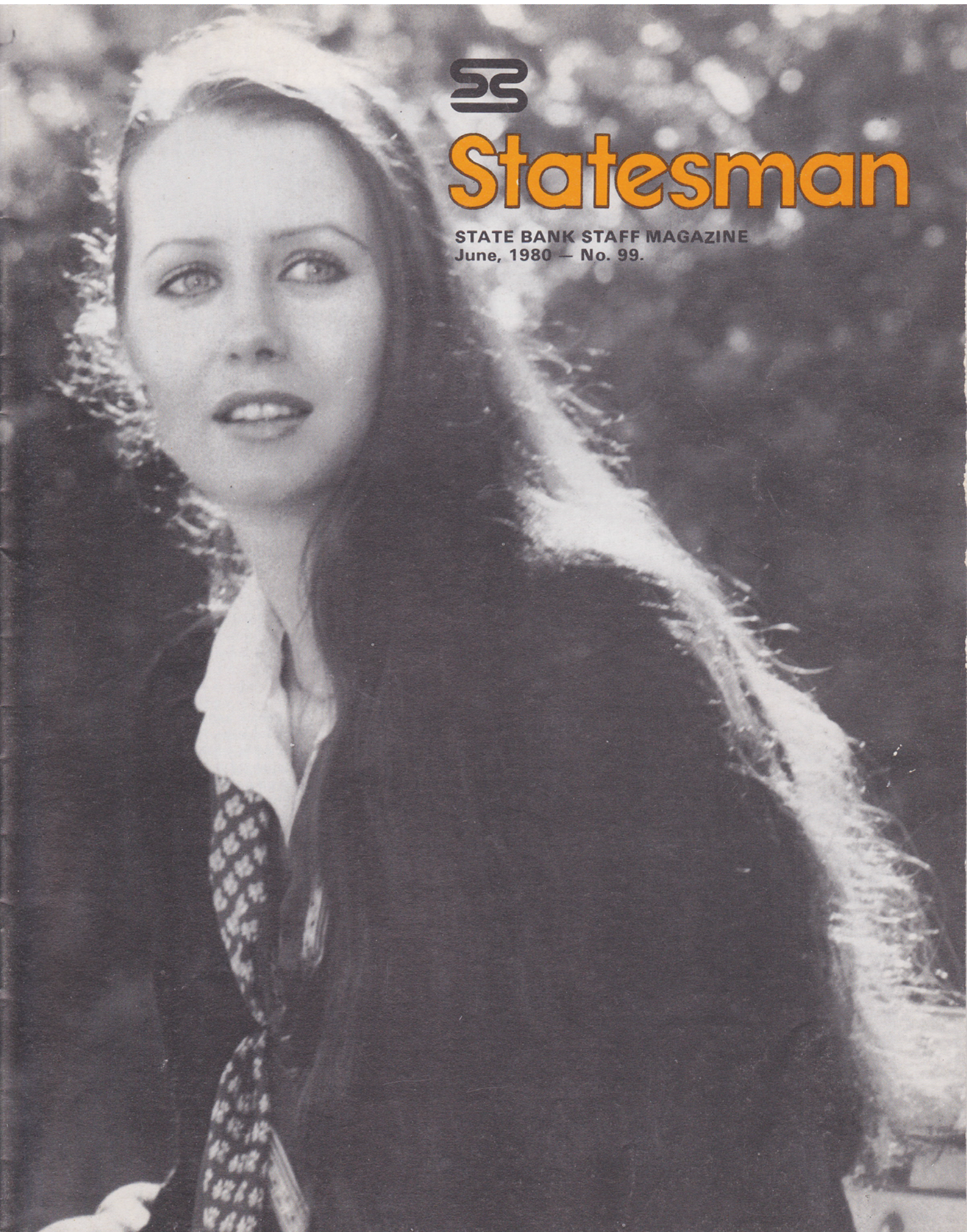
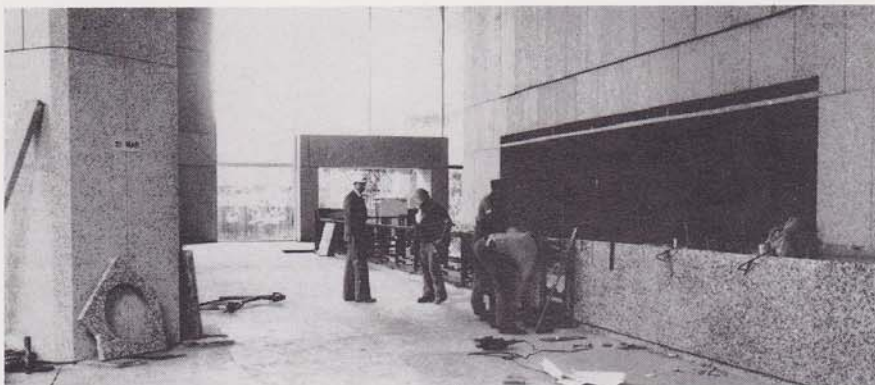




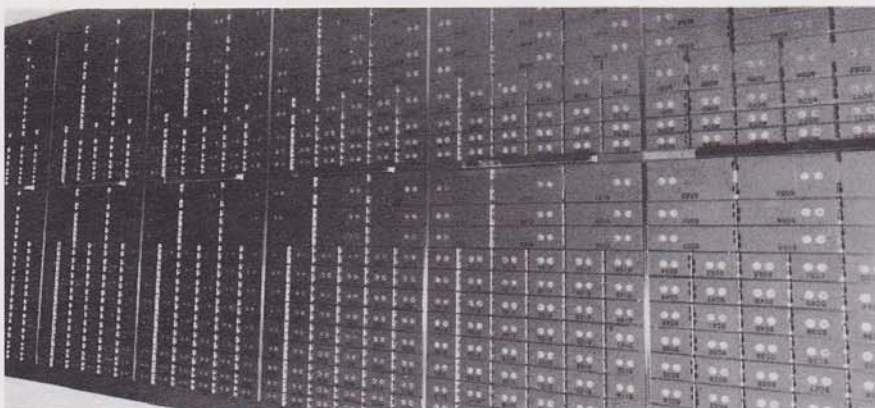
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● **MARBLE FRONT** counters being installed in the main banking chamber of State Bank Centre branch.



