IT'S FUN TO BE IN FOY'S
Irene Hayward Reflects the Happy Spirit of the Annual Ball

THE VOICE OF THE HOUSE OF FOY & GIBSON
2,500 years ago
ÆSOP told of...

"THE BUNDLE OF STICKS."

An old man on the point of death summoned his sons around him to give them some parting advice. He ordered his servants to bring in a faggot of sticks, and said to his eldest son, "Break it." The son strained and strained, but with all his efforts was unable to break the bundle. The other sons also tried, but none of them was successful. "Untie the faggots," said the father, "and each of you take a stick." When they had done so, he called out to them, "Now, break," and each stick was easily broken. "You see my meaning," said their father.

"UNITY GIVES STRENGTH."
On this page we generally publish views upon current events or make some observations upon human behaviour or relationships. Our purpose, in the main, has been to start a train of thought, and, maybe, induce a little self-analysis. Overall has been our desire to widen knowledge; to sharpen appreciation; and, we hope, to add something to the sweetness of life.

In these articles we usually chose a topic which may be only indirectly or even remotely connected with our own activities. This time, however, we are going to talk about ourselves. Admittedly, we are quite proud of the achievement related below, but our thought in giving the details to you, is that the news may have a tonic effect. And these are times when we can all do with a little "bucking up."

As some evidence of our own faith in the future we want to tell you about a very extensive project that is well under way at Eaglet Mills. To provide greater steam power for all sections, new boilers are being installed. Present plans allow for two. The first is already built and in operation. It is the most modern unit of its kind in the State. When the second boiler is completed, we shall have one of the most efficient steam plants in the Commonwealth.

So that you may gain, literally, an "inside" knowledge of these boilers, their construction and their purpose, we have asked Mr. A. C. Cox, Chief Engineer at Eaglet Mills, to tell the remainder of the story. The project is a huge one. How large, physically, may perhaps be realized from the following comparison. Although only one new boiler has been built — dwarfing three "old timers" alongside it — a new boilerhouse has been erected large enough for future additions. This structure rises alongside the twin smoke-stacks of Eaglet Mills, which have been landmarks in Collingwood for years. Here are the dimensions compared with those of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne:

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One last detail. We spoke of our faith in the future. Confidence is not necessarily expressed in terms of money — but that medium, in this instance, does give a rough idea of the amount of faith we have. Until the work has been completed we cannot quote firm figures, but it is estimated that these new boilers and their housing will involve an expenditure of well over One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds. And now, over to Mr. Cox:

Steam is used for scouring, dyeing, etc., and in almost every process connected with the manufacture of cloth and knitted goods. The boilers which generate this steam were originally designed to burn black coal, and were not suited to burn raw brown coal, which is now being mined extensively in Victoria.

Following an investigation it was decided to install two modern boilers complete with auxiliary equipment, rather than attempt to reconstruct the old boilers, which were nearing the end of their useful life.
boiler. So that readers may get some idea of the size of this plant and the various pieces of equipment necessary to operate it, the following is a brief description of the major items and their function:

**FUEL HANDLING.**

This one boiler burns approximately five tons of raw brown coal per hour. The coal is dumped from trucks into a hopper, which feeds a coal crusher some 14 ft. below ground level. A vertical coal elevator 84 ft. high then conveys the crushed coal to horizontal belt conveyors, which empty in to six storage bunkers, each capable of holding 35 tons of coal. The rate of handling fuel is approximately 20 tons per hour, and the total fuel used will be approximately 20,000 tons per year.

**ASH HANDLING.**

A quantity of ash is removed from the boiler and a small hoist is used to convey the ash to a bunker adjacent to the fuel bunkers. The ash can then be discharged into trucks for disposal. The whole of the fuel and ash-handling plant is housed in a steel and fibro cement structure 61 ft. high, 12 ft. wide and 112 ft. long.

**FEED WATER TANKS AND FEED PUMPS.**

Water must be pumped into the boilers to replace the steam being taken away, and for this

This diagram shows all important features of the new boiler and allied plant, but for easier illustration, some items are not shown in the exact position which they actually occupy in the installation. Drawing by Mr. Bob Walker.
The lower cones of two of the giant bunkers in course of erection. At rear, the "Gibsonia" building, Eagley Mills. On the skyline, the Abbotsford Brewery!

purpose two 3000-gallon copper storage tanks are built above the pump house. The water is supplied from the street main to the tanks, where it is warmed and then pumped by steam-driven pumps into the boilers. There are three of these pumps, which are approximately 9 ft. high and each capable of pumping 40,000 lbs. of water per hour.

STEAM BOILER.

The boiler, which is known as a water tube boiler, and has a heating surface of 5346 sq. ft., consists of two steel drums, each 25 ft. long by 4 ft. 6 ins. diameter and weighing 8 tons. The drums are connected to a series of 280 water tubes, each 18 ft. long and 4 inches diameter. The drums and tubes are supported by a steel structure 30 ft. high by 16 ft. wide by 24 ft. long, and the whole encased by brick walls 18 inches thick. The furnace is lined with firebricks to withstand the intense heat. The grate on which the fuel is burned is made-up of small heat-resistant cast-iron firebars, and is 12 ft. wide by 10 ft. long. The furnace area is 12 ft. by 10 ft. by 12 ft. high, and therefore about the size of an ordinary room.

SPREADER STOKERS.

The boiler is fired mechanically by three stokers mounted in the front of the furnace wall. The stokers feed the coal continuously into the furnace by means of a revolving rotor, which sprinkles the coal evenly over the grate. The coal which is burning on the grate rapidly ignites the incoming fuel. The coal contains much "fines" (small particles) which ignite and burn in suspension above the grate creating an intense heat.

FORCED DRAUGHT FAN AND COMBUSTION.

To burn the coal it is necessary to use large quantities of air. The forced draught fan is driven by a 25 h.p. motor and the air is blown through small holes in the cast-iron firebars. The resultant fire produces a very hot gas, which is passed around the water tubes of the boiler, causing the water to boil, and produce steam under pressure. After passing through the boiler, the gases, which are now cooling, enter an economiser, which further reduces the temperature of the gas prior to entering the chimney stacks.

INDUCED DRAUGHT FAN AND MULTICLONE.

The flue gas carries a lot of fine ash, known as fly ash, and it is liable to be carried up the chimney stack and deposited in the neighbourhood. To overcome this trouble a multiclone fly ash arrestor has been installed. The flue gas is passed at high velocity through the multiclone, which separates the ash from the flue gas. The

The new boiler under construction. One drum and some of the tubes in position before the brickwork was built.
The nerve centre of the new boiler house. Position of control buttons at left of above switch panel indicates very clearly the actual movements of coal from hoist via conveyors and bunkers to boiler.

gas then passes through the induced draught fan and is discharged into the chimney stacks. The fan is driven by an 80 h.p., motor, and is capable of handling 39,000 cubic feet per minute of hot flue gas at a temperature of 490 degrees Fahrenheit. The two chimney stacks are each 130 feet high by 7 feet internal diameter.

