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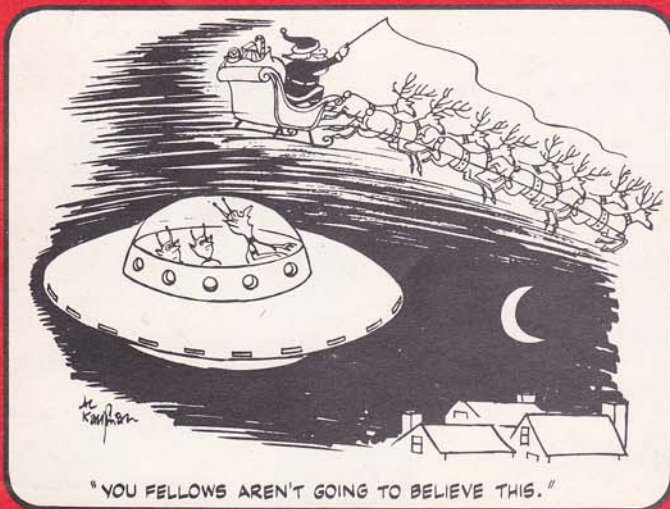
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"Is this all?"



"YOU FELLOWS AREN'T GOING TO BELIEVE THIS."



"Why, Edith, just what I'll need. . . a new checkbook!"



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## BACK COVER

This is one of the 1973 UNICEF Christmas card designs — the first ever black and white card. This year 18 designs are available, most of them in full color. They are based on paintings by famous artists and in some cases on historic art treasures. The cards are sold in boxes of 10 at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$3 per box. Sales directly benefit underprivileged children (there are an estimated 1000 million of these kiddies in more than 100 developing countries). You can buy the cards at UNICEF Greeting Card office, 134 Flinders Street, Melbourne—or write, phone (654 3627), or call there for a free color catalogue of card designs.

**CARD REMINDER:** A vast variety of Christmas Cards benefiting combined local charities are selling at Leighton House — just around the corner from head office.

STATESMAN is produced at two-monthly intervals by the Public Relations section of the State Savings Bank of Victoria. Comments from staff on the contents of the magazine are invited. The editorial team welcomes suggestions for future articles and pictures, nominations for Girl of the Month and Man of the Month, and letters for publication.

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## State Bank Centre

# PLAN NOW HAS TWO SQUASH COURTS

The final design for State Bank Centre has two floors less than the original (due to modifications required by Melbourne City Council), but it includes several new features, including two staff squash courts extending through two basements.

Other staff amenities planned for the new \$26.6 million head office complex include:

- Modern cafeteria designed to serve 12 people per minute.
- Recreation room (table tennis, etc.) adjoining the cafeteria.
- Shower rooms in the basements.
- A theatre to seat 200 people.

**PICTURED:** ORIGINAL ARCHITECTS' MODEL of State Bank Centre, showing the relative heights of the tower and the GPO clock. The plan has been slightly modified, but total height has been reduced by only 20 feet to 550 feet. **INSERT:** Mr. Jack Horsley, SSB Project Manager, who is co-ordinator of the State Bank Centre and other major city projects.



- A medical centre (manned by at least one nursing sister).

The 41-storey tower, which will accommodate head office departments progressively from about December 1977 will be fully air conditioned (to 22 degrees Celsius and 50% humidity), and all floors will be carpeted.

Footnote: It is expected that demolition of the present head office building will take a full nine months.

## THE BIG ROLL-UP

Management congratulates staff members on their attendance figures for November 1 — the first day of a total rail strike. Only 12 officers were absent from work, out of a total staff of more than 5100. Similarly high "turn-up" performances have been noted during transport stoppages in recent years.

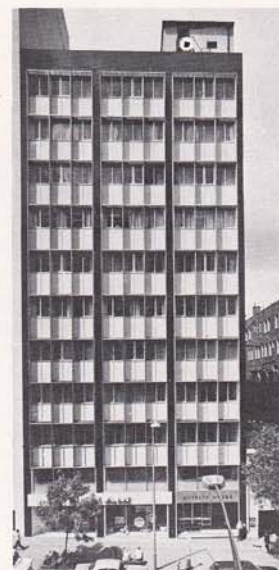
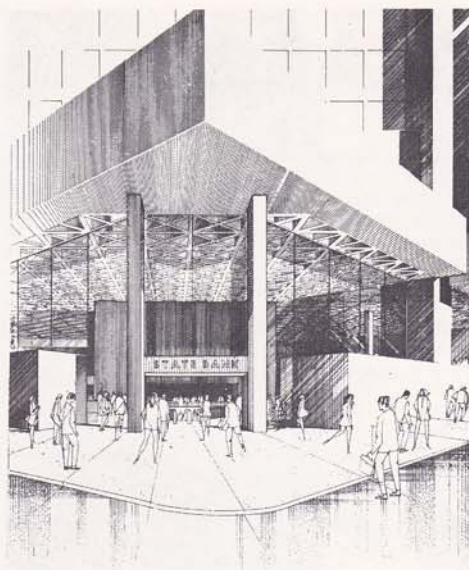
The outstanding record was set on December 22 last year — last day before the Christmas break — when EVERYBODY ON THE ENTIRE STAFF ARRIVED FOR DUTY.

