

# S.E.C. MAGAZINE

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## Message from The Chairman

*THE Editor has asked me for a foreword for this, the first issue of the "S.E.C. Magazine." I comply the more readily, and with the greater pleasure, because it affords me the opportunity of expressing the sincere good wishes for its success of my fellow-Commissioners and myself.*

*The institution of this publication, although an innovation as far as the Electricity Commission is concerned, would be nothing new in the organisations of large undertakings devoted to the service of the public, whether under private or public control, and we cannot be accused of megalomania if we openly claim that we are already a large undertaking, and, owing to the nature of our activities, inevitably subject to the process of continued further expansion. Some, however, may ask—"But why a Magazine?*

*What relation is there between delving for tertiary vegetable detritus; the consolidation of the same into briquettes, and the generation and distribution of a form of energy, which warrants a new and extended use of printer's ink?" Is not the answer that that entity known as the "S.E.C." is not only a conglomerate of technical activities and processes; of entering figures into books; of machine writing and calculating; of inditing and poring over reports; of preparing drawings according to established conventions, and so on—but in its composition there also enters the human element represented by the 5600 "featherless bipeds" or "souls" on the Commission's register?*

*This human material is segregated into departments and teams carrying out various technical processes. It is scattered horizontally throughout the whole of the State, and vertically between 3000 ft. above and 60 ft. below sea level, and the bond of human fellowship between the individual components is necessarily poor, even in the large metropolitan buildings, where, during working hours, individuals are largely separated from one another by diaphragms of reinforced concrete, and probably know one another mainly from casual meetings in the lifts or on the stairs. Individuals or groups thus live and work in more or less isolation.*

*It is largely to assist in breaking down this isolation that the "S.E.C. Magazine" is being started on its way, and to this end it is the intention of the Editor and those more immediately collaborating with him that it shall be thoroughly representative of the social, recreational and non-official activities of the whole of the Commission's employees. I feel sure that, as time progresses, that talent, at present more or less latent, but known to exist within the organisation, will be readily placed at the disposal of the new venture, and thus enhance its interest and usefulness.*

*I commend the new Magazine with confidence to the goodwill and co-operation of all in the Commission's service.*



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M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E., M.I.E. (Aust.).  
Chairman of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria

*F. W. Clements*  
Chairman.



# S.E.C. Magazine

JOURNAL OF THE STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA

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The "S.E.C. Magazine" is published at the beginning of each month. Its primary object is to acquaint those in the Commission's service of matters of interest within the organisation.

It aims at fostering good fellowship, by making those in the Commission's service individually better acquainted, and by stimulating interest in each other's work, as well as in the social, recreational and other non-official activities of the whole of the Commission's employees. It also aims at being representative of the talent and specialised work and knowledge of members of the organisation.

Contributions of special articles, news, topical and humorous sketches and verse, and personal and other items of special or general interest to members are cordially invited.

## A GOOD CONCEIT OF OURSELVES

The knowledge that their particular organisation is forging ahead is always a source of personal satisfaction to those associated with its activities. We in the Commission's service, therefore, may well be conceded a feeling of pride in the achievements of the national system of electricity and fuel supply to date, as well as in the outward and visible signs of continued virility and progress in the future. Many have shared in the building up of the Commission's organisation as it exists to-day. To the creators of Yallourn and the inter-connected system of power stations and transmission lines serving both city and country are joined the pioneers of electricity supply in the greater part of the metropolis of Melbourne and in the provincial cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong. Success by each was only achieved after the surmounting of great difficulties and the solving of many problems during anxious and strenuous days of construction and development.

Having been through much the same kind of mill, in much the same kind of business, we now find ourselves together in the one organ-

isation. The blending of so much knowledge, experience and tradition into a common policy, purpose and tradition cannot but augur well for the further progress of an institution which, having been constituted for the good of the public and the advancement of the State, has to combine the outlook of service with expert engineering and business acumen, so that the public and the State may be provided with maximum advantages at a minimum of cost. Besides, no other public utility perhaps is so inherently rich in the elements of progress and permanency as is electricity. To-day it is lighting the world and lightening all the world's labours, and as each new discovery is but the starting point for the perfection of further uses and refinements of use of electricity we are unable even to imagine the bounds of its future possibilities.

In the business of electricity supply on a superlative scale there can be nothing small, or mean, or dull. It is one which kindles the imagination, and will ever be associated with the picturesque, especially in Victoria, where

the huge mechanised operations for the winning of brown coal make the undertaking unique in the British Empire. Those of us who already have seen and heard the Commission's magnificent and stimulating new sound films, "Pageant of Power" and "From Brown Coal to Briquettes," supported by "The Wizard in the Wall"—that charming, illustrated story of the discovery and development of electricity—cannot help but feel something of the magic of the undertaking in which we serve, and take unto ourselves some pride in the magnitude and importance of our work.

### SIGNS OF PROGRESS

Since the Commission began to function commercially in 1924, sales of electricity from its own power plants have increased from 101 million kWh. to nearly 600 million kWh.; revenues from something over half a million to over three millions; installed capacity of the system from 68,000 kW. to 200,000 kW.; number of centres served from 55 to 250 (including about 180 which had no service previously), and production of briquettes from a rate of roughly 70,000 tons to 360,000 tons per annum. Sales of electricity during the current financial year will be 9% greater than those for 1934-35, while briquettes are also continuing to gain in popularity with industrialists and householders. The number of rural extensions made since 30th June last is 21, and there are more to follow as part of the plan of rural development that is being vigorously and enterprisingly pursued. To keep pace with the demand for electricity, mainly as the result of the development of its use in older centres of supply, a third 25,000 kW. generator has been purchased for the extended power house at Yallourn, where a fourth set of similar capacity is planned to be in operation in 1940. Before then, work will have been commenced on a major addition to the main supply system, and the economics of four alternative sources of power (a further extension of Yallourn, additions to Newport or Richmond, and a hydro-electric development on the Kiewa River) are now being explored.

### OUR FIRST ISSUE

As it will be necessary at the outset to get abreast with all recent happenings, and to introduce to the whole personnel as many individual members and staff organisations as possible, the first issue is of a size and nature to meet initial requirements and does not necessarily set the standard as far as the number of pages or contents are concerned. The size and

contents of future issues, of course, will depend mainly upon the number and variety of contributions received. It is intended that the "Magazine" shall provide scope for the great variety of talent which is known to exist, and as the "Magazine" is produced solely for the information and entertainment of those in the service of the Commission, we feel sure that such talent will be placed unreservedly at our disposal in making the publication as informative, entertaining, good-humoured and many-sided as we desire it to be.

It is hoped that the "Magazine" will be regarded as something in the nature of a happy medium of introduction, leading to personal acquaintanceships and friendships which, perhaps, would not be formed otherwise.

### NEWS AND NOTES

The Commission has notified its decision to grant six days' annual leave to those in its employ who have served continuously for two years and who work under awards that do not make provision for an annual holiday.

The Minister I/c Electrical Undertakings (the Hon. F. E. Old, M.L.A.), in company with Mr. R. Liddelow (Manager) and Mr. L. T. Guy (of the Civil Engineer's Section), recently inspected possible sites for hydro-electric works on the Kiewa River and Hume Reservoir.

The municipal electrical undertaking at Eaglehawk was transferred to the Commission on 1st February last, and now forms part of Bendigo Electricity Supply, while the Violet Town municipal undertaking was transferred to the North-Eastern District on 2nd March.

The mere males share the satisfaction of their lady colleagues that under the Provident Fund, benefits to female officers have been amended to provide for payment to them of a pension on retirement, instead of a lump sum.

The dam across the Melbourne Swamp is to be completed as part of the work of reclaiming the land in the locality. It will be possible to provide for the recreational needs of the Yallourn residents at the same time by converting the dam into an up-to-date swimming pool.

