

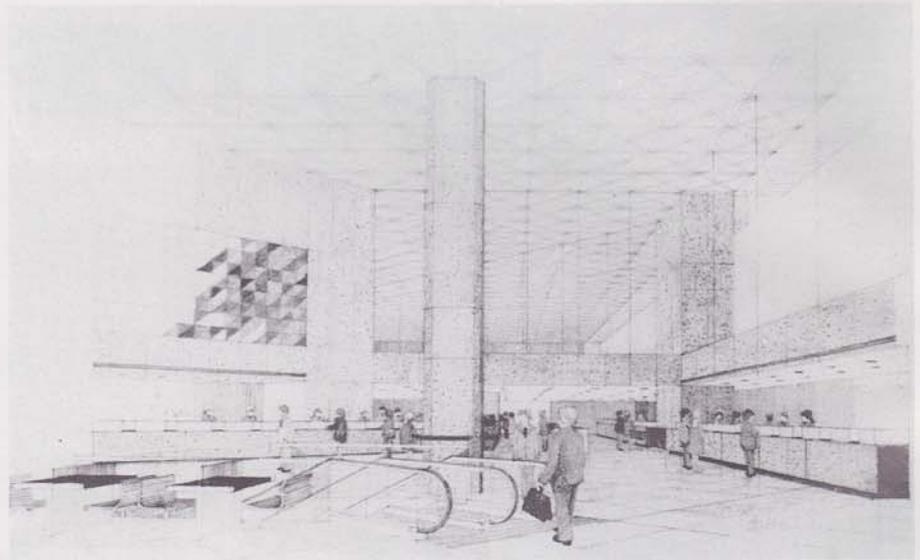
Statesman

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New 'Lizzy Street' By Early '80

If all goes according to plan, our new Elizabeth Street banking chamber at State Bank Centre could be completed and operating by early next year. Floors, walls and doorways of the branch have already been formed. Meanwhile, thousands of people are walking every day through what will be the main banking chamber; they are using a bypass tunnel which is diverting pedestrians from the Elizabeth Street footpath while carpark ramps are being constructed. The main banking chamber will have 40 teller counters, plus some 50 feet of enquiry counter space where customers may sit or stand, and a large, comfortably furnished open area for interviews.



● Architect's sketch of the future Elizabeth Street banking chamber.

Escalators will lead to a lower banking chamber, containing the Manager's office, loan enquiry counters and interview areas. Also downstairs will be safe deposit facilities for customers' documents, and a new Public Safe

Deposit strongroom where more than 2,000 triple-locked security boxes for valuables will be available for rental. At a later stage, a 6-teller 'satellite' banking chamber will be operating at Bourke Street level.

Last of the Manuals



Gisborne branch, our last office classified as 'manual', joined the mechanised multitude on December 13 when a Burroughs P9000 machine and a bin of cards replaced 24 local account ledgers. The conversion effectively 'closed the books' on the era of manual posting of local account transactions which began when the Bank was established in 1842.

Gisborne manager Maurie Bourke and his staff are now enjoying simple, fool-proof accounting and relief from much tedious clerical work.

"Despite some initial teething problems, we're looking forward to faster annual and periodic balances, and better audit control," says Maurie. "As a spin-off benefit, we've been able to move aside the old ledger racks to increase our work-space."

● It's "Books Away!" for the last time for ledger-laden Gisborne staffers (from left) John Kelly, Shaun Foster and Peter Share as Allison McKenzie demonstrates the branch's new posting machine to manager Maurie Bourke.

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FRONT COVER: Sue Cox (left) of 45 Swanston Street branch, and Leanne Mulvogue (South Yarra) represented Victoria in last month's Australian Lifesaving Championships in Perth.

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Now we're using a space satellite for:

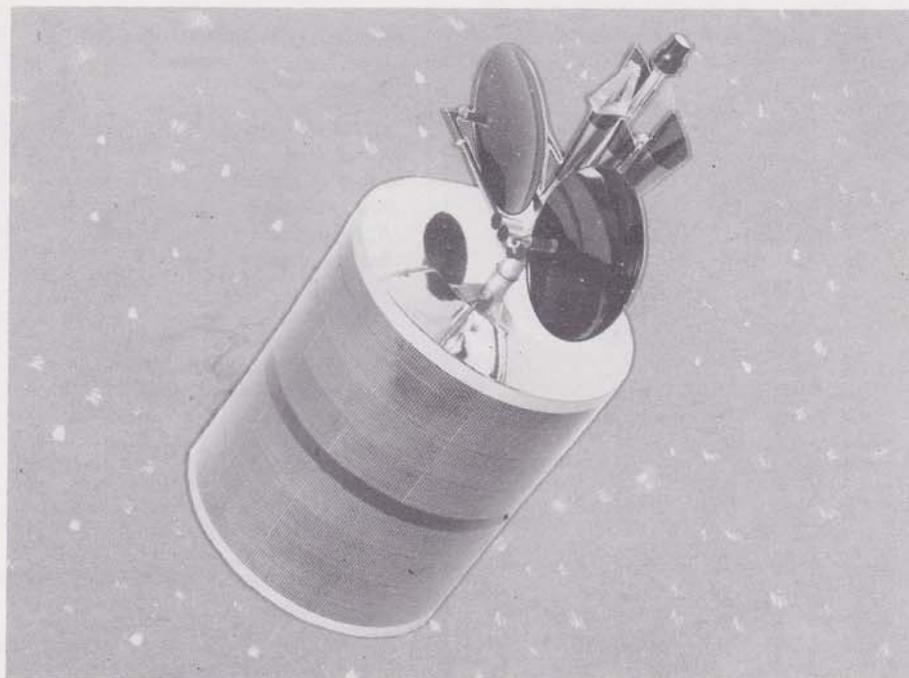
Cosmic Accounting

The State Bank has entered the Space Age. Some of our branch and head office records are being bounced at split-second speed between Australia and the United States by INTELSAT 4, a 17-ft. long communications satellite orbiting 21,600 miles above the Pacific.