BOILER CONTROL STATION.
The boilers are equipped with automatic controllers, which control the supply of feed water, coal and air as required to meet the steam demand. The instruments which operate these controllers are mounted on a steel panel situated at the front of the boilers. Any variation of the load is shown by the instruments, which, in turn, operate the automatic controls to satisfy the steam load. Automatic controls ensure efficient operation of the boilers, and it must not be construed that these controllers eliminate the need for skilled boiler attendants. They still have a considerable amount of work to do attending to the equipment and constantly checking instrument readings.

ELECTRICAL CONTROL STATION.
The boilers and coal handling equipment are operated by electric motors. It is essential that the motors be controlled from one point so the Electrical Control Station has been erected adjacent to the Steam Control Station. The two panels have been painted a light duck-egg blue and, with their illuminated instruments, present a very pleasing appearance. The electrical panel has been designed with a raised illustration of the whole plant, and the push buttons which start and stop the motors are located on the control panel in a similar position to the location of the motor in the boiler house. When each motor is started a red indicator shows on the control panel that the motor is in operation.

The electrical control for the coal handling plant is very interesting. The attendant may decide to fill No. 2 bunker with coal, and he presses the button marked No. 2 bunker. Firstly, warning bells ring, indicating that the machinery is about to start, then the coal conveying equipment moves along a set of rails until it is in a position to feed No. 2 bunker. The whole of the coal-handling plant is then started in a sequence shown on the Control Panel with red indicators showing as each motor comes into operation. If the sequence is incorrect, the plant will not start, thus preventing damage to the machinery. The coal-handling machinery will now continue to operate until No. 2 bunker is full. An ingenious device is used to indicate the level of fuel and to shut down the machinery when the bunker is full. It consists of a piece of radio equipment attached to each bunker. A small insulated probe is fitted at the top and bottom of each bunker and when full a radio impulse
operates an indicating light and at the same time switches off the power supply to the machinery.

To fill any other bunker, it is only necessary to press the button for that particular bunker and operate the sequence start as before. The machinery will position itself and then will shut-down automatically when the bunker is full, as previously described.

REASON FOR AUTOMATIC CONTROLS.

It may seem to readers that a considerable amount of automatic equipment has been installed in the boiler house and one is apt to wonder why. The purpose is quite simple — to place the whole control of the boiler plant in one loca-

At the top of the elevator structure, Centre, the conveyor which feeds the six bunkers. Above, the hoist from ground level.

tion so that one skilled man can operate the boiler and bunker controls without having to climb the various ladders and catwalks around the plant. It is still necessary for the attendant to go aloft to open the main steam valves and operate other equipment, but this is only done at the starting-up and closing-down period.

The steam generating plant just described is of most modern design and one of the first of its type to be fitted with automatic control. We are justly proud of our plant, and, taking the caption of this magazine, we are now pleased to present "SERVICE FROM THE BOILER HOUSE."

Our thanks are offered to Mr. B. J. Robertson, of T. Kinsley Sim & Associates, for supplying the photographs used to illustrate this article.—Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Niso after their marriage at St. Joseph’s, South Yarra, on the 5th July, 1952. Bride was Margarita Usai, of the Mending Room, Eagley Mills.

The Future — and Foy's

Details of Management Training Scheme Announced

The outlines of the new Management Training Scheme which the Company has launched, are to be found on the various notice-boards throughout the organisation. To ensure that these details are brought to the notice of our employees, the announcement is repeated below:—

MANAGEMENT TRAINING SCHEME

• In order to supplement the number of men available in future years for appointment to executive positions in our rapidly-expanding organisation, the Board of Directors of Foy & Gibson Ltd., has decided to introduce a Management Training Scheme.

• Its object is to train young men to acquire a knowledge of the business and to gain experience in the technique of management.

• The scheme will come into operation as from 1st January, 1953.

• The period of training will be three years, and will not be confined to one section of the business.

• A satisfactory standard of education will be required as an essential qualification, in addition to first-class personal qualities.

• The age limit will be between 20 and 22 years, although in certain special cases men over the age limit will also be considered.

• Applications will be sought not only from employees of the Company, but also from young men outside the business. Selection will be based entirely on merit.

• Applications are invited from men with the necessary qualifications. A form for the purpose may be obtained from The Secretary, Foy & Gibson Ltd., 130-152 Smith Street, Collingwood, N.S. who will also supply further details of the scheme on request.
Annual Ball a Huge Success

If, in the midst of a ball, one hears a remark like, "Well, this is certainly the best, yet!", there is a tendency to attribute the words merely to the speaker's enthusiasm of the moment in exciting surroundings. But, when similar comment lacked nothing. Quite a lot of people attended this Ball on August 20, and from young and old, from seasoned party-goer to "first outing" youngster, we have heard expressions of nothing but pleasure, derived from a very happy night, with

Snapped at supper time at the Melbourne Annual Ball: Mr. A. J. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. H. E. Bridges, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. L. E. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mrs. McKinnon (daughter of Sir Edwin and Lady Nixon), and Mr. Alan Bilson, of Colac.

heard, from many lips, and for many days after the event, it is fairly safe to assume that the function "had something."

It is on such a note that we report the Foy Ball of 1952. It "had something" all right. Actually it would be more accurate to say, that it praise for those who planned it. And 930 people surely couldn't be wrong!

Yes, nearly 1000 people attended the Ball, and, believe us, when this multitude swayed and swung to the rhythm of the "Mexican Hat" dance, the stout floor of the St. Kilda Town Hall bounced
with them! The Ball got away to a good start and the pace and merriment were maintained right to the end. It's a sure sign that all is well if the floor is still crowded when the last dance begins.

You'd expect a merchandise man to be interested in samples. Mr. Alan Durham, Merchandise Controller, makes sure of his lobster. Also to be seen, left to right, Cyril Baxter, Mrs. Durham and J. Glen Doig.

The Chairman of Directors, Sir Edwin Nixon, in his capacity as President of the Club, was an obviously proud host. With Lady Nixon, he watched the happy throng with a benevolent eye, and had a word of welcome for all with whom he could make contact. Vice-Presidents, Messrs. L. R. Hill and L. E. Williams were there with their wives, all in happy vein. Other Directors present were Mr. J. S. Wilson (Deputy Chairman), Mr. G. M. Niall with Mrs. Niall, Mr. Peter

Howson, Mr. A. J. Thomas (Stores) with Mrs. Thomas, and Associate Director, Mr. L. J. Rooke, and his wife. The Mills' Board was strongly represented, for, in addition to Mr. Hill, it was good to see Mr. H. E. Bridges, Mr. R. D. Croll and Mr.

Chatting at the Annual Ball, Mr. L. A. Hitches, Manager, Colac; Mrs. Alan Bilson, Mr. Alan Bilson, a Director of Bilson's, Colac, with Mrs. Hitches. Country gossip?

