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EDITORIAL

I witnessed the 5th Btn. R.A.R. March Past. A stirring night as always, sweat staining their greens, energy, strength, youth, abundant health, that is the ones who have returned and those without scars and wounds they will bear for life. For what?

You think the protestors are cowards, nit wits, long haired nellies, gutless, have a thing about our way of life, lazy good for nothings? Then there are the armchair generals (as there always have been), the experts, the know-alls, the scoffers, the yes men, the ones who agree with you, me and everyone, but never the courage to say what they really mean or think.

If one doesn't agree with your politics, he's a communist, a liberal, a labor extremist, someone to be avoided because he might upset the neighbours, the party, the club.

The youth of today are no different than they were in our day, or our parents' day, with one ex-

ception—they have a wider education, more understanding and more tolerance of the new Australian, his different outlook, his love of life and what he wants out of it, what he himself should get out of it, and why we as the oldies don't ask ourselves what has wars and wars gained for us and if it was to make a better world why they still have to fight to make it better.

If you are an employer you say the worker won't work. If you are a worker the employer won't give.

No one is better off. The employer can't afford any more, the worker hasn't enough to keep up with the Jones's. Isn't it about time as allegedly a more intelligent human Christian (I question the latter) race than we were 25 years ago when we are going to stop fighting each other as well as the Vietnams or any other so called wars?

Maybe this is the question the young ones want answered.

—RON TRENGROVE.

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CHRISTMAS LADIES' NIGHT

Once again we had a great night out at the Highway Hotel with our ladies. The catering was excellent, the drinks more than adequate, the music superb, the crowd that turned up poor. This seems to always be the trouble with shows of this nature. The first one is attended wonderfully, the second falls away and the third is a dead loss. What can you do? How can you win? You tell me. The columns of the "Courier" are open to anyone who has the answer to our problem. We want to do our best in regard to our women folk, but sometimes it appears that you just can't win. The Committee view after holding a post-mortem on the last occasion is that we can't go back to our present venue as it is a sure path on the way of insolvency.

You tell us and we will listen. The opportunity to do the right thing by our ladies is important but we have to get the numbers before it is the way to do business. It's over to you.

FEBRUARY MEETING:

This will be held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, Feb 2. This follows a long weekend for Australia Day. We intend to hold a bowls pairs night and this could be a lot of fun. Trophies will be awarded so you could go home with something of value for the home. Be in it to win it!

These bowls nights have proved to be most acceptable to all the gang and we intend to persist with anything which will draw along a goodly number of the gang.

WORKING BEE—KINGS PARK:

There will be a working bee in our area at Lovekin Drive on Sunday, Feb. 7.

The object is to replace the present sprinkler heads with Mountain Mist heads. The more persons who can get along will make the job easier. We especially want you to bring along pipe wrenches, pipe cutting gear and threading gear if you have same. Also a spade.

Please do your best to make this working bee a bumper attendance. Liquid refreshment will be provided.

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This will be held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, March 2.

This meeting also will follow a public holiday (Labor Day). This is really no excuse for staying at home as the A.G. is quite one of our most important meetings of the year.

Do not think if you come along to this meeting you will be saddled with an Executive job. This is purely up to you. If you want to help we want you to help us but you will not be shanghied into a job if you do not want it. We do want you to come along and show your interest in your Association affairs and if necessary provide us with a few new ideas on how we should proceed in the future.

This is your bowden duty to your Association at least once a year and the A.G.M. gives you this opportunity. Please do your best to be present.

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BOWLS NIGHT IN BASEMENT ANZAC HOUSE

PAIRS TOURNAMENT FOR GOOD TROPHIES

Committee Comment

Since we last went to press your Committee has met on two occasions—in December and January.

The discussions have of course been mainly concerned with events that have already happened.

The Safari in 1971 has been a large topic of all our deliberations and this is now well under control. There will be certain minor changes in the programme arranged due to the fact that our visitors will be reaching us on the Thursday and not Friday. When all this is worked out to satisfaction a complete programme will be published in the "Courier".

Kings Park area took up some time and it was resolved to purchase a complete new set of sprinkler heads to ensure that the area was adequately watered with the minimum of trouble to these sprinkler heads. A working bee for Sunday, Feb. 7, was arranged at our last meeting to handle this situation.

The Ladies' Night was debated at length and although the Committee was happy at the fun the night provided we felt that the attendance did not warrant a further night at the Highway Hotel.