- "WELL DONE, TROOPS," says Ron Wade (right), Staff Superintendent.





# WE MOVE CLOSER TO THE 'CENTRE'



Above: MAIN ENTRANCE to the banking chamber of State Bank Centre at the Elizabeth/Bourke Streets corner is depicted in this sketch by the architects. Target month for completion of the entire Centre is August 1979. Right: TEMPORARY HOME for several head office departments between April 1975 and December 1977 will be four leased floors in Hothlyn House at 233 Collins Street, city . . . formerly the AGE building.

## TENTATIVE TEMPORARY HEAD OFFICE LOCATIONS

(Apr. '75—Dec. '77)

### 270 FLINDERS STREET

Chief Accountant's Dept.  
Chief Inspector's Dept.  
Staff Supt.'s Dept.  
EDP Depts.  
Marketing  
Premises  
Overseas  
Research  
Custody  
Correspondence  
Staff Counsellor  
Provident Fund  
Internal Audit Dept.

### 233 COLLINS STREET

GM's Dept.  
Mortgage Loans  
Personal Loans  
Current Loans  
Legal Dept.  
Valuers  
Insurance  
Securities  
Main Cafeteria  
Main Switchboard

### ELIZABETH HOUSE

Elizabeth Street branch  
Branch Mechanisation  
Charge Cards  
Mortgage Loan Records  
Project Manager

### 45 SWANSTON STREET

Custody Dept. Safe Deposit

## TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR STATE BANK CENTRE

- September '74 to April '75 : Demolition of buildings between present Head Office and McEwans in Bourke Street.
- April '75 : Head Office departments move to three main temporary premises in city:
  - 270 Flinders Street (New).
  - 233 Collins Street (Four floors leased).
  - Elizabeth House (Next to H.O.).
- April to December '75 : Demolition of head office and commencement of construction of State Bank Centre.
- December '77 : Head Office departments move into completed tower of State Bank Centre.
- August '79 : Completion of State Bank Centre complex.



# HOW CHARGE CARDS WORK

Plans are well advanced for our entry, together with eight other leading Australian banks into the CHARGE CARD field next July. S.S.B. "cards co-ordinator" John Crofts is currently completing an overseas study tour of latest developments in America, Canada and England.

Commencing in February, branch staffs in the Melbourne metropolitan area and Geelong will be given a color film presentation on charge cards by a roving team from head office. Meanwhile, here is a comic strip depiction of the procedures involved in a typical purchase by a card holder:

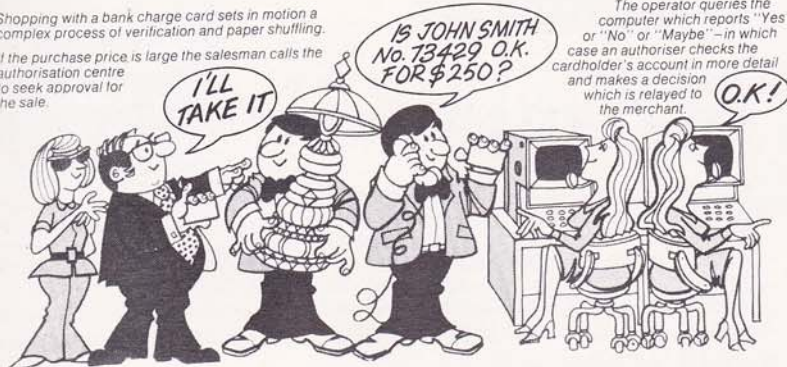


FRONT of all Bankcards will have a red, orange and yellow 'b' emblem on a green background.



REVERSE side of Bankcards issued through S.S.B. will have our emblem in black and yellow.

Shopping with a bank charge card sets in motion a complex process of verification and paper shuffling. If the purchase price is large the salesman calls the authorisation centre to seek approval for the sale.



The merchant deposits his sales dockets at his bank, crediting his account the same way as with cheque deposits.

The sales dockets then go to the bank's clearing centre and on to the computer centre where they are processed.

EMILY, I CAN'T FINISH THIS MICROFILMING UNLESS YOU GET THOSE SLIPS BATCHED!

The sales dockets then go to the computer.