W. S. Ferguson, and their wives, all enjoying the proceedings with evident gusto. Welcome guests indeed were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bilson, from Colac. A director of the Colac Company, Mr. Bilson had a great opportunity to mingle "off the chain" with Melbourne personnel, and to meet many of them for the first time.

This table at the Foy Ball had an Interstate flavour. Left to right, Mrs. "Bill" Dux, Miss Lois Green, Noel Dux, Reg Pestell, Miss Joan Dux, Ralph Vassey, "Bill" Dux, and visiting W.A. Household Hardware Buyer Dave Sexton.

At the 1952 Foy Ball. L. to R.: Frank Allanson, Joan Anderson (now en route to Scotland), Carmel Wright (Sportswear, City), Mrs. Ina McLeod (recently resigned from Sportswear, City, to accompany sister, Joan Anderson, overseas), Pat Poole (Teen and Twenty, City), Brian Bridges (Fashion Floor, City), and Mrs. Allanson (Teen and Twenty).

Joined frequently by Mr. L. A. Hitches (Manager, Colac) and his wife, this "country party" was a merry foursome
The Glove Department, City Store, "let's go" at Annual Ball. L. to R.: Mrs. D. Murray, Miss Chris Firminger, Mrs. Irene Hayward, Miss Margaret Riggs (what a trouper!), Miss Lillian Yule and Miss Wilma Carden.

Had we the space to spare, we could write with rapture of the colourful picture made by the hundreds of lovely women and the beautiful frocks they wore. The movement of the dancers around the hall was like the rippling flow of a wide river, whose surface sparkled with gleaming silk and foaming net, soft shoulders, jewels and pearls.

To particularise in matters of dress, we would not dare. But sure in the knowledge that, for once every woman will agree with us, do we express the pleasure we knew in gazing at one person at the Ball. It was Miss Margaret Riggs, still have the liveliest interest in the staff social activities. We hope that with this night, Miss Riggs added once more to her vast treasure-house of happy memories.

At a function where the tempo is fast throughout, it is not easy to single out any happening as being more exciting than others. Yet we sup-
pose there was pretty general agreement that the **funniest** thing at this Ball was the "Dying Swan" ballet. This was performed, more or less in dead earnest, by a corps de ballet, led by Laurie Davies. The ruddy great Swans (in bloomers, bras

Joking aside, however, the boys gave a great performance and must have worked very hard beforehand at rehearsal. It was a grand show. Yet another contribution to the enjoyment of the night came from "home-grown" vocalist, Alan Don. At other times, Alan can be heard hitting top C's in the Worsted Mill at Eagley. Thanks, Alan Don.

Where there's a Ball, there must be a band, and where there's rhythm there's usually refreshment. At the Foy Ball, both the music and the catering drew much favourable comment. George Watson and his orchestra gave the dancers exactly what they loved, with each number. There's no doubt that, given a good pulsing beat with sweet melody, even the indifferent dancer is made to feel that he's a budding Fred Astaire. As to the supper, if there is anyone who didn't feel completely happy after those lashings of lobster, well... they'd better see a doctor!

All of which suggests that the 1952 Ball was an efficiently run, highly successful affair. It was, make no mistake about that! For not only did the Committee find the way to give these hundreds of people a very memorable night — they also made a handsome profit. Those who attended (and the rest of us) should feel very proud that the proceeds of the Ball were £580, which, as advertised, will be distributed among a number of charitable and other community-serving institutions.

Gladly do we give space here to the Committee, which offers sincere thanks to the ticket secretaries who did a marvellous job, and to those good-hearted and nimble-fingered women and girls among the staff, who made the leis. Without the help of these two groups, the Ball wouldn't have been the success it was.

And now, in turn, we must render thanks to the Committee. There is an unbelievable lot of detail involved in the work preparatory to the Ball

and what have you, held in position by faith, hope and charity, apparently) had been specially selected from the Prahran aviary, where they answer to such names as Bob Thomson, Bruce

Assorted swans flop in farewell at 1952 Foy Ball.

Waiting for their lobster at the 1952 Ball are, left to right, Mrs. R. D. Croll, Mr. A. Trompf, Mr. H. Harris, Mrs. Trompf, Mr. L. A. Hitches, Mrs. Hitches, Mr. A. J. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. L. R. Hill, Mr. H. E. Bridges, Mr. Hill, Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. R. D. Croll.


It's just as well there is no open season for swans, for an absolute beginner couldn't have missed the "targets" which came into view when these perishing birds expired on the floor. "Sitting" shots, indeed!
and a heavy responsibility in “seeing it through” until the lights go out after “Old Lang Syne.” This “staff work” was magnificent. Shouldering it all, as a team, as they do, members of the Committee seek no individual glory. Singling out none by name, therefore, we say to these fine people, “Dear Committee, you gave us all a grand time. We are grateful and proud of you.”

But one personal tribute should be paid. To Mr. Frank Hunting, who accepted the Secretaryship of the Gibsonia Social Club last year, came the job of running his first Foy Ball, and upon him rested much of the responsibility for “holding the reins.” So, it’s “Well done, Frank Hunting!”

The peaceful end of a perfect night. Nearing 2 a.m., the photographer got this shot with his last bulb. The sitter was genuinely asleep. Glassware in foreground has no significance.

Ready for supper at the Annual Ball are, left to right, Mrs. C. G. Baxter, Mr. Baxter, Mrs. J. G. Doig, Mr. Doig, Mr. J. S. Sharp, Mr. G. M. Niall, Mrs. D. Crump, Mr. L. J. Rooke, Mrs. Rooke, Mr. Alan Durham and Mrs. Durham. At rear, right, Mr. D. Crump.

Retail Movements

The following appointments have been made, among Melbourne Stores:—

City—

Miss O. Watt, to Sectional Controller, Hosiery, Handbags, Jewellery, Handkerchiefs, Gloves and Perfumery.
Mr. J. Trevillian, to Sectional Controller, Needlework, Haberdashery, Wools, Laces and Ribbons, Neckwear and Stationery.
Mr. A. Griffiths, to Group Controller, Men’s and Boys’ Mercery Departments and Men’s Shoes.
Mr. N. Payne, to Group Controller, Men’s and Boys’ Clothing Departments.
Mr. N. Stephenson, to Fashion Controller.
Mr. F. Ogle, to Sectional Controller, Woolens, Silks, Cottons, Patterns, Corsets, Ladies’ and Children’s Shoes and Underclothing Departments.
Mr. A. B. Ruffin, to Sectional Controller, Maids’ and College Wear, Infants’, Baby Furniture, Dressing Gowns, and Overall Departments.
Mr. B. Perkins, to Manager of the new Plastics Section, ground floor.
Mr. C. Hobbs, to Manager, Men’s Sportswear Departments.
Mr. L. Hardiman, to Manager, Wool Department.

Prahran—

Mr. L. Tully, to Controller, Fashion Floor.
Mr. J. Sauer, to Manager, Fabric Departments.
Mr. C. Marsden, to Manager, Furnishing Department.