● **STEEL WALL SAFES**, for rental by the public, are located in our new Safe Deposit strongroom on the lower banking chamber level of State Bank Centre.



● **ELIZABETH STREET ENTRANCE** to the new State Bank Centre branch. Main entrance will be right at the Elizabeth-Bourke Streets corner.

State Bank Centre Branch To Open Soon

'Lizzy Street' will become State Centre Branch when it moves into our new head office building complex at the Elizabeth/ Bourke Streets corner. Last month, workmen were positioning two-inch-thick marble counter fronts. The main banking chamber will have 40 teller stations, plus some 50 feet of enquiry counter space where customers may sit or stand, and a large, comfortably-furnished open area for interviews.

On the lower banking chamber level, accessible by escalators, will be a major innovation: a large and comprehensive **SAFE DEPOSIT** department, with walls, floor and ceilings of concrete feet thick. More than 2000 steel, double-locked wall safes will be provided for storage of customers' valuables, such as jewellery, gold, coin collections, etc. Other areas of this department will store safe-custody envelopes and boxes for

documents, and provide secure shelf space for large, locked containers supplied by customers. Wall safes for rental by the public will range in size from about 3" x 5" to 10" x 10" and all will be about 22" deep.

People who arrange to rent safes on an annual basis will be required to give a password and sign a form whenever visiting the Safe Deposit area to remove or inspect their valuables. They will be escorted through electronically-controlled strongroom doors to enter the high-security safe area, which will be under constant remote electronic surveillance.

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FRONT COVER: Jackie Meiers (Head Office Marketing Department) was captured in pensive mood by the camera of Statesman's Tom Sedunary as she relaxed in last month's 'Indian Summer' sunshine on the Yarra bank. This portrait occupied half the front page of 'The Sun' on May 23.

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

Our Bandit Security Screen Popped Up On National T.V.!

Our new pop-up security screen to block bandits was given Australia-wide TV screen publicity in April.

A demonstration of the screen in action at our East Camberwell branch was filmed by TV camera teams before the branch opened to the public. That night, the report was featured on all four TV network news programs. Millions of Australian viewers saw a mock-up robbery attempt in which a young man posing as a bandit ran into the branch, menaced staff with a pistol, and suddenly found himself staring at a solid steel wall. His only option was to escape from the bank empty-handed. The TV presenters demonstrated the speed of the screen's action, its prevention of any 'hostage' situation, and its complete safety from the customer's viewpoint.

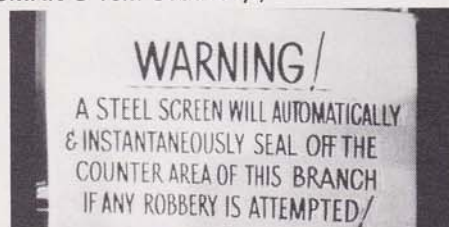
One on-air reporter described our screen as 'the ultimate deterrent'. Newspapers headlined the story in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Hobart, Perth, Townsville and Cairns, and major Victorian country centres including Ballarat, Bendigo, Warrnambool and Mildura. A second metropolitan branch installation of a pop-up screen is proceeding, and others will follow in branches considered most vulnerable to armed robbery.



● GTV-9 NEWSREADER BRIAN NAYLOR was one of the four TV network publicists of our 'pop-up' security screen. A mock holdup was demonstrated. (This photo was taken directly from a TV set by STATESMAN'S Tom Sedunary.)

● WARNING SIGN on counter at East Camberwell branch was shown in TV news coverage of the pop-up screen.

● HEADLINES in all States reported our first-in-Australia security scoop.



MAKING THE BANK SAFER



Staffer of the month

A GENTLEWOMAN AND A SCULLER!

While most of us are still snuggled securely beneath the blankets on these chilly winter mornings, Geelong East branch teller Joanne Mitchell, 22, is out rowing vigorously on the Barwon River. A champion oarswoman, Joanne hits the water at 5.30 every morning to start the day's training program. Jogging, gym work and bike riding are all part of her busy fitness schedule.

Joanne's interest in rowing was sparked four years ago by a chance visit to the Barwon Women's Rowing Club of which she is now a member. ("They took me out for a try and I have been hooked ever since.") During the next few years she competed in a 'four' until making the decision to row in a pair with her current partner just 19 months ago.

Within weeks the girls had won their first championship — the senior A Victorian Women's Pairs title. Inspired by their success, they embarked on a training schedule which included some 30 hours a week on the water and numerous workouts at the Geelong Fitness Centre. Last Christmas they spent \$3000 on a racing scull. In March, their hard work paid off. They won the Australian women's coxless pairs championship at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, and became their club's first members to win a national title. To be a champion rower demands



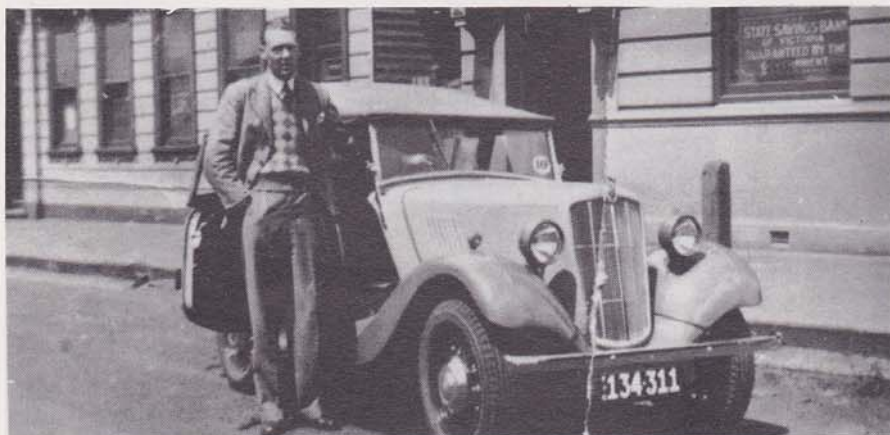
dedication, and Joanne's solid training program leaves little time for other spare time activities. Although her current winter schedule requires less time on the water, the hours must be made up in gym work. "I also jog four evenings a week and go for a seven-mile run each Sunday."