DATA PROCESSING LOOKS FINE! Using visual display units with keyboards, operators transfer the information from the dockets directly into the computer which up-dates the customer's account and prints the monthly statement.



The computer also sorts the statements which are then prepared for mailing.



If the customer pays the full balance within the grace period of 25 days no service fee is charged.

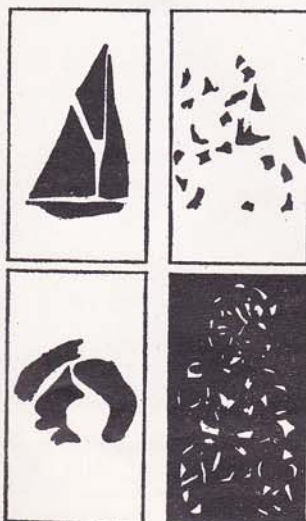






**RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Our Sharon Tredrea (left), of Preston East branch, is pictured here with her sister, Janette (HERALD photo). These girls are being hailed as "a great cricketing double . . . a two-sister combination which has instilled excitement into women's cricket." Sharon, a demon bowler, was in the Australian team which played in the World Cup series in England earlier this year. At 19 she is regarded as the fastest woman bowler in Australia. She is also a magnificent fielder and a very hard-hitting batswoman. Janette, 17, still at high school, is in the Victorian junior cricket team. She is handy with the bat, but her specialty is wicketkeeping.

## Puzzle these!



1. **GET THE PICTURE:** Can you identify the partly-obiterated sketches shown here? They are part of a psychological test. (If you are young and female you should find them easier to solve than if you are male and elderly.)
2. **LADDERGRAPH:** Change **BLACK** to **WHITE** in eight moves, altering one letter and making a new word each time, without rearranging letters.
3. **TANGO TANGLE:** Three married couples were celebrating their triple wedding anniversary at a dinner dance, and for most of the evening the husbands had partnered their wives. But no girl danced the tango with her husband. Instead, Alex led Dorothy on to the floor; Brian partnered Charles' wife, and Florence's husband danced with Elizabeth. To WHICH GIRL WAS EACH MAN MARRIED — AND WITH WHICH GIRL DID HE DANCE THE TANGO?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 13.

## STATE SECRETS

by the teller

MAN called on suburban branch manager one Wednesday morning, with binoculars strung over his arm, to ask for a Personal Loan. "How long do you want the money for?" asked the manager. "Oh, till about 3 o'clock this afternoon," replied the punter.

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SHEET of school bank deposits arrived from a country branch at head office school bank section recently. Enquiries revealed that the branch accountant had told a new junior girl, "Post these to School Bank." So she'd done just that.

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DURING October power strike our head office front window had a sign saying "ALL POWER IS GENERATED BY OUR OWN PLANT". The sign was beside a large potted plant. Little old lady was heard to remark: "Isn't nature wonderful! All that power coming from one philodendron!"

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COUNTRY branch clerk failed to show up one Monday morning. When the manager finally phoned his home, his mother explained: "Well, the lad slept in and I didn't like to wake him."

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CLERICAL assistant whispered to branch accountant: "That woman over there has power of eternity over her mother and wants to talk to an accountant about it."

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STRANGER produced his passbook to make "another branch" withdrawal at Bundoora. Asked by manager Roy Sudholz for identification, he promptly produced court summons which had been served on him for indecent language.

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RELIEVING accountant booked into a crowded country pub where he was obliged to share a room with a commercial traveller who was notorious for loud snoring. Reliever reports how he solved the problem: "As soon as the other bloke put the light out I got out of bed and gave him a big kiss on the forehead. For the rest of the night he sat up watching me."



# All in the family...

There's a strong family spirit in our largest branch—Elizabeth Street — and the staff currently include three sets of relations.



**BOB BENNETT**, Staff Supervisor, confers with his teller daughter, **Mrs. JULIE CONWAY**.



**BILL HAYES**, Assistant Manager, is seen in his office with daughter **GLENYS**, who is a New Accounts clerical assistant.



**JOHN HARRISON**, of Cheque Accounts, heads off from "Lizzy" for lunch with his teller wife **SUE** (formerly Rogers).



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## THE BOOMERANG BRIGADE

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# 'We came back' (to the S.S.B.)

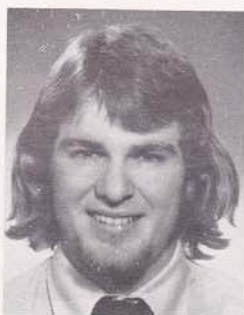
More than a dozen young people — originally on the Bank's staff — came back recently because they preferred the S.S.B. life after all. They were re-engaged to swell the Bank's pool of experienced officers, and help solve rostering problems associated with our additional week of annual leave. In mid-September the flow of "returnees" was spurred by

publication of an advertisement in the press inviting ex-officers to apply for interviews.

