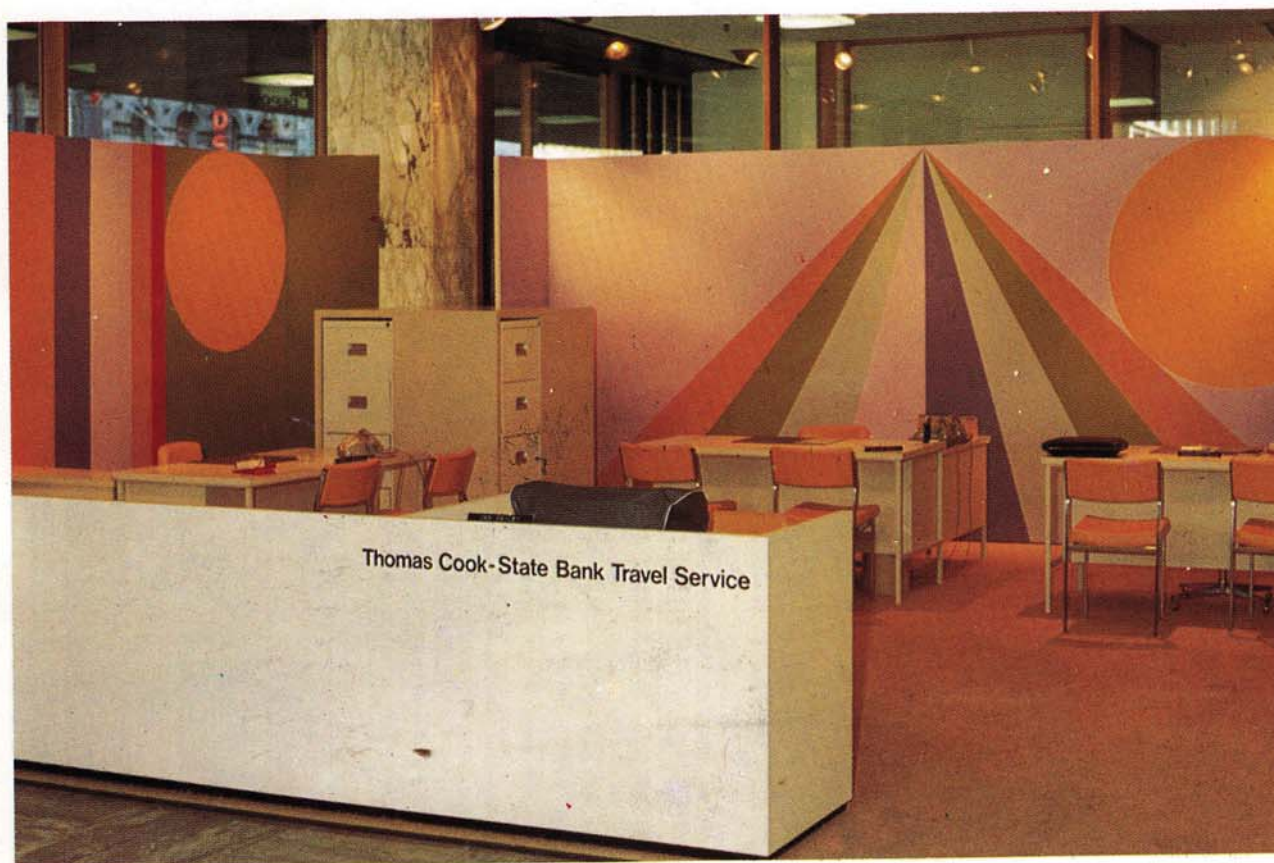


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## FRONT COVER:

The Thomas Cook - State Bank travel service centre opened in December on the ground floor of head office. Strikingly colorful decor provided a backdrop for a host of "hosties" who attended the opening ceremony conducted by Melbourne's Lord Mayor, Councillor Ronald Walker. Pictured later at a celebration function were (Left) Mr. John Kitchener (Thomas Cook Administration and Foreign Exchange Manager) and Mr. Neil Kelly (State Bank Deputy General Manager, Administration).

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## First traveller



● **OLDTIMER TAKES OFF.** 82-year-old Mrs. E. Lang of Blackburn was the first customer of the new Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel Service when it opened at head office on December 2. Later, after being presented with a bouquet, she was photographed at Tullamarine with the bureau manager Julius Borg and a 'hostie' before flying to Sydney.

## FIRST STEP TO 'CENTRE'

Our new head office centre has always seemed to be a remote prospect—but now there are tangible signs of real progress—the signs of WHELAN. Roslyn Jones of the Project Manager's office, was on hand when the first one appeared. Demolition has commenced at the Willis Building in Little Collins Street, and will extend toward the border of our properties adjoining McEwans. Meanwhile, plans for temporary accommodation of head office departments during rebuilding have gone back into the melting pot, due to halting of the "Hartley's project" in Flinders Street.

This in turn resulted from collapse of the Mainline Corporation, which had been constructing the building. Watch STATESMAN for news of alternative plans.





# FIRST TO ARRIVE IN '75



● Here is the first batch of newcomers to pass through Staff Training Centre in January, prior to posting to branches and head office departments. They will be followed by more than 600 other young people. (Some of the faces in our photo had to be 'inset' because the page was not wide enough to fit them all in rows. Ed.)