Joanne is already preparing to defend her title at next year's National Rowing Championships. Following that, she

aims to contest as many other national titles as possible, and eventually to compete internationally.

For anyone considering rowing as a competitive sport, Joanne has this advice: "Be prepared to sacrifice most of your leisure hours. However, rowing does have its compensations — it provides plenty of fresh air and exercise — and most of the hard work is done sitting down."

THIRTIES FLASHBACK:



Recognise one of the Bank's top executives? This snap of Lionel Cooper (now Chief Manager, Personnel) was taken in 1934 while Lionel was on the staff at Mortlake branch. It was sent to Statesman by annuitant Sam Williams of Kew, who managed the branch from 1934 to 1936.

Don't You Believe It!

Research has revealed that the three most suspect statements in common use are:

1. Your cheque is in the mail.
2. This is definitely my last drink.
3. I'm from the government and I'm here to help you.

Branch Celebrates 100th Birthday

Centenary Stomp In Stawell Town Hall

An oldtime dance free to allcomers was the highlight of our Stawell branch centenary celebrations on April 22. More than 400 local residents attended the Bank-sponsored 'hop' — originally planned as an open-air affair in the main street Mall, but transferred to the Town Hall due to wintry weather. Rollicking rustic music was provided by the wellknown Wedderburn band 'The Oldtimers'. A group of costumed dancers from Bendigo added color to the occasion.

Our General Manager, Mr. Harry Torrens, and Mrs. Torrens attended the dance, and were among the last to leave. Earlier, an Open Day was declared at the branch. Manager Jim Walker and staff donned period costumes and distributed souvenirs.

During a late afternoon function in the branch attended by more than 100 representative citizens, Mr. Torrens 'presented' to Stawell Mayor Cr. Keith Haymes, a public drinking fountain as a centenary gift from the Bank. The fountain, with surrounding seats and shade trees, had been installed in the Mall earlier in the month.

In his address at the official function, Mr. Torrens recalled that Mr. Alexander Cooch, one of the most distinguished executives in the history of the Bank, had begun his career at Stawell branch when it opened in 1880. (Mr. Cooch was the branch's first junior clerk. Within seventeen years he had

risen to Chief Inspector of the Bank. He was General Manager from 1929 to 1937.

The Stawell Centenary, which received wide and extensive coverage through local press, TV and radio, was one of the most successful branch promotions staged in recent years.



- **ABOVE RIGHT: PIONEER REMEMBERED:** Tributes were paid at the Stawell centenary function to Alexander Cooch, who was the branch's first junior clerk in 1880 and climaxed an outstanding career by becoming the Bank's General Manager in 1929.



- **LOCAL RESIDENTS** let down their hair and kicked their heels at Stawell's free dance.



- **STAWELL** branch staff girls and wives donned period costumes for the centenary celebrations. Pictured left to right: Misses Diana Pipkorn, Frances McSparron, Mrs. Michael Moore (wife of accountant), Miss Debbie Bell, Mrs Jim Walker (wife of manager), Mrs. Alison Causon, Miss Wendy Brady.



- **THE OLD TIMERS DANCE BAND** from Wedderburn played for the Bank's 'Hop' in the Stawell Town Hall.



- **STAWELL 'GIFT' PRESENTATION:** A public drinking fountain was the Bank's Centenary gift. Pictured (left to right) Cr. K. Haymes (Mayor of Stawell) Mr H.E. Torrens (General Manager) Cr. Fred Grellet and our Stawell branch manager Mr Jim Walker.



Fitzroy Wedding Drama

Did Her Garter Flash Cause Cars To Crash?

When teller Vicki Hassett (nee Richards) of Treasury Place branch left a church in Nicholson Street Fitzroy after her wedding, she posed beside the bridal Rolls Royce. Then Vicki complied with requests from some of the guests to 'Show us your garter'. At this stage, three passing (male) motorists were involved in an end-to-end collision, resulting in a broken windscreen, a crushed boot and a burst radiator. Wedding guests on the spot decided that the crash was definitely caused by Vicki's 'flash'.

ADVICE FOR WOMEN

From 19th century manuals have been gathered the following guidelines to women in their roles as housewives, employees and male companions:

HOW TO BE A BETTER WIFE (1897)

1. Start each day with a cheerful countenance and pleasant conversation.
2. Turn the harsh utterances of a scolding tongue into kind and gentle words, and you will be rewarded with a more agreeable nature.
3. Learn to bake juicy fruit pies, and do so frequently.
4. Smooth out wrinkles in your brow by thinking serene thoughts.
5. Do not interrupt your husband when he is speaking, thinking or reading.

THE WISE WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE ART OF BREAKFAST

As wife to your husband, it is your most fervent duty to present him with your most agreeable manner at breakfast as well as to provide him with the comforts of a well-provisioned table.

A carelessly poached egg, a spotted cloth or hasty, fretful words can be ruinous to the harmony of his day.