Treasurer Dick Geere advised that we would have to transfer some funds from reserve accounts to our working account to keep going in the ensuing year.

Col Doig advised that the Mammoth Sweep was proceeding but a final effort to achieve our sales' target of 500 was deeply required.

Jubilee Safari

MAMMOTH RAFFLE

Our Mammoth Raffle is proceeding very well. To date we have disposed of 380 application forms and our target is 500 by May, 1971.

The final 120 could be difficult if everyone does not pull their weight.

We are now dealing with the profit end of our venture (300 tickets pays the prize money) and this is where we want you to all buck in and help. You must have a mate or two who you haven't used your sales technique on yet. Please get cracking as soon as possible on any prospect to ensure that we fill our quota of 500 as soon as possible.

Judged by other raffles of this nature ours is so far ahead in prize money that we leave the others behind like a white cow in a black sand plain. If you plug the line selling is a piece of cake.

If you want Application Forms apply to Box T1646 as soon as possible and you will be accommodated. Hop into it boys and we will win by the proverbial street.

Personalities

Sorry to advise that Geo Boyland had the misfortune of falling down and breaking his hip. He has had a pretty tough time of it but latest reports are that he is home and on the mend. We wish you a speedy recovery, Geo., and hope to see you about soon.

Had a most wonderful week or so with Maurie Smith who was in W.A. for a holiday. We got together on a great number of occasions and my health was deteriorating quite rapidly in the process. It was terrific to see the M.A.M. again and have a happy re-union. He came along to a Committee meeting and met quite a few of the boys and enjoyed himself no end. Always proud to have a few nights or days out with you Maurie. Make it for certain in September if you can.

Down from Kalgoorlie for a holiday was Eric Thornander and his family. They were staying at Cottesloe and thank goodness looked

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me up and we all had a wonderful day together. These are the sort of get togethers that make life really worthwhile.

Down for the Test Cricket was Tom Crouch. Tom reported a great week although the cricket was a bit slow. Tom also made our Committee meeting and enjoyed the company of the gang. He looked extra well and reported a good season in his area.

Saw "Robbie" Rowan-Robinson briefly while he was down for a meeting of Westralian Farmers Executive. He told me Bernie Langridge was a bit on the crook side and was expected to go into hospital for an operation. We wish you the best Bernie. Robbie also reported

a good season in the Bridgetown area.

Peter Barden was in Perth for a holiday and I managed to get in a very enjoyable period with him. Peter is always world beating company and a pleasure to do business with.

Apparently Mandurah and its environs was the mecca for large numbers of our gang over Christmas. Down there were Joe and Helen Poynton, Jack and Norma Hasson, Tony and Carole Bowers, The Watsons, The Fletchers, The Hollands, Bill and Jess Epps, Arthur and Beryl Smith. So you can see that you would not feel lonely if you were in that area. Rumour has it that the consumption of beer constituted a record.

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RANDOM HARVEST

PETER BARDEN, of 6GN Radio Station and ABGW Channel 6 Television Station, Geraldton, W.A., writes:—

It was my pleasure during a holiday visit to Perth to have a couple of noggins and a good yarn with Col. Doig. It's always a pleasure to have a chat with our "Happy" Editor because he has such a good grasp of current affairs, particularly those of an international nature.

It was also my pleasure to have a "few" noggins of ale with two other Double-Red-Diamond types, Nip Cunningham and Bruss Fagg, the occasion being the annual re-union of the R.S.L. at Geraldton. They both looked fit and well and it was with pride that during the roll call the three of us mentioned the Unit with which we served.

It was my pleasure that night to receive from the State R.S.L. President, Mr. Percy Pearson, a Certificate of Service, "in appreciation of

devoted services as Sub-Branch Publicity Officer and Committeeman".

The previous night Bruss Fagg had at Northampton's annual re-union, received a Certificate of Service from Mr. Pearson, in appreciation of his work as Secretary, President, Treasurer and Hall Committee member of the Northampton Sub-Branch of the R.S.L.

Reverting to the Geraldton R.S.L. Re-union, I must mention that it was our pleasure to meet Gordon Wheatley, brother of our 2/2nd colleague, "Doc" Wheatley. Our new acquaintance is now living in retirement at Geraldton, after being a P.M.G. foreman in the Meekatharra area. Nip and Bruss recalled Doc's ability as a sniper and this of course led to some interesting recollections. All of the nine Wheatley brothers saw service in the armed forces and seven of them including Doc and Gordon, recently had a re-union at Rottnest. The

eldest, Les, had gone to sea before the youngest, Aubrey, was born, and it was the first time the seven brothers had been together under the one roof.

Bill Drage sends his kind regards to all his old mates. This retired farmer is a keen amateur fisherman and on a recent expedition to one of the favourite spots to the north of Geraldton, landed about 500 lb. of fish, with the help of a couple of mates.

Eric Smythe is looking fit and well and continues to play an important role in the administration of the Geraldton Yacht Club.

Before closing I must congratulate all concerned with the attractive nature of the 2/2nd Honour Avenue in Kings Park. My wife and I visited the Avenue during our holiday visit to Perth and we were very impressed by the excellent manner in which this grassed area is being maintained. It is an example which should be followed by other Unit Associations whose Honour Avenues in Kings Park are in need of more attention.

Must be away now, so kind regards to all the boys, with best wishes for the new year.

REG HARRINGTON, of "Ainaro", Wyening, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed find two application forms for tickets in the Mammoth Raffle, along with a cheque for three. I will put the address of the third applicant at the end of this note. It is rather ironical that the sweep tickets at 10 cents I end up taking myself and here we have one for \$20 and I have sold \$60 worth.

The harvest is in full swing. We have been at Bakers till now where the barley went about eight bags, but up here they seem likely to be a lot better than that. In fact someone said the other day that unless you had a 15 bag crop you didn't talk about it. I wish those damn

slaughtermen would get back on the job. We have 1,400 sheep to sell. They were fat when the strike started. In fact I got 600 out of 2,000 in the day before the strike. The nuisance of it is that they were going out for age and young ones to come in in their place, but by the time we get rid of these the price will have gone up on the others.

I'm afraid we are not making it for the Christmas social. We did think of going but there is another thing come into our lives, in the name of bowls. Dot is keen as mustard, and if being the only sport she has ever played I am anxious that she play on as many occasions as possible and for my part I am playing so badly that I'm afraid that if I miss a pennant match I'll be dropped altogether. It might sound silly, but I played football for 20 years and never had a twinge of knee trouble, but now it plays up in a quiet game like bowls.

I stayed with Jack and Norma Hasson the other night and am sad to say that Norma's mother is quite sick.

Well this seems to be a lot about nothing and I'm a lousy writer anyway. Cheerio for now.

BOB SMITH, of 6 King St., Shortland, N.S.W., 2307., writes:—

Just a brief note in which to inform you of my change of address—which appears above.

For the last three years since I was invalided out of the Lighthouse Service I have lived at Norah Head and Toukley, while waiting for my younger daughter to complete her schooling. Now that she has done so we are able to shift back to my own house at Shortland—a suburb of Newcastle. This will now enable Beryl to continue on with Technical College training on a Secretarial Course and Machine Operating in Newcastle. This move to New-

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castle doesn't really tickle me to death (but it will save me a lot of money) as I would prefer to remain at Norah Head.

At present Joyce and I are still starters in the Safari Stakes, and looking forward to it with great anticipation. By the looks of the last list of possible starters received from Ron Trengrove there appears very few who have dropped out and I hope that this trend continues.

Christmas this year was quite a miserable affair for many in this district, for the campers, etc., were confined to their tents and caravans for a few days with continuous and heavy rain. Luckily for all, after a few days the old sun managed to appear and salvage the few remaining days of the holidays.

Well, must away, so hoping this finds you and all the lads well, and also wishing all a Happy New Year.

MARGARET BURGESS, of "Burlands", P.O. Box 224, Katanning, W.A., writes:—

I hope you are well. Thank you very much for the water colour painting set you and your men sent me. I have done most of the pictures already and have enjoyed doing it.

I am half way through my swimming lessons and I am doing very well. I had a test and passed.

Next week I will do my intermediate.

Mum and Dad sent their wishes.

T. B. ADAMS, of 3 Couloney St., Rainsworth, Qlds., 4065, writes:

The year flies away again and as usual I'm running late but determined to get one letter to you before it is 1971.

I have never been so busy and of course there has been a lot of additional work to do of late as you would know following the merger with the E.S.A. All goes well

though and the pay cheque still arrives every second Wednesday, so no complaints!