In consequence of the unfavourable nature of the tenders received, the Commission has decided not to proceed with the proposed modification which provided for extra high pressure in the six boilers remaining to be installed in the extended Yallourn Power Station.

Important visits abroad are those of Dr. H. Herman, Engineer i/c Briquetting and Research, and Mr. R. J. McKay, Engineer i/c Coal Supply. Dr. Herman, who represents Victoria on the Commonwealth Committee appointed to enquire into the project for establishing a nationally-assisted industry in Australia for the production by hydrogenation of petrol and oil from coal, arrived in London in December. After looking over the work being done for the Commission on the hydrogenation of brown coal by the Fuel Research Board, at East Greenwich, and inspecting central power stations, industrial plants and manufacturing works in England, the Doctor crossed to the Continent, where he was met by Mr. W. G. Smellie, Process Engineer of the Briquetting Branch, who had just arrived from Australia. The Continental programme is a heavy one, comprehending briquetting, hydrogenation, gas production and steam plants, including extra high-pressure and the use of pulverised brown coal. Naturally, Germany, which has been specialising in the use of brown coal for the last fifty years, will be the chief source of information, but the Doctor's enquiries will extend to the brown coal undertakings of Czecho-Slovakia and to other Continental countries. Dr. Herman's reputation as an authority on brown coal extends beyond Australia, and his report will be of great value to the Commission in view of its responsibilities in anticipating as far as possible any future developments in the treatment and use of brown coal.

The provision of new generating plant at Yallourn will necessitate the purchase of a further major unit of coal-winning plant, and Mr. McKay, who arrived in London late in March, and was on the job in Germany early in April, is enquiring into all the latest developments in open-cut brown coal-winning and transporting machinery. Although Mr. McKay has been associated with the Yallourn open-cut for many years, this is the first opportunity he has had of studying the German methods at first hand. Some few months after succeeding Mr. J. M. Bridge as Engineer i/c Coal Supply, his chief concern was to get a

look at the bottom of the Yallourn open cut, which was then submerged under 200 feet of flood water. As he can be relied upon to apply the same thoroughness to his studies abroad as he did in contributing to the herculean task of emptying the Yallourn cut, he is pretty sure to get right to the bottom of things in Germany as well. Mr. McKay is being accompanied on his inspections by Mr. W. G. Smellie, who, in addition to his special engineering qualifications, is an accomplished German linguist.

The following amounts have been subscribed to the King George V. Memorial Fund:—

Head Office .....	£15	13	4
Metropolitan Electricity Supply.....	19	12	1
Yallourn .....	33	11	4
Castlemaine District .....	2	0	0
Eastern Metropolitan District .....	3	8	6
Gippsland District .....	4	4	0
South-Western District .....	3	5	0
North-Eastern District .....	5	7	0
Total .....	£87	1	3



## BETWEEN OURSELVES

### Personal Notes and Anecdotes

Everyone was delighted to see Mr. and Mrs. Harper looking so well as they stepped ashore from the "Themistocles" on the 15th April, after their twelve months' sojourn abroad. The members of their family, Misses Joan and Chloe and Mr. James Harper, who accompanied them to England, arrived home some weeks earlier. The party reached England in time for the late King's Jubilee celebrations, took part in many other important functions, and altogether had a pleasant and interesting time. To Mr. Harper, of course, the tour was principally one of investigation, his mission as Chief Engineer, Electricity Supply, Generation and Transmission, being to study the latest developments in electricity supply in England, Holland, Belgium, France, Sweden, Norway and Germany.



Mr. H. R. HARPER

Greeting Mr. Harper on his return to Australia was the announcement that he has been awarded the 1934 Kernot Memorial Medal for distinguished service in Engineering. This recognition of his long and distinguished association with electricity supply in Victoria, re-

garding which he was the first to carry out serious experiments in the use of brown coal, is extremely gratifying to his fellow-officers and numerous friends and admirers.

On the way home Mr. and Mrs. Harper called at East Africa, to visit their son, the Rev. Jack Harper, who is engaged in mission work at Dodoma, Tanganyika.

As Mr. Harper has kindly undertaken to write an account of his travels for our next issue, the "Magazine" will for the nonce content itself with joining its readers in giving him a very hearty welcome home.

Mr. R. P. Norris, Superintendent of the Geelong Power Station, has been appointed to the post of Assistant Works Manager at Richmond.

Mr. W. Morrison is Acting Engineer i/c Coal Supply during the absence abroad of Mr. R. J. McKay.

Mr. J. Inch, of Metropolitan Electricity Supply, Distribution Division, retired on 4th May, after a period of service extending over 16 years. At a happy gathering of many of his Flinders Street friends, Mr. Inch was the recipient of a handsome presentation. All present extended to him their heartfelt wishes for his health and happiness during his well-earned retirement from active business life.

Mr. R. Wilkinson, Assistant Manager, Electrical Development Branch, recently returned from an official visit to New Zealand, where he made rural development the subject of particular study.

Congratulations to Mr. G. S. Schroder, of Metropolitan Electricity Supply Staff, who has been awarded a free place at the Melbourne University, where he is doing the Commerce Course.

Miss Jean Rowland and Mr. Austin Crawford, both of the Electric Inspector's Section, are to be married on 3rd June. On the eve of Miss Rowland's resignation, members of the staffs of the Electric Inspector and typing rooms combined in the presentation to them of a handsome clock and vase.



Mr. COMMISSIONER D. J. McCLELLAND

Mr. Commissioner McClelland was congratulated by the Commission on his appointment as Chairman of the Royal Commission which has been investigating the affairs of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.



This photograph was taken at Coblenz, when Dr. Herman and Mr. Smellie were on their way from Cologne to Mannheim. They have traversed the country at a very rapid rate. European winter conditions have not made the trip a comfortable one, and there have been occasional references in letters to benighted regions of bad light and cold. However, we have it on good authority that Berlin provided some good nights out to make up for the hard work. Dr. Herman is due back about the end of October, and Mr. Smellie in August.

Prior to severing her connection with the Staff, Miss V. Randall, of M.E.S., was presented by senior officers with a diamond brooch and by the girls of the Correspondence Department with a wristlet watch.

When Mr. Stan. Davies transferred his enthusiasm for his job from Richmond to Yallourn he immediately began an inspection of the latter station so thorough and comprehensive that it ended only at the top of the last chimney stack. Then, as he sighed like Alexander for more worlds to conquer, his glance fell on the towering chimney at the Briquette Factory, and it is understood he has been not a little envious of Mr. Charlie Boehm ever since.

Messrs. C. H. Kernot, A. L. Hargrave, A. A. Francis, L. T. Guy, K. Carrington and G. E. Yonge, members of the Commission's staff, attended the Annual Engineering Conference of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, which was held at Kalgoorlie and Perth at the end of March last.

### MISS RANDALL: AN APPRECIATION

In any large organisation the passing of time inevitably brings many changes in the personnel of the staff. Men and women come and go, and their advent or departure is more or less uneventful. It happens now and then, however, that a change engages unusual attention; we realise that a notable personality is going from amongst us, and we experience a severe sense of loss. Such an event occurred the other day, when Miss V. D. Randall, Superintendent of Correspondence in the Electricity Supply Department of Distribution and Sales, retired after 36 years' service.

To perform a task well is an achievement in itself, bringing solid satisfaction to the performer and all concerned; but a task performed with distinction is something which must ever command unstinted admiration. Miss Randall imparted distinctive quality into her work throughout all the years of her association with the Melbourne Electric Supply Company and the State Electricity Commission.

Within the period of Miss Randall's service methods relating to the conduct of correspondence have been revolutionised. The development of the typewriter to its present high state of efficiency, the improvements in filing systems, and the installation of many new

office appliances, have all had her personal attention, and it says much for her conspicuous ability that she has continually adapted herself to new ideas with marked success.