Set before him a hearty breakfast of fresh sausages, boiled eggs, a cold ham, porridge with fresh cream and butter, kippers, a pheasant pie, fresh curds and whey, corn muffins, fresh bread, marmalade, honey, coffee and tea.

Keep your words cheerful and encouraging, for they are as much an aid to the digestion as they are a balm to the spirit. Never use a red-and-white checkered cloth on the breakfast table. The small pattern is upsetting to morning digestion. Always fold the morning paper from right to left and place it on the seat of his chair.

THE HAPPIEST DAY OF A WOMAN'S LIFE

It is, indeed, a fortunate young woman who becomes a bride. For once a woman becomes a bride, she is at last able to perfect the virtues of a good and honorable wife: Steadfastness in the face of hard work. Obedience. Pleasantness at mealtimes. Lifting laughter. Modesty of dress and demeanour. Strength of character, arms, legs, back. Unworldliness in politics, economics and foreign novellas. Disinterest in card games, musical games, word games and all other games of chance.

HOW TO SIT ON A PICNIC BLANKET

The manner in which a gentlewoman composes herself upon a blanket should be a demonstration of her modest demeanour. She should accept the support of her escort by lightly laying her gloved hand upon his arm, and allowing herself to be lowered to the blanket as effortlessly and gracefully as a leaf wafts down from a tree on a gentle breeze. She should sit with her back straight and her hands at rest in her lap. She should never lean, slouch, cup her chin in her hand or raise her arms above her head.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOSPITAL NURSES

Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop or frequents dance halls will give the Director of Nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR A WIFE

Fine, upstanding gentlemen seeks fine, upstanding woman for purposes of marriage and bearing children. Must have reliable physical qualities, including strong back, arms, legs. Two weeks' vacation at a mountain resort every June. No woman who talks loudly in restaurants, reads romantic novels or smokes cigarettes need apply.

What's Cookin'?



More than 300 selected officers from metropolitan branches last month attended special 'Travel Tune-Up' sessions at Staff Training Centre City. Through films, slides and talks they were given useful background information on Thomas Cook/State Bank Travel services — to help them handle customer enquiries through their branches.



Mrs Vines received her prize from George Kapiniaris of the Thomas Cook/State Bank travel office, Footscray. Also present: John Murray, our Altona East branch manager.

FIRST 'COOK WINNER

Mrs. Evelyn Vines of Altona North was the first monthly winner of \$50 worth of Travellers' Cheques donated by Thomas Cook.

(As announced in the previous STATESMAN, a monthly lucky draw is conducted from customer enquiry Introduction Forms lodged at branches of the Bank.)

Winners can choose between \$50 in travellers' cheques or cash.

How to Give an Orange, Legally

Legal language is quite a mouthful, and enough to give most laymen the pip! For instance, if handing an orange to somebody, you or I would merely say 'Have an orange'. But if a solicitor wanted to give an orange, he would phrase his remarks like this:

'Know all men by these present that I give, grant, bargain, sell, release, convey, transfer and quitclaim all my right, title, interest, benefit, and use whatever in, of and concerning this chattel, otherwise known as an orange, or citrus orantium, together with all the appurtenances thereto of skin, pulp, pip, rind, seeds, and juice for his own and behoof, to himself and to his heirs in fee simple forever, free from all liens, encumbrances, easements, limitations, restraints, or conditions whatsoever, any and all prior deeds, transfers or other documents whatsoever, now, and anywhere made to the contrary notwithstanding, with full power to bite, cut, suck, and otherwise eat said orange or to give away the same, with or without skin, pulp, pip, rind, seeds or juice.'

State Secrets by the Teller



BRANCH accountant who went interstate on extended leave entrusted his pet ferrets to a neighbour. A few weeks later he received a telegram saying: 'One female ferret pining for a mate. Shall we buy another male, or await your return?'

★

WOMAN overheard in teller queue: 'My husband cut himself and there was a lot of blood about. I wasn't too keen on attending to it, so my friend cleared the wound. I thought it best to leave it to her — she's used to tending horses and that sort of thing'.

★

LETTER sent to branch manager by a solicitor said 'Enclosed is the duly registered Certificate of Death of the abovenamed deceased who predeceased his wife as requested.'

★

MEMO recently sent to our Personnel Department referred to the 'MECHANICAL CLERK OF WORKS'. We've heard that automation is increasing. But robots already?

★

LADY customer of a large suburban (computerised) branch called at our small Beaufort office and handed a deposit to the teller. As he processed the transaction she was heard to whisper anxiously to her companion 'Look, he's WRITING it'.

★

MARKETING department's Jeanne Groen has given up poker since losing a \$10 note in a routine flush. She accidentally dropped it down a head office toilet.

★

RELIEVING staff girl, wearing only her pyjamas and dressing gown, drove her fiancé to work in a western suburb recently, but ran out of petrol on her way home. She sat huddled in her car in the middle of the road for half an hour before a passing samaritan called the R.A.C.V.

★

DOCTOR'S certificate submitted to head office Personnel Department in support of a maternity leave application said that the lady in question had 'a slight touch of pregnancy.'



Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary



Blackburn:

Bouquet for Bank

To mark the occasion of the branch's recent 50th anniversary longtime depositor Mrs. May Head, 82, made a special visit to present flowers to the staff. She is pictured with manager Don Woodward. The Nunawading Gazette reported that Mrs. Head has a special affection for the State Bank. Many years ago, she and her late husband obtained Bank finance for their first home, and were given helpful guidance through the depression years.

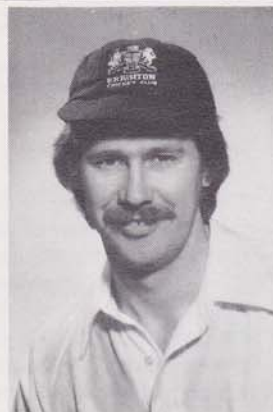
(Photo by courtesy Maroondah Associated Newspapers.)



Colac: Easter Giving

The staff helped to make Easter brighter for 140 patients of a local mental hospital by distributing Easter eggs, bought from fortnightly contributions to a branch charity fund. Colac 'Herald' newspaper gave front page coverage of the staff gesture. Assisting with the egg distribution were (from left) clerks Lyn Hall and Chris Sturzaker, and assistant manager Mollie Moloney.

(Photo by courtesy Colac Herald.)



Middle Brighton:

Demon Bowler!

Teller Michael Lappin, an all-rounder for Brighton Cricket Club's first eleven, displayed a devastating spell of fast-medium bowling in a recent sub-district grand final. Michael took 8/29 off 15 overs to completely demoralise the opposition. He finished the season by winning the club bowling average.

Elizabeth Street:

Christine 'Milks It Instead'

Teller Christine Kennedy could hardly believe her eyes when the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority (V.D.I.A.) credited this 'bottler' of a cheque to its account. The \$17,720 milk bottle cheque, drawn by a Melbourne advertising agency, was V.D.I.A.'s earnings from the sale of 'Big M' and 'Milk It Instead' rights to the New Zealand milk marketing organisation.



Castlemaine:

Monster Cheque

Manager Bob Fewster and staff recently accepted their biggest-ever cheque. The monster credit, measuring six by four feet, was for \$7640, representing proceeds from a Rotary Club Trades and Industry fair. Designed by a local resident, the cheque depicted an acrobatic plane used in the fair. Its arrival took Bob and staff completely by surprise.

"We just looked up and saw two Rotary men carrying the cheque, and they were accompanied by photographers from the local newspapers," says Bob.

After completing the credit (and substituting a conventional cheque for filing purposes) Bob placed the big cheque on public display in the branch's front window.



● Manager Bob Fewster and teller Greg Lyle take charge of the outsized Rotary cheque.

(Photo by courtesy Bendigo Advertiser.)



Euroa: Back to 1880

When Euroa Shire Council announced plans to celebrate its Centenary of local government, our branch staff were among the first to lend support. They dressed in old-style costumes and staged a display of historic photographs, which Council borrowed for use at official Centenary functions.

A horse-drawn jinker carried the costumed staff to the Town Hall to join other townsfolk for the arrival of a veteran athlete who had run from Melbourne.

Pictured (from left to right): Glenda Dosser, Jan Anderson, Kerrie Russell, Graeme Watkins, Heather Willis, Paul O'Brien, Robyn Pollock, Peter Shepard (manager).

(Photo by courtesy Euroa Gazette.)

Ivanhoe:

Flowers For Centenarian... 60 Years a Depositor

On the 100th birthday of customer Mrs. Agnes James, manager John Mitchell presented her with a bouquet of flowers at her Ivanhoe home. Mrs. James, on her arrival from England as a migrant in 1920, took the advice of her local town clerk and opened an account with our Bank. She has been a regular customer ever since. John tells us that Mrs. James still enjoys good health, and always prepares her own banking forms.



Seven days
From \$299

VINES, WINES AND MINES

How do you fancy spending a week of Winter or Spring in the moderate temperatures of Mildura, the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa Valley — touring by rail, coach, waggon and riverboat? Now's the time to 'Book Through Cook' for an Australian Pacific package tour. Prices per person range from \$299 (even less for pensioners using free or concessional rail passes) and include 14 meals.

Tours leave (this year) on June 15, July 27, August 24, October 26 and November 16.

The itinerary is Mildura, Wentworth,

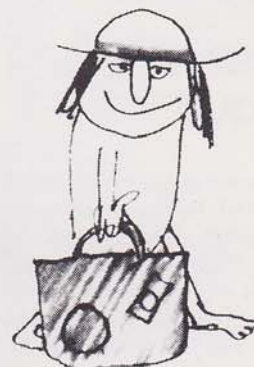


Broken Hill, Adelaide, Hahndorf, Barossa Valley, Mildura and Melbourne.

You'll travel to Mildura by night train (Vineland) in first-class sleeper berths. Next day your air-conditioned road coach visits Mildara Winery at Merbein, the old Wentworth gaol (lunch at Wentworth) and Broken Hill, for an overnight motel stay ('Pokey' clubs nearby).

The following day brings a tour of Broken Hill, the Conzinc Mine and the tiny outpost of Yunta. An overnight stay in an Adelaide motel precedes a

Go Away!



Travel Notes by Rob McGeehan, manager of Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel office, McEwan's Annexe, 391 Bourke Street, Melbourne (Phone 67 6481).

coach tour to Adelaide Hills and lunch in historic Hahndorf.

After another overnight stay in Adelaide, you tour the Barossa and Murray Valleys back to Mildura, for one night at the Commodore Hotel. Next day, a local horse-waggon jaunt is followed by a riverboat luncheon cruise on the Murray. Return overnight by train to Melbourne.

BROCHURE, FURTHER DETAILS on request from Thomas Cook/State Bank Travel, McEwan's, Bourke Street City. Phone 67 6481.

TRAVEL TIPS

by Diana Roomer, Senior Consultant
Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel,
Melbourne



Intending overseas travellers are wise to insure against at least three possible problems:

1. Medical and/or hospital expenses incurred while abroad.
2. Loss of personal baggage or articles worn or carried.
3. Loss of Pre-paid Deposit due to late cancellation.

Even if your Australian medical benefits do apply when you are sick abroad, you are only compensated at Australian medical rates, and this may not cover your overseas bills (certainly not Swiss or U.S. ones). Therefore you need bridging insurance cover.

It is no good buying insurance to cover an existing condition. That's not a risk, but a certainty, and the insurers won't pay out. If, however, instead of your next heart attack, you break a leg, they will compensate you.

Now I know you won't believe this, but there are unscrupulous persons in the world who claim to have lost things they have never owned. Therefore, if you do lose something, it is wise to make a hullabaloo and report it at the time to the local gendarmerie, the hotel manager, or the ship's purser, and keep a record of names and dates.

You are then much more likely to be

Insure Three Ways Before Travelling

recompensed at the insurance office.

In these days of cheap but grimly controlled air fares, riddled with restrictive clauses and cancellation or alteration charges, anyone who doesn't cover himself for loss of deposit wants his head examined. At Thomas Cook we actually mark the ticket "Insurance offered but declined" so that if the client does his money, he can't come back and accuse us of not warning him.

PRICES? DETAILS? Contact me on 67 6481 for costs of various combinations of travel insurance offered under the Thomas Cook TRAVELPAK scheme.



FUN RUNNERS MADE THEIR MARK!

State Bankers turned out in force (and eye-catching T shirts) for the 1980 Inter-Bank Fun Run at Yarra Bend Park.

Peter Share of Gisborne branch finished the 5.3-mile run second overall, 5 seconds behind the winner. Sandra Mitchell (Alphington) was the first female to finish, and Barry Gust, manager, Moorabbin, Central Avenue, won the veteran's (over 40) trophy with an excellent 17th place overall.

1980 FUN RUNNERS (left to right) BACK ROW:

Frank Salter (Bankcard) Peter Wood (Bankcard) Peter Share

(Gisborne) Ray Eddy (Altona) Barry Gust (Moorabbin, Central Avenue) Greg Dowling (Records) Mark Wall (Mortgage Loans) Neil Malcolm (Relieving Staff) Darren Smith (Hampton East) Ron Davey 45 Swanston Street) Steve Mason (Assistant Chief Accountant) Peter Johnson (Personal Loans) Hans Verbeane (Relieving Staff) Jeff Franklin (Internal Audit) Graeme Cadman (Relieving Staff) Russell Parker (Gardiner). FRONT ROW: Sandra Plover (Correspondence) Julie Gates (Hampton Central) Eleanor Lindsay (Personal Loans) Julie Breeze (Glen Iris) Janet Breeze (Cheltenham) Sandra Mitchell (Alphington).

Costly Take-Off!

A farmer who was good at farming but weak in arithmetic met his agent in a hotel to arrange the sale of 20,000 sheep. The agent told him that the sheep should sell for \$3 each, bringing a total of \$60,000 less 7½%.

The farmer tried without success to work out the net amount he should receive. Finally, unwilling to show his ignorance, he left the agent, approached a smartly-dressed woman, and asked if she would help him. She agreed, so he said:

"Madam, if I gave you \$60,000 less 7½% what would you take off?"

She replied "Everything but my ear rings".

Clear As Mud!

A plumber wrote to the Standards Association, asking whether he should use hydrochloric acid to clean metal drainage pipes.

The replies he received were typical examples of the 'officialese' so often and needlessly used in business and technical letters.

First letter from the Association read:

'The efficacy of hydrochloric acid is indisputable, but the corrosive residue is incompatible with metallic permanence.'

Confused by this, the plumber wrote again and asked if the acid was "Okay to use or not?"

A second letter advised him: "We cannot assume responsibility for the production of toxic and noxious residue and suggest that you use an alternative procedure."

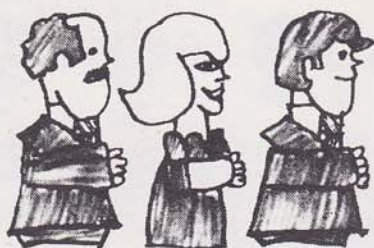
Still baffled, he wrote: "Do you mean it's okay to use hydrochloric acid?"

A final letter resolved the question: "Don't use hydrochloric acid. It eats the hell out of pipes."

PUZZLE CORNER

1. TRIPLETS: Name ten parts of the body that are spelt with three letters each.
2. GROOVY: An LP record is 12 inches in diameter. The unused portion in the centre, including the label, is 3½ inches in diameter. The smooth outer band is ¼ inch wide. The grooves containing the music are spaced 30 to the inch. How far does the needle move as the record plays one complete side?

Answers: Page 15.



Meet our new Managers



B.E. DONNELLY, Overseas Department

Brian is currently a member of the Alfa Romeo Club of Australia. Besides his great love for cars, he takes an interest in surf fishing, and in landscaping his 2½-acre block in the Beaconsfield Hills. Brian and family spend most of their leisure time at the property, and take part in social functions held by the local primary school.



B. FRANCIS, Relieving Staff

Brian and his wife (former Elizabeth Street staffer Joan Fisher) have their hands full keeping pace with family activities. Their daughters, Lisa 13 and Julianne eight, enjoy regular gymnasium work, while son Paul plays junior football. This leaves Brian very little time to pursue his own interest in golf.



L.M. MOORE, Relieving Staff

Michael is a former professional athlete, but now keeps fit by jogging regularly and participating in the occasional cross-country run. He and his family — wife, Pauline and three young children — own several standard-bred horses, which they hope will prove to be successful racers. Michael is also a coin collector, and during the past 20 years has accumulated a variety of rare specimens.



K.F. NEWTON, Woomelang

Ken's latest posting has been the centre of the worst mouse plague ever known in the Mallee. However, he tells us the family cat has everything under control. While in Melbourne Ken was involved in the administration of local sporting bodies, and he has already been approached by members of the Woomelang Football Club to join their committee. He is married with two sons aged 10 and 12 years, and a daughter, 13.



J.F. POWELL, Derrinallum

John's first country appointment takes him into familiar territory. During recent years he has made frequent trips to the Western District, visiting friends and family on the land. John says much of his spare time is spent in the garden. However, he does enjoy occasional games of golf and squash. John and wife Pamela have a nine-year-old son and a daughter, six.



G.F. PRICE, Assistant Manager, Northland Centre.

Geoff realises that a banker's job is not always an active one, so he has set himself a personal fitness programme to keep away those few extra inches. Regular jogging, morning exercises, weekly games of squash, and winter skiing expeditions to Mt. Buller have all helped to keep him in trim. Geoff and wife, Heather have a son, 11, and daughter, 8.



P.L. SMITH, Assistant Manager, Belmont.

Phil has served at five Geelong branches since moving to the district 16 years ago from Ballarat. Outside office hours he adjudicates at public debates and discussion groups. Phil's sporting activities include social games of golf and pool. He and his wife Mary have two children, aged six and 10 years.



K.A. STEVENS, Relieving Staff.

Ken is married to Ann Reeves, a former Elizabeth Street staffer, and they have two daughters aged nine and 12 years. Camping trips to Mildura with the family provide Ken with ideal opportunities to combine his two favourite hobbies — fishing on the Murray and making home movies. He is currently treasurer of his daughters' primary school fund-raising committee.



W.G. STONEHOUSE, Branch Mechanisation

Wayne is a keen water sportsman, and much of his leisure time is devoted to racing his "Thunderbird" class yacht. He is a member of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria — the oldest maritime establishment in the Southern Hemisphere. Wayne and his wife Anne also enjoy four-wheel driving trips around rugged terrains of Victoria and N.S.W.



R.L. TAYLOR, Dunkeld

Bob, who joined the Bank at Coleraine in 1961, is looking forward to returning to the Western District after 14 years in suburban branches and head office departments. Until recently, most of his leisure time was spent updating his weather-board home at Glen Iris, and tending a productive vegetable garden. Bob and Lorna Taylor have a two year-old son.



O.R. TUCKER, Relieving Staff.

Ross enjoys taking a shot at most things: a clay target, a duck, or just a ball while shooting pool with fellow members of the Dandenong District Pool League. On weekends he can often be found at the Field and Game Club at Lysterfield, taking aim at a clay bird, or during duck seasons at his home town Tatura in the Goulburn Valley. Ross and wife Margaret have two teenage sons and three young daughters.



B.H. WARD, Wedderburn.

Until recently, Herbie and his wife Jill were very active in Geelong clubs and community organisations. Herbie's latest appointment brings to a close a 24-year association with the Queenscliff Cricket and Football Clubs, and administrative involvement in the local riding school and squash club. However, the family plan an equally active community life at Wedderburn. The Wards have two sons aged six and 11 years, and daughters, five and nine.



On the Way Up

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



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Footscray North



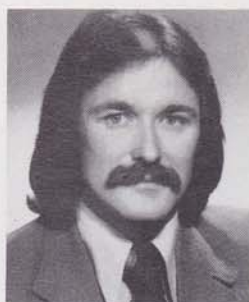
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Sorrento



JULIE CONWAY
Elizabeth Street



GAYLE DALVEAN
Relieving Staff



GARY DAVIS
Highpoint



ANNE-MAREE DIENHOFF
E.D.P. Department



BRIAN EDWARDS
Brandon Park



JIM HAINES
Internal Audit



CHARLES HINSLEY
Aberfeldie



HELEN ISHERWOOD
Kerrimuir



NEVILLE MARSHALL
Camberwell Junction



BERNARD McEVEY
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45 Swanston Street



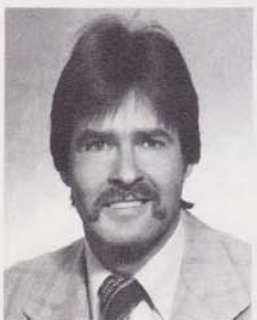
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STUART ODDY
Ascot Vale



JOHN PAYNE
Lilydale



PETER RICHARDSON
Camberwell East



IVAN SARIC
Marketing Department



IAN SKILLER
Parkdale



JEANETTE THOMSON
Relieving Staff



SUSAN ZADOW
Relieving Staff

ANOTHER HARRIS MAKES FOOTY HISTORY

Carlton had its famous George Harris. We still have our Peter Harris, and last month he made amateur football history.

Peter, aged 37, of Head Office Branch Banking Department, on May 3 broke the 'games played' record of the Victorian Amateur Football League.

In 22 years he had played 366 games, for Alphington. (By a rare coincidence, the 366th game was against the Bank, and Alphington was defeated.)