Family wise we have had a year filled with comings and goings. Judy graduated as Sister Adonis in February and straight away landed a job at Geroka!! Had a good time there until Easter when she was unlucky enough to have an accident water skiing at Lae which hospitalised her for some weeks with a spiral fracture of the femur. We flew her home on a stretcher and Ian McPhee did a fantastic job. Judy's leg is still nailed but she is now on the staff of the Deniliquin Hospital, Riverina district of New South Wales, and is enjoying life there to the full.

About the same time as her accident Paul won a scholarship to Tokyo University and has been there since April. Will probably stay until April 72. He is having a wonderful experience, lives in a Foreign Students Hostel, a real United Nations. Has seen quite a bit of the country as he has a part time job which enables him to live well. We correspond almost entirely by tape so we hear of all the odd bits and pieces you normally don't bother to write about.

Had lunch with Ian McPhee and Peter Hearle recently but don't see any of the other fellows at all. Peter you have seen recently and Ian visited the West a couple of years ago. We must make the trip but cannot join the Safari next year unfortunately.

Am enclosing form and cheque for one ticket. It (the Safari) should be a huge success.

THEO ADAMS, of Box 1, Goroka, New Guinea, writes:—

On hearing of the "Jubilee Safari" it only took two minutes to decide to be in it, but a few months to write and tell you of the happi-

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ness in me, that I will at long last visit the West, and see once again the boys whose names appear (or don't appear) in the "Courier" from time to time.

I hope to be on the "Indian Pacific" from Sydney, am awaiting word re the bookings.

Wish the train was going tomorrow.

Have now been up here for seven years, and have no intention of leaving it, living at 5,200 feet and with spring weather every day is hard to beat.

From a "Courier" I read where Geoff Laidlaw went through this way. Would have liked to buy him one.

There are quite a number of West Australians here and am getting filled in Perth and surroundings. One chap mentioned you have to go past two pubs to get to the Imperial from the station. Reckon we can manage that easily.

It's four years since I've been out of New Guinea so this holiday will be a beauty.

There's hardly a day goes by that I don't think of the old Unit, when I see (cloud permitting) Mt. Atto, the expanse of hills and mountains and Bena Bena and up the valley towards Asanoka.

The thought occurred to me that the boys at the re-union may want to see photographs of certain locations and views, and the places where they were on 8mm film also. If they stipulated certain accessible places—I don't climb hills or mountains—and from what direction, it would be no trouble—only a pleasure—to shoot these pictures for them. The old Bena airstrip is now occupied by a Seventh Day Adventist Mission and most of it is under kau kau.

I have contemplated chartering a plane to take film of Kundiawa—where I lived for 10 months in 1966—Bundi and Faita, including Usini now known as Usino, which has an airstrip. Up around Sepu-Musak,

etc., or any place the boys want to see again.

I missed out on an application for the Mammoth Raffle. Could you please send me one if it's not too late.

Two years ago I went back to my old trade of hairdressing and am the only one in town, another chap and I have the local picture theatre. To see native picture nights would give you a kick. They love Johnny Weissmuller in his Tarzan shows the best, with cowboys and indians a close second.

Knowing that the costs of a Safari to New Guinea would be great, think about it for 1972 or 1974—Goroka Show years—travel and accommodation within the Territory can be arranged by me—being an old Ansett man—and have some clues in this regard. Ask the man—travel agent from M.M.A. the aircraft charter rates to Sydney then to Goroka, another Mammoth Raffle may assist the funds.

Have come to the end of this letter. All the very best for Christmas and the New Year to you, yours and all the boys.

Heard This?

A fiery-tempered gentleman wrote the following letter:

"Sir—My stenographer, being a lady, cannot type what I think of you.

"I being a gentleman, cannot think it. You, being neither, will understand what I mean."

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A woman waiting at the door ready to go to the store, had her arms full of coats and four little children at her side.

Her husband, coming down the stairs, asked why she was standing there. She replied, handing him the coats: "This time you put the children's coats on and I'll go honk the horn."

MAMMOTH RAFFLE:

Please do your best to sell some more tickets. We want to conclude this as soon as possible and we still have 120 to sell

Victorian Vocal Venturings

It's quite a while since I have written to the "Courier". My apologies Col, it's a combination of being very busy and not much activity taking place over here. It's been left to the willing few to do anything at all and if it wasn't for Bert Tobin I'm afraid nothing would be done. He has been, as always, a great worker and he has not been in the best of health and in his true form he would be the last to admit it.

Bert opened his home to have the Cup Sweep draw there on Thursday, Oct. 29, and invited the boys and their wives along which was a very good idea as it turned out to be a very good and enjoyable evening. Present were Alan and Joyce Munro, George and Dot Robinson and son Brian, Jim and Mavis Robinson, George Veitch, Jack Renehan, Doug Tourey, George Humphries, Mam Smith, John and Shirley Southwell, Sep Wilson, Johnny and Kath Roberts, Mona Coates, Alex and Beryl Boast, Harry and Olive Botterill, Gerry O'Toole, and hosts Bert and Wilma, Warrick and Gillian Tobin, and representing the Combined Commando Association were Ron Backmann and Bill Taylor.

As stated it was a terrific night in pleasant surroundings and we conned the ladies into helping out with the drawing. Kath did a good job on the typewriter for us. As Bert has already reported it was a good sweep result.

There was quite a lot of correspondence as a result of the sweep tickets and I have taken these from Bert to make some news for the "Courier".

Alan Stewart, of Canberra, says they have enjoyed a lovely spring. His eldest daughter is with Defence E.D.P. and second girl is in the throes of getting through the High School Certificate. He has four more at school next year—hopes to be able to make the trip to the West.

Les and Gloria Isenhood, of Cardiff, Newcastle, are proud of their second eldest daughter as she was an entrant in the Miss Australia Quest and was very busy raising funds for the Spastic Children and

she finally raised over \$1,000 so earned herself a week's holiday on the Gold Coast, and by now she will be engaged, and it looks like they will have two weddings coming up next year with the prospect of the youngest becoming engaged at the end of '71—the penalty of having all girls. Will have to save the cents. Anyway Gloria and Les, congrats to the girls.

Also on the subject of the Miss Australia Quest, congratulations to the West on their girl taking off the title. She was a lovely and charming girl. Also for your first staging of a Test Match in the cricket. You are getting recognition at last and all the best to you.

Tom Fields, of Wyong, N.S.W., short note hoping someone who really needs it wins the sweep.

Frank Sharpe, of Dubbo, N.S.W., hopes to see some of the gang in W.A. on the Safari trip.

Bob Smith, of Norah Head, N.S.W., wishing us all the best with our sweep.

Bash Adams hopes to get a holiday to Melbourne again and see us all.

Eddie Rowe, Pine Creek, Canungra, wishing us every success with the sweep and sends his regards to all the boys.

Paddy Kenneally sends his regards to Bert, self, Jack Renehan, Johnny Roberts and all the Victorian boys. Will be seeing you in the West, Paddy.

Cliff Paff, of Gloucester, N.S.W., sends his regards to all the boys.

Mitch, from Bindiana, returns butts and wishes us all the best.

Jack Fox giving us change of address, now at 47 Rowans Road, Highbett. What about making an appearance Jack?

Jim Fenwick, from Canberra, sends regards to Bert, self, Jim Wall, Bill Tucker and regards to all the boys. Hopes to get to Melbourne one of these days. Says Tom Snowden's team, Manerka, lost the premiership at football.

Peter Stafford, of North Caulfield, sends his regards to all and hopes to make the draw one of these days.

Bluey Bones, Kardilla, says family

is all well, except for his little grandson. They have just learned he is permanently blind. He is two years old. Have been enjoying the last few warm days after a very wet winter. Had just seen Ken Monk.

Bill Peterson, of Fish Creek, sends his regards to all the boys.

Rus Symonds sends his regards to all.

Jim Dent sends his regards to all Victorians.

Spud Murphy Mt. Gravatt, Queensland, says he occasionally sees Frank Hearle, "C" Coy., whose address is 237 Upper Little Roma Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4122. Sorry he can't make the Safari as his holidays fall at a different time. Sends his regards to Jim Wall and rest of the boys.

Bill Ducker regrets he cannot attend drawing. Hopes we have a successful night. He is after one of Sam Fullbrook's prints.

Bruce McLaren regrets he cannot make it. Will be in Sydney during that week. Bad luck Bruce, you do not miss many of these nights.

Campbell Rodd has changed his address, Flat 3, 16 Tintern Avenue, Toorak, Vic., 3141, phone 24 1965. Betty Craig, writing for Keith, says all are well there but extremely busy.

Jim Cullen, Kyogle, N.S.W., seasonal conditions have been most adverse but had received their best rain in months last weekend. Fortunately the demand for cattle from Victorian and South Australian restockers has maintained the flight of the "Golden Eagle". Victoria is making news even this side of the Black Stump. Most N.S.W. and Queensland dairy farmers are protesting that they are carrying the dairy industry, the political turmoil and now the bridge disaster. Regards to all the boys and every success with the sweep.

Mick Devlin, Epping, N.S.W., wishes us a successful night and best wishes to all.

Trib Claney, Carboor, via Milawa, family all well here at the moment. Dawn was in hospital for 10 days. Had veins done on a leg. Is starting to hop about now. Very dry there at the moment, urgently need rain to finish the grass hay before starting harvest.

Wishes to be remembered to any of the old gang.

Drip Hilliard sends his regards and hopes we have a successful night.

Eddie Timmins, Camp Hill, Qlds., sends his regards to all Victorians.

Alfredo also sends his regards.

Happy Greenhalgh sends his regards to all the boys.

Tex Richards, Latrobe, Tasmania, sends his regards.

Smash Hodgson, of Ringwood East, sorry he cannot make it for drawing. Sends his regards to all. A usual Smash note finishing with: "The echo of this sombre note is that you are therefore advised to convert enclosed cheque (if you can) with vast accent on speed being of the quintessence, if that may be faster than the ordinary essence." Hope you never change, Smash.

Max Davies, of Horsham, Victoria, sends his regards to all the boys. Would love to make the trip to the West but at present cannot see much hope. He managed to get along to the 2/4th show for an hour and meet Mac Walker, Bill Taylor and a few of the boys including Des Falkener, the chap who produced the rose, Betano Beach.

Mac Walker sends his regards to all and wishes us every success with the sweep.

A. Jamieson, Narrandera, N.S.W., wishes us every success.

Bill Walsh, Kempsey, N.S.W., wishes us every success.

Alf Hodge sends best wishes and good luck.

Jim English best of luck and success for sweep.

Jack Peattie, West Tamworth, sends his regards to all and wishes us a successful night.

Kel Carthews, c/- Sgts. Mess, S.M.E. Casula, N.S.W., sends his regards to all the boys.

Tom Yates Kyogle, sends all the best to the boys down here and hopes the sweep is successful.

Roy Martin, Griffiths, N.S.W., wishes us a successful night and sends his regards to all.

Ted Cholerton, Carcoar, N.S.W., sends his regards and wishes us a good night.

Dick Adams, Yarra Glen, Vic., says the Adams are all well and sends his regards to all and hopes we have a successful night.

Bert has written about George Kennedy breaking his leg. I did see him a little after Bert and he had returned home and was coming along slowly.

I have been making my regular trips to Tassie and seen the boys occasionally. Vic Pacey I see every time. Still trying to get him to make the trip West, but the time of the year could be awkward for him.

Mark Conway, in Launceston, was having his long service leave when there last. He is still having trouble with his legs and is having constant skin grafts, but he is always cheerful and never complains.

Have seen Ken and Margaret Monk often. Their eldest daughter, Barbara, is being married in January, 1971. Ken has been off colour recently and has now been diagnosed as having an ulcer, so it looks like the diet job, Ken.

The Botterill family, all five of them, are definitely coming West next year. Have made the train bookings. We are coming over for three weeks so will be over there two weeks before your organised week of activities and hope to have a good look around the State. I believe Gerry O'Toole and his sister, Mam Smith and Jack Renehan are starters and Ken and Margaret Monk hope they can make it but being farmers anything can happen.

Well, folks that's the lot for now. Hope to be more regular and help Col out with news.

—HARRY BOTTERILL

Heard This?

An 11 year old boy went to the movies and saw a picture co-starring a well known virile actor and a voluptuous blonde actress. Right in the middle of the flick the V.A. rips off the blonde's blouse and says:

"I want what I want, when I want it!"

Well, this bit really snowed the kid who dashed home after the picture and ran into the yard of the little girl next door. He ripped off her blouse and cried:

"I want what I want, when I want it!"

The little girl looked at him calmly, and replied: "You'll get what I've got when I get it."

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A young lady, beaming proudly, said to a man sitting next to her on the bus: "You probably wonder why I am so happy, but I have just been to the doctor, and after seven years of married life, he tells me I'm about to become a mother."

"Well, how wonderful," replied the man. "I'm also happy today. You see, I'm a chicken raiser and I have just developed a new strain with pink feathers and blue eyes."

"How on earth did you ever do that?" the lady asked.

"I introduced some new stock," he replied.

"Well, confidentially," she whispered, "so did I."

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