Mr. Neil Neville, formerly Fashion Controller, City Store, to Group Controller, Fashion Departments, all Stores.

To one and all, congratulations and good wishes for full success in these new fields of work.
"A Whiff of Spring"

Thus ran the bold headline across four columns of the Melbourne "Argus" of Saturday, August 15. The previous night, the fashion writers of the metropolitan press had attended a special pre-view of Foy's Spring Fashion Parades. The resultant publicity was without prompting from us. The acclaim of these experts was as spontaneous as the response of the thousands of women who attended the Spring Shows during the next three weeks, when parades in the City Store were followed by identical presentations in Fitzroy and Prahran.

Did we need a second emphasis upon the "key-note" of the parades, it was provided by the Melbourne "Age," which headed its commentary: "FASHION ON A BUDGET."

Possibly three impressions stand out among all others in the minds of those who witnessed the parades. The first is that with colour, styling, and the introduction of many new materials and designs, we had brought to Melbourne a long-awaited "tonic," which helped the people to forget one of the longest and most trying winters in memory, and gave promise of the joie de vivre of spring.

The second impression is that notwithstanding the personal delight which a woman may derive from the wearing of an imported gown, suit or coat which bears the name of a famous overseas designer, the fact is now undoubtedly established that the creations of local fashion houses can hold their own in any company. Not only do Australian-made clothes offer their wearer a distinction in matter of cut and style, but a very high standard of actual workmanship, and what is of equal importance, they are much less expensive than the imported article.

Finally, the outstanding impression, even of the three listed here, is that the fashion-conscious woman, teenager or matron, need look nowhere further than Foy's for every item in her wardrobe. We say this not with the purpose of "pushing business." It is our simple and sincere advice to anyone — and that means most of us — who wishes to achieve a personal and distinctive smartness for an outlay which has to be so considered down to the final shilling.

Bear this well in mind when planning your spring and summer outfits. From simple shorts for beach frolics to the glamour frock for the ball or the utter sweetness of a wedding gown, your money will go further and your pleasure be greater, if you seek it at Foy's.

A truly delightful decor was a highlight of the settings for this year's displays. Against a backdrop of a vague "landscape" in soft greens, hung canopies featuring masses of pink blossom. The wide stage was flanked by pergolas, each sup-

An "Elite" suit by Scamp in nylon batiste is given added beauty by Loris Jansen.

Pat Bird displays a Belita copy of a London model coat in lavender faille with portrait collar.
ported by cream columns on a base of pervenche blue. No picture could have carried more vividly the message that spring was in the air.

It was against this delightful background that the mannequins paraded. Joan Bileaux, Pat Bird, Mrs. Everett, Ronny Goodlet, Bettye Jackson, Loris Jansen, and Greta Miers were the models at this showing, together with our very own decorative recruit from Collingwood Office, Stanislava ("Stace") Garbenyte. Stace, whom readers will recall, was amongst the finalists in the recent Jantzen’s “Winged Accent” in nylon taffeta is modelled by Stace Garbenyte.

“Models Search” organised by the Institute of Victorian Photographers, made her debut, as a mannequin, at these parades.

As varied as the styes shown, were the materials used. Among the frocks, Swiss everglaze, poul, faille, shantung and poplin caught the public eye, whilst the greatest fabric attraction among the coats was, possibly, poodle cloth, with its novel variation in puppy poodle. Colours were a riot, pastels vying with patterns and checks for favourite placing. Chinese green won many admirers and there was much enthusiasm for “matching” combinations, especially for the rather unusual blending of red and pink. The coatdress, with its inset panel of contrasting material, gives good opportunities for such two-colour schemes.

The younger set could have asked for nothing brighter than the swimsuits, play suits and sun frocks. There’ll be never a dull moment on the beaches this summer — for either sex!

Hats, too, were an artist’s dream as to design, although two definable trends were the head-hugging “helmet” and the broad-brimmed straw. Once again the intriguing veil added allure to nature’s beauty, as eyes sparkled through filmy cobwebs.

Beyond these bare outlines, we make no attempt to describe here the many models displayed. All told there were 97 items on view. Yet, notwithstanding the wide range of garments of all kinds, the splendid materials and undeniable styling, it was truly remarkable that the least inexpensive item in the parade was a gabardine suit at £22/9/6. For answers to all further questions we earnestly suggest a visit to our showrooms, where these good clothes may now be inspected at leisure.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the parades was the size of the audience at each display. Seating accommodation was completely overtaxed and hundreds stood willingly and cheerfully at every showing. Attendances each day were around the 1000 mark, with one record audience of nearly 2000.

Allengar designed Bettye Jackson’s coat in yellow and black poodle cloth.

And so we launched fashionable Melbourne into the spring of 1952. The parades were a great success, and full marks go, as always, to the City Store fashion team of Miss Cole, Miss Headland, Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Oakley, Miss Roach, Miss Olds, Miss Aldridge and Mr. Ken Shergold. We pay tribute to the mannequins who added beauty to things already beautiful, and acknowledge.
gratefully, the magnificent co-operation of the Australian fashion houses who created the garments shown. As always, Miss Lucy Clayton was an admirable compere. We do not forget the bustling work of the Maintenance, Display and

Greta Miers won applause in this Gibson Girl outfit of pink pouf with white pin stripe.

Advertising Departments in launching the parades, whilst individual bouquets go to Kath Russell and Bruce Foskett for their “behind-the-scenes” work at every presentation.

This spring show must have warmed the hearts of Messrs. Neil Neville and Norm Stephenson — as they well deserved to be.

OUT OF COURT!

Need any legal advice? Ask anyone in the Men’s Clothing, City Store. So help us, your Honour, we overheard the following exchanges there, the other day—:

Distinguished looking customer: “Have you a black barathea coat for the Bar?”

Salesman: “Barathea, sir? An alpaca coat is the usual thing.”


Salesman: “Oh, yes, sir. We recently fixed up the barmen at the “——” Hotel (naming the local inn), and they’re all wearing black alpaca coats. Look very nice, too!”

D.L.C. (with a broad smile): “I’m sure they do. But my work is a little different. The coat I need is for wear in the Courts. You see, I’m a barrister.”

Colac Chronicle
Compiled by Les. Aiyeo.

WE FAREWELL TWO LONG-SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

During July two popular employees ended long associations with Bilson’s Pty. Ltd., when Mr. R. K. (Dick) Sefton retired to his farm, after having been a driver, in turn, of horses, trucks and vans for 30 years, and Mr. W. H. (Harry) Jellie stays with the Atlantic Union Oil Co.’s Colac Depot (formerly administered by Bilson’s Pty. Ltd.), after 19 years’ service.

Another old-timer in Mr. Jack Libbis (31 years), in making a presentation of a standard lamp to Dick, referred to his popularity and great qualities of friendliness and also remarked on the changes in transport which have taken place over the years. When Mr. Sefton started with the firm his job was frequently a “before daylight until after dark” one. On some trips into the outer country districts, horses had to be harnessed for a start before daylight, often not to return until well into the night. It is interesting to note, too, how trips taking up to three days were made regularly into the Otways, these being the only means of supply to the pioneers of that area.