Our re-employment program is continuing. Meanwhile, this page features some of the "Boomerang Brigade" and their main reasons for coming back to the Bank.



**"BETTER MONEY":** Ken Wilson, now a 25-year-old clerk at Beaumaris branch, left the Bank in 1967 to try job-costing on Board of Works projects. He returned to the S.S.B. in October last. His reasons: "Better money, for one thing. Also, there's greater variety of work at the Bank. And there's more opportunity for something I really like doing: meeting a wide range of people".



**"MORE SECURITY":** Howard Forster, 18, now a clerk in head office Insurance Department, resigned from the Bank in 1972 after a short period of service, to resume studies at school. Subsequently he decided to try a totally different job, as a plumber. Three months ago he returned to the S.S.B. to settle down to a banking career. His reasons: "The Bank offers greater security, also more avenues of advancement in various kinds of work."



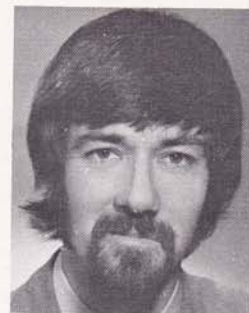
**"MEET MORE PEOPLE":** Jim Papacostas, 25, left the Bank in 1971 to work in hotel management — and returned late this year to become a teller at 45 Swanston Street branch. Says Jim: "The hours were too long at the pub and there was always a lot of pressure. Also I seemed to be meeting only one kind of person all the time. At the Bank the hours and conditions are much better and I'm meeting all kinds of people in my daily work."



**"SHORTER HOURS":** John Edwards, 20, a clerk at Chelsea branch, left the S.S.B. at the beginning of 1972 to return to school. Later he took a job with a stationery firm for a few months. In October this year he decided to return to the Bank, because, he says, "the hours are shorter . . . there are more fringe benefits like loans and medical rebates . . . and I prefer the Bank work, anyway."



**"GOOD PROMOTION PROSPECTS":** Jim Douglas, 24, of St. Vincent's Hospital branch, is a clerk who hopes to become a teller. He left the S.S.B. in 1970 to become a radio announcer. After working on the "mikes" at Myer fashion shows he "announced" at 3SH Swan Hill and 3TR Sale for about a year, then joined a city insurance firm. Jim came back to the Bank because "there's much more scope for promotion" and greater security.



**"PLEASANT CONDITIONS":** Alan Blanks, 25-year-old teller at 45 Swanston Street, left the Bank early in 1970 to travel around Australia with a mate in a Land-Rover, doing odd jobs along the way. Then he tried clerical work in a finance company and the Health Department. Now he's back in the S.S.B. because "the working conditions are very pleasant, and you meet lots of people. Also, the money is very reasonable for the hours worked".



## around the branches

— with

Joan Freeman



### Bacchus Marsh

#### ENTERPRISE

A small boy, aged about 13, with a few dollars clutched in his hand, peered over the counter at Bacchus Marsh branch recently and announced firmly that he'd like to open a cheque account.

Accountant, rather taken aback, said, "Aren't you a bit young? And what made you think you needed a cheque account?"

"Well," said young hopeful, "there's a game I want in the shop over the road and I haven't got quite enough money to buy it, so I thought I could open a cheque account and give him a cheque for it."

### HASTINGS

#### S.S.B. League

Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association under-14 teams seem to favour coaches who are S.S.B. managers. Earlier this year we reported that Dromana manager, Cec. Rixon, was coaching the local team in which his son starred. This year Cec. is still coaching and the Hastings under-14 team has acquired a new coach — Hastings manager, Graham Emmett — whose son Geoff is a member of his team. Graham said his team is very young and hasn't had much success to date, but they're hoping.

He is an enthusiastic cricketer himself, who started playing as a lad of 11 and is still playing this year with the Hastings Firsts.

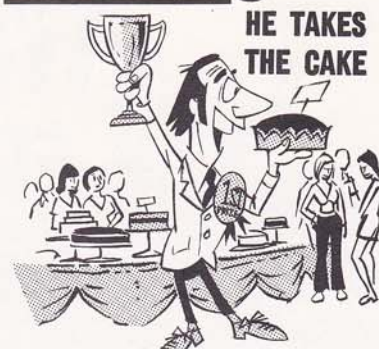
### Hampton East

#### ANOTHER GOLFING TRIUMPH

Hampton East accountant John Hibbert is wearing a big smile these days since he and reliever Ken Kick won the final of the R. M. Leggo four-ball event at their own Club — Long Island. This is one of the major club events of the year and John, who's reduced his handicap from 21 to 15, and Ken (let out to 24) had to listen to a few cries of "bushrangers" as they won their way through to the finals.

