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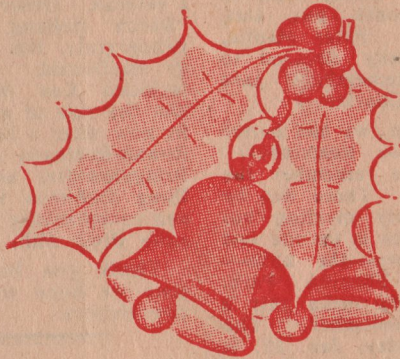
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**Merry Christmas**



## West Australian Whisperings

### KIDDIES' XMAS PARTY

This was again a great success and no less than 109 second generation two-bar-twoes turned up. Features included cartoon films generously provided and shown by Mr. Clem Booth, Punch and Judy show, magician, the ever popular "Pimple" (Fank Fenn) and Father Xmas—the latter looking somewhat mouse-eaten around the whiskers. The children all received a Xmas parcel of books and all they could eat of sweets, ice cream and food.

Once again our thanks go to all those who worked so hard in making the function a great success. Thanks also to Bernie Langridge for his gift of oranges.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

The Editor had hoped that some aspiring journalist would send in this para this month, but, alas, none has arrived. Peter Mantle, you are respectfully detailed to write a "Do You Remember?" para for the February 'Courier'.

This month, then, we had better make it "Will You Remember?" Will you all please remember the Annual Re-Union? There will be no January monthly meeting but the Annual Re-Union is on the last Saturday in January—the 28th—at R.S.L. Hall, Shenton Park. Please remember to make this a night always to remember. The following day, Sunday, Jan. 29, is of course Commemoration Day.

### KINGS PARK—LOVEKIN DRIVE

We are still £138 "in the red". Will those members, fortunately few, who have not contributed, do a little soul-searching, and send on a few bob?

We are having quite a battle to get the grass established despite having the water laid on. The proximity of wild grasses have necessitated many working bees, as it is very difficult to keep the weeds in check. There will be other working bees, we are afraid, so next time there is an appeal for help, please turn up as many as can. Even if you can only put in one hour it will help.

The Committee is still applying the pressure on the Services Canteen Trust Fund, but to date plenty of correspondence but no subsidy.

### BRIDGETOWN CONVENTION

It is very hard these days to get a good roll-up at our Country Conventions. It is natural, we suppose for most chaps to have their regular weekend interests and sports. However, what the Bridgetown Convention lacked in numbers it made up for in conviviality.

Our thanks go to Mr. Eric Marshall, President of the Bridgetown R.S.L., and his wife for making the visitors feel so much at home. A social was held on the Saturday night which was a great success—so much so that Curley Bowden completely forgot he had a sprained ankle and was jitterbugging like a veteran. Other city visitors were "Dutch" Holland, Jack Carey, Blue Pendergrast, Bill Willis and Spriggy MacDonald. Country members included Ken MacIntosh looking like the side of a house, Ted Loud fit now after a bout of ulcers, Bill Rowan-Robinson and Sparkie both Bridgetownites and blooming, and Doug Fullerton looking very hale and exceptionally hearty from Donnelly River Mill.

Thank you Bridgetown. Next time we hope we can send more city visitors.

### Heard This?

An old maid had a beautiful dream. She had at last entered the Pearly Gates and was met by a huge crowd of lovely women. Standing speechless, she at last managed to utter in a whisper: "Any men here?"

"No!" came the chorus from a thousand throats.

"Just as I thought," cried the old maid. "I always knew no man would get to heaven."

"Heaven!" exclaimed a dazzling blonde in surprise. "Don't kid yourself, baby, this is just plain hell!"

## SERVICE CANTEENS TRUST FUND

In answer to numerous requests regarding the scope of the Canteens Trust Fund, we have obtained information as outlined.

The Services Canteens Trust Fund was derived from the profits of the canteens conducted by the Australian Services—Army, Navy and Air Force—during World War II and is being administered for the benefit of ex-servicemen and women of World War II, and their dependants.

### Education Awards

Under the Services Trust Funds Act, certain funds have been appropriated to provide education assistance for children of ex-servicemen and women who served in the Australian Forces during the period Sept. 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947.

The Trustees of the Fund have inaugurated a plan for providing educational benefits to eligible children which take the form of Education Awards granted on a year by year basis, varying from £5 to £200 depending on the cost of the course and the family circumstances.

The object of the Trustees is to provide assistance in cases of need for eligible children to help them to pursue educational courses for which they are suited and which will assist to establish them in a trade, calling or profession.

Awards are available for practically the whole field of education, but are not granted in respect of courses at private business colleges or other privately conducted institutions except primary and secondary schools, and in the case of those schools, the Awards would not exceed that which would be granted if the course were taken at a State School. The Award is intended to assist in the provision of essential books, equipment, materials, fares and maintenance, and where free tuition is not available (e.g. at agricultural schools and colleges), fees also will be taken into account. Increased Awards are made for children who must live away from home.

A means test is imposed based on the income for the financial year preceding the date of the application, allowance being made under the means test for the number of dependants in the family. The

means test is designed to enable Awards to be made wherever genuine need is established.

Children eligible for Awards for 1956 are children of ex-servicemen and women who served in the Australian Forces in World War II who—

(i) are 14 years of age or over, or will attain the age of 14 years during 1956;

(ii) are children of deceased members who will turn 13 years of age during 1956;

(iii) are children of deceased members who are not eligible for education benefits under the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme of the Repatriation Department and who will turn 12 years during 1956;

(iv) will turn 13 years during 1956 and who must live away from home to obtain suitable secondary education or if other such exceptional circumstances warrant special assistance.

Application: Applications close each year on Oct. 15, for the following year. Applications for Education Awards for 1956 close on Oct. 15, 1955. Forms of application and full details will be supplied on written, personal or telephoned request to Mr. M. B. Paust, Regional Secretary, Services Canteens Trust Fund, Swan Barracks, Perth.

### Other Activities of the Services Canteens Trust Fund

**Welfare Relief:** Where an eligible ex-serviceman or woman or his or her dependants have met with adverse circumstances from which they are unable to extricate themselves and are in need of financial assistance, the Fund is available to help towards their recovery.

**Afflicted Children:** Special assistance is available from the Fund for children of eligible ex-servicemen and women who are suffering from serious afflictions, for example mentally retarded, paralysed, etc. The aim of the Trustees is to provide assistance that may enable such children to have access to whatever facilities are available that may contribute towards their treatment or special education.

(This article is a little over due but we consider it may be of interest to someone for future use.—Ed.)

# Random Harvest

Eddie Craghill dropped us a letter from 169 Vincent-st., North Perth. Thanks for the tickets Eddie—also the cash, including subscription. Sorry to hear you had your coat stolen and hope you have since got it back. Yes, the Ladies' Night was another good evening—hope you won't have to miss any more in future.

Freddie Griffiths and wife Beryl have sent in word that they will be down from the North West shortly before Xmas and look forward to seeing plenty of the boys. They extend best wishes for Xmas and the new year to all members and wives. Thanks, Fred, and the 'Courier' heartily reciprocates those good wishes.

On the sick list are George Boyland who has been in Hollywood Hospital for a long stretch with an injured back, and Jack Servante who has been in bad health for quite a period. We all hope that both of them will soon be back in good health.

Bill Drage, of Box 117, Northampton, writes: Just a few lines to say everything in this part of the world is O.K. Harvesting is getting close, heat, sweat, flies and sore eyes. The season up this way is pretty good, the stock are in really good order, and some of the crops are real good.

Had a trip to Kalgoorlie a couple of weeks ago and had a really good time, the only one of the boys I ran into was Kirkwood, and no need to mention we had one or two beers, and also won the war over again.

Will say cheerio for now, hoping this finds you and the rest of the boys O.K. as it leaves me. Give my regards to everyone please.

Tom Foster, of Anama, writes: Saw Shortie Stevens the other day. He dropped in to see the shearing complete with family but unfortunately there was no shearing going on as they had voted them wet. He's looking well but like the "man from Snowy River" he is hard and tough and wiry. Also saw Geo. Lewis a week or two back, he was in Snowtown hospital with 10 stitches in his leg having had a difference of opinion with a power-take-off shaft on a tractor. He's out now. Regards to all the boys.

Bob Williamson, of 2 Goldsworthy Crescent, North Glenelg, S.A., writes: I was in Canberra on holidays two weeks ago and had a yarn with Peter Mantle and his wife who entertained us for the evening. Also at intervals I run into Jim Veal, Howard Marks, Tom Foster and Allan Hollow. The last re-union was held at my home and we had quite a time. Howard Marks (Carl) and I have made arrangements to go to Victoria for the Olympics so am looking forward to seeing some of the boys then. In the meantime, if any of the team pass through Adelaide, I will always be happy to meet them. During working hours a ring to M6731 will always find me.

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## Heard This?

The opera was Rigoletto and the scene had Rigoletto tearing his hair and in other ways showing a great deal of anguish because of the betrayal of Gilda. Two bobby-soxers were watching the scene with intense interest. When it was ended, one turned to the other and said: "Why is he making such a fuss?"

"Don't you know anything?" said her friend. "In those days it was a sin."

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## Victorian Vocal Venturings

The Melbourne Cup sweep was drawn last Thursday night, Oct. 27, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all who were there. Bert as usual had everything well organised and with the help of his co-opts everything went very smoothly, and at approx 10 p.m. everything was ready for the actual draw. In the absence of our President, Bernie, Alan Munro drew the names and a representative from the Noble Park R.S.L. drew the horses, and so ended another of our sweeps with a lot of disappointments from those present who didn't draw a horse. The proceeds of this sweep will nett us about the same amount as last year, round the £180 mark (subject to final check) which is a very good effort but a little disappointing to us in some ways as we were hoping for a better effort as the proceeds are to go to the entertaining of our Olympic guests next year. N.S.W. who are in this sweep with us had a very poor effort compared with last year, so pull your socks up next year chaps.