But that is now changed. Now, daily trips are made right throughout the Otway Forest. Mr. Alan Bilson also thanked Mr. Sefton for his conscientious service, and said that the important responsibilities which drivers have in carrying out the firm’s services to the community, had been faithfully fulfilled by Dick, who had been a great “ambassador” and had been extremely well liked by all those with whom he had come in contact.

One of the consequences of the recent acquisition of Bilson’s Pty. Ltd. by Foy & Gibson’s, was the necessary re-organisation in the control of the Atlantic Union Oil Co. Depot, which had been administered since 1935 by Bilson’s Pty. Ltd. The depot was not part of the acquisition, and so a very popular figure, in Mr. Harry Jellie, severed his connections with the firm. Commencing with Bilson’s Pty. Ltd. in 1934 as a storeman, he filled important positions, such as Oil Depot Manager, and in the sales and maintenance of electrical appliances. Here his specialist training in Bendix washing machines and Kelvinator refrigerators enabled him to give much valuable service. Harry is a very popular man with both customers and fellow employees, and it is a big consolation to know that he will be remaining in Colac, where, no doubt, his past experience will be greatly drawn on from time to time. With the armchairs presented to Mr. Jellie went the very best wishes of all his friends at Bilson’s.

COLAC CHRONICLE

OF FIGURES, FEARS AND FOOD.

For the second year Bilson’s Pty. Ltd. closed for a half-day at the end of stocktaking. This has proved to be very useful in the finalising of figures, etc., and, of course, can be done in a country place much more easily than in the cities. For stocktaking this year we had the benefit of the knowledge and experience of Melbourne controllers, Messrs. A. Lindsay, N. Payne, A. Griffiths and N. Neville, all of whom managed to strike a certain amount of terror into the hearts of harassed department managers. However.

(Continued on page 18.)
This very interesting picture is of the staff of Bilson's Ph.

Front Row.—Left to right: Messrs. J. Madge (Boot Repairing), L. McKnight (Men's Wear), G. Pierce (Hardware), L. Norman (Footwear Factory), T. Craig (Grocery), M. Clearihan (Grocery), R. Simmons (China), W. Giles (Manchester), G. Nash (Footwear). 2nd Row.—Left to right: H. L. Miles (Manager Drapery), Miss J. Bethune (Office), Mr. W. J. U. Paine (Manager Footwear), Miss M. Bethune (Office), Miss D. Craik (Manageress Haberdashery), Messrs. F. Gavens (Manager Hardware), F. Duncombe (Manager Men's Wear), W. O'Donnell (Furniture), L. G. Atyeo (Merchandising Manager). 3rd Row.—Left to right: Mr. J. Gaylard (Boot Repairing), Miss D. Trewella (Furniture), Mrs. E. Phillips (Furnishings), Mrs. I. Tate (Haberdashery), Misses C. Friece (Office), I. Brown (Office), P. Park (Showroom), Mrs. D. Russell (Confectionery), Misses R. Forder (Office), M. Nicholson (Office), M. Forrest (Office), Mr. B. Gavan (Boot Room), Mrs. E. Kirk (Showroom), Misses D. Wilson (Office), M. Pell (Office), M. Callahan (Display), D. Neale (Office), Mrs. E. Buchanan (Office), Misses G. Huckle (Confectionery), I. Finnegan (Office), M. Skinner (Workroom), Mrs. J. Coghill (Hardware), Mrs. Mitchell (Confectionery), Misses G. Huckle (Confectionery), I. Finnegan (Office), M. Skinner (Workroom), Mrs. J. Coghill (Hardware), Mrs. Mitchell (Confectionery), Misses G. Huckle (Confectionery). 6th Row.—Left to right: Messrs. M. Cuihells (Furniture Factory), E. Perrett (Furniture Factory), J. Brown (Grocery), E. Richards (Furniture), G. Richards (Hardware), D. Walker (Furniture Factory), W. Connor (Grocery), J. Carroll (Driver), F. Fay (Producer), W. Belsar (Driver). 8th Row.—Left to right: Misses. W. McKnight (Furniture Factory), W. Webber (Furniture Factory), E. Dowell (Grocery), I. Fedderson (Men's Wear), E. Kirk (Men's Wear), E. Hall (Men's Wear), M. Quinn (Grocery), E. Chin (Grocery), A. Gladman (Grocery), F. Slater (Grocery). Back Row.—Left to right: Messrs. W. McKnight (Furniture Factory), W. Webber (Furniture Factory).
Colleagues in Colac...

Pty. Ltd., Colac, at the time of our “taking over.”

1st Row.—Left to right: Messrs. J. A. Libbis (Grocery), C. W. Burnett (Accounts Officer), W. Couch (Manager Grocery), W. Veale (Furniture Manageress), Mr. A. O. Bilson (Managing Director), Mr. F. O. Bilson (Director), Mrs. I. Marks (Showroom Manageress), Mr. A. O. Bilson (Furniture Factory), Mrs. I. Marks (Manager Furnishings), C. Baker (Furniture), H. G. French (Manager Alvie Store), W. Hichison (Display), J. Healy (Manager Wear), Mrs. M. Binns (Boys’ Wear), Messrs. T. Hamilton (Showroom), E. Embrey (Showroom), W. McLeod (Work Room), I. Parkhill (Office), M. Garner (Office), B. Skinner (Haberdashery), V. Mousley (Draperies). Mrs. G. Harlock (China), Mrs. D. Fry (Work Room), 4th Row.—Left to right: Misses N. Loughrey (Office), H. Hall (Furnishings), Mrs. Hughes (Footwear), Miss I. Kerger (Showroom), Misses N. Loughrey (Office), N. Russell (Grocery Office), V. Hay (Delicatessen), P. Wright (Haberdashery), E. Arthur (Office), D. Reeves (Office), 5th Row.—Left to right: Messrs. J. Brooks (Furniture Factory), L. Francis (Men’s Wear), S. Usher (Grocery), R. James (Grocery), J. McLeod (Boot Repairing), S. Bethune (Footwear), L. Guigley (Delicatessen), G. Stevens (Grocery), J. McBain (Hardware), R. Sefton (Driver), G. Gunner (Furniture Factory), D. Ballagh (Furniture Factory), J. Gordon (Furniture Factory), M. Hammond (Furniture Factory), J. Klein, B. Usher and G. Mason (all Grocery).
Winners of recent Teen and Twenty Model Quest in Perch. Margaret Thomas (19-21 year group), below (L) Helen Ajduk (15-17 year group), and (r.) Rae Campbell (17-19 year group).

Western Whispers  
From Moira Burke.

PERTH STORE PROMOTES TEEN AND TWENTY MODEL QUEST.

By Max Eaton, Advertising Manager.