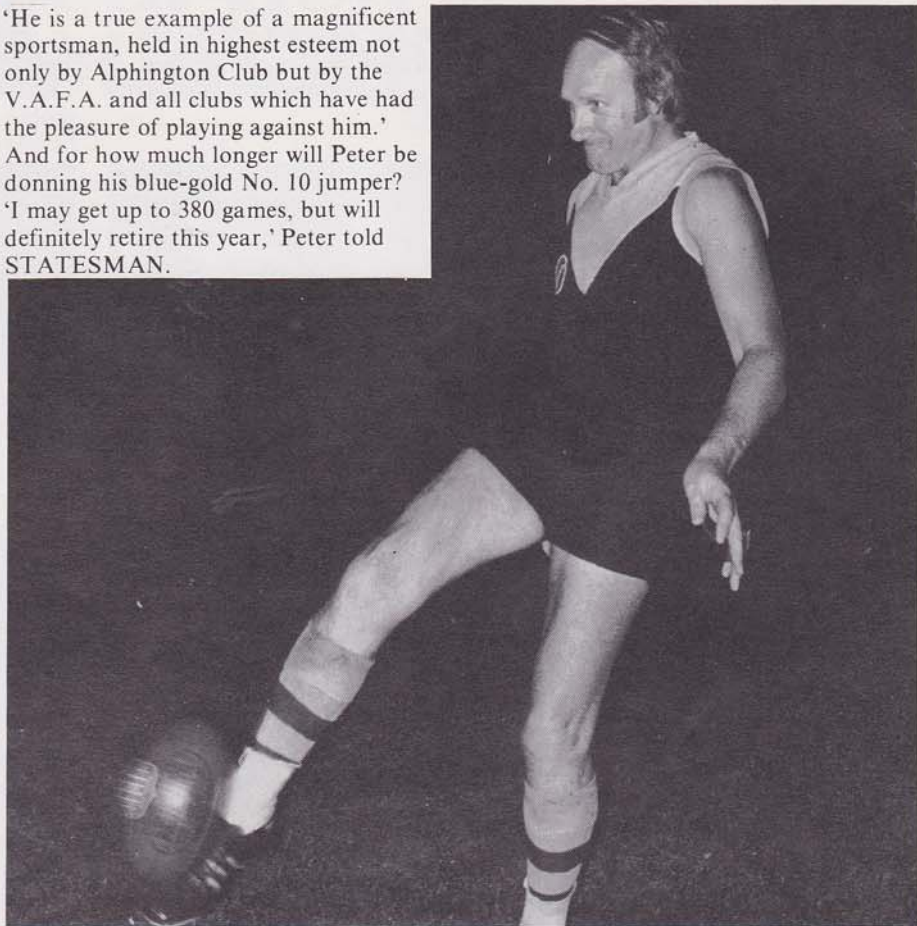
Peter's career at Alphington started in 1959. Since then, he has been a team captain, Reserve Coach, successful assistant coach of two premiership teams, Best and Fairest (twice) Best Clubman, Committeeman for 15 years and Secretary.

He is a life member of the Alphington Club and the recipient of V.A.F.A. Merit and 'Personality of the Year' Awards.

Over the years, Peter's injuries (which he laughs off as 'minor') have included four cartilage removals, dislocated knee, broken ribs, broken nose, fractured cheekbone and broken ankle.

'The Amateur Footballer' (equivalent of the V.F.L. Football Record) recently said of Peter:

'He is a true example of a magnificent sportsman, held in highest esteem not only by Alphington Club but by the V.A.F.A. and all clubs which have had the pleasure of playing against him.' And for how much longer will Peter be donning his blue-gold No. 10 jumper? 'I may get up to 380 games, but will definitely retire this year,' Peter told STATESMAN.



EASTER BRIDE

Wendy Baker, 21, of Brighton North branch married Brian Harper at St. Faith's Church, Burwood where her parents were wed 40 years ago. Big brother Brian (Relieving Manager) was an usher.

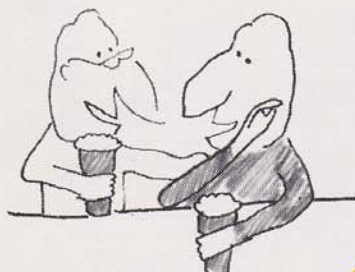
They Soaked The Public!

A \$3500 cheque written on a bath resulted from a young people's 'bathathon' in aid of Austcare's Kampuchean Appeal. Twenty five teenagers from East Kew Uniting Church pushed the bath on wheels to Rye and back — some 80 miles — using it to collect cash donations from Peninsula beachgoers.

Pictured: Some of the East Kew 'bathathon' charity collectors with Mr Martin Clemens, Victorian Chairman of Austcare.



On the Grapevine



ANNUITANT 'WALKER' STILL GOING STRONG

Annuitant Keith Wilson, 72, of Beaumaris recently brought to STATESMAN this caricature of himself competing in an 800-metre walking race in London in 1977. The drawing was done by a fellow competitor.

Keith has been an official of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association for 48 years, and is still actively interested in V.A.A.A. affairs. He is on the committee of our Retired Officers' Association.



HONOUR FOR BOWLER

Annuitant bowler Bill Hall, 80, of Gardenvale, was presented with his Super Veteran badge at an Elsternwick District Bowling Club function in mid-April. The presentation was made by R.V.B.A. Councillor Max Wright, who commented that Bill joined the Club in 1953, was Almoner for 5 years, and had been most conscientious with his visits to the sick and bereaved. Bill is also an Elder and Assistant Treasurer of St. John's Uniting Church.

BANKING ODD SPOTS: Piggy Boink!

Two American boys discovered that a cheque need not be written on a specific paper form.

So the lads, in Woodstock, Illinois, wrote a cheque for \$5 on a 25-pound month-old pig and presented it to teller Mary Ellen Burg at the First National Bank. Mary Ellen shrieked — understandably — and cashed the piggy cheque, which was then stamped 'paid' and sent back to the farm (no doubt after a conventional paper cheque had been written to back it up).

Midnight Gardening

An American manufacturer is producing containers in which people can bury valuables in their back yards. Called 'Midnight Gardeners', the vaults range in price from \$12.95 to \$39.00.

The manufacturer, who even promises to destroy the sales records for these items, claims that when they are buried three feet deep they cannot be discovered by a metal detector.

How Quickly Forgotten!

Pounds, shillings and pence have become quite alien in the short 14 years since decimal currency was introduced in Australia.

When a £5 note turned up at our Altona North branch last month, a young clerk started to make out a 'foreign currency conversion' form for it.

Calling Annuitants

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

Please send to 'Grapevine' your news, reminiscences and any other contributions

Gone Fishin'

(Recent or approaching retirements)

JOHN PRITCHARD (Emergency Staff)

PETER DUNNE (Emergency Staff)

MAURICE ROSCHOLLER (Emergency Staff)



PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. TRIPLETS: Rib, jaw, gum, hip, arm, leg, lip, eye, ear and toe.
2. GROOVY: The needle travels from the inside of the outer smooth portion to the outside of the inner unused portion: 4 inches (plus a fraction more, because it actually moves in a slight arc).

State Bank Organisation Chart