The competition or rivalry we had in the selling of the most tickets was a very keen contest between Blue Sargeant (the champ) and Smasho Hodson, and we are very proud of their efforts—but Bluey had to lower his colours to Smasho this time. Smash sold £16 worth of tickets to Bluey's £14. Never mind Bluey there is always next year and we hope a lot more chaps will join in the challenge.

We had the usual refreshments—ale and eats—and there was plenty of ear bashing going on between the 40 chaps who were there. Smash came down specially for the drawing and receiving of the championship title and I'm happy to say that he drew two horses for his customers and he had a wov of a time.

It was pleasing to see Bill Weir looking so well, also Bill Rodger-Davidson was looking particularly happy—his wife had just presented him with a baby daughter both doing very well.

Bill Gilchrist paid a hurried visit to put in his butts but couldn't stay as he had to get to work—doing night shift at the A.W.A. Gerry Maley was looking very well, noticed them eyeing off the amber ale

a bit but he did the right thing and gave it the go by.

Bert and Gerry had had quite a few letters in from country members.

Jack Hartley wrote from N.S.W. giving details of their side of the sweep and the happy event for him self and wife—a son—and both very well. What with this and his taxi business he has very little time to himself but he is hoping to move into a new home at Pymble, very soon.

Vic Pacey wrote from Hobart sending back his butts and wishing us all a good drawing and sends his regards to all the boys. Also from Tassie, Tex Richards at Latrobe, wrote saying that he is up and about again after a short sickness. Sorry he cannot make the Games but it is the wrong time of the year for him and he cannot get away then. He is a fitter and turner for the Coliath Portland Cement Co. at Railton. Tex said that he had had a letter from Jim Veal who is doing very well.

Mac Walker (the popular C.O. of 2/4 Commandos) wrote sending back butts and said that he was over in Perth recently and met Geoff Laidlaw and Tom Nisbet over there and had a good time and reported that both these gentlemen were looking very well and fit.

Jim Fenwick's wife Joan wrote saying that Jim was still at Kure, Japan, where he is enjoying himself at the expense of the army. Joan returned Jim's butts which I think she sold herself.

Bob Snowdon from Talgamo Road side via Wodonga, writes that he is in the midst of floods, the third inside two months, but is quite cheerful and says there is still quite a bit of good grass about to keep the cows contented and in production.

Ken Monk who we usually see at this function, wrote saying that he had been having a lot of cow trouble and sick kiddies. He has lost quite a few cows lately and spends a lot of time looking after them. His kiddies—he has four now—a boy Robert John born May 3 last—have had the measles and chicken pox. Hope everything works out alright Ken and we look forward to seeing you at the Xmas treat with the family.

Ken says he met Ian Buggs in Warrangul and Stan Whitfield at the Royal Show, both looking very well.

Terry Paul writes from Mirimbah via Mansfield where he is in the timber business doing contract work and says he is doing very well.

Bluey Bone from Carlisle River, sending back his butts and wishing the best to all the boys. Also D. Adams from Yarra Glen, sending back butts. Sorry he couldn't make it.

Major Love, our popular Patron, wrote returning his butts and wishing us all success. Was very sorry to hear that Max Davies, who had started out up north caravanning, last Saturday had to return home because his leg played up again and

I believe he is very ill at home. Sorry to hear it Max. It looks like a good rest for you mate, so you will be fit and well by Xmas.

Jock Campbell is at last taking the plunge, and goes off on Dec. 2 at Melbourne Grammar School Chapel, and here is wishing you and Fay all the best for your future happiness. Jock has been lucky enough to acquire a flat at Sandringham so at least one of his worries are over.

Peter Krause who is looking particularly fit told us he is going on a holiday to Hayman Island in a few weeks and if you please, on his part malone. Don't know how you do it, Pete, leaving mum and baby behind, but Pete swears he is due for a break working his fingers to the bone. Pete is in the steel business.



# Headlights

Kindergarten Instructor: "What do zebras have that no other animals have?"

Tiny Tim: "Little zebras."

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Headmistress tells the newly-arrived pupil: "I want you to refrain from using two words. One is 'swell' and the other is 'lousy'."

"All right," says the kid. "What are they?"

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"The man I marry must be a hero."

"Oh, really dear, you're not that bad."

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In a little mining town there was an old man who had lived in the same house for 50 years. One day he surprised all his neighbours by moving into the house next door.

Reporters were sent to see why he had moved.

When they asked him, he replied: "I guess it's the gypsy in me."

A young lady taking a vocational school course in the operation of a factory machine, defined a bolt and nut as follows: "A bolt is a thing like a stick, of hard metal, such as iron, with a square lump at one end and a lot of scratching wound round the other. A nut is similar to a bolt, but just the opposite, being a hole in a little chunk of iron, sawed off short, with wrinkles around the inside of the hole."

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Wife: "And now, my dear husband, what excuse have you for coming home at this hour of the night?"

Husband: "I was playing golf with some friends."

Wife: "At this hour, 2 a.m.?"

Husband: "Sure, we were using night clubs."