We have never seen so many teenagers in all our lives as we saw in our Teen-and-Twenty Shop for five weeks in late May and the first half of June. The attraction was a Quest to find the leading three prospective teen-age models in Perth.

You should have seen the stream of applicants — 1000 entry forms went off in a week! Some of them would have made you smile, too; a lass would sidle into the section and wander desultorily among the stock for a while to summon up the necessary brashness to ask for a form. All shapes and sizes applied, and older (male) hands were noticed shaking their heads sadly and remarking that the teeners were "never like in my young day — used to wear pigtails and black stockings then."

Any girl between 15 and 21 could enter, and the Contest was divided into three age groups—15-17, 17-19 and 19-21 years old. Any with professional experience were excluded, to afford every girl an equal chance. The winners were to be given a course of training at a Mannequin Academy, value £15/15/-, and an opening engagement in Foy's Spring Fashion Show. As an additional attraction, during the period of the competition, Teenage Fashion Parades were held in the Teen-and-Twenty shop so that intending competitors could see leading professional teen mannequins in action.

These parades proved very popular, and, incidentally, we discovered that our Moira Burke had talent we'd never dreamed about. She proved to be an ideal commentator, so much so that we have "signed her up" to do our big Fashion Parade in August.

What a job these judges had! Four-hundred ambitious young females all hoping like mad to set out on a public-paralysing, mannequin career — and 400 doting mothers waiting to mentally boil the judges in oil if their darlings didn't win. Eventually the field was narrowed down to some 40 finalists, and on Saturday morning, June 21, these paraded for final selection, in the Teen-and-Twenty Shop.

The department was crowded. One table in the adjoining millinery section collapsed in mortification under its unwonted human burden. Two executives were laying odds about the winners and place-getters, and everyone was as excited as a mother at her first christening. Myself, I would have given every girl a prize — but not out of the Advertising Appropriations, of course! The winners were announced, and presented with their prizes by our General Manager, Mr. R. L. Manser, and a very successful promotion was brought to its conclusion.

Here's looking forward to even bigger and better Teen-and-Twenty Model Quests in the future.

PROMOTABLES TRAINING COURSE.

A further step in augmenting the policy of "Promotion from Within" was achieved in the Perth Store on May 27, with the inauguration of a Promotables Training Course. The object of this particular training programme is to provide the Management with a nucleus of trained men and women from among whom promotions can be made to the position of Second-in-Charge of a Department.

The sales assistants attending this course have been drawn on the final recommendations of their Group Controllers from many Departments in the Store. They have been selected on their past records as those young people with the ability
and aptitude most suitable for promotion in the future. Attendance at the course does not automatically mean promotion. This, in itself, depends on three things — a suitable vacancy, the sales assistant's showing on the course, and his performance on the job in the future.

Twenty-eight sales assistants attend. The syllabus covers such matters as Ordering the Goods, Shipping Procedure, Pricing Methods, Stockkeeping and Taking, Sales Promotion, Duties of a 2 i/c, etc. The lecturers are Store Executives, who pass on to others the benefit of their knowledge and experience. Sales assistants are assured of obtaining first-hand correct information and a wider appreciation of their duties, obtainable otherwise only through long years of experience, and in many cases, luck.

To those employees who may feel they have been overlooked in the selection for the course, and to those who have recently joined the Company, we would like to say that, although this is the First Promotables Training Course, it is by no means the only one. Training for promotion is to become an integral part of personnel policy of the future. The General Managers of tomorrow can rest assured that they are in good hands!

**LUNCH HOUR FILM PROGRAMMES.**

During the wet winter months, lunch hour film programmes are held each Wednesday between 11.45 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. in the Staff Training Lecture Room. The purpose of these screenings is to provide recreational relaxation and a dry haven for those who would rather not brave the bleak winter weather during the lunch break. Actually, all staff are welcome to attend.

The programme is changed each week, and, as far as possible, films to cater for all tastes are selected for screening. Travelogues sports, cartoons, miniature musicales, health and hygiene, occupational and general interest films have been included in past programmes. "Choo Choo Swing," featuring Count Basie and the Delta Rhythm Boys; an excellent coaching film "Learn to Swim"; a comparison of American Football and English Rugby, in "Some Like It Rough"; Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, in "No Indians, Please," are just examples of some of the variety and entertainment that can be expected.

For those who enjoyed the technicolour film, "Bali," further technicolour reels in the same series, depicting Japan, Thailand and Malaya, will be shown during August and September. Future programmes also include "The Atom and You," a dynamic film stressing the destructive forces of atomic bombs and the resulting agony of the gamma rays and death, as opposed to the limitless possibilities of energy from atoms for peace and life; "Productivity," portraying the better economic basis of the country since the 1850's and the manner in which machinery has aided this rise for better living. These are just a few selected at random from future screenings. The complete programme is listed each week on the notice boards.

While these programmes are attracting large numbers of staff, there is still room for more in the Lecture Room. So, the next time it's pouring rain and dogs on a Wednesday and you feel that Nature hasn't equipped you as well as she has the duck, pop into the Staff Training Lecture Room during your lunch hour. The films are ordered weeks beforehand, so even if the sun is shining the Show must go on. Whatever the weather, if the films have been advertised, they will be screened. This is being done for your enjoyment, so come along and sample it.

**VITAL STATISTICS FROM BONNIE DISBREY.**

**ENGAGEMENTS.**

Best wishes to the following on their engagements:

- Miss G. Guess (Millinery), in July.
- Miss E. Williamson (Millinery), in July.
- Miss P. Littler (Coats), in July.
- Miss M. Wymond (Stationery), in July.
- Miss M. Wallis (Grocery), in July.

**MARRIAGES.**

Good luck to the following, who have recently taken up matrimonial duties:

- Miss L. Brown (Staff Training Office), June 21.
- Miss J. Finniss (Baby Linen), July 10.
- Miss T. Hackett (Provisions), July 12.
- Miss B. Wilson (Shipping) to Mr. A. Tucker (Provisions), July 5.

**21st BIRTHDAYS.**

Congratulations to the following on receiving the key to majority:

- Miss M. Hamilton (Jewellery), June 20.
- Mr. Colin Smith (Display), July 22.

Helen Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McKay, Perth. Mr. McKay is Secretary of the W.A. Company.
BIRTHS.
Our congratulations to Mr. L. Fletcher (Mercer), who has been presented with a bouncing baby son.

OBITUARY.
It is with deepest regret that we record the death of Mr. G. Fry, of the Manchester Department, on July 15.
Mr. Fry had been with the store for 42 years, and his passing has been felt keenly by his many friends, both old and new, in the Store. To his next-of-kin we extend our sympathy for their sad loss.

BEREAVEMENTS.
Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. C. Hadley (Cafeteria), Mrs. L. Poxon (Cafeteria), Mrs. C. Smith (Hosiery), Mrs. V. Strother (Coats) and Mrs. D. Gordon (Pharmacy), who have recently had sad losses in their families.