The Bank's recruitment target for 1975 is well below last year's. But this is because there are indications of a big reduction in resignations, compared with 1974. We will not need so many replacements to fill sudden gaps in the ranks. (Last year the State Bank hired 1050 new employees, of whom 580 were replacements for officers who resigned.)

**MEASURING UP:** Pictured at right are the first two of the new girl arrivals to be measured for their uniforms. **LEFT TO RIGHT:** Beverley Thomas (Staff Training), Marjorie Bradfield and Annette Mills.

## "FIRST HALF" RECORD LOANS

Who said loan money was tight? It's been pouring out of the State Bank coffers in history-making millions for months.

In the first half of the current financial year we approved housing loans totalling an alltime record \$115 million (compared with \$186 million for the last full year.)

During the same half year we granted a record \$75 million to various public authorities (MMBW, SEC, WESTGATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY, GAS & FUEL CORPORATION and LOCAL COUNCILS). This compared with \$58 million for the whole of last year.

During December we received a staggering 2845 applications for some \$50 million in home loans — and approved 1200 loans totalling \$20 million.

Our Personal Loans also hit new heights. In the six months commencing July, approvals totalled about \$55 million, for 20,000 borrowers. The total in the previous full financial year was \$76 million.







## Girl of the month

Many women's sports are strenuous and not very elegant, so how can a girl keep fit gracefully?

"By taking up calisthenics," says attractive Anne Mealy, 20, a typist in Correspondence Department. She says calisthenics combines many features of gymnastics with dancing to give a lively but enjoyable way of staying in trim. In addition, Anne says, there are plenty of opportunities for self expression. Anne attends her club once a week and "works out" with a variety of exercises which usually are disguised as a kind of up-tempo ballet. However she trains mainly with a team, practising for annual competitions with other clubs. Anne enjoys "horse-riding, good food and sleeping in on weekends" but hates being involved in arguments.

She thinks a good husband would be understanding and "he wouldn't go out with his mates every night." Her ambition is to appear on stage in a play.

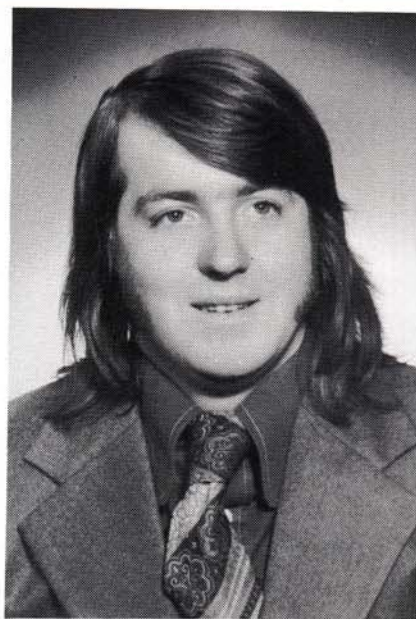
Star-wise Anne is a Capricornian which means she has "good taste, a strong sense of duty and acceptance of conventional standards . . . seven eighths of her personality, like the iceberg, lies hidden." Most likely soulmates are Taurus or Virgo subjects.

## Man of the month

Some say that pigeon racing is strictly for the birds, but Gerry Sheean, 20, a clerk in H.O. Bank-card Dept., finds the sport full of interest. Besides, he says, the prizemoney can help to feather the lucky owner's nest.

In the last 10 years Gerry has owned some 500 pigeons, and has had entries in at least 150 races. He recently won \$300 when one of his birds came third in a long-distance homing event.

Gerry says that the birds are



packed into crates and transported as far north as Cobar, about 700 kii from Melbourne as the pigeon flies. The birds are then released, and the race is on. The pigeons usually average 80-100 kph on the flight home.

Gerry's Capricornian horoscope says he is "extremely cautious, logical in thought . . . would make an excellent bank manager or accountant . . ."

Compatible spirits are those born under the signs of Taurus or Virgo.



# 6696 MILES OF SMILES



Last month — for 18 hours every day — our SMILE advertising campaign travelled all over Melbourne by tram. A specially decorated tramcar covered a total of 6696 miles on all routes, and was seen by countless thousands. We're sure it spread a little brightness.

## WHAT MONEY BUYS

Money can give you bed but not sleep.  
 Money can give you books but not brains.  
 Money can give you food but not appetite.  
 Money can give you clothes but not beauty.  
 Money can give you house but not home.  
 Money can give you medicine but not health.  
 Money can give you luxuries but not happiness.  
 (P.S. Something else money cannot buy: POVERTY. Ed.)

## Good cheque —bad yolk

From GARRY BARKER

**LONDON, Thurs. —**  
 Southampton bank manager David Hill was fed up with his customers' bad cheques.

He had a drawer full of them. All were neatly written on eggs — rotten eggs.

The egg cheques, each made out for five pounds, were paid in by a student.

They were legal and the bank had to accept them. But, after three months tucked away in a special file they were, well, frankly not what they ought to have been.

Mr Hill decided to strike back.

The next time the student came in with his egg, Mr Hill smiled and let the egg roll on to the floor.

"Spoilt cheque, I'm afraid," he told the customer.

"You'll have to write another one. Sorry about that."

The student, wiping the contents of his "bounced" cheque off his shoes, grinned and agreed to let the joke lie.

A Lloyds Bank spokesman, who confirmed the story, said: "Mr Hill did not know what to do.

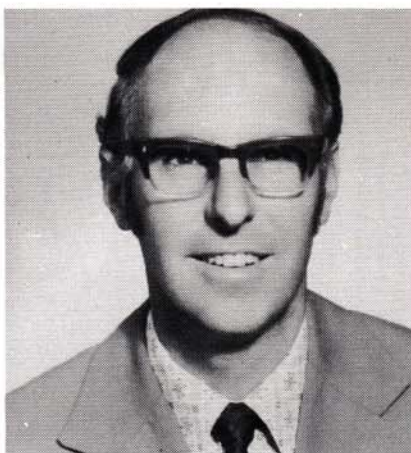
"Under bank rules he had to keep the eggs. So he opened a special file for them.

"But you can imagine the pong every time we had to open the drawer.

"And it wasn't easy applying the proper stamps to show they'd been paid and cancelled."



# MEET OUR NEW MANAGERS



**P. J. GALLETTY, Fourth Officer, Personal Loans Dept.**

Peter was recently elected first life member of Heathmont Methodist Cricket Club after completing his fourteenth year as secretary. He is also joint manager and coach of the club's Under 12 team. Peter and Margaret have three children aged 12, 9 and 6.



**B. J. BRAND, Knoxfield**

Brian is a violinist with the South Melbourne Philharmonic Society, and has performed in about seventy concerts throughout Melbourne. He also takes a keen interest in the history and preservation of old trains — an activity to help let off steam.



**A. L. L. DARE, Boort**

Alan says that bushwalking is a favourite family activity. With wife Patricia and their sons aged 9 and 12, he often makes excursions through the countryside surrounding Bright. On a recent holiday the Dares 'walked' the Snowy Mountains.



**H. G. WARD, Skipton**

After joining the Bank at Oakleigh in 1954 Geoff spent 17 years in H.O. Mortgage Loans dept., and then worked at east suburban branches for a couple of years. He was a relieving accountant during 1974. Wife Tessa (Jones) is a former Heidelberg branch staffer.



**T. G. GOUGH, Relieving Staff**

When Graeme took long service leave seven years ago he made a world tour, and when homeward bound on the liner Oriana met the girl who was to become his wife. Since marrying they have toured New Zealand and mission stations in New Hebrides.



STATESMAN has received from the New Universal Time Society the details of a metric time system which could be introduced throughout the Bank on April 1.

**EVERYTHING WILL BE SPEEDED UP, STARTING WITH SECONDS.**

There will be 100 seconds per minute, 100 minutes per hour, 10 hours per day, 10 days per week, 10 weeks per month, 10 months per year. Seconds will be called MILLIDAYS, minutes will become CENTIDAYS. Days will be DECIDAYS, weeks will be DECTODAYS, months will be HECTODAYS — and years will be KILODAYS.

A 40-hour week will total 4000 minutes (CENTIDAYS) compared with the present 2400. **BUT DON'T WORRY. REMEMBER THAT THE NEW MINUTES WILL BE MUCH FASTER!**

**SICK LEAVE** will be 12 Dectadays, plus one DECIDAY for every HECTODAY over and above the 20 KILODAYS' service before the fifth DECIDAY of the third HECTODAY of the KILODAY 1954.

**SALARIES** will be paid every DUO-DECTODAY when it falls. Adjustments will be made to the DECIDAY rates used in salary determination, except in the case of leap KILODAYS. **ALL BRANCH CLOCKS AND WATCHES MUST BE SENT TO HEAD OFFICE BY MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 1 FOR CONVERSION TO 10-HOUR N.U.T.S. TIME.**



# WE'RE BILLIONAIRES!

IN 1974, a year of record lending (see pages 3 and 12) the State Bank also passed a notable milestone in deposit growth — as reported in the HERALD (shown below) and many other newspapers.

## SSB deposits pass \$2 billion

Savings deposited with the State Savings Bank of Victoria have passed \$2 billion (two thousand million).

Of this amount, \$545 million, or more than 25 per cent, has been added in the past two years.

The bank, founded in 1842, took 126 years (until 1968) to accumulate its first \$1 billion — and six years to build its second.

The State Bank obtained about two-thirds of increased savings balances in Victoria in the four months ended October 31. For the financial year to June 30, the bank's share of increased savings balances was 62 per cent.

The bank currently holds almost half of all savings balances in Victoria.

Commenting today on record recent growth of balances, the bank's general manager, Mr Don Ross, said: "In times of economic uncertainty, most people tend to return to the traditional, safe forms of saving. SSB funds are government-guaranteed. Another factor in our recent savings growth has



Mr DON ROSS, general manager of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

been the inflow of savings from depositors wishing to obtain housing and personal loans. Last month, the SSB approved loans totalling more than \$19 million."

## Puzzles

1. HORSEPLAY: A farmer in his Will left 17 horses to be divided among his three sons in the following proportions: to the eldest, one half; to the second, one third, and the youngest one ninth. How was this

arranged without cutting up any of the horses.

2. FILLINGS: The following groups of letters have one important thing in common: TER AL DID ON. Place the same three-letter word before each fragment to make four new words.
3. ALCHEMY: Change PORT to HOCK in three moves, changing one letter and making a new word each time — but not re-arranging the letters.

ANSWERS on Page 14.

## STATE SECRETS by the teller

BRANCH manager complained of delay in finalising "deceased account". It seems that depositor bequeathed his collection of two hundred clocks, and it took six weeks to wind up the estate.

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HEAR about the double international disaster in the head office cafeteria just before Christmas, when waitress dropped a tray? It caused the downfall of turkey and destruction of china.

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SAME waitress is very obliging. When asked by diner to make his roast beef lean, she said, "Certainly, sir . . . which way, left or right?"

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WE learn from a recent issue of the Euroa Gazette that "Rhonda the Reliever" had a very enjoyable night playing the pokie machine at Moama Bowling Club.

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SIGN of Women's Lib: increasing numbers of married women, when filling in State Bank loan forms, are entering their occupation as SLAVE.

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ACCOUNTANT Clive Brownsea of Mortgage Loans Department recently resigned from the Bank to become a national park ranger in north-western Victoria. From loan arranger to lone ranger!

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PIPED music speaker in Mortgage Loans waiting room has been playing that appropriate Gilbert O'Sullivan tune: A LOAN AGAIN, NATURALLY.

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YOUNG couple wandering with arms linked down head office stairway said they were practising the new fire drill.

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BRANCH accountant reporting progress of new charity committee on which he serves, said: "We have the support of the largest women's bodies in the district."

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HEAR about the two bank bandits who were described as 6 ft. 5 in. and 5 ft. 1 in.? Police are searching high and low for them.





## Port Fairy

# 125th Birthday

The bank's fourth oldest branch celebrated its 125th anniversary on New Year's Day. To mark the occasion, manager Jim Walker set up an attractive display of old photographs showing buildings occupied by the branch before it settled in its present Sackville Street premises in 1926.

When originally opened on 1st January, 1850, the office was known as Belfast branch of the Port Phillip Savings Bank. Other branches were at Melbourne, Portland and Geelong.

Our picture shows the staff of the 1880s outside former premises in Bank Street — built in 1864 for £595.

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## Kingsville

# CHEQUE TAKES WORLD TOUR

Manager Russell Clarke reports that a customer's bank cheque, posted to a city address, travelled for six months on a world-wide 'magical mystery tour' before returning to the branch.

The cheque, posted in June to the Melbourne office of a

vacuum cleaner company, was handled and stamped by various banks in Sydney, New York, Montreal and Yugoslavia. Meanwhile payment was stopped at Kingsville and a replacement issued. How and why the cheque went walk-about nobody knows.

## Frankston, Young St.,

# Getting personal

The girl officers of this branch recently came up with a bright idea, inspired by our SMILE advertising campaign. They suggested to manager Tony Bull that they should wear name badges to create a friendlier, more informal relationship with depositors.

The idea was taken up by head office Marketing Department, and name badges were prepared for the girls on a trial basis.

Initial reactions of both staff and public have been most favorable, according to manager Tony.

"One result has been that depositors now often come back and ask for particular officers by name," he says. "It makes our dealings more personal."

Head office management is now considering extending the name badge scheme to other branches.



● THE 'NAME TAG' GIRLS (from left): Jenny Lewis, Gail Terrill, Christina Hills, Anne Allsopp, Vicki Finucane.



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## Croydon

### POOLSCOOPER

Clerk Bob Kane, 23, was pictured shortly after being told that he and his father had won \$100,536 in the Australian Soccer Pools. Said Bob: "It was unreal. Even after realising I had picked the winning numbers I wondered if I had filled the entry form correctly."

Bob admits to knowing very little about soccer, and he considers the pools to be "just a numbers game".

How does he intend spending his share of the prizemoney?

"I'll take my wife for a holiday, buy some furniture for our house, and put the rest in Deposit Stock," Bob said. (Photo by courtesy of 'The Age'.)

## Belmont

### 'Save and be saved'

Due to a reconstruction programme, Belmont branch recently transferred its operations to temporary premises . . . in a local church hall. Now the hall serves as a bank five days a week and as a Sunday school at weekends.

We're told that one customer suggested that the bank open on Sundays, so he could "kill two birds with the one stone". Another asked if he could "take a pew" while waiting to be interviewed by manager Tom Hayes.

Manager Landy Rodda claims he has found an exhilarating and cheaper alternative to the Sunday drive. He and wife Kath have just finished testing their light aircraft, a STITZ Flutr Bug. They say it uses less petrol than their family car.

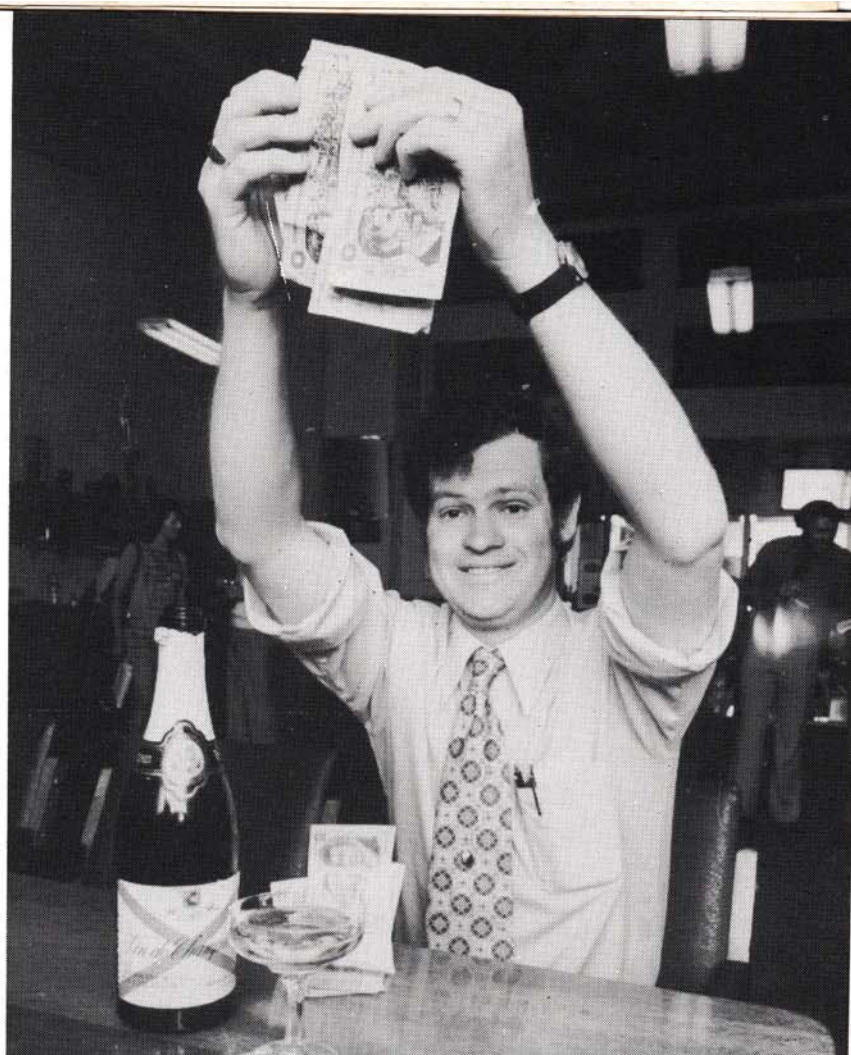
Landy bought the 65 h.p. American plane for \$2000 about a year ago, and has since spent \$1300 and most of his

## Rosebud

### LANDY HAS FLYING BUG

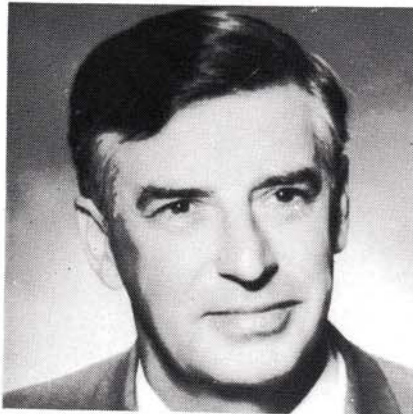
spare time rebuilding it. He says: "Kath did as much of the restoration work as I did — it was a joint effort."

Landy finds the STITZ ideal for weekend jaunts because it has a range of around 250 miles when cruising at 85 m.p.h. Also "it can take off and land on a footy ground".





# WHO'S WHO AT THE TOP



## CHAIRMAN

Professor Donald Cochrane, C.B.E., Ph.D., B.Com., is one of Australia's best known economists. Since 1961 he has been Professor of Economics, and Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Politics at Monash University. He was awarded the C.B.E. in the 1975 New Year Honours List.

## Our Commissioners and Executive Management

### WHAT IS THE BANK?

The State Bank is not a government department, but an independent corporation operating under the Savings Bank Act and guaranteed by the Government of Victoria. Basic policy decisions are made by a government appointed Board of seven Commissioners who meet fortnightly. Day-to-day running of the Bank is directed by the General Manager and his two deputies.



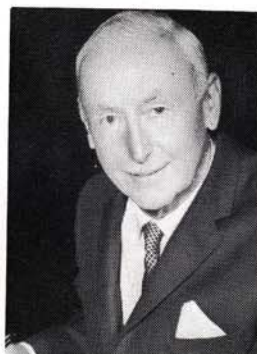
Mr. Reginald Hoban, LL.B., a retired solicitor living at Kilmore, was a member of Kilmore Shire Council for 31 years and was twice shire president. He has been a State Bank Commissioner since 1953. He is president of Kilmore Turf Club and vice-president of the Kilmore Trotting Club.



Sir Ernest Coates, C.M.G., B.Com., as the Director of Finance, Victoria, has been permanent head of the State Treasury since 1959. He has been a Commissioner of the Bank since 1960.



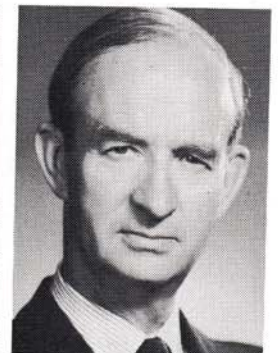
Sir John Anderson, C.M.G., is the proprietor of a Melbourne company of importers and agents, and managing director of King Oscar Fine Foods Pty. Ltd. In 1972 he was appointed a Harbour Trust Commissioner.



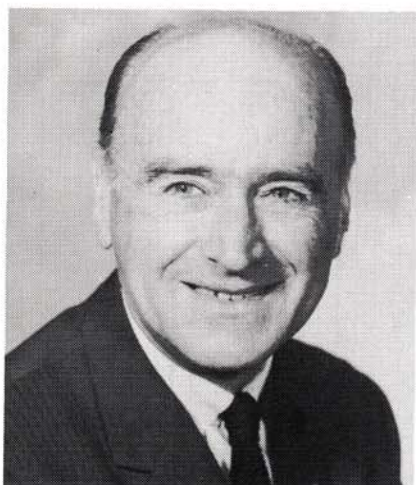
Mr. William Kirkhope, O.B.E., F.C.A., retired last year as senior partner in the chartered accountancy firm of Hungerford, Spooner and Kirkhope. He was chairman of Mayne Nickless Ltd. for 20 years.



Mr. Ian Morton, B.Com., has been chairman of the Rural Finance and Settlement Commission of Victoria since 1963, and chairman of the Victorian Development Corporation since 1973.



Mr. Neil Walford, B.Com., F.C.A., has had a varied business career as a practising chartered accountant, a stockbroker and company director.



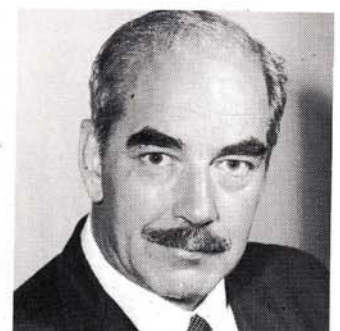
## GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Don Ross joined the Bank in 1928 as a junior clerk at Geelong. He studied savings banking in USA and Canada in 1959, became our first Mechanisation Manager in 1960 and was appointed AGM in 1962. He became General Manager in October, 1972.



## DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ADMINISTRATION):

Mr. Neil Kelly joined the Bank in 1927 at Surrey Hills. He was appointed Chief Inspector in 1965, and Deputy General Manager (Administration) in October, 1972.



## DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (FINANCE):

Mr. Harry Torrens joined at Northcote in 1939. He became Chief Accountant in 1965 and was appointed Deputy General Manager (Finance) in October, 1972.



## 1974 Bursars

# NOW JOHN IS A MASTER

John Ewart, of head office Research Department, as a part-time State Bank bursar, last year became a Master of Commerce, following completion of his thesis titled 'The Role of the State Banks in the Australian Economy'.

It was again a successful year for officers receiving Bank financial assistance with their tertiary studies. Our bursars passed a total of 31 subjects, including 12 Honours passes.

Those who completed their University courses last year were:

### MONASH

Michael Hills — Bachelor of Economics (Honours); Richard Woolaston — Bachelor of Economics; Robert McDowell — Bachelor of Economics (Honours).

After four years' full time University study Mr. McDowell declined to continue his service with the Bank.

### LA TROBE

Michael Considine — Bachelor of Economics (Honours); Wayne Shevlin — Bachelor of Economics.



Second year Monash Economics students, Fred Elzink and Peter Jenkinson each achieved three Honours passes. Neil Francis, in his second year of the Diploma of Business Studies-Accounting course at Caulfield Institute of Technology passed nine subjects including three distinctions and three credits.

The 1974 Bank Bursars were:  
Full time: Michael Hills, Robert McDowell, Richard Woolaston, Fred Elzink, Peter Jenkinson, Jeff Lapidus, Neil Taylor, Graeme Walker, Wayne Shevlin, Peter Fuhrmann, Wayne Kerr, Neil Francis.

Part time: John Ewart.

## GONE FISHIN'



Here are the December-January retirements as reported to STATESMAN:

NOEL BARAGWANATH (North Melbourne)

FELIX MANSON (Darebin)

PERCY FOERS (Treasury Place).

teller  
talk  
by Sue



I was very flattered by the customer who always said FAIR LADY when he came to the window. Then I found out he was a tram conductor.

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THEY say there are four kinds of BONES in every office: the WISH-BONES who always hope others will do the work . . . the JAWBONES who do little but talk . . . the KNUCKLE-BONES who knock other people's efforts . . . and the BACKBONES who get under the load and do most of the work.

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WHEN your income is less than your outgo, your upkeep becomes your downfall.

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THE place for a knocker is outside the door.

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I pay \$2 for each contribution to this column.

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DEPOSITOR who was inadvertently overpaid handed back his passbook with the comment, 'Lead me not into temptation.' Having corrected the error, I was able to reply with another biblical quote: 'Blessed are the pure in heart.'

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ONE of my lady customers went on a 'crash diet'. When I commented on her slim figure she said: 'Trouble is, I overdid the diet. Now I'm so thin that when I go to the Botanic Gardens the ducks throw ME bread.'

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THE human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you wake in the morning, and doesn't stop until you reach the office.

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### SMILING TELLER OF THE MONTH:

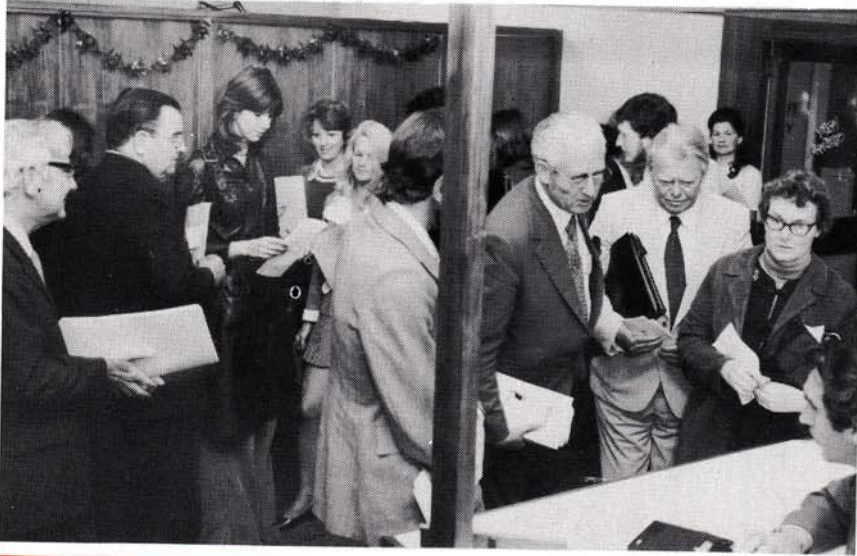


Cheryl Kershaw, 20, of Titles Office branch, city, wins \$2 for helping to 'bring back the smile.' Cheryl says: 'When you make an effort to have a cheerful approach, the customer responds, and the work is much easier.'



# THE BIG PAYOUT

● The biggest home loan half-year in our history (see page 3) culminated on December 20 with a record-breaking SETTLEMENT DAY at head office Legal Department. The picture shows a milling crowd of solicitors' representatives and bank officers in the reception area. They were exchanging documents and cheques to enable State Bank borrowers to obtain the keys of their new homes before Christmas. Almost \$3 million was handed out during the day, in the course of 171 settlements (normal Friday total is less than 100).



## Meanwhile, back at Mortgage Loans ..



● While the big payout was in progress in the sixth floor Legal Department, new loan applications were flooding into the fourth floor Mortgage Loans Department. The photo shows applications being sorted and checked by: **STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT:** John Rigby (Acting Assistant Manager), Denise Burke, Bill Dellar (mail officer), Diane Eastman. **SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Ian Pendergast, Garry Whiteside, John Stone, Robert Hood, Bob Douglas, John Payne.

## Be your own detective!



1. A man has an appointment on the tenth floor of an office building. It is very important that he arrives promptly. When he enters the ground floor lobby it is empty. He walks into an automatic lift, which is also empty. He then presses the button for the fifth floor. Why?
2. A woman in a court case confessed to a crime and, on the basis of evidence and witnesses, was found guilty. But when she came up for sentence the judge had no alternative but to set her free. Why?
3. A man and his wife took a trip to Fiji. While there the wife was killed in a fall from a cliff. When the husband returned to Melbourne the police arrested him on the basis of evidence they had found. What was it?
4. A man bought a rare coin imprinted with the date 1200BC. Then he realised it was a fraud. How?
5. A man walked into a cafe and asked for a glass of water. The waiter pulled out a gun and pointed it at him. The man said "Thanks" and walked out of the cafe. Why?

**ANSWERS:** See Page 14.



# S.S.B. Sports Directory

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>SEASON DATES</u>	<u>CLUB CONTACT</u>
CRICKET	Mercantile-Caulfield Cricket Association - Turf Competition	From early October to late March	John Knight, Mortgage Loans Department, Head Office, Ext. 121
FOOTBALL	Victorian Amateur Football Association	April to early September	Alan Guy, Relieving Staff, Phone: 67 3458
LAWN BOWLS	Inter-Bank Competitions	December to March. Every fourth Wednesday afternoon	Bill Ponsford, Camberwell South bch., Phone: 29 5086
	Inter-Club Competitions	December to March - evenings once a fortnight	
GIRLS' NET BALL	Victorian Women's Net Ball Association	February to July .. & August to late November	Lyn Hulett, E. D. P. Operations Department, Head Office, Ext. 39
GIRLS' INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKET BALL	Victorian Amateur Basket Ball Association (night competition between business firms)	All Year	Peter Wynd, Staff Department, Head Office, Ext. 31
MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKET BALL	Victorian Amateur Basket Ball Association (night competition between business firms)	All Year	
GOLF	Victorian Inter-Bank Golf Association - also internal competitions	April & October pennant matches... Late Summer Annual SSB Tournament... October: SSB Social Golf Day... Cup Day: Contest for bank staff	Bruce White, Treasury Place bch., Phone: 63 8057
SWIMMING	Victorian Combined Banks Swimming Association	February: Annual V. C. B. S. A. Swimming Carnival	Sue Cox, 45 Swanston Street, Phone: 63 8849
TABLE TENNIS	Victorian Table Tennis Association	All Year	David Jamieson, Relieving Staff, Phone: 67 3458



## Darwin disaster

# CHRISTMAS 'HAMS' HELPED

Bruce Barthols, relieving accountant, who is an expert 'ham' (amateur) radio operator, was deeply involved in sorting out the aftermath of the Darwin cyclone disaster on Christmas Day.

A fellow 'ham' who operates a station from his home at Mooroolbark established radio contact with Darwin after Cyclone Tracy had wrecked all official channels and installations. The connection was made with a Darwin 'ham' whose transmitter had



been transferred from his devastated home to his car. Bruce joined his Mooroolbark mate 'on air' and their channel became the only radio link with Darwin. D24 police and the Red Cross used it to exchange messages about relief measures and missing people.

At one stage, Bruce was 'on air' continuously for 18 hours. He was one Christmas ham who was 'finished' by Boxing Day.