They clinched the event with a resounding win of 4 and 3 after being three down after six holes.

### Woomelang



Hopetoun Courier recently recorded a gleeful blow for Men's Liberation. The trophy for the Dark Fruit Cake Section of the Hopetoun Agricultural Show was won by a MAN — an unprecedented event. The man in question was Mr. John Fitzpatrick, manager of our Woomelang branch and apparently a cook of no mean order.

In addition to his first in the Hopetoun Show he's also taken a first and second prize at the Woomelang Flower Show with his fruit cakes.

### Aspendale

#### ANOTHER LUCKY CUSTOMER

We seem to have had a spate of lucky customers lately. (Here's hoping some of it will rub off on us.)

The gentleman receiving the congratulatory kiss from reliever Jan Bates is Mr. G. Russo — who's just brought in a cheque for \$115,832 for deposit to his account. Mr. Russo, who has been a customer at Aspendale since the branch opened, won this delightful amount in a recent Tattsлото draw. Manager Mr. Bill Pamphilon holds the precious cheque.





# LETTER LAUGHS

These are genuine extracts from letters received by Ministry of Pensions Offices in Edinburgh which deal with Public Welfare:

I cannot get Externity benefit in spite of the fact that I saw the Instance Officer. I have eight children what can I do about it.



I have nothing coming into the house but sons on the dole, I am visited regularly by the clergy. Will you write to the Ponshuns Minister for me as I don't know what Church he is charge of. I can do with a pension as I have no clothes on for a year.

I am enclosing the certificate with six children. One of them is a mistake as you will see when you look into it. I am writing to say my youngest child is born two years old. Why am I not getting an allowance for it.

The man I lived with won't work. As he wants to know if my husband is died, will you search the records office for me and let me know.

I should have more pension now my son is in charge of a spitoon.

I am writing you truly yes I was confirmed with a boy weighing ten pounds. Let me know if this is what you want because I have fallen in error with the landlord and need it badly to pay the rent.

In accordance with your instructions, I have gave birth to, twins in the enclosed envelops.

I want money badly as quick as you can send it, I have been in bed with the doctor for a week and he doesn't seem to be doing any good. If things don't improve I shall have to change my doctor.

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

Please send me a proper form for milk as I am stagnant.

Please send me a form for a supply of milk for having babies at reduced rates.

Re you dental inquiry. The tooth at the top are alright but the ones in my bottom are hurting terrible.

teller  
talk  
by Sue



● OLD lady urging me to hurry with her withdrawal the other day said: "I'm terribly late, and my goldfish will be waiting for their lunch."

● CIVILITY costs nothing, and it's like oil to a machine.

● FELLOW who had received a one cent cheque — as a rebate on a bill from a public service department — took it into a city branch to cash it. Teller asked: "How would you like it, sir? Heads or tails?"

● TREMENDOUS progress has been made in methods of communication in recent years. But there's still a lot to be said for the simple smile.

● COULDN'T help overhearing what a lady waiting at my window said to her husband the other day: "Now we'll have to get some new clothes for the holidays. I need two dresses, some slacks and shoes. You need a tie."

● WE are not doing customers a favor by serving them.

● A RETIRED Irish officer who came in last week when the weather was fine and sunny said: "I wish I was back at work so I could take a sickie and enjoy this glorious day."

● WHEN accepting a deposit, it's a good idea to count it first and then look at the voucher to verify the amount. If you look at the voucher first you are more likely to count to that figure.

## Smiler of the month



● Spotted recently at Central Branch, city, Pam Marks earns this month's \$2 "tip" for her ever-ready smile across the teller's counter.

## History 'squeeze'

According to science author Richard Carrington, if the whole of earth's history were compressed into a single year:

- The first eight months would be completely without life.
- The following two months would be devoted to the most primitive creatures, ranging from viruses and single-celled bacteria to jellyfish.
- Mammals would not appear until the second week in December.
- Man as he is today would not be found until 11.45 p.m. on December 31.
- The age of written history would occupy little more than the last 60 seconds of the year.



## HOW TO TORMENT YOUR TYPIST

Never hand out work first thing in the morning. Typists much prefer a terrific rush in the late afternoon.

Should a letter require slight alteration after it has been typed, score the work heavily through and through about four times and write the correction beside it, preferably in biro or 4H pencil. Always make the alteration on the original.

Please write out letters with a blunt pencil in the left hand whilst blind-folded. Incorrect spelling, balloons, arrows and other diagrams are very helpful to typists.

With regard to tabulated statements, do not on any account use paper printed with lines. If figures are altered, please write heavily over those previously inserted, the correct figure in each case being the one underneath.

Should work be required urgently, it aids the typist considerably if the boss will rush in at intervals of 30 seconds to see if it is done. (This one is really urgent.)

If extra copies of a letter are required, this desire should be indicated either after "Yours faithfully" or overleaf, so as to ensure that it is the last thing the typist will see when the letter is completed.

When a typist is busy typing, it tickles her to death to have people hovering about the typewriter, reading over her shoulder, taking things away and bringing them back.

Whenever possible, clerks and officers should try to keep typists late. Typists have no home and are only too pleased to have somewhere to spend the evening.

(By Jenny Houston, ex-Correspondence Dept.)

## Breakfast

*'Oh breakfast, oh breakfast, the meal  
of my heart,*

*'Bring porridge, bring sausage, bring  
fish for a start,*

*'Bring kidneys and mushrooms and  
partridges' legs,*

*'But let the foundation be bacon and  
eggs.'*

—A. P. Herbert.



## Printing machine is their pride and joy

Shirley White and Dianne Everlyn, of Correspondence Department, are the authorised operators of a new printing machine. It can produce up to 7200 printed sheets per hour—which is about twice as fast as one of our old duplicators—and there is no need to make stencils, because it

prints from photographic plates.

The machine is capable of reproducing illustrations in color or black and white, but so far we have used it only for printed material like Circulars.

● Photo taken by Laurel Clinch of Correspondence Department.

## Our largest, longest list

What a huge job of sorting, shifting and shuffling they've had to do in Staff Department during recent weeks!

Our last appointments list (No. 8/73) broke all records.

For a start there were 172 vacancies advertised — by far the greatest number ever (annual reclassification of branches was partly responsible for this).

Then 850 officers each applied for almost three jobs apiece — and this meant there were 2396 applications lodged.

Each application had to be evaluated in terms of the officer's merit, suitability and seniority.

So that is why the List took six weeks to process, instead of the usual four.





## NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pangrazio chose St. Benedict's Church, Burwood, for their marriage. Mrs. Pangrazio is the former Margaret Hennessy, an Elizabeth Street teller. Besides being a very competent teller, Margaret is a better-than-average dressmaker and made both her own and the bridesmaids' outfits.

Mrs. Robert Booth signs her new name for the first time following her wedding at Glen Iris Presbyterian Church. She was formerly Julie Armstrong and is a member of Correspondence Department Staff.





# MEET OUR NEW MANAGERS

(Sideways, for space reasons. Sorry!)



**P. J. RODDA**, Research Officer, Research Dept. Peter, who has taken a long - time interest in all aspects of the art of prestidigitation, is a member of the Magic Circle, London; the International Brotherhood of Magicians; and for the past five years has been treasurer of the Australian Society of Magicians. Peter and his wife have a family of two.



**G. F. CROCKETT**, Relieving Manager Two-thirds of George's bank service has been spent as a reliever. He and wife, Val—who's a New Zealander — have a family of two girls and one young son. George, who used to be a fair cricketer, now plays an occasional game of squash and takes an interest in racing. Is also a keen gardener.



**L. F. X. HALLINAN**, Relieving Manager Each morning, the Hallinans — Leo, Iris and the dog — take off for a jogging session before work. They say it releases pressure and keeps them fit. Leo also plays squash three times a week and is a member of Sunshine (81) team. Photography, plus developing and printing, is another interest.



**K. H. JAMES**, Relieving Manager Competitive pistol shooting is one of the main interests of the James family, with Keith, his wife, and their two teenage children all holding licences. Keith has shot competitively for 14 years. His wife has only been a competitor for the last three years, but has had quite a deal of success.



**I. B. KIRKBRIDE**, Relieving Manager As team manager for the Watsonia Little Athletics with training sessions twice a week, Ian finds no trouble filling in his spare time. He has two sons who are Little Aths competitors, and his wife and 14-year-old daughter are keen supporters. Gardening and following his team, Carlton, are other interests.



**P. SHANNON**, Relieving Manager All Paul's service has been spent in suburban branches, mainly in western suburbs. A bachelor, he's a squash enthusiast, who plays about three times a week, and is a member of an A1 pennant team. An occasional game of golf and a punt on the horses are other sporting interests.



**B. W. BARNES**, Systems Officer, EDP Planning Bryan, who is in his last year of a B.Com. course, is finding life pretty hectic. However, he managed to play football with the Bank's Reserve team and collected the Best and Fairest award. Bryan and his wife have a six-year-old daughter and a son, aged two.



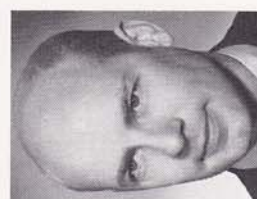
**R. T. SAUNDERS**, Yackandandah Reg and his wife both hail from nearby Chiltern. As his family still lives in the district, the Saunders and their young son and daughter are very happy with the Yackandandah appointment. Reg loves getting out in the bush for a day's shooting, and has been a stalwart of the Bank's basketball and squash teams.



**G. W. JAMES**, Systems Officer, EDP Plan. Dept. Geoff's 10 years with the Bank's football team included a term as captain and also the coveted award of "Best and Fairest". He's now a keen golfer, who plays at Eastwood off a 16 handicap. His wife is a former S.S.B. member, Joy Spicer, whose last branch was Nunawading. They have a family of three.



**R. K. MALONEY**, Industrial Officer, Staff Dept. The Maloney's family of four, ranging in age from 14 to a baby boy, manage to keep mum and dad pretty busy ferrying them around to different activities. Wife, Dorothy, nee Ward, was a comptometrist in the C.I.'s department prior to her marriage. Swimming, surfing and occasional golf are Ron's sports.



**D. G. BASHAM**, Creswick Basketball has been Don's main sport. He played nearly 300 games for the Bank's International Rules Club, served as President and received a life membership. He became interested in the administration of the sport, was an "A" grade referee for five years, and has just retired as secretary of the V.B.R.A.



# Easier ways to make a living

If you are looking for easier ways to make a living, consider these:

A Stockholm girl discovers dog-tax defaulters by standing outside suspect houses and barking. She can imitate 20 different dogs. If there is an answering bark from inside, she jots down the address and a tax reminder note follows.

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A young American woman packs the bags of guests at a group of New York hotels and earns three times as much as she did as a typist.

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A Hollywood girl earns \$150 a working day as a "shriek-in" for stars who don't like screaming to order.

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Another American girl produces baby "coos", gurgles and howls for radio programs. She keeps in form by listening to the occupants of prams in parks.

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An American woman spends her day sniffing at tuna fish as they glide past her on a conveyor belt. If one smells "off", out it goes. In many fishing ports, fish-sniffers judge newly landed white fish by a careful assessment of smell. The best cod, for instance, should have a tangy, "sea-weedy" smell; fish that have a musty, "milky" or "peppery" smell are not so good.

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Brewers employ cask-smellers who spend their working lives sniffing washed empty barrels. They have to detect mould or any suggestion of sourness.

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The chief water-taster to London's Water Board tastes 80 glasses a day, can identify 17 different flavors of water, and can instantly discriminate between "fish-weedy" and "decaying vegetation".

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A man in St. Paul, Minnesota, tastes soap for a living — his tongue being a perfect reagent to the amount of alkali contained in various soaps.

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About 50 girls in America — mainly college students — make a regular income by testing pyjamas for comfort. They sleep in them, wash them and fill in detailed reports.



# Potted Politics

Here are simple definitions of the world's major political systems:

**SOCIALISM:** If you have two cows, you give one to your neighbour.

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**CAPITALISM:** If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

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**COMMUNISM:** If you have two cows, you give them to the Government, and it gives you some milk.

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**FASCISM:** If you have two cows, you keep the cows and give the milk to the Government, and the Government then sells you the milk.

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**NEW IDEALISM:** If you have two cows, you shoot one and milk the other — then you pour the milk down the drain.

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**NAZISM:** If you have two cows, the Government shoots you and keeps the cows.

# Limerick Corner

Readers are invited to complete the following limerick. We will pay \$2 for the best last line submitted, and will publish it in our next issue. Address your entries to "Limerick Corner", c/o STATESMAN.

Said a wife with 12 kids, Mrs. Shay,  
I'm expecting my thirteenth in May,  
I have done playing games,  
'Cause we're all out of names,

Examples of last lines:

"MR. SHAY, I NOW GIVE YOU AWAY"

"IN FUTURE I'LL SLEEP IN THE HAY."

# Puzzle Answers

- GET THE PICTURE?** Top left: YACHT. Top right: CLOAKED RIDER ON HORSEBACK. Bottom left: RABBIT. Bottom right: BABY.
- LADDERGRAPH:** SLACK, SHACK, SHARK, SHARE, SHALE, WHALE, WHILE, WHITE.
- TANGO TANGLE:** Alex was married to Elizabeth and partnered Dorothy in the tango. Brian was married to Dorothy, and partnered Florence. Charles was married to Florence, and partnered Elizabeth.





**MESSAGE, SIR?** Wendy Hamilton, cheerleader and trainer for "45", prepares to give Colin Flanagan a rubdown with liniment at quarter-time. At right is Les Wilkins, a "45" ring-in from Central branch. Photo by Ross Hindle, of 45 Swanston Street.

## Footy flashback

A week before the VFL Grand Final, another important football match was played in Victoria — At Whittlesea Showgrounds, where teams from our Elizabeth Street and 45 Swanston Street branches clashed in an instant premiership. "45" won by a point, and racked up its third victory out of four matches played against "Lizzy" in recent years.

Trainer and chief cheerleader for "45" was senior girl Wendy (Olive) Hamilton, who subsequently supplied STATESMAN with the following bird's-eye report:

"Armed with bottles of refreshment and liniment, I ventured to Whittlesea to watch my mob take on Elizabeth Street, and what I had expected to be just a social match turned into a real battle. Elizabeth Street was FAIR DINKUM, But "45", with its usual flair for overcoming all problems, prevailed by a point. We had a great line-up . . . Ronald (McKenna) Burns at full-forward; Warren (Landy) Coleman, who was so fast he kept running past the ball . . .

"Big Nick Vavallo (just wish he would balance his cash the way he balanced the ball) . . . Davy Shepherd (somebody should have told him it wasn't Rugby) . . . and then we had Dashing Des Jones . . . John 'Flash' Lonergan . . . Col Flanagan (who kept wanting to lie down) . . . Little Mal Woodrow . . . big Neil Robbins (Captain) . . . and, of course, Geoff Cook, who had two touches all day — one when he acted as boundary umpire and the other when he threw the ball to his mate, for a free kick.

"No report would be complete without a mention of us young ladies of the cheer squad, and I believe that the stirring speech given by coach Reg. Reade at half-time left little to be desired."



**LADY:** "No, I wouldn't say my husband was a failure, exactly. It's just that he started at the bottom, and liked it there."

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**MAN:** "My daughter was sitting in the lounge with her boy friend about 10.30 last night. I poked my head in and said: 'We turn out the lights here at 11 o'clock, you know.' The boy friend said: 'That's OK. We won't be reading.'"

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**HUSBAND:** "Incidentally, that cheque you sent the grocer last week came back today."

**WIFE:** "Goody goody! Now what can I buy with it next?"

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**SMALL BOY:** "Daddy, I want more lollies."

**FATHER:** "You're a little pig . . . you know what a pig is, don't you?"

**SMALL BOY:** "Yes, Dad . . . it's a hog's little boy."

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**ELDERLY MAN:** "I once had a beard like yours, young man, but when I realised how ugly it made me look I cut it off."

**YOUNG MAN:** "I once had a face like yours, but when I realised I couldn't cut it off I grew this beard."

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**YOUNG WOMAN:** "They told me my blind date was a sexagenarian. That sounded OK, but then I found out he was an old bloke in his Sixties!"

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**SCOTSMAN:** I washed my kilt last night and I can't do a fling with it.

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**GIRL:** I went to a girl friend's wedding on Saturday, and the groom was late arriving at the church — he was delayed at his hairdresser's.

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**MAN:** I opened a cheque account for you last week and already it's overdrawn.

**WOMAN:** It can't be . . . I still have half the cheques left in the book.



## MAN OF THE MONTH

Graeme Bridge, 19-year-old clerk at Ringwood East, really gets wrapped up in his work and his pet copperhead snake, Igor. Graeme is a herpetologist—a student of snakes. Astrologically he is a Scorpio, which means he is a “magnetic, fascinating person, with a sting”.

Recently Graeme stopped a snake plague in a Ringwood street—simply by catching all the reptiles and taking them home, for release later in remote bushland.

A lover of wildlife and the outback, Graeme hopes to buy some virgin bush and create his own sanctuary. Often he rescues injured birds from local roads, and nurses them back to health at his home.

He likes ballroom dancing, but claims to be scared of girls because “they bite”. Nevertheless, the stars ordain that he should be attracted to partners born under Cancer or Pisces.

And his interest in snakes seems to suggest that he might serve the Bank well as a teller — or a very good adder.



## GIRL OF THE MONTH

Maree Chivell, a 17-year-old clerical assistant with just over a year's experience in the Bank, is very big on the sports scene at Beulah, in the Mallee.

Maree plays netball, men's rules basketball, tennis and table tennis. She is secretary-treasurer of the Beulah Netball Club, and won its best and fairest award for '73. She is treasurer of the local tennis and table tennis clubs.

Maree's other interests are listed as “cooking, walking, eating and dancing”, and her favorite activity is “taking an interest in my parents' farm”.

Her ambition: to visit every capital city in Australia, and eventually marry.

Although she has no regular boy friend at present, Maree has clear notions of the most desirable husbandly qualities: “fun-loving, kind and considerate, honest, patient and thrifty”.

As an Aquarian, astrologically, Maree is “strong-willed, hard-working, eager to learn, sensitive to criticism”. She is likely to be attracted to Libra and Gemini partners.



**CALLING ALL BRANCHES . . . send your nominations for Girl And Man Of The Month to 'STATESMAN' at H.O.**