"SHOW BUSINESS."
By Jack Hayward.
Now that the cooler weather is with us again, we have been able to get together for play readings every alternate week. After wading through many scripts, three one-act plays have been selected for presentation in September under the auspices of the Social Club. This should make an enjoyable evening for staff and their friends.
The first play is entitled "Evening Dress Indispensable," and is a delightful mixture of unexpected humorous situations. This, incidentally, introduces Edith Hume in a new role — that of actress-producer. Ably supporting her are Betty Mather, Dick Rouse and Les Riley.
The second play, "Yes, Mother," a frothy mother-in-law mix-up, gives plenty of scope for light comedy, and calls for perfect miming. Handled capably by Billie Mitchell, Marjorie Summers and Doris Harrison, aided and abetted by myself, it promises hilarious entertainment.
Lastly, we have a completely different production in "Ali, the Cobbler." As its name suggests, it is an Eastern play, and relies on boisterous comedy for its appeal. Brian Charles, as the henpecked Ali, and Bonnie Disbrey as his shrewish (and very masterful!) wife, should prove a popular comedy team. John Curran and Ray Applin do justice to the other two roles, which are cameos of absurd characterisation.
When Vic Sale asked me to train a male ballet for Foy's Annual Ball, I decided on a burlesque of the "Swan Lake" ballet. The boys entered into it so wholeheartedly that their success was instantaneous. So much so, that they have been asked to appear at several other Balls, and have become one of the foremost floor show teams of the season.
They'll have to look to their laurels, however, as we now have an enthusiastic group of attractive lasses practising really hard for the dancing scenes in our forthcoming Christmas Revue. As they will have to feature all types of dancing, their exercises are fairly strenuous — but the girls are really keen, and are getting lots of fun out of it. Reg Whiteman is assistant trainer, and his experience as a dancer is proving a valuable asset.
The next step will be to combine the boys and girls. Together, they should give a good account of themselves in the Revue. But besides the dancing teams, the Revue menu will also include comedy sketches presented by the Comedy Players, with strong support from vocalists, musicians and song and dance hits.
Readers can be assured of an up-to-the-minute musical Revue providing something for everyone.
PERSONAL PATTERN FROM PERTH.
By Jack Hayward.

BRIAN CHARLES certainly "let himself go" in his solo dance at the Post Office Ball. It's not so bad once the bruises come out, pal! KEVIN MAHER evidently got a bit tired of being "Just another ballet girl." His little solo effect was quite popular! Congratulations to EDITH HUME on her performance in "Bonaventure."

Another member of our staff who starred successfully in this production was BILL AUSTIN, from Ladies' Shoes. Quite a versatile actor — and very capable.

One girl and ten men — that's how it is in our Mercery Section, but MAVIS doesn't seem to mind. Who's the favourite? D'ye ken what I mean?

Science may claim that it's harder to hit a moving object, but it's better to stay in one place if you want to catch a bus. Ask Miss Burke if you don't believe it. (Wonder if this will get past the censorship?)

COLIN SMITH (Display Department) recently attained his majority. Believe there were fun and games at morning tea? The money will come in useful, anyway!

Asked LESLIE CHATER if envelopes were dearer now, but she said, "No, they are stationary." Clever girl!

They say the boys are running a book on how many stairs DAPHNE takes in one stride. They probably exaggerate the number, but they are becoming real "Stair gazers!"

MAILED FROM MANJIMPUP.
By J. G. Barker.

At long last, a few words from the Manjimup Store.

Manjimup! Where is it? Firstly, the name Manjimup is derived from the Aboriginal language, and means the "Meeting of the Rivers."

It is situated 197 miles south-west from Perth. The town itself is quite progressive, having its own water reticulation scheme, a modern Junior High School, High Class Convent School, Major Hospital, Infant Health Centre, St. John's Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Butter and Cheese Factory, and two local newspapers published weekly. In fact, all the conveniences that make a modern township.

Manjimup has a host of scenic attractions. Well known among them is Fonty's Pool; this excellent swimming pool is also the centre of "The Australian Log Chop Championships." Some of the finest trees in the world can be seen in the district, such as the giant Karri, Jarrah and Tingle Trees.

The Manjimup Road Board District takes in an area of 9000 square miles of rich productive land, with an average rainfall of between 40 and 60 inches. The district is intersected by permanent rivers, the Warren, Donnelley, Shannon, Tone, Deep, Franklin, Wilgarup and tributaries.

Local industries include:

APPLES: Nearly a quarter-million cases produced annually, and the area rapidly expanding.
DairyING: Up to 50 tons of butter a week, and 1-million lbs. of cheese is manufactured annually.
TOBACCO: The majority of tobacco grown in W.A. is produced in the Manjimup District. The current tobacco crop yielded an amount of leaf approximating 1½ million lbs.

POTATOES: The finest keeping potatoes in the West are grown here, up to 15 tons to the acre and two crops annually.

TIMBER: Hardwood timber from the district is exported to all parts of the world. The industry employs some thousands of men at nine major

Gathering clover at Fontys, Manjimup, W.A.
mills, including the most modern mills in the Southern Hemisphere.

Well, that's enough about the district. Now let us briefly introduce our staff.

There are 34 of us, with Mr. Low as Manager. Mr. Low has been managing country businesses for over 40 years, and we would venture to say that there are not many men in Western Australia who have a greater knowledge of country store conditions. Mr. Low accepted his first management at Ora Banda on the Goldfields in 1911. Oh! And the tales he tells!

Introducing our Departmental Managers, we have Mr. G. Major, of the Grocery Department, who has been associated with this trade in the district for many years. Mr. John Morris is our Men's Clothing Manager. He has been with us for just over a year. John hails from Kalgoorlie.

Mrs. Roberts, our social livewire, is in charge of the Ladies' Wear Sections. Mrs. Roberts will be our "Service" correspondent for future issues.

The Manjimup store was the last to join Foy's Country Group. In general we are quite a busy little store, and are hopeful of major alterations in the near future. Before the coming of Foy's into the district, the present store was an old-established firm, under the name of the Manjimup Trading Company. Today, in fact, this still remains associated with Foy's and handles all the agency lines. We also handle all the potatoes grown, amounting to well over 3500 tons annually, giving our accountants, Messrs. Keegan and Brown, quite a headache at times.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how much we enjoy "Service," and are looking forward to future issues.

[Come on in Manjimup! Our thanks to J. G. Barker — and a welcome to Mrs. Roberts.—Ed. "S."]

Our language is called the mother tongue because father seldom gets a chance to use it.

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It often happens that girls with the least principle draw the most interest.

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NARROGIN NEWS.

By Jack Valli.

Main item of interest from this store since the last issue was Foy's Staff Club Ball. This is a well-known annual event here, dating back from the days of Manning's (the trading name of our store for almost 40 years). Each year the profits are distributed to a different worthy cause, this year the staff selection being the Spastic Welfare Association of W.A. We are happy to report that a cheque for £76/11/2 was presented to the Association.