Our printed messages and replies, relating mainly to travellers' cheques and public authority loans, cover total distances of almost 100,000 miles... with less than a second elapsing between the end of 'question' and commencement of the reply.

Here is a typical sequence:

1. A message requesting details of travellers' cheques held at suburban branches is keyed into an electronic terminal at H.O. Chief Accountant's Department, Collins Street, Melbourne.
2. The message goes by P.M.G. line to a General Electric office in St. Kilda.
3. From here the details are flashed by landline to Moree, northern New South Wales, to a transmitting station operated by O.T.C. (Overseas Telecommunications Commission).
4. From Moree the message is beamed directly to INTELSAT 4, in space, and is re-transmitted from there to San Diego, on the west coast of the U.S. at the speed of light.
5. San Diego relays the message by landline some 2,000 miles across America to the General Electric computer complex in Cleveland, Ohio.



● Satellite 'Intelsat 4', orbiting 21,600 miles above the Pacific, receives and relays our messages to America.

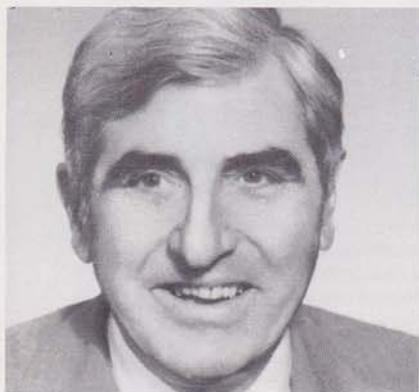
6. A reply is extracted from electronic 'files' in Cleveland, and is returned to our Head Office in Melbourne, via San Diego, Intelsat, Moree, St. Kilda and our head office. Total transmission time: less than 1 second.

At present, Chief Accountant's and Overseas Departments are the only users of the international computer system, but other bank records may be transferred to 'cosmic accounting' during this year.

Footnote: Sometimes, when Intelsat is 'busy', our transmissions go via Pacific undersea cable to and from the U.S.



● Clerk Leanne Binns, pictured at the 'launching pad' — our new space transmission terminal in Chief Accountant's Department, Hothlynn House.



Our Chief Lender

Mr. Jack Ryan has been appointed to the newly-created post of Chief Manager, Lending.

Jack, who is well known in Melbourne money market circles was seconded two years ago to become managing director of Westralian International Limited, the business of which has been merged with Tricontinental Corporation. He has returned to supervise introduction of overdrafts for small businesses, and to administer housing, personal, rural and public authority loans — which last year totalled \$680 million. The Bank has some \$2,683 million, representing 76% of total assets, in current loans. More than half of this amount has been lent for housing.

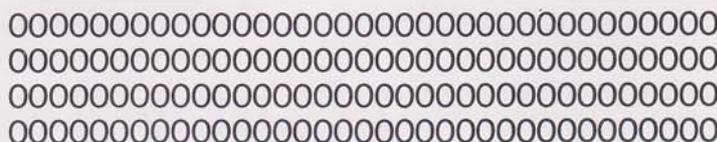
HOW TO READ HOUSING ADS.

Here is our guide to the meanings of abbreviations used in housing advertisements (together with the wrong meanings sometimes inferred).

Abbreviation	Does not Mean	Does Mean
ELF's	Garden gnomes	Electric light fittings
ROW	Noisy neighbours	Right of way
NATIVES	Aborigines	Australian shrubs
BIR's	Bugs in Rooms	Built-in robes
DFWB	Desirable freeway behind	Double-fronted weatherboard
SB	Single bed	Solid brick
WTW carps	Some sort of fish pest	Wall-to-wall carpets
SSS	Stuttered cry for help	Stainless steel sink
RCH	Proximity to the Royal Children's Hospital	Rotary clothes hoist
LLW's	Lilac lacquered walls	Leadlight windows
OFF's	Old family paintings	Open fireplaces
SOB	Smoking oil burner	Shower over bath
TCT's	Two comfortable toilets	Terra cotta tiles
EDW	Extra downstairs window	Edwardian
SC	Sink cabinet	Self-contained
SFTSSB	Some furniture to suit single bungalow	Single-fronted two-storey solid brick

Statesman Service Feature

Colour in the following circles in various pastel shades, carefully cut each one out with scissors, then colour in the backs of the circles. Store in a box, and use as confetti at a small wedding.



New Joint Accounts..



Mrs. Lyn Rickards (formerly McCusker) of head office Marketing Department and husband Bill (Personnel Department) were photographed after their wedding and reception at Leonda, Hawthorn. Lyn's after-5 length dress was of cream georgette.



MRS. KERRIE FORSYTH pictured with husband Alan after their recent wedding at Bundoora. Kerrie (nee Hoath) has been a teller at Preston branch for the past seven months. She wore a wedding gown of white chiffon. The couple honeymooned at Hall's Gap.

CAR-TALK — by TS



Shop Around Insurance: A recent CARTALK 'ring around' to seven large motor insurance companies produced seven different quotes — with a \$62 variation from highest to lowest — to insure a year-old, four cylinder Japanese sedan. Ajax Insurance Company proved most expensive with a staggering \$162 premium and \$100 excess, while VFL Insurance's quote of \$100 with \$75 excess was almost bargain basement. Quotes were for a fully paid for car, driven by an 'over 25' with a claim-free insurance record.

Tension Easer: Here's a car accessory to upstage that nodding doll on your back ledge. It's a \$200 electronic gadget called 'Elevit' which, according to its German manufacturer, reproduces atmospheric electrostatic conditions from which we are shielded inside cars (or buildings for that matter). This atmospheric electricity apparently influences feelings of general well-being. The claimed effects on drivers subjected to Elevit's 'electro-climatisation' are: reduction in fatigue, headache and stress, and improved concentration and recognition of signs. Elevit Australia says that its car units are particularly beneficial to those who drive for long periods. A major Melbourne cab service told CARTALK that several of its drivers had fitted Elevit units to their cars and that they were delighted with the results.

Any comments?

Beaut Ute: Longtime Ford F100 fancier Keith Howell (Emergency Staff) last year bought an "immaculate" 1977 XLT model with a 4.9 litre V8 motor and automatic transmission, and spent \$1000 fitting it out to his requirements. He added a fibreglass canopy, sound-deadening material, carpeting and bucket seats with safety belts for his two children. He removed the cabin's back window to link the two compartments and installed a stereo cassette player. After 20,000 kilos Keith includes among the pickup's best points: "great strength, excellent vision, effortless cruising ability, manageability in traffic." However he says that some of its basic truck characteristics, such as firm ride and heavy petrol consumption are definitely on the debit side.



PUZZLE CORNER

- HARD BARD:** Letters included in **one** of the following lines by Hippogriff can be arranged to spell the titles of three of Shakespeare's plays. Which plays?
The public's hard to please—
Pet themes? Let them all hoot!
But give them plays like these
And something tough takes root.
- PARTY:** At a children's birthday party seven guests were to be seated around a circular table. David wanted to sit between two girls, and so did Bob. Frank wanted to sit next to Amy; Gladys refused to sit next to David. All were satisfied. Charlie sat three places to the right of Eileen. Who was on David's left?
- Change **RICH** to **POOR**, altering one letter and forming a new word each time, but not rearranging letters.

Answers on Page 11

State Secrets by the Teller



THIS paragraph is printed upside down for people who read STATESMAN while doing yoga exercises.

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HEAD office girl's excuse for late arrival at office: 'I accidentally put my contact lenses in back to front this morning, and started off to walk in the wrong direction.'

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MANAGER'S wife caused ripple of surprise when she announced that she was studying hard-pore cornography. Then she explained that she was taking a chiropody course.

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CURE for a cold or state of depression: Fill a waterbed with whisky, make a small hole in the top, and lie facedown on it.

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HEAD office manager has been following 'The Drinking Man's Diet'. So far, all he has lost is his hat.

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CLEOPATRA was the world's first banker. She floated alone on the Nile.

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THERE are many more important things than money. It's just that you need money to buy them.

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TOURING annuitant reports from Europe that France was a great disappointment: "dirty beaches and clean postcards". Also, he says that he went to Venice and found it was flooded.

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BRANCH accountant's chess club used to meet in the foyer of a local pub, but their spirited discussions finally annoyed the manager so much that he kicked them out. He said he was sick and tired of chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

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DISTRICT manager called at a suburban house to follow up a complaint from a lady customer, and was met at door by a small girl who said "You can't see mummy now, she's in the bath". The DM returned later and saw the kiddy playing with her friends in the street. She shouted to him. "Mummy's out of the bath now, and she's all ready for you".

Girl & Guy of the month

DANCING DEBRA

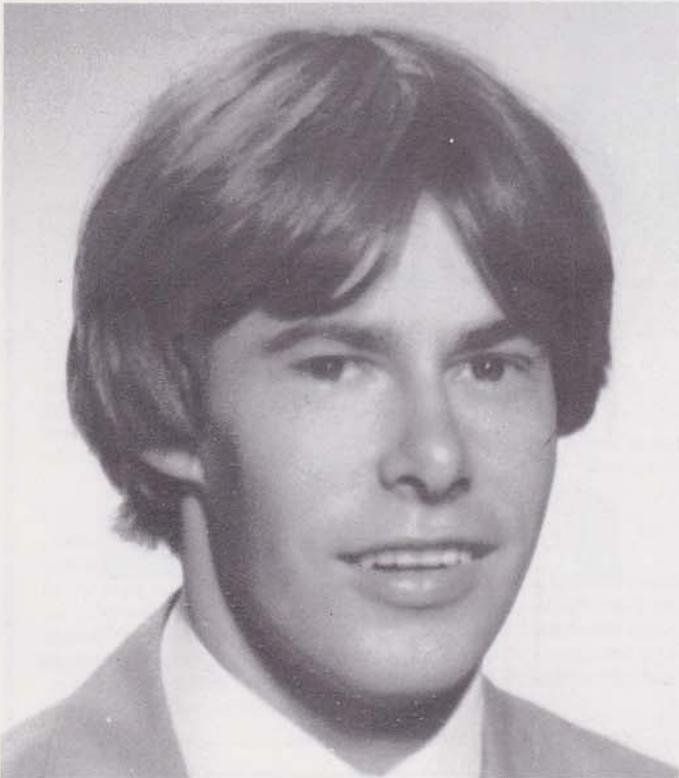
Debra Wells, 17 year-old junior clerk at Lilydale branch, and eldest daughter of Kevin Wells our Camberwell South manager, is on the point of realising a life-long ambition. Since starting Irish dancing classes 10 years ago, Debra has progressed through each section from minor to adult, competing in Victorian and Australian championships at each level. Her hard work has paid off.

Last September Debra and her three partners became the Australian Four Hands champions in the senior section. Next year she will attempt the Australian Adult championship, thereby fulfilling her ambition.

Debra's busy dancing schedule leaves little time for most sporting activities, however, late last year she joined a local netball side and has since played a number of successful matches.

The night hours are spent living it up at city discos and parties, and enjoying the companionship of close friends. Although she is not dating steadily at present, Debra says her ideal man would be "loving, loyal and loaded."

Born on the cusp of Taurus and Gemini, Debra is endowed with a love of beauty and harmony, and a certain sparkle which undoubtedly has much to do with her recent dancing success.



CRICKET CUB

When batsman Warren Patterson, 21, of head office Valuers' Department recently broke into District Cricket, his debut had all the impact that had characterised a distinguished career in junior ranks. Playing with the Footscray club, Warren made an unbeaten 89 runs to help clinch victory over Prahran.

He commenced competitive cricket as an 11-year-old in a west-suburban churches' association, and within a year was playing junior games on Saturday mornings and afternoon matches with an open age team!

Warren, who has gathered many trophies over the years, attributes his success to a positive mental approach.

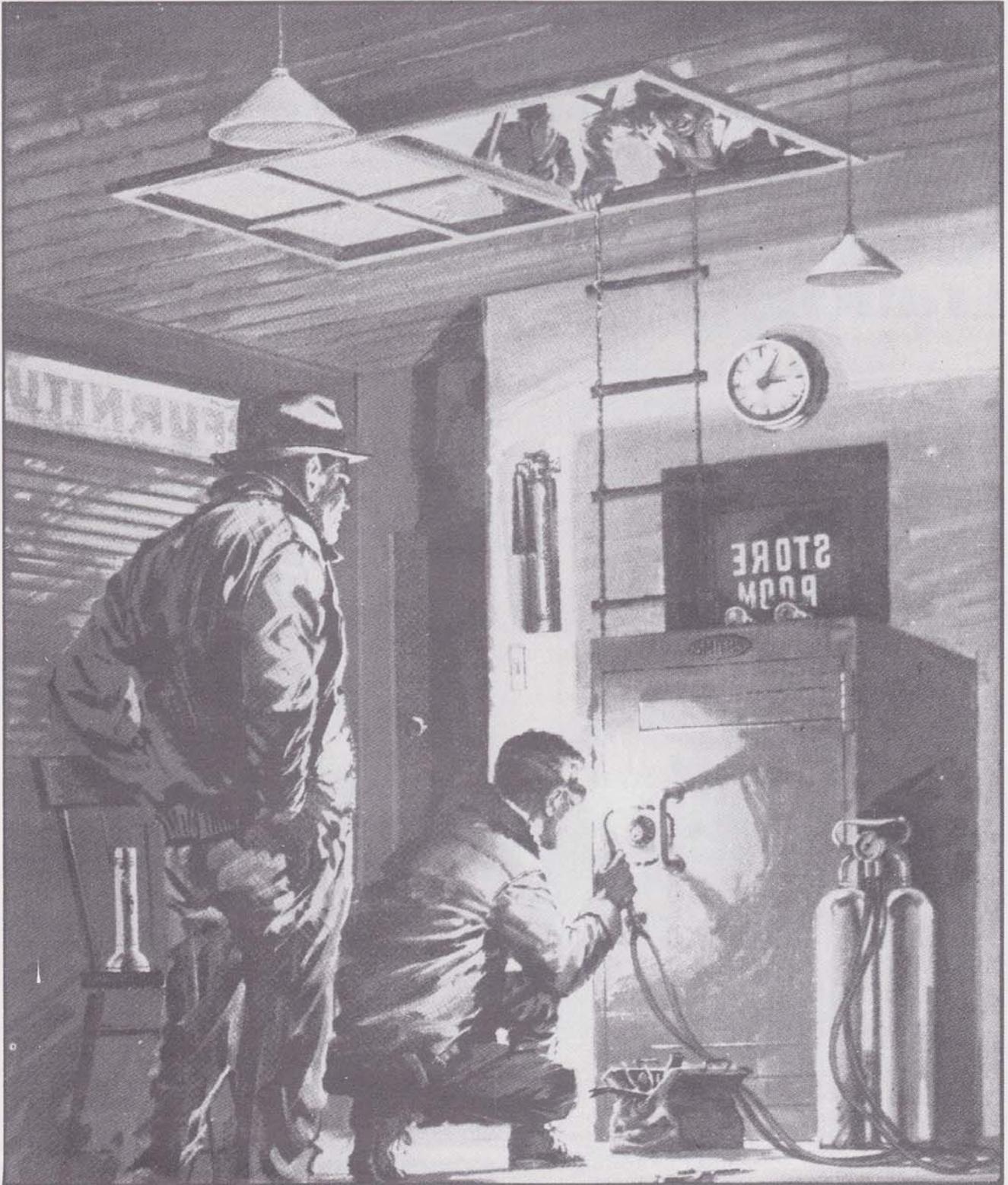
"A batsman has to believe that his capability to make runs is greater than the bowler's ability to get him out," he says.

Warren's off-season activities include ju-jitsu and scuba diving. His Sagittarian starscope says: "You have zest, optimism and big ideas. Your philosophising is the result of acute observation, analysis and reason." Subjects of Leo and Aries are likely soulmates.

How Good A Witness Would You Be?

Early one morning you are awakened by a noise which you think came from a near-by store. You get dressed, go to the store, peer through a window — and see these burglars at work. You hurry away to get the police and try to remember all

you saw. How much did you remember? Look at the picture for 30 seconds. Without referring to the picture again, see how many of the questions on page 11 you can answer correctly (Reprinted by courtesy of 'POLICE LIFE').





Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary



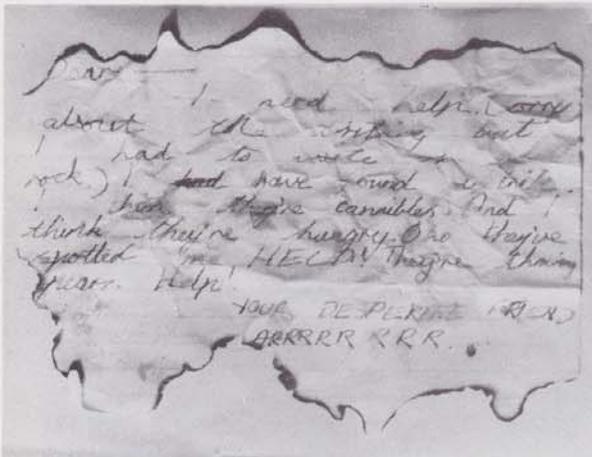
● Ron Delahunty and fellow artist Mrs. D. Boyd admire the work of a colleague. *(Photo by courtesy of the Geelong Advertiser).*

Belmont: Amateur Art Show

Manager Ron Delahunty and fellow members of an adult education art class from Geelong Technical School recently staged an exhibition of their work at the branch. The display, comprising more than 40 oils and acrylics, attracted considerable coverage in the Geelong press and on local radio, and was praised by the Regional Director of Education.

Ron says the response from the public was excellent, with some visits even resulting in new accounts.

Footnote: An unknown Lara woman, who read about the display in the Geelong Advertiser, saw Ron's surname and sent a clipping to a friend in England whom she thought was related to a Delahunty. A couple of weeks later, Ron received a letter from a cousin he had never met.



Essendon:

Help!!

A tattered, smudged 'Help' note with burnt edges turned up in the school bank collections at Essendon Branch. It read:—

"Dear —
I need help (sorry about the writing, but I had to write on a rock). I have found a tribe, I think they're cannibals. And I think they're hungry. . . Oho, they've spotted me. HELP they're throwing spears. Help!

YOUR DESPERATE FRIEND.
ARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR



● Australian cricketers Alan Hurst and Graham Yallop with Victorian women test captain Sharon Tredrea (left) and fast bowler Sharon Fitzsimmons. (HERALD photo).

Fairfield Test Skipper

Sharon Tredrea made headlines last month when she was appointed captain of the Australian Women's Test Team to play New Zealand. Sharon 24, previously known as a demon bowler, emerged as a formidable batsperson when she made 54 runs to lead Victoria to victory over N.S.W.

Corio Village:

'Rising Damp' Swamps Yvonne's Home

Just two weeks after clerk Yvonne Green, 22, bought a large caravan and set up home in a Belmont camping ground, the Barwon River broke its banks and flooded her site following days of torrential rain. "At around midnight someone suggested that I transfer my belongings from the annexe into the van just in case," says Yvonne. "But by 2.00 a.m. a levee had burst, and the river rose over six feet in less than 15 minutes."

"The water rose up past the windows of my van before receding and left carpets, clothing, everything a sodden mess."

Yvonne's van and its contents were not insured.



● Yvonne Green salvages a few items from her van.

(Picture by courtesy of The Herald.)



Morwell (Church Street): Tony In The Brass

Tony Fullerton is one of our musical managers. He is equally familiar with banknotes and musical notes, and can always be relied on to 'raise the wind'.

He began playing trombone at 21 years of age, and over the past eight years has become well-known in the Morwell/Traralgon area through his three-piece band, 'Full-O-Sounds'.

Tony played with many other groups in the West Gippsland district before launching out on his own. Apart from his skills on trombone, he plays bass guitar and piano.

"Music is a way of life for the whole family," says Tony. His wife, Margaret, is the band's full-time pianist, and his teenage son and daughter are also keen musicians.

Full-O-Sounds specializes in modern jazz, rock and dixieland music, and aim to keep things swinging down Morwell for some time to come.

● Tony Fullerton and his wife, Margaret, are pictured practising at their Traralgon home before one of their many local performances.

Leongatha: Steve Goes To Bat For 'Country'

Leongatha branch teller Steve McNamara, 20, starred for 'Victorian Country' in an exhibition match at his home town against the touring English cricketers.

In a game played on a water-logged pitch, Steve took three catches, opened the batting and topscored for his team with 20 runs. He was the only Victorian to reach double figures in a team total of 59 runs. The tourists won by 71 runs.

"It was the most exciting day of my cricketing career," says Steve who to date has captained an All Gippsland U/21 team and played in the District Cricket Association in the past five 'Country Week' competitions.



● Steve McNamara, one of the State's best junior batsmen, chats after the match with Bob Willis, vice-captain and top bowler of the touring English team.

(Photo by courtesy Leongatha Star.)

State Bank Sports Directory

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
CRICKET	Mercantile-Caulfield Cricket Association - Turf Competition	From early October to late March	Ken Batrouney, Hawthorn branch Phone: 818 1657
FOOTBALL	Victorian Amateur Football Association	April to early September	Steve Roberts, Branch Mech. Dept. Phone: 602 2877
LAWN BOWLS	Inter-Bank Competition	November to March. Every second Wednesday afternoon	Gordon Lester Western branch Phone: 61 2471
	Inter-Club Competitions	November to March - once a fortnight (evenings)	
GIRLS' NETBALL	Victorian Women's Netball Association	February to July.. & August to late November	Robyn Magnuson Premises Dept. Phone: H.O. Ext. 571
GIRLS' INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKETBALL	Victorian Business Houses Basketball Association (night competition)	All Year	Graeme Finn, Staff College Phone: (059) 71 2100
MENS' INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKETBALL	Victorian Business Houses Basketball Association (night competition)	All Year	
GOLF	Victorian Inter-Bank Golf Association - also internal competitions	April & October Inter-Bank pennant matches ..Every two months: social day for State Bank staff	Lindsay Moore, Footscray, Barkly Street Phone: 68 2200
SWIMMING	Victorian Combined Banks Swimming Association	February: Annual V.C.B.S.A. Swimming Carnival	Rob Bowen or Sue COX, 45 Swanston St. br. Phone: 63 7749
TABLE TENNIS	Victorian Table Tennis Association	All Year	David Jamieson, Beaumaris, Balcombe Road, Phone: 99 3813
ROWING (Banks Rowing Club)	Victorian Rowing Association	September to April	Keith Shimmen, Overseas Dept. Phone: H.O. Ext.343

KEEP IT CRISP!

How often we've been told to write, at high school age and less, In terms as plain as Mr. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
Avoiding phrases erudite where simple ones are clearer,
The better to express the thought, not just impress the hearer.

Though few dispute this sound advice, inside a corporation.
The common touch in writing is a victim of inflation;
The language of the office walks on stilts the long way 'round',
Discarding easy words whenever hard ones can be found.

To say ABOUT is frowned upon — APPROXIMATELY'S better —
While LATER must be SUBSEQUENTLY in the business letter.
BEFORE is out, since PRIOR TO sounds more sophisticated,
And no one writes EXPECTED who can spell ANTICIPATED.

Disguising CAUSE as CAUSATIVE FACTOR shows one's on the
move,
And words like OPTIMUM, for MOST, are really in the groove.
INAUGURATE and FINALIZE are favoured, though, in truth,
BEGIN and END are more exact, and not at all uncouth.

Sir Winston's famed BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS, that sparked
the English nation,
Would never have endured with SWEAT dressed up as
PERSPIRATION.
So here's a plea for plain words that more clearly tell the story.
Than polysyllable displays of verbal repertory.

Grooming Hint

Unslightly hairs in the nostrils can be effectively removed by the
use of tweezers.
However, it is desirable to first obtain permission of the person.

How Good A Witness Are You ?

Questions:

1. What kind of store was it?
2. In what part of the building was the burglary?
3. What was the time?
4. How many men were there?
5. Where were they?
6. What were they doing?
7. How were they dressed?
8. Were they armed?
9. Did they wear masks?
10. How did they get into the room?
11. What was hanging in the room?
12. What did they do to prevent the light being turned on?
13. Did they have any other light — if so what was it?
14. What equipment did they have?
15. What was the make of the safe?
16. What was on the wall?
17. How many doors had the room?

For answers turn to Page 14.

Teller Talk by Sue



OLD tellers never die; they only lose their balance.

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A smile says: "Hi, let's make this transaction pleasant. I'm going to be friendly."

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MONEY still talks, but it is becoming increasingly incoherent.

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OVERHEARD in queue: "I've been saving for a rainy day, but right now a heavy dew would wipe me out."

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PRAYER for tellers: Lord, give me patience, immediately!

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MARRIED couple came in last week to enquire about a 'Back From Holidays' loan.

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OUR manager installed automatic garage doors for his wife. "Do they really work?" we asked him. "You'd better believe it" said the Boss. "She doesn't even have to push a button. When they see her coming up the driveway, they fly open in sheer terror".

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WHO was the branch clerk who thought our Black Light system was for checking signatures on deceased accounts?

PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. HARD BARD: the second line letters can spell Hamlet, Othello and The Tempest.
2. PARTY: Amy was on David's left.
3. BROKE: RICE, MICE, MILE, MALE, TALE, TALL, TOLL, TOLD, TOAD, LOAD, LOAM, ROAM, ROOM, DOOM, DOOR, POOR.



BAROSSA BARGAINFEST

Why not take off on a four-day holiday in South Australia's beautiful Barossa Valley — for as little as \$237 per adult, with most meals included? Tours commencing on Thursday, April 19 will coincide with the 1979 Barossa Vintage Festival. Here's a sample itinerary:

April 19: Arrive at Adelaide Airport by TAA at 5 p.m., and transfer to South Terrace Travelodge in the city — your base for the Festival. Dine in cable-car restaurant.

April 20: After breakfast in the motel, travel by coach to Barossa Valley. See exhibitions of tapestries, floral art, barrel

making. Participate in wine inspections and tastings. Watch rare wine auction, Strassenfest Procession. Attend Weingarten Festival Dinner. Return in late evening to Travelodge.

April 21: After breakfast, travel by coach to Barossa Valley. See vintage procession of floats. Attend vintage fair. Return to Adelaide for dinner at cable-car restaurant.

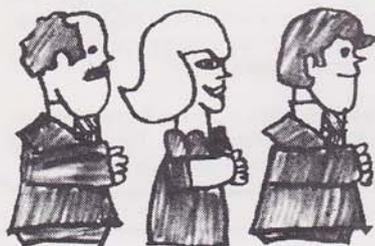
April 22: Morning free. Leave at noon by coach for Mt. Lofty ranges. Lunch en route. Visit Cleland Wildlife Reserve. Return late afternoon to Adelaide for homeward flight to Melbourne.

Go Away!

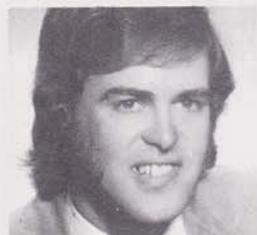


PACKAGE PRICE of \$237 per adult sharing twin room covers: Return air fares to Adelaide . . . all coach travel . . . bed and breakfast at South Terrace Travelodge for three nights . . . dinner on three nights (including Weingarten feast with wine) Sunday lunch . . . entry to Vintage Fair and Wildlife Reserve. Special rates for children, quoted on request.

For further details, and bookings, contact Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel, McEwan's Annexe, Phone 67 6481.



Meet our new Managers



G.J. HOATH, Systems Officer, E.D.P. Dept.
Greg joined the Bank at Brunswick East branch in 1965, and after six years of branch life moved to E.D.P. Planning Section. He has been a competitive player with the State Bank Table Tennis Club for the last four years, and enjoys occasional games of squash and snooker. Greg and his wife, Annette, have a four year-old daughter and a son aged 3.



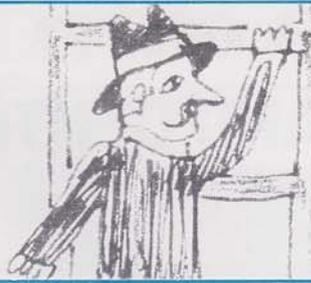
K.P. STAFFORD, Murrayville
Kevin is looking forward to his first country appointment and the warmer climate of the Mallee. During his spare time he bottles bulk wines, specialising in reds. At present he has approximately 40 dozen bottles in his collection. Kevin was a State Bank footballer and played over 150 games before retiring three years ago. He is married, with three young sons.



H.V. KLIMS, Systems Officer, E.D.P. Dept.
The title 'bachelor' fits Harry in more ways than one. Through his studies at R.M.I.T. he qualified for a degree in Applied Science six years ago. For relaxation he enjoys reading murder mysteries by some of the world's best suspense novelists. Harry's sporting activities include social games of squash and tennis, and body surfing during summer.

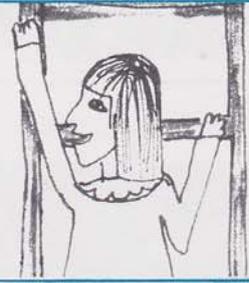


B.O. SPINK, Control Manager, Branch Mechanisation
Barry supervises the activities of some 30 conversion officers who instal upgraded mechanisation equipment at branches. During spare time, Barry is assistant secretary of Mooroolbark Country Fire Authority (which he helped to establish 13 years ago), and a member of his local primary school council. Barry and his wife Adrienne have a son, 13, and daughters aged nine and six.



On the Way Up

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



IAN BAXTER —
Premises Department



ALF DI BENEDETTO —
Northcote South



BOB HUTCHISON —
Relieving Staff



RON MOULES —
Brighton East



JOHN WHITEHEAD —
Strathmore



TONY BORG —
Bankcard Department



MICHAEL FRASER —
Moorabbin



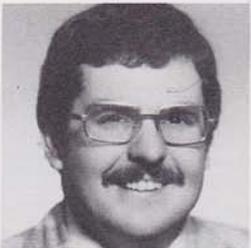
BOB KANE —
499 St. Kilda Road



GRAHAM O'NEIL —
Grovedale



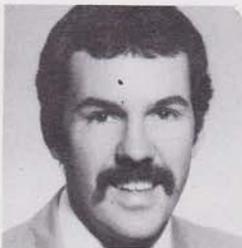
CAROLYN WILLIAMS —
Karingal



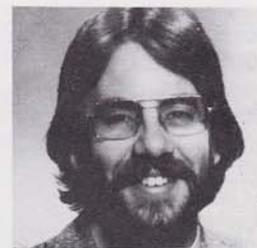
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MARGARET GREEN —
Current Loans Department



MICK MORGAN —
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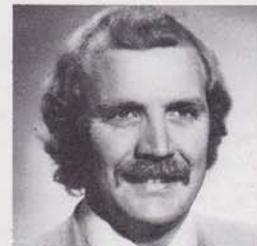
ALAN THOMAS —
Legal Department



DIANNE TEPPER —
Relieving Staff



LEON CHRISTIE —
Camperdown



JOHN JEFFERY —
Mortgage Loans



RON OLVER —
Relieving Staff

Newlyweds

Coral Rayment (formerly Bromiley) of our Bairnsdale branch staff, was photographed with husband Lex after their wedding at Wesley Uniting Church, Bairnsdale. Officiating clergyman was Rev. David Rayment, father of the groom.

Branch Staff of the month

NORTHLAND CENTRE



NORTHLAND lineup with spare time interests in brackets: BACK ROW, FROM LEFT — Ted LeGassick, AC (cricket, golf) Deborah Harper, teller (10-pin bowling, ballroom dancing) Craig Jones, clerk (surfing) Brian Loney, senior clerk (football, golf) Steve Smith, clerk (football, bird-watching) Judy Phillips, refer clerk (reading, dressmaking) Ron Sayers, teller (squash, golf). FRONT

ROW, FROM LEFT — Carol Zeuschner, teller (tennis, netball) Margaret Rennie, refer clerk (basketball, squash) Jenny LaRose, teller (basketball, table tennis) Frank Price, manager (President, State Bank Golf Club) Leanne Hirth, clerk (squash), Christine Milton, teller (ballroom dancing) Ken Mathews, teller (badminton, golf) Ken Atkinson, A3 (all sports). Absent: Frank Phelan, A2

THE RUSH SPECIALISTS

As much as the staff at Northland branch enjoy their work, they are thankful that Christmas does just come 'but once a year'. With the frenzy of shoppers and Bank customers that Yuletide brought to the Centre, it was 'all stops out' for the staff to provide continuous courteous, efficient service.

However manager Frank Price says that his happy, close-knit team readily coped with the Christmas rush, and is geared to meet

the challenges of future peak periods.

"It's an inspiration to me to see the way the staff come up smiling even after our busiest days . . . when the queues do not break from the time we open until we close," says Frank.

"I put this down largely to bonds of friendship that have grown from their work, their lunchtime cardgames and after-hours social mixing."

'It Wasn't My Fault'

Here are some examples of explanations written by motorists on insurance claim forms:

'Coming home, I drove into the wrong house, and collided with a tree I don't have.'

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'I thought my window was down, but found it was up when I put my hand through it.'

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'A truck backed through my windscreen and into my wife's face.'

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'The other guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.'

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'I was on my way to the doctor's with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident.'

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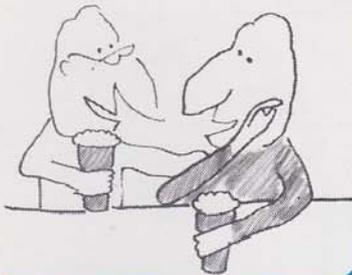
'I had been shopping for plants all day, and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprung up, obscuring my vision.'

Answers:

How Good A Witness Were You ?

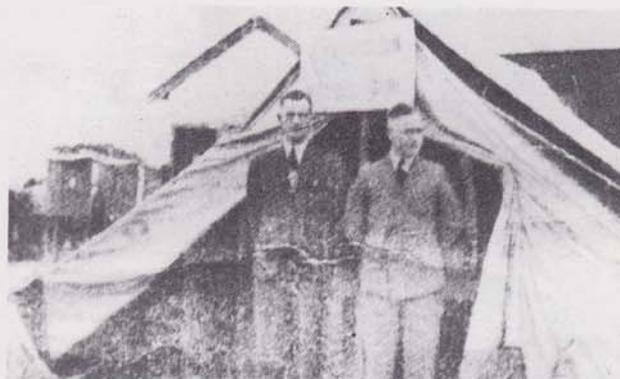
1. A furniture store.
2. The store-room.
3. About six minutes past three in the morning.
4. Four men.
5. Two were in the store-room and two on the roof.
6. One was working at the safe, a second was watching him and of the two on the roof, one was looking through the skylight.
7. The man at the safe had no hat, but wore a wind-jacket with fur collar and ripple-soled shoes. The man watching him had a green hat, dark jacket and yellow pullover or cardigan. The man on the roof wore a hat, but the other could not be seen clearly.
8. Yes, there was a revolver near the safe.
9. No.
10. They broke through the skylight.
11. A rope ladder.
12. They took out the light-bulbs and put them on the safe.
13. There was a torch on the chair.
14. They had oxy-acetylene equipment and a bag of tools to open the safe.
15. Smiths.
16. A fire extinguisher.
17. Three — a roller-door on the left, a green door, and the door behind the safe.

On the Grapevine



The Bank Under Canvas

TENT BANK: Forty years ago, in the early days of World War II, the Bank provided a payday service at various Victorian military camps. Pictured is our original 'office' at Mt. Martha Camp as it operated from late 1939 to early 1940. This canvas bank was manned by relieving staff, and often remained open until 9.00 p.m. The 'till' was a leather bag, and lighting was provided by kerosene-fuelled hurricane lamps.



Annuitants' Annual Assemblage

Old bankers never die, and most of them never lose interest. More than 180 of our retired officers and wives crowded into the Lower Town Hall for their 1978 annual meeting and Christmas get-together. They were 'segregated' (male from female) only for photographic purposes.



Below: OFFICIAL GUESTS at the State Bank Retired Officers' 1978 party were Messrs. Harry Torrens, General Manager (second from left) and Robert Lowe, President of the State Bank Division of the A.B.E.U. (right) who attended with their wives. They were photographed with Retired Officers Association President Neil Kelly (left) and Secretary Bill Jones.



Cummins & Doings

Here are some snippets of news and recollection from annuitant Ron Cummins, living at Southport, Queensland:

Gold Coast News. Reg Coxall has purchased a unit at Surfers Paradise and has moved in. Cameron Stewart and his wife have completed renovations to their home at Mermaid Beach.

Good Old Days. In earlier, more leisurely days, staff had more time for hi jinks. We had some real characters — for example Vern Gardiner, 'Mitter' Ainslie and Ossie Morris.

The relieving manager at Port Fairy would prefer to spend quiet business periods fishing from the local pier, which was in view of the Bank. If a customer entered the branch the junior would hoist a white flat to summon the manager.

At Ripponlea, the relieving manager had another way of filling quiet times. He would instruct the junior (me) to play the regular manager's pianola in the adjoining room.

Remember those Friday nights when the Bank opened from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. for deposits? By arrangement there was always a constable on duty in the banking chamber. The second world war ended this practice.

Gone Fishin'

The following retirements have been reported to Statesman:

GEOFF WIGNELL (Emergency Staff)
ADRIAN HARRINGTON (Northcote)
KEN MONCRIEFF (Footscray, Barkly St.)
BILL EMBLIN (Emergency Staff)



State Bank Organisation Chart