Miss Randall's record of outstanding service is not only something which she herself can look back upon with justifiable pride, but also it has been, and will ever continue to be, helpful to others, in stimulating the desire for the attainment of the highest standard of refinement and efficiency.

Miss Randall's charming personality and the wide scope of her knowledge and interests have won for her a high place in the regard of her many friends and acquaintances. All members of the Commission's staff will join in extending to her the expression of their esteem and regard. That she may long enjoy the best of health, and an ample share of true happiness wherever she may be, is the heartfelt wish and hope of everyone.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Jean Lent, Head Office Staff, attained her majority on the 24th April, and announced her engagement to Mr. Thomas Rickards, on the same day.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jean Hamilton, Main Office, Yallourn, to Mr. Bruce Banks, of the Resident Engineer's Section, Yallourn.

Mr. George O'Brien, Head Office, is engaged to be married to Miss Alice Johnson.

Miss Lilian Faulkes, Head Office, and Mr. David Wilson have announced their engagement.

### MARRIAGES

Staff members who recently assumed matrimonial responsibilities are: Messrs. H. McMillan, H. Giles, G. Mansell, T. P. Pringle, D. Evans, R. H. Robinson (M.E.S.), B. H. Miller, G. Cupit, H. C. Edwards, V. B. Sharp, L. A. Stewart and G. G. Gray (H.O.). To one and all of them and their good wives warmest congratulations are extended, coupled with the hope that the years before them will be full of happiness.

### BIRTHS

Within the last few weeks no less than five sons have arrived to brighten the homes of Staff members. The happy fathers are: Messrs. L. Gordon, L. Carle, H. Stewart, W. J. Pimm (M.E.S.) and D. B. McLeod (H.O.).

Little daughters have been presented to Messrs. L. Goodsir (M.E.S.), W. G. Smellie and Ray Weeks (H.O.).

Heartly congratulations to the fathers and mothers of these young Australians.

The mother of the McLeod son and heir was formerly Miss Doreen Lee, whose old staff mates at Head Office joined with the friends of the father in simply showering congratulations and good wishes upon the proud parents.

### OBITUARY

The sympathy of all goes out to several members of the Staff who have recently suffered family bereavements. Those who have passed on are: Mrs. Hocking, mother of Mr. R. Hocking; Mr. Williams, father of Miss E. J. and Mr. P. L. Williams; Mrs. Dickman, mother of Mr. A. H. Dickman; Mrs. Unverhau, mother of Miss B. Unverhau; Mr. A. H. Oxlade, father of Mr. A. H. Oxlade; Mrs. Morrison, mother of Mr. W. Morrison, Yallourn.

It is with regret that we record the death, on the 21st April last, of Mr. W. Knox, of Ballarat, who held the position of Chief Accountant of the Electric Supply Company of Victoria Ltd. at the date of his retirement, which took place shortly before the acquisition of that Company's undertakings by the Commission in 1934. The late Mr. Knox, whose association with the Company extended over 30 years, was regarded as one of the prominent pioneers of electricity supply in Ballarat and Bendigo, the contribution he made to the establishment and progress of those undertakings being most valuable. Officers of the Commission retain very pleasant recollections of his courtesy and efficiency during and after the negotiations for the transference of the Undertakings to the State.

### Special for Yallourn

Forecast from 3DB Tuesday, 24th March.—Cloudy, insulated—isolated showers in Gippsland.

### What Next!

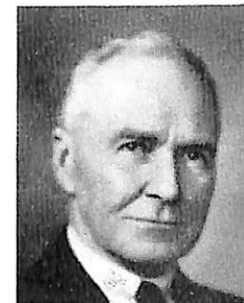
Who said that the O.M.E. strung the new line from Queenscliff to Swan Island on sky hooks to save his men from getting their feet wet?

## OUR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### MEET THE EXECUTIVES

There is no greater philanthropist than the one who gives his time, thoughts and talents in the service of his fellows. Therefore, the "Magazine" has particular pleasure in introducing to the whole personnel the executives of the various organisations affiliated with the S.E.C. Social League which do so much valuable, self-sacrificing work in contributing to our social, cultural and physical well-being. There are other non-affiliated bodies doing similarly good work which will receive recognition in our next issue. The Social League, which controls the financial and general policies of affiliated bodies, is concerned with promoting and consolidating a spirit of harmony and good fellowship among all persons employed by the Commission, with assisting affiliated clubs and associations, and with co-ordinating their activities wherever possible and desirable.

### S.E.C. SOCIAL LEAGUE



Dr. H. HERMAN,  
President.



Mr. G. O'BRIEN,  
Hon. Secretary.

Executive Council: Dr. H. Herman, Messrs. A. L. Hargrave, J. G. Gerrard, J. F. Rigby and H. Rutherford.

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### Affiliated Bodies

#### S.E.C. Dramatic Club



Mr. J. F. RIGBY,  
Chairman.



Mr. E. F. PICKETT,  
Hon. Secretary.

Committee: Misses M. Kelly, E. Kerr, S. Hodges and G. McFarlane; and Messrs. C. Garland, F. French, W. G. Smellie, L. Goodsir, W. Hall and E. Burgess. Treasurer, Mr. E. Barton.

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Mr. C. A. OLDFIELD,  
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**S.E.C. Staff Library**



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President.



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**M.E.S. Staff Association**



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**M.E.S. Younger Set**



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Mr. R. B. HOCKING,  
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Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. G. Vawdrey and W. S. Lyons.  
Committee: Miss D. Knox, and Messrs. A. V. Mawby, E. O'Donnell, W. Irvin, E. J. Ford, E. J. Powell, R. Tregaskis, W. Kermeen, A. E. Cations, H. E. Foy, A. Cartledge, T. McPherson, J. Jacobs, G. Coombs, T. O'Bern, A. W. Walker, T. Parce (Assistant Secretary) and A. D. Johnston (Treasurer).

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Mr. I. GROVE,  
Hon. Secretary.

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Committee: Messrs. L. Goodsir, W. Hall, J. Locke, L. Pepperell, L. Rowland, L. Gordon (Assistant Secretary) and G. Schroder (Treasurer).

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Mr. C. A. SMITH,  
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Mr. W. G. MARSH,  
Hon. Secretary.

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Committee: Messrs. W. R. Chalk, S. Dalton, C. J. Watson, R. Turner and C. Howell.

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President.



Mr. W. SMITH,  
Hon. Secretary.

Committee: Messrs. E. Norris, W. Martin, A. E. Dennis, W. Young and R. Murphy.

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President.Mr. G. LEE,  
Hon. Secretary.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. R. O. Moore, A. Cox and G. E. Yonge.

Committee: Messrs. J. Deason, E. Cox, P. Rogers, R. Powell, H. Smith, C. Moore, J. Doyle, J. Naughton (Assistant Secretary) and G. Coote (Treasurer).

## AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE

"Is it all right, Joe?" asked Bill, his cobbler, casually amused at the way Joe carefully counted the small coins as well as the notes in his pay envelope.

"Only just," grumbled Joe; "a bloke never seems to get anything over."

And to make sure that "a bloke doesn't get anything over," or under, perhaps even Joe dimly realises that a few things have happened before he signs on the dotted line to receive in exchange a neat little package bearing an invitation to him from a saving institution to make some provision for his own and his family's future.

As Joe sees it, there's some bloke with a collar and tie on snooping around asking him awkward questions about the hours he has put in with his pick or his banjo and making sure that he has filled in one of those blooming time sheets.

And after Joe's pannikin boss has signed it, Joe is vaguely conscious that some other bloke with, perhaps, a larger collar or a more elaborate tie has to make certain mysterious marks on a slightly larger or more elaborate piece of paper. And so on until the bloke with the most impressive tie of all in Joe's district has put his mark on the biggest piece of paper to date.

At this stage, perhaps, Joe will have lost count or interest, but still, before his grocer can be paid, the total amount earned by Joe and all his pals in that district must be told to a Head Office cove, who, having juggled with sums of money, the totals of which, as Joe would put it, "are more than four times Tatt's

first prize," in due time presents the documents to the biggest collar and tie on the financial side.

Even the Bank takes its instructions from this last chap, and enough money is then transferred to the Bank in Joe's district to enable the pay blokes there to obtain it and carefully apportion the cash according to the figures which **Joe and Bill and the rest had supplied in the first instance.**

"B.B.W."

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Typing Tangents

A.E.I. News—

Star-connected transformers.—Stark naked transformers.

Dried out at these works.—Tired out at these works.

## At the Annual Picnic



President Mac, as he might have looked in kilts.  
A suggestion for his ensemble next year.

The agitated maid rushed to the telephone and called up the house where her mistress was being entertained.

"Oh, Mrs. Black," she stammered, terrified, "will you ask my mistress to come 'ome at once, please?"

"Why, what's wrong?"

"I've mixed up the electrical terminals somehow," said the girl. "The refrigerator's playing 'The Isle of Capri,' and the wireless set's covered in icicles."

Mother: "Wasn't it last April when our daughter's young man first commenced coming to the house?"

Father: "I'll let you know in a minute. I've got all the electric light bills on the file."

# Metropolitan Electricity Supply Staff Association

The story of the origin, growth and usefulness of the M.E.S. Staff Association is one which the founders and others who have made the welfare of that body the object of such continuous thought and care can regard with pride and satisfaction. But it is not to be wondered at that an effort born of so much goodwill and comradeship should have achieved such pronounced success and produced such a proud record of downright usefulness.

Out of the kindly thoughts of a few officers who desired to give every member of the staff returning from the war an individual welcome home there grew a fine and friendly organisation which it was thought a pity to disband when its original purpose had been fulfilled. So happily the organisation survived in its present form, and since its inauguration there has been associated with it practically every officer belonging to the undertaking.

Truly it has been said that "union is strength," but in this case it might well be added that "in unity there is the understanding and happiness which come from mutual endeavour in the bonds of good fellowship." Hence, a mere recital of the practical benefits and general facilities for edification and enjoyment which are afforded members, although arresting enough, falls far short of giving a complete conception of the true spirit, value and potentialities of the Association.

The fact that the membership has grown to a total of 503 is a sure indication of the esteem and regard in which the Association is held, and its objectives have been widened to embrace a range of cultural and other pursuits never envisaged in the most optimistic moments of any of its worthy founders.

The activities cater for all tastes and temperaments, and members always have the choice of a most comprehensive social, educational and physical programme. On the social side there are theatre and picture nights, dances, card evenings, etc., with an annual ball that is regarded as one of the great events of the year. On the cultural side, lectures are arranged on many interesting and topical subjects; there are debating tournaments, essay competitions, and classes for the study of foreign languages, while conducted visits are

arranged to places of interest, such as art galleries, broadcasting studios, fire stations, telephone exchanges, and so on. On the physical side, opportunities are provided for organised participation in all branches of athletics and sport.

The control of the Association is purely democratic in character, being vested in two bodies—(a) an Advisory Council elected by the whole of the members at the annual meeting, and (b) an Executive Committee representative (by election) of each department. Thus both individual and sectional interests have full representation. During the whole history of the Association no dissension has arisen as to management, and it would indeed be hard to imagine a more smoothly working system of control.

The Association has had always the goodwill and hearty co-operation of the administration, and is glad to have this opportunity of making its acknowledgments and of recording the fact that without such help, which at all times has been most willingly given, the Association could never have attained its present standard of usefulness and its influence for good.

As time passes and ideas develop, doubtless the ambitions of those who control the affairs of the Association will comprehend a future on lines even brighter than those at present being followed.

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The attendance at the card evening on 1st April was exceptionally good, and everyone spent a most enjoyable evening. There was also a card evening on the 27th May, but as this issue of the "Magazine" was then in the hands of the printer a report will appear in our next.

Ice skating came in with a "bump," or, more correctly, several bumps, for of the 170 members and friends who bought tickets for the "night on the ice" at the Glaciarium on Wednesday, 29th April, more than a few were receiving their initiation into the mysteries and uncertainties of this exhilarating pastime.



Mr. C. S. Andrews, the Staff Association secretary, was on leave during the month of April, holidaying at Tongala. Ask him to tell you some of his fish stories. Besides fishing, his other interests in life include his family and his lodge. The Association is, of course, his hobby.

Mr. Harold Spencer, chairman of the executive committee of the M.E.S. Staff Association, resigned from the staff on 9th March last, preparatory to returning to New Zealand, where all his relatives reside. Mr. Spencer, who had established himself very firmly in the friendship of everyone at Flinders Street, was the recipient of many farewell gifts, and he was assured by the president of the M.E.S.S.A. (Mr. Prendergast, sen.), of the very high esteem in which he is held by Association members. Mr. Spencer, who was visibly affected by the warmth of the farewell, said the gifts made to him would forever recall for him the happy days he had spent with M.E.S.

#### M.E.S. DEBATING CLUB

The Club was formed in August of last year, for the purpose of providing facilities whereby members of the M.E.S. Staff Association might gain knowledge and experience in public speaking. Since then such topics as "Salary Reductions and Restorations," "Woman's Inferiority," "The Abyssinian War," etc., have been debated at well-attended meetings, and the pros and cons so admirably presented as to tax the keenest discrimination of the judges.

On the evening of Monday, 20th April, members were treated to two addresses of a distinct entertainment and educational value by Messrs. N. R. Worrall and Harold Greenwood. Mr. Worrall gave some reminiscences of his experiences as a soap box orator in out-back Queensland, where audiences were wont to express their lack of appreciation of speakers' efforts and opinions by hurling at them soft-shelled missiles of odoriferous antiquity. Mr. Greenwood dealt with technical aspects of public speaking in a manner which all present thoroughly appreciated. The meetings of the club are held on the third Monday of each month, and at the May meeting (on Monday, the 18th), Mr. Greenwood further instructed members and their friends on Elocution and Voice Production. Members of the audience were given the opportunity to test themselves before an audience and to profit from Mr. Greenwood's extensive knowledge of his subject and his pleasing manner of imparting it to others.

The club's office-bearers are as follow:— President, Mr. H. J. Hodges; committee, Mr. R. Kitson, Mr. P. Hoobin, Mr. H. A. E. Rutherford, Mr. W. Mascall, Mr. J. F. Locke; secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Roberts.

#### METROPOLITAN YOUNGER SET

As an Auxiliary to the Children's Hospital, the Metropolitan Younger Set was organised some two years ago for the purpose of raising £50 per annum, the sum necessary to permanently maintain a cot in the Children's Hospital.

After a year fraught with the difficulties usually experienced in the initial period of similar organisations, the Younger Set was able to pay £50 to the Hospital authorities and give the inmates many articles of wearing apparel, as well as books, fruits, sweets, toys, etc.

All members of the M.E.S.S.A. are eligible for membership of the Younger Set, and the annual subscription of 2/- is paid to the Hospital without deduction. At an early date the Committee will consider the desirability of altering the constitution, so as to enable supporters at Head Office and Richmond Works to become members.

It has been suggested that the cot now maintained by the Younger Set be endowed in the name of the Staff. This suggestion will be further considered when the membership statistics for the current year and the results of the Ugly Man appeal are reviewed. As the committee is now directing every effort towards this appeal, its success is assured.

#### M.E.S. STAFF ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

President.—Mr. H. A. E. Rutherford (Stores).

Com.tee.—Miss N. Binns (Correspondence), Mr. J. Locke (Stores), Mr. L. Roddick (Distribution).

Hon. Sec.—Mr. P. G. Dow (Distribution).

The Book Club, which is affiliated with the Staff Association, was inaugurated in August, 1932, and is actually a co-operative Lending Library, stocked with the better class literature which is usually not available at the average lending library.

The wide range of interest of members is indicated by the appearance of books on subjects so widely divergent as science, history, philosophy, economics, travel, adventure, religion, biography, plays and poetry, as well as good modern novels.

The books placed in the library are chosen by individual members, the order being arranged by ballot each year, and as there are approximately 50 in the club, it is possible to place new books on the shelves nearly every week. After circulating for seven or eight months, the books are withdrawn and returned to the member who chose them. In this way nearly 700 books have passed through the library since its inception, about 120 being available to members at any time.

For a small fortnightly subscription, members are thus enabled to obtain books, at concession rates, up to the full value of their subscriptions, as a nucleus for a home library, in addition to participating in the ordinary benefits of a high-class book club.

#### BOUQUETS AND BRICKETS

"At Redcliffs," near Mildura, millions of gallons of water are pumped from the Murray River to irrigate the orchards in those parts, the pumping fuel being briquettes exclusively." —"Australian Manufacturer," 18/4/1936.

Which accounts for Mildura's production of so much dried fruit.

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In the vaults of the Castlemaine Art Gallery and Museum an interesting exhibit bears the following inscription:

From Mr. Twigg.

Samples of the first Bricquettes  
made at Yallourn, Victoria,  
5/2/1925.

We cannot twig the why or wherefore of the "c" in "Bricquette," unless it's intended as a graceful compliment to Kastlemaine.



Mr. T. A. Brown

Mr. G. G. Jobbins

Mr. A. Curtis

Prof. W. N. Kernot

Mr. W. H. Ashman  
Mr. G. W. Selby

Six of the pioneers of electricity supply in Victoria prior to the year 1900. Photograph taken at Meeting of the Institution of Engineers (Australia) on the occasion of the reading of a paper by Mr. E. H. W. Westwood on the Development of Electricity Supply in Victoria.



## UGLY MAN Competition for the Children's Hospital

"If you call them ugly they fine you for being insulting, and if you flatter them on their good looks they still fine you for being sarcastic. If you greet them affably they take it as a sure sign that they can sell you votes, and if you look aloof they reckon

it's high time they awakened your interest. To clean you up completely they have bands of robbers masquerading as committees, who have a hundred and one devices for extracting the last of your small change. If all else fails, they murmur 'Open, Sesame,' or, in other words, 'Children's Hospital,' and what chance then has anyone of keeping his pockets buttoned?"

He grumbled on in the most cheerful way, and when his auditor suddenly produced a book of voting tickets he was "hanged if it was safe to talk to anyone," dived for his pennies, and only unearthing a threepenny-bit bought three votes, which he accepted as entitling him to express on the spot without fear of fines three separate and colourful opinions concerning the appearance of the particular candidate.

The troops in the metropolis are getting a lot of fun out of the Ugly Man Competition; and the "ugly men" themselves are sure to reap a handsome reward in the satisfaction of raising a substantial sum for one of the most appealing and deserving of all charities. There is always the satisfaction, too, of knowing that "'andsome is as 'andsome does." The contest officially opened on 1st April, and will close on the 10th July, when the result will be announced at the M.E.S. Staff Association Ball.

For the purpose of the contest the Staff has been divided into three fields—Head Office, Metropolitan Electricity Supply and Richmond Works. In each of these divisions a stern battle is being waged between several competitors for the honour of representing his division in the final. On a date to be announced all save the leading competitor in each division will drop out, and their votes go to the remaining divisional representative, thus leaving three to battle for the title of "The Ugliest Man in the Metropolitan Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria."

The appeal has been organised by a committee representing the Metropolitan Younger Set (who have undertaken the endowment of a cot at the Children's Hospital) and the Social League, a body constituted for the mutual benefit of all clubs and societies connected with the Commission's organisation.

The progress results of the voting at 14th May were as follow:—

### M.E.S.—

Accounting—L. Seedsman.....	1,435
Cons. Accts. & Collections—L. Hoo- bin .....	2,252
Correspondence—W. H. Connolly .....	7,657
Electrical Development Branch—Mr. X .....	220
Distribution Maps and Records—J. Paterson .....	3,992
Services and Consumers' Engrs.—A. Rowe .....	302
Stores Department—H. A. E. Ruther- ford .....	4,123
	<b>19,981</b>
<b>Head Office—</b>	
No. 1 Group—R. M. Watson.....	8,547
No. 2 Group—C. W. Saxton .....	2,777
No. 3 Group—E. J. McCulloch .....	2,361
	<b>13,685</b>

### Richmond Works—

Mr. X Y Z .....	2,400
	<b>36,066</b>

This represents a total of £150/5/6 to date.

Miss Sybil Hodges, of the Younger Set, is the organising secretary for the M.E.S. division in the "Ugly Man" Competition, and as the presiding genius at M.E.S. switchboard has her army of workers very much at her beck and call.

No one should miss the night of mirth at the Garrick Theatre on Thursday, the 11th June, when the S.E.C. Dramatic Club will present the farcical comedy "The Whole Town's Talking." Proceeds will be in aid of the "Ugly Men."

The S.E.C. Dramatic Club's effort on the 19th March netted £16/16/- for the "Ugly Men."

It savours of Ripley, but believe it or not, this is how the poll of one "Ugly Man" was augmented by 1,200 votes. Meeting an old friend at lunch on the 25th March, 1935, this "Ugly Man," with his usual buoyancy, entered into an economic argument which ended in his wagering £5 that the price of gold would not be appreciably less (25%) in twelve months' time. As the other party to the bet was a large holder of gold shares he hoped he would lose, anyway, and when the two met on the 25th March, 1936, he cheerfully handed over his cheque for £5. Our "Ugly Man," after affecting agreeable surprise that such a "trifling wager" had been remembered, tore up the cheque with a fine and large gesture, airily remarking: "That's all right, old man; a fiver is nothing to me." "It may be nothing to you," was the stern rejoinder, "but don't forget you made me waste twopence on a cheque—hand it over." Rendered too feeble to argue by this display of nerve, the winner meekly handed over the twopence, whereupon the loser wrote out **another** cheque for £5! By this time, fortunately, the recipient had begun to collect his scattered senses and to recollect his responsibilities. So he stuffed the cheque into his pocket, and stoutly repressing the Caledonian urge in his nature, resolutely paid the money into the Children's Hospital in aid of his candidature—a handsome gesture, as all will agree.

## S.E.C. DRAMATIC CLUB

The four one-act plays presented by the S.E.C. Dramatic Club at the Centenary Hall, on the 19th March, in aid of the "Ugly Man" Competition, represented a judicious blend of comedy and drama that was much relished by a large and appreciative audience. The players all acquitted themselves well, the various parts being splendidly sustained. However, special reference may be made to Sylvia Green, who, as Amanda Afflick, in "'Op 'o Me Thumb," won unstinted praise for her consistently fine work in a most exacting role; Isobel MacPhee, who charmed with her voice, manner and acting in "Arms and the Maid," in which Alfred Davidson and Peter Harnetty also scored full points; Bessie de Neys, Maisie Kelly and Edward Pickett, in "There is No Return," a sad story of war's aftermath which good acting, especially that of the last-named in the role of the blinded soldier, made very realistic; and Betty Macartney, William Hudson and Frederick French, in "The Dear Departed," a

comedy the brightness of which dispelled the gloom which preceded it, and sent everyone home in merry mood.

The plays and players were as follow:—

### "'OP 'O ME THUMB."

Madame Jeanne Marie Napoleon de Gallifet Didier .....	Maude Wigg
Clem (Mrs. Galloway) .....	Maisie James
Rose Jordan .....	Violet White
Celeste .....	Marjorie Turner
Amanda Afflick .....	Sylvia Green
Horace Greensmith .....	Austin Smith

### "ARMS AND THE MAID."

Amy .....	Isobel MacPhee
Farmer Meadows .....	Alfred Davidson
David Giles .....	Duncan Kerr
Sir Jasper Morgan .....	Peter Harnetty
Doctor and Lawyer .....	Ernest Barwick

### "THERE IS NO RETURN."

Anne Forrester .....	Bessie de Neys
Phillip Forrester .....	Alex. Bruce
Judith Forrester .....	Maisie Kelly
Gerald Forrester .....	Eric Barton
Roddy Forrester .....	Edward Pickett

### "THE DEAR DEPARTED."

Mrs. Slater .....	Betty Macartney
Victoria Slater .....	Yvonne Hudson
Henry Slater .....	William Hudson
Mrs. Jordan .....	Katie French
Ben Jordan .....	Roy Day
Abel Merryweather .....	Frederick French

It was most gratifying to see several new faces among the players, and we hope to see more of them in future productions.

That the efforts of the artists were appreciated was shown by the many beautiful bouquets which were handed up to them.

The Yuzluk Trio (Messrs. J. Swann, C. Robertson and O. Sodaberg) played lively airs between acts.

We hope that the club will not again attempt to seat a large crowd in such a hall, or allow itself to become sandwiched between a revivalist meeting on the floor above and a busy motor garage in the depths below.

**M.E.S. (RICHMOND WORKS) WIN RICHMOND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION**

A fitting conclusion to the happy and successful season enjoyed by the M.E.S. (Richmond Works) Cricket Club was its fine win in the final of the Richmond Industrial Competition against Bryant & May. This was a match full of good and interesting cricket, and the winners thoroughly deserved their victory. With six wickets in hand and one run wanted, Doyle clinched matters by hitting a beautiful six. He had the distinction of carrying his bat in both innings. Details:—

**BRYMAY.**

**First Innings.**

J. Hodges, c Doyle, b Lee	14
L. Barker, run out	9
L. Sutterby, c Moore, b Murdoch	4
E. Ferguson, c Powell, b Doyle	26
E. Whitton, b Doyle	3
W. Thorne, not out	49
H. Barker, b Murdoch	2
A. Duffy, c Cox, b Doyle	0
Walker, c Heagney, b Doyle	3
Curtis, c Jonas, b Doyle	17
O'Shannassy, b Doyle	1
Sundries	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>

Bowling.—Murdoch 2 for 21; Scott 0 for 11; Lee 1 for 30; Doyle 6 for 56; Jonas 0 for 13.

**Second Innings.**

J. Hodges, c Moore, b Doyle	72
L. Barker, c Heagney, b Jones	2
L. Sutterby, b Murdoch	15
E. Ferguson, b Murdoch	21
E. Whitton, b Murdoch	0
W. Thorne, b Murdoch	83
H. Barker, b Murdoch	21
A. Duffy, c Heagney, b Murdoch	5
Walker, st Cox, b Doyle	18
Curtis, c Jonas, b Doyle	13
O'Shannassy, not out	4
Sundries	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>

Bowling.—Doyle 3 for 98; Heagney 0 for 7; Lee 0 for 30; Bayliss 0 for 1; Murdoch 6 for 84; Jonas 1 for 34.

**M.E.S. (RICHMOND WORKS).**

**First Innings.**

C. Moore, b Duffy	73
E. Cox, b Thorne	1
J. McDonnell, b Hodges	51
J. Murdoch, c Curtis, b Thorne	89
J. Doyle, not out	57
A. Heagney, c O'Shannassy, b Thorne	13
L. Jonas, c Ferguson, b Hodges	7
C. Scott, c Barker, b Thorne	3
R. Powell, st O'Shannassy, b Hodges	4
M. Bayliss, c Duffy, b Hodges	1
G. Lee, lbw, b Sutterby	2
Sundries	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>

Bowling.—Duffy 1 for 52; Thorne 4 for 91; Ferguson 0 for 45; Sutterby 1 for 62; Walker 0 for 10; Hodges 4 for 43.

**Second Innings.**

C. Moore, c Barker, b Hodges	23
E. Cox, st O'Shannassy, b Hodges	0
J. McDonnell, c Barker, b Hodges	40
J. Murdoch, c Duffy, b Hodges	18
J. Doyle, not out	14
A. Heagney, not out	5
Sundries	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

4 wickets for ..... 102  
Bowling.—Thorne 0 for 32; Ferguson 0 for 14; Hodges 4 for 40; Sutterby 0 for 14.

J. McDonnell had best batting average for the year (39.99) and J. Murdoch the best bowling (9.76).

**FOOTSCRAY DEPOT CRICKET CLUB**

This club, which plays with the Footscray and District Industrial Cricket Association, has done well during the past three years.

The 1934 team reached the semi-finals of the "B" Grade competition, but was eliminated by the premiers club of that season.

In the Centenary season of 1935 they were successful in gaining the "B" Grade premiership against very strong opposition, winning the final game against Sunshine Potteries by 3 wickets.

For the season just closed the club was promoted to the "A" Grade competition, and created a record in the history of the Footscray and District Industrial Cricket Association by reaching the final game in the first year of its elevation from "B" Grade.

The great spirit of comradeship which sustains the club was demonstrated at its second annual smoke social on the 1st May. This was attended by 120 members and friends, including representatives of the Footscray and District Industrial Cricket Association, the Footscray (Sub-District) Cricket Club and the Mt. Lyell Club ("A" Grade premiers of 1936).

The 1936 team was captained by R. Akers, and trophies were won by W. Bell, D. O'Shannassy, J. Holdsworth and J. Staff. Mr. P. L. Brett had the pleasant task of presenting the trophies to the winners.

As a mark of their appreciation of his splendid services to the club over a number of years, the players and committee made a special presentation of a wristlet watch to the popular and indefatigable secretary, W. Marsh.

During the evening an excellent and entertaining programme of songs and other items was provided, the artists being Messrs. E. Nelson, H. Bull, D. McIntyre, J. Marsh, G. Pyers, E. Charlesworth, W. Baker and F. Kent.

**FUEL SALES BRANCH CRICKET CLUB**

Although they lost the semi-final in the Mercantile Association "B" Section to John Danks (the premier team), the Fuel Sales Cricket Club had a most enjoyable and satisfactory season, winning five and losing three matches in the home and home series.

The friendly spirit in which all games were played was most pleasing, and the social contact with business firms such as Myer's, Buckley & Nunn's, Payne's, etc., could hardly have been made under happier auspices.

**Outstanding Performances.**—The vice-captain, E. J. Luttrell, was the most successful. He captured 39 wickets for 247 runs (av. 6.33) and also took the batting honours with 351 runs in 10 innings (av. 35). Other prominent bowlers were G. Staley, who took 13 wickets for 94 (av. 7.23), and M. Davies, whose analysis showed 17 wickets, 133 runs (av. 7.8). In batting, J. Ballantyne scored 296 runs in 12 innings (av. 24.7). The club is very fortunate in its secretary, Mr. Chas. Smith, whose efforts were responsible in no small measure for the very successful season. Mr. G. Staley deserves commendation for his able captaincy.

**Summarised Results.**—Matches won: Replacement Parts, by an innings and 26 runs; Gordon & Gotch, by one wicket; Buckley & Nunn, by 56 on first innings; Bank of Australasia, by an innings and 65 (in this game

E. J. Luttrell made 114 n.o., and took 14 wickets for 27 runs, and as a result was awarded a "Herald" bat); Payne's, by 10 runs on first innings. Matches lost: Myers "C," by 9 wickets; Danks, J., & Co., by 133 runs on first innings; Federal Taxation, by 92 runs on first innings.

**TRIANGULAR CONTEST—BALLARAT, BENDIGO AND GEELONG**

The initial contest for the inter-branch shield presented by the Managers of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong (Messrs. Hornabrook, McNaught and Meakin respectively), took place on 28th-30th March.

Maximum points that could be gained were 10 for cricket, 8 for billiards, 6 for table tennis, 6 for quoits, 4 for hookey, and 3 for parlour bowls.

The Geelong team gained the honours in billiards, table tennis and quoits, collecting 20 of a possible 37 points.

The Ballarat team gained 3 points for parlour bowls and 10 for cricket, and the Bendigo team 4 points for hookey.

When the games concluded on the Saturday night, Geelong Electricity Supply was in the happy position of having won the shield without having to rely on its cricket team on the Monday. It then had a comfortable win over Bendigo, scoring 159 against 72. For Geelong, the top scorers were L. Baker (35) and C. Hood (32). The most successful bowler was H. Burn, with 3 for 24. For Bendigo, J. Guy was top scorer for the game (40 not out), and also took 3 wickets for 36. J. Blackie took the bowling honours with 5 for 24.

In the match against Ballarat Electricity Supply, however, Geelong Electricity Supply were all out for 56 (R. Fleming 24 not out and J. Hynson 11), P. Kay taking 5 for 15 and L. Page 4 for 14. Ballarat's response was 122 (E. Davey 36, P. Kay 21 and B. Brown 20). Geelong's most successful bowlers were S. Hodges (4 for 33) and H. Burn (2 for 24).

**TENNIS**

A tennis match between the technical officers and the Drawing Office staff at Head Office was played on the Milton Courts on the evening of the 29th March, and resulted in a victory for the former by eight games. The winners were represented by Izzard, Ninnis, G. H. Bilborrow, Merigan, Woodrow, Findieson, Finlayson, Bell and Tweddell, and the

## AN ENJOYABLE PICNIC

### Employees' Eighth Annual Reunion

The Aspendale Park Racecourse was the scene of the Annual Picnic, which was held on Saturday, 1st February, after having been postponed from Monday, 27th January (Foundation Day), to mark the sorrow felt at the death of King George V.

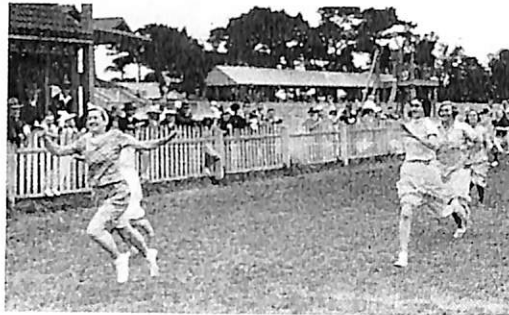


Final of Tug-of-War—Eastern Metropolitan "A" (left) winning from M.E.S. District.

usual unruffled effectiveness, and to the devoted band of ladies, who worked so hard and unselfishly in making the day a memorable one for the children.

An interesting new event was a mile amateur cycle race, which attracted a good entry and provided one of the most exciting finishes of the day.

Noteworthy was the success of the Austin family. H. C. Austin carried off second

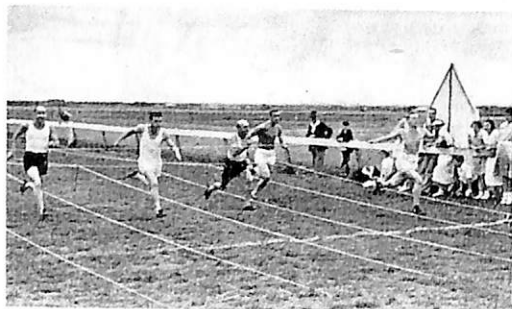


Mrs. Austin winning the Married Ladies' Race from Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Evans.

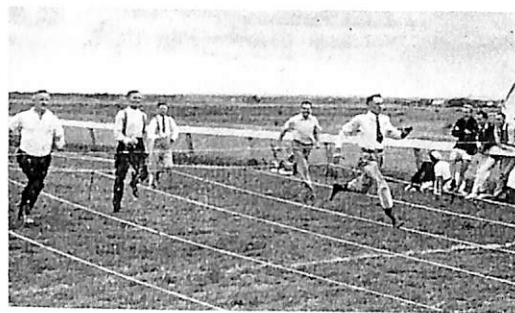
prize in the old buffers' race; his son, A. Austin, won both the 75 yds. and 100 yds. professional races; and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. Austin, won the married ladies' race.

The tug-of-war and wood-chop excited the usual interest. The former event went to the Eastern Metropolitan team for the second year in succession.

An entirely new line of entertainment was provided by Mr. J. P. Kellow, of the Flinders Street Office, who was billed for a display of balloon bursting by aeroplane. Unfortunately



A. Austin winning 100 Yards Professional Handicap from G. Neil and T. Kreiger.



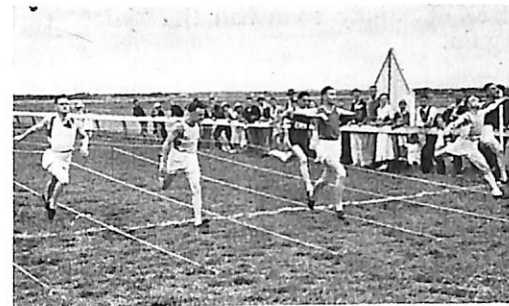
H. Webb shows the way home in the Old Buffers' Race.

cerely congratulated on the smooth disposal of a full programme, in which provision was made for the interest and entertainment of everyone. Special reference is due to Mr. R. H. Robinson who carried out the exacting and multifarious duties of hon. secretary with his

the air currents were so strong that the balloons travelled out of the spectators' view before the pilot could burst them. However, if the spectators were denied the excitement of an aerial display of bursting balloons, they had an interesting competition in guessing the

height of the plane as it first circled the arena. The guesses of the several hundred who participated varied from 300 ft. to 15,000 ft. The winner, Mr. T. G. Turnbull, of Bentleigh, supplied the correct answer, 2,950 ft., and his reward was half-an-hour's free flight, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

The presentation of prizes was made by the Chairman of the Commission (Mr. F. W. Clements), who had much pleasure in distri-



Arthur Jones all out to win the 100 Yards Amateur from Frank Tobias.

buting a handsome collection of trophies to the winners.

In the evening a most enjoyable dance, held in a hall under the grandstand, provided a fitting conclusion to a happy day. Reg. Rowe's orchestra supplied the music.

The full list of prize-winners in the various events is as follows:—

75 yds. Professional Handicap: A. Austin 1; G. Loller 2; T. Krieger 3. Time, 7 9-10th secs.



Quite a happy looking ending to the Slamese Race won by Hansen and Miss Campbell.

100 yds. Professional Handicap: A. Austin 1; G. Neil 2; T. Kreiger 3. Time, 10 secs.

220 yds. Professional Handicap: A. Burns 1; D. Hall 2; W. Crosling 3. Time, 21 4-10th secs.

100 yds. Amateur Handicap: A. Jones 1; F. Tobias 2; R. Strongman 3. Time, 10 3-10th secs.

220 yds. Amateur Handicap: C. Page 1; Arthur Jones 2. Time, 22 9-10th secs.

880 yds. Amateur Handicap: Alf. R. Jones 1; F. Tobias 2. Time, 1.48 1/2 secs.

Amateur Relay Race: M.E.S., Flinders St. (H. Hale, C. Page, G. Loveless and M. Bowd). Time, 45 1/2 secs.

Professional Relay Race: M.E.S., Richmond (G. Neil, L. Baker, K. Gallaher, P. Cheffer). Time, 44 1-5th secs.

1 Mile Cycle Race—F. Murray 1; L. McLaren 2; R. McPherson 3. Time, 2.20 3-10th secs.

Tug-of-War: Eastern Metropolitan "A" (H. Beaton, captain).



C. Sweeney (left) wins the final of the Wood Chop from E. C. Beech and R. J. Beech, who dead-heated.

Wood-Chop: C. Swceny 1; E. C. Beech and R. J. Beech (dead heat) 2. Time, 68 secs.

Men's Race (40 years and over): W. P. Skidmore 1; L. Clark 2; J. Rush 3.

Old Buffers' Race: H. Webb 1; H. C. Austin 2; R. Turner 3.

Married Ladies' Race: Mrs. Austin 1; Mrs. Curtis 2.

Single Ladies' Race: Miss Goddard 1; Miss Mahoney 2.

Slamese Race: Hansen-Miss Campbell.

Stepping the Chain: K. McKenzie.

### Picnic Sidelights

Mr. Walker's men must be all up the pole when they can't muster a team for the tug-o'-war.

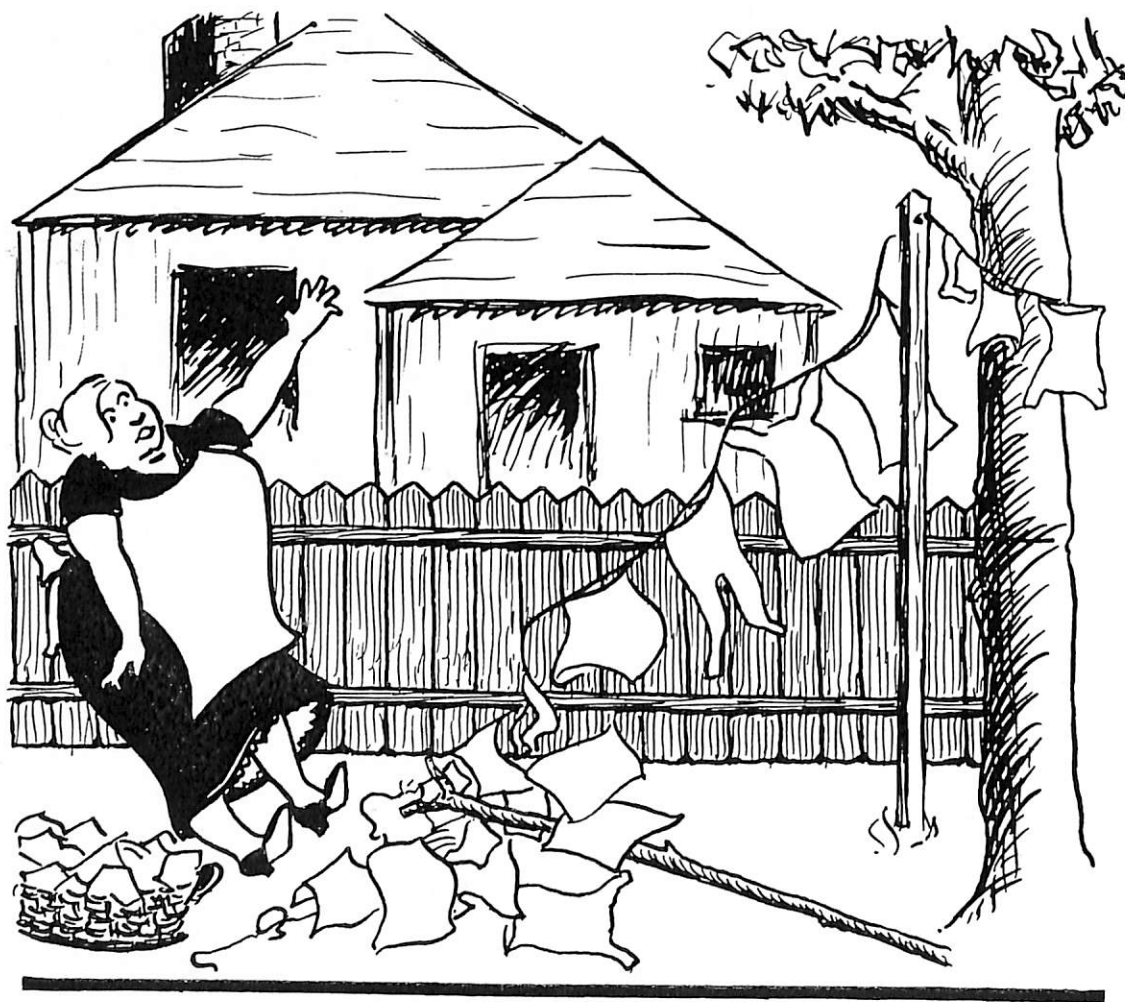
Some of the kiddies were very upset because they didn't get a donkey ride. So were some who did!

Is it true that the wood-choppers are to have a nice little 640 acre paddock all to themselves for future competitions?

As a preventive of hoarseness, the announcers are thinking of getting a gramophone record made for next year's picnic—"Please keep off the track."

What consternation there was when the milk supply gave out! The tragedy occurred just as the secretary had made a fifth and finally successful attempt to dash away for lunch. However, officers experienced in dealing with failures of supply soon had the "juice" turned on again.

### TECHNICAL TERMS ILLUSTRATED—No. 1.



"LINE DROP."



### YALLOURN REMINISCENCES

By "EFKAEM"

"You'll be wanting to see where the Power Station's to be. D'ye see where yon smoke's rising through the trees? That's the wee steam shovel that's just but started on the grading work. Ye'll need to keep well to the left if you're going over, there's a wee bit swamp between."

The year was 1921, the scene the old Eastern Camp, and the directions were addressed to a humble "electrician" on the first day of his arrival at "The Electricity Commission's works near Morwell." (The name "Yallourn" had, of course, been decided on, and was in official use, but had not had time to become generally attached.) Who the kindly Scotchman was, those who were there in '21 will readily guess. Yes, a real good sort was "Andy," so long as you did not interfere with his job—the erection and, later, operation of the little "T.P.P." If you did, the rolling "r's" would fairly shake you.

That is just about all there was of Yallourn in February, 1921—the siding on the Old Brown Coal Mine railway, the temporary store and offices, the camp buildings, the nucleus of the T.P.P., and some smoke rising through the trees.

Yes, things were a bit rough. I know that after the first day or so I felt that the heroes of the stories of construction camps in America had nothing on us at Yallourn.

What a pity some of us did not keep a diary of the happenings of those first few years—of the life of the camps and on the job; of the things that do not appear in progress reports.

Take, for instance, the time we held the wake on Charlie—the navvy ganger. Poor old Charlie could "shift muck" with anyone. From Monday till Saturday midday he did so with sober efficiency, but in the week-ends he relaxed. Then followed an unvarying programme, which involved a trip to Morwell on Saturday afternoon, and a return to the camp about midnight with a skinful of whisky and a further supply which would be steadily consumed until, some time in the early hours of Sunday morning, he passed into a peaceful sleep. Nothing that happened in the camp would then have any effect on Charlie until about 7 p.m., when he usually awoke and proceeded to devour "straight" a large German sausage brought from Morwell and kept since then under his pillow. Unless one has actually awakened from a similar sleep, the experience, I suppose, is hard to imagine, but it may be taken for granted, I think, that the surroundings would be somewhat nebulous for a while. We can then form a faint idea of what poor Charlie's feelings were on this particular occasion, as he wearily opened his eyes and gradually took in the scene.

The little room was dark other than for the light of four candles, two at his feet and two at his head. In his hands, folded on his breast, was a white paper lily, and on either side of his bunk were four men with sombre countenances, dolefully enunciating commiserating remarks in the past tense about "poor old Charlie." "He wasn't a bad old chap." "No, it's a pity he let the booze kill him." "I suppose his heart was a bit weak, poor old chap."

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