Among the estimated 380 who attended were Foy's (W.A.) Ltd. General Manager, Mr. R. L. Manser, with Mrs. Manser, representatives from Katanning and Albany stores, and Miss Beatrice O'Malley, visiting Cyclax expert, who is probably known to many of our friends in other States. Manchester Manager, Mr. Rede Moulton, made a very capable M.C., and the humorous Fashion Parade evoked much laughter.

Special mention must be given to the excellent supper prepared by the fairer sex. The delicacies were supplemented by an order from Perth store catering section, and we were in the happy position of being able to satisfy the most demanding appetites — and finish up with a surplus! It was a most enjoyable night, and now we look to 1953 for a repetition.

There has been another visit to the jewellers since I last wrote and with the "sparkler" on his girl's finger, another male is due to go west, in more ways than one. Congratulations, Laurie West and Alan Kenward.

Popular office stalwart, Betty ("Johnno") Johnson has said farewell, and is preparing for her wedding to Murray James in the near future.

A welcome to Holly Parnell, Esther (that's correct!) Williams, Joan Williams and Lionel Nicholls, who have joined the staff recently.

The past few weeks in the store have seen quite a few things accomplished. Apart from the Ball, our Furniture Department has been transferred to new premises on the opposite side of
the street, and the Manchester and Domestic Departments consequently extended.

And as I write, the Katanning Kodgers have challenged Narrogin No’opers to a social football match. You’ll get all the gruesome details next issue.

ALBANY ALBUM.
Kept by L. J. Lively.

On June 25, another of our regular Socials was held at St. Joseph’s Hall, Albany, and a most successful evening was enjoyed by staff members and their friends. Miss Cunningham (Cashier) and Miss Abernethy (Hosiery) obliged with delightful vocal items. Other highlights included many humorous novelty dances and a “Catch Item” by Mr. Bruce Marshall, who appeared with his piano accordion in the attire of a most unshapely young lady liberally toned with make-up, and featuring the songs “My Two Front Teeth,” “Prisoner’s Song” and “Daisy Bell.” Mr. Stan Chadim (Pastrycook) made a huge cake to be included among the prizes, and our thanks go to Stan for his keen and eager interest in our Social Evenings.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sutton (Furniture Buyer) on the arrival of a son — Michael John.

August Birthdays: Elsie Dixon, 20th; Harry Godden, 30th; George Nevile, 15th. Many happy returns!

A big store dressed a dummy as Father Christmas. Customers could give him their orders. They had to put sixpence in a slot and the order was then recorded on a tape-recorder. Time available was 1 minute. Only name, address, number of the shop-window and number of the article had to be given. The order was delivered next morning and the sixpence deducted from the account.

It promoted the sales and saved a lot of time.

This huge ornamental—but very edible —cake was made for recent Albany Staff Social by Stan Chadim.

News from Adelaide
By David Fopp.

ANNUAL BALL.

The 1952 Ball lived up to all expectations. It WAS the best ever. Everyone agreed that the new location, Burnside Town Hall, was ideally suited for such occasions. The band was good, the floral decorations a lovely setting for an evening of fun, and the home-made buffet supper — well we’re just too full for words.

Mrs. Green and Miss Daebler were in charge of decorations. There were masses of almond blossom, Lorraine Lee roses, Iceland poppies, balloons and streamers. The stage forefront was smothered in palest pink and white almond blossom, looking more like a grove in Marion than a staid town hall stage.

The supper committee of Lady Buyers tabled one of the best suppers ever seen or tasted — although there were some who preferred to bring their own Coca Cola! The evening was M.C’d by Mr. Crump, and the whole evening went with a bang — including Edie’s pie!

WOMEN’S EYE VIEW.

Pauline Lindsay (Mail Order), our “style spy” for all feminine frillery, writes:

One of the features of the Ball was the lovely frocking. Mrs. Powell wore black tulle with needle-run lace over pastel satin. Mrs. Sherman glamorized her black velvet gown with silver lame yoke and straps. Black was also the choice

Store Manager A. L. Powell, with Mrs. Powell, at recent Adelaide Ball.
of Mrs. Higgins for a flowing gown of tulle. A full, flared skirt graced Miss Auld’s gown of mushroom-pink satin. Mrs. O’Leary highlighted her black taffeta frock with a shimmering gold brocade bolero. Green velvet was the choice of

Among those who helped greatly with supper at recent Adelaide Ball were Miss Margaret Kelly, Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Sue Kelly and Miss Franklin.

Mrs. Sisson. Mary Gilbert was in lavender marquisette over taffeta; Pauline Macdonald in green tie silk. Jenny Evan’s frock of pink lace had a full tulle skirt. A ballerina in black tie silk was chosen by Mrs. Baumonis. Another lovely ballerina was Atheli Asplin’s green tie silk, highlighted with a gold belt.

Among all these beautiful frocks and many, many others, it was impossible to choose the Belle of the Ball. But Mr. Higgins certainly won first place as the Beau! (P.S. We have been assured that none of the furs worn at the ball were borrowed from the Fashion Fur Salon!)

YOU CAN’T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN.

The Table Tennis Club held its Annual Handicap Tournament recently, and it was won by David Hewitt (Grocery) for the third successive time. David’s handicap gets bigger each year, but he still manages to smash his way to victory against all comers.

ON THE BALL.

A snooker competition was held on Wednesday, July 30, at the Westbourne Park Billiard Hall. Even those who didn’t get past the first round, agree that it was one of the best nights they’d ever enjoyed. Garry Meuller (Furniture) and Lloyd Gunter (Carpets) were the finalists, and Garry carried off the first prize, a Silver Beer Mug.

OVER AND ABOVE THE CALL OF DUTY.

One of our efficient salesmen, Sam Sampson (Knitwear), aids many worthy charitable causes with his professional experience. Sammy is one of the best button sellers in Adelaide. Every time there are buttons to sell, he does it well and willingly. So next time you see him coming along with a tin in one hand and a box in the other, dig deep before he even asks, and let him keep that “Could I help you, Modom”? smile for the customers.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS.

The week-end shack of Miss Auld (Maids’ Wear) at West Beach, was broken into recently, and a number of articles stolen. But as yet we haven’t seen her prowling around with deer-stalker and magnifying glass.

Harold Flavel (Soft Furnishings) is a very happy man. On June 25 his wife presented him with a daughter, Rosemary. We hear that if it had been a boy again this time, Harold was going to return him and ask for a refund!
Anticipating Adelaide Ball at earlier sherry party at home of Mr. and Mrs. Kev King at Magill are Ron Norris, Kev King, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. King, Mrs Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Richardson.

Another proud father is Ken Neill (Manufacturing Controller). Daughter Susan, born in July, makes his a pigeon pair.

On Saturday, July 5, there was a wedding of double interest at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood. Cora Simmons (formerly Lay-by) was wed to Ludwig May ( Carpets). Congratulations to this happy couple.

We hear that Nan Slattery (General Office) is carrying her gloves nowadays, for she’s proudly displaying a hunