sale to local residents and florists. Bob is a volunteer member of the Skye Fire Brigade, and on weekends is kept on his toes answering alarms, both genuine and false.



C. J. HALL, Relieving Staff

Col takes a keen interest in designing and building his own furniture. Over recent years he has made more than a dozen pieces, ranging from small wall frames to bars, tables and wall units. He and his wife Marjorie have two daughters, aged eight and nineteen. Col and the family are proud owners of three collie dogs, which they exhibit at shows around Victoria.



W. D. COUTTS, Assistant Manager, Footscray, Barkly Street

Before taking up his latest posting, Bill spent several years moving between Premises Department, Elizabeth Street branch and the relieving staff. During the evenings he likes to relax over a suspense novel or listen to his collection of jazz records. On weekends he can be found in the garden, or doing maintenance work on his Victorian-era home.



K. S. HAZLETT, Assistant Manager, Clayton

Kel is a member of the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia, and has been associated with gliding clubs for more than 20 years. He is at present constructing a single-seater aircraft in his home workshop. The plane, which is his own design, can be dismantled to fit inside a weatherproof trailer, also designed and built by Kel. Photography, painting and maintaining a 20-year-old Bentley car are other interests.



R. J. REYNOLDS, Assistant Manager, Lalor

Bob's recent promotion will not be taking him anywhere in terms of distance. He has been senior accountant at Lalor branch for the past three years. He and his wife (former Bendigo staffer Lynette McNiece) live on a farmlet near Kal Kallo with their two young children. Bob is treasurer of the Country Fire Association, and a member of the local fire brigade.



L. G. RANTALL, Assistant Manager, Warrnambool

Mick has spent almost his entire lifetime in the Western District. This, and his 22 years as a successful race horse trainer, have made him a well-known figure throughout the area. Mick says training horses is a demanding business, and rising at 4.30 each morning is very much a way of life. His wife and family (three children aged from 7 to 17 years) share his interest in horses.



R. E. BINKS, Personnel Department

As a foundation member of the Australian Deer Association, Ron has been actively involved in the conservation and re-location of Australia's wild life for the past 10 years. His interest in big game has taken him on many trips throughout our eastern States and the southern alps of New Zealand. Ron is also a car enthusiast, and one of his 'machines' is featured in this month's Car Talk column.



J. N. MURRIE, Assistant Manager, Mt. Waverley

John is in his third year as coach of the Bank's football team, and at this stage of the season he has the boys well fired up for their first finals bid for many years. During summer, John enjoys water skiing and sailing. He and his wife Eleanor, a former Oakleigh staffer, have a six-year-old daughter, and a son, eight.



F. J. FELTSOVARY, Assistant Manager, Melton

When Frank studied accountancy in the mid-sixties he developed a keen interest in the stock market, observing company performances and monitoring the booms and crashes. He continues to boost his knowledge by reading the daily financial press. Another interest is collecting wines — clarets and ports especially. Frank and wife Vicki have three children aged from one to four years.



G. R. SWEENEY, Bankcard Department

Graeme has been a member of the Army Reserve for 15 years. As officer-in-charge of the Melbourne Water Transport Unit, he monitors intensive training programmes for young recruits. His busy schedule entails spending at least one night per week at meetings, and most weekends 'on location'. Graeme is married to Karen Wells, formerly of Legal Department. They have three young children.



On the Way Up

*Here are our newest classified officers,
promoted in recent months to
Accountant 3 status:*



MARY BUNN
Internal Audit



PETER WHITE
Boronia, Dorset Road



RAY LAWRENCE
Coburg South



LORRAINE KITTO
Kew East



CHRIS FERGUSON
Mt. Waverley



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Geelong



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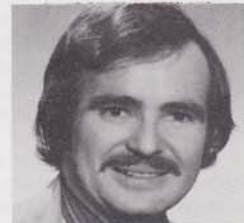
COLIN FITZGIBBON
Overseas Department



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Broadford



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Titles Office



KEN ARNEY
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SUZANNE ROBSON
Malvern



DOREEN LYNCH
Relieving Staff

Branch Staff of the month

COWES



What has our Cowes branch in common with London Office? Right! It's overseas! But the parallel doesn't end there. The staff of both offices are expert in coping with massive influxes of tourists and holiday makers during the summer months.

At Cowes, business really warms up during the Christmas holidays when Phillip Island's population swells from an off-season 2,000 to around 30,000 by mid-January. With the next closest State Bank branch more than 40 km away at Wonthaggi, the staff at Cowes are really kept on their toes.

"Sometimes it's busier at the branch than down at the Penguin Parade", says accountant John Gilbert. "So we have to make special efforts to 'keep cool' and to provide quick, efficient service to customers."

Staff lineup (with sparetime interests and activities). Back row (from left to right): Bruce Mitchell, manager (tennis, golf, spectator football) Vern Cleeland, A2 (golf, pool, cricket, fishing, 'socialising') Greg Churchill, senior clerk (football, surfing, raising family and building house) Sharon Lindsay, teller (netball, following football).

Front row: Julie Hedley (Rotoract — Exchange Student, U.S.A. 1977/78, Red Cross First Aid) John Gilbert, A3 (football, cricket — 'Country Week' representative, squash) Julie Webb, proof reader (tennis, 'going out') Heather Yann, clerk (netball, basketball, and 'a good night out').

Tactful Telegrams

A retired banker, who breeds cats, left a prize Persian in charge of a neighbour while on an extended holiday trip in Europe.

After the annuitant had been abroad for a few weeks he received a telegram. It read: YOUR CAT IS DEAD. The annuitant was so upset that he almost had a heart attack. He could not finish his tour and returned immediately to Australia.

Then he criticised his neighbour for lack of sensitivity, saying 'You could have been more tactful.'

'What do you mean?' the neighbour asked.

'Well, you could have sent several telegrams. The first, for instance, could have been YOUR CAT STUCK ON THE ROOF AND WE CAN'T GET IT DOWN. The second: THE CAT FELL FROM THE ROOF AND IS AT THE VETS. And the third: DESPITE DESPERATE BATTLE FOR HER LIFE, YOUR CAT HAS PASSED ON.'

Things settled down until the annuitant's next trip abroad.

This time he received a telegram which simply said YOUR MOTHER STUCK ON ROOF.

Wendy's short answer

LONDON, Tues. — Wendy Richardson had a brief reply to a demand for a \$12 parking penalty.

She was so incensed that she wrote a "cheque" on a pair of silk French camnickers and sent them to the local fines office.

Miss Richardson, a 25-year-old wages clerk of Ward End Rd., Birmingham, had been shopping with her mother and returned to her car to find it had been booked.

"I was annoyed and thought this was the only thing to do," said Miss Richardson, who also sent a poem to the fines office.

The last word came from Barclays Bank who said they would honor the cheque—and return it to the drawer. — Herald Special Service.

No Flowers, By Request

Annuitant Clarrie McBurnie phoned STATESMAN to say that our recent report implying his death was greatly exaggerated. (We omitted Clarrie's name from a list of surviving 1927 Bank footballers.)

So we are pleased to confirm that Clarrie McBurnie is alive and well in Ringwood.

And we appreciate Clarrie's comments about STATESMAN: "It gives us the human side of the Bank, and keeps us in touch with changes in the administration and operations."



Anzac Formation of State Bank Flyers

Past and present State Bankers who served in the R.A.A.F. during World War II were reunited in the 1979 Anzac Day March through Melbourne.

Deputy General Manager Murray Souter (third from right) was not wearing his D.F.C. (Distinguished Flying Cross), but many more medals were in evidence.

This photo, taken by Roy Sudholz, manager of Deepdene branch, shows (from left) John Thwaites (ex-Bank, now a farmer) Tom Thynne (manager, National Mutual Branch) Bill Wood (manager, Mitcham) Murray Souter, Ray Graf, (retired manager) and Wally Searle (manager, Western branch).

PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. COCKY: The parrot was deaf.
2. TELL WHETHER: 1. You could take the barometer to the roof of the building, lower it on a string to ground level, pull it up and measure the string.
2. You could offer the barometer as a gift to the caretaker of the building in return for him telling you its height.

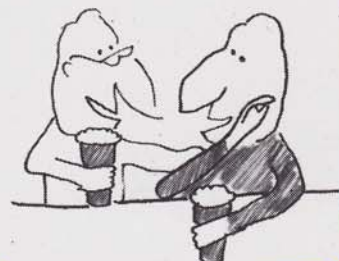
Calling Annuitants

There are now nearly 600 retired officers on STATEMAN'S mailing list.

Please send to 'Grapevine' your news, reminiscences and any other contributions likely to interest fellow annuitants.

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On the Grapevine



An Oldie Remembers

I remember the cheese of my childhood,
And the bread that we sliced with a knife,
When children helped out with the housework,
And the man went to work — not the wife.

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Our cheese never needed an ice chest,
The bread was soft, crusty and hot,
The children were generally happy,
And the wife was content with her lot.

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I remember the milk from the billy,
With the lovely rich cream on the top,
And the dinners straight from the oven,
And not from the fridge in the shop.

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The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for 'kicks',
Just a game with their mates in a paddock,
And the Saturday sixpenny 'flicks'.

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I remember the shop on the corner,
Where a penn'orth of lollies were sold,
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it that I'm growing old?

Gone Fishin'

Forthcoming retirements

FRANK REARDON (Ormond)
LOU SANGSTER (Springvale)
LINDSAY PELLETIER (Jolimont)
ALAN WALKER (Emergency Staff)
JACK PRIDGEON (Emergency Staff)
TED DE LACY (Maintenance Staff)
DENTON SCHOLLES (Dandenong Market)
FRED WEBSTER (Emergency Staff)
BERT SIDDLE (45 Swanston Street)
BOB FLETCHER (Glen Waverley)





Husband and wife basketballers Frank and Glenda Salter, (Bankcard Department and Melbourne University branch respectively) model smart, snug Bank windcheaters — now again available to staff at bargain prices (see story).

Jeepers, Creepers, Where D'ya Get Those 'Cheaters'?

Almost 350 State Bank windcheaters were sold in response to a STATESMAN offer a year ago.

Further supplies are now in stock, at \$10 (women's) and \$12 (men's), which are well below shop prices for similar quality garments.

Originally designed for State Bank basketballers, our top-quality Exacto 'cheaters' are in distinctive yellow with a discreet Bank symbol, and are ideal for casual weekend wear. They are available in men's chest sizes 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 and women's bust sizes 32, 34 and 36.

Send your order, with cheque payable to State Bank Basketball Club, to Mr Jeff Franklin, Bankcard Department, head office.

THAI VISITORS



THAI VISITORS: Officials from the Government Savings Bank, Thailand, visited head office last month and spent some time in our marketing and lending departments. Pictured with Advertising Manager Maurie Cavanough were (from left) Mr Prathomdhat (Tom) Sajukorn (Assistant Head of Publicity Division) Mr La-or Chaturongkakul (Head of Publicity Division) Mr Prinya Wanchupela (Head of Technical Division).

Horsham Ha-Ha's

The following snippets of wit and wisdom were sent in by the staff of Horsham branch:

WHICH ARE YOU?

Some people are like WHEELBARROWS: They have to be pushed.
Some are like CANOES: They have to be paddled.
Some are like KITES: If you don't keep them on a string, they fly away.
Some are like FOOTBALLS: You can't tell where they'll bounce next.
Some are like TRAILERS: They have to be pulled.
Some are like a GOOD WATCH: Open faced, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

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PHILOSOPHY

He who drinks to excess gets drunk
He who gets drunk goes to sleep
He who goes to sleep does not sin
He who does not sin goes to Heaven
Since we all want to go to Heaven . . .
Let's drink.

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HUSBAND'S KIT — FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES

- 1 box chocolates
- 3 pairs pantyhose (wife's size)
- 2 theatre tickets
- 1 love letter, addressed clearly to wife and nobody else
- 1 picture of self as little boy
- \$50 in cash.

Plus

- A supply of tinned food
- 1 sleeping bag
- 1 copy of solicitor's telephone number.