## TRAINER TED IS SET FOR 21st SEASON

Ted Woollard, head office messenger, is getting his towels and liniment ready for his 21st season as honorary trainer of the SSB Football Team.

Since joining the bank as a cleaner in 1947 Ted has worked mainly as a messenger, and has made countless trips to the clearing house, Reserve Bank and our city branches.

He volunteered for the post of football trainer in 1955, and around that time, he recalls, the team included present day District Inspectors Alf Reside and Byron Hill. In those days home games were played at the Brighton Football Ground.

Over the years Ted has seen several of his charges graduate to League football, including former Richmond players Neville Crowe and Bill Brown, Yarra-

wonga manager Neil McNeil (South Melbourne) and Yallourn manager Maurice Lehmann (Melbourne).

Ted hopes to continue as trainer for as long as he is able. "It's a great interest for me and I like helping the club," he says.

Coach Geoff Cameron says: "Ted is tremendously dedicated — I can't remember him missing a match."



## Puzzle Answers

1. HORSEPLAY: The Executor of the Will simply borrowed a horse from a neighboring farmer, to make 18 in all. He allocated 9, 6 and 2 horses to the three sons, then returned the extra horse to the neighbor.
2. FILLINGS: Add the word CAN.
3. ALCHEMY: PORK, POCK, HOCK.

## 'DETECTIVE' ANSWERS

1. He was a midget and couldn't reach the tenth floor button.
2. She was a Siamese twin.
3. He had bought only one return-trip ticket. The other was a one-way ticket.
4. The B.C. (Before Christ) prefix could not be imprinted 1200 years before Christ was born.
5. The man had hiccups, and the waiter scared him out of them by using the gun.

## Newcomers beware!

STATESMAN warns all new juniors to think twice before carrying out the following instructions from fellow branch or departmental officers:

- GO TO THE OTHER BANK UP THE STREET AND BORROW THEIR SCALES SO THAT WE CAN BALANCE THE LEDGERS.
- GET ME A VERBAL AGREEMENT FORM.



# SCHOOLKID 'HOWLERS' ON BANKING



During ten years of primary school teaching, free-lance writer Eve R. Wirth collected a treasury of funny lines from student reports, quizzes, and homework assignments on banking. She calls them "a comedy of classroom errors." Here is a sampling — misspellings and all — of what some of her nine-year-old New York pupils got from their banking studies.

## On tellers:

- "Tellers have to know what they are doing every second. They have to have 10 fast fingers that can dip in and out of their drawers like lightning, because people haven't got time to fool around if he's a slow pock."

- "A drive-in teller is the same as a not-drive-in teller, only the opposite."

## On other banking jobs:

- "I'm not too for sure what a bank manager does, but trying to find out this information is something that is going to be forever on my mind."

- "The security guard is brave and strong. His job is to make sure the bank is always in good law and odor."

- "Being a bank messenger means you have to deliver things and pick up things, and this is especially important for going and coming."

- "Last week when I read the library book on banks and what they do, I knew real good what the manager's job is there, but today it's a different colored horse story."

## On withdrawals and deposits:

- "A deposit is putting your money in one basket, like, with a number on it, and it's like it keeps hatching more money if you leave it alone."

- "When you put in your bankbook money, it is called withdrawers. When you take money out of it, it is called despots."

- A withdrawal means you are low on loot, but the bank will save you."

- "I had a hard time remembering the difference between a deposit and a withdrawal, but I finally remember that a deposit goes in the bank first and begins with a 'd'. A withdrawal goes out after a deposit, which begins with a 'd', but being second is a 'w'. That's how I remember them."

- "I learned that in banks you can deposit money and also withdraw money, so all in all it's about six of one and a halfdoses in and out."

## On cheques:

- "A cheque is like real money, only you have to sign your name on it to let them know that you know this."

## On the history of banking:

- "I read that the first banks on earth were in the year 1157, when the Bank of Venice was opened. I forgot though, if it was A.C. or D.C. history days."

## On bank operations:

- "Once when I went to a bank with my Mum, I saw a funny looking machine that adds up numbers. It had lots of fancy buttons on it, but it really wasn't much good for anything but being a fancy machine that adds up numbers."

- "I can get all the information I want about banks from my Aunt Janice, because she is a bank book-keeper, and she can keep me well uniformed."

- "I learned everything about what banks are good for, except maybe what they do in the banks."

## On the scope of banking:

- "Big cities have lots of banks. There may be five banks there, or 10 banks, maybe even 50 banks. I don't know this. It takes all my knowing to know even that big cities have lots of banks."

## On customer relations:

- "People who want to work in banks have to be friendly and honest and smile a lot. If you're not like this, your chances for getting a bank job are about 999 out of 100."

- "Bank folks are nice people. They show it by their pleasant ways and friendly ways and most of all 'Can I help you ways'."

—BankAmerican.





**LIONEL'S BIRDS.** Our Assistant Staff Superintendent, Lionel Cooper, is a fancier of rare Australian parrots, and keeps a large aviary at his Surrey Hills home. This photo shows Lionel with birds of a rare Western Australian species, last sighted "in the wild" in South Australia in 1929. Size of the aviary is designed to keep down flying speed of the parrots, says Lionel. The wire mesh is slack, to soften the impact of "crash landings". Lionel greets his exotic birds every day before leaving for work, and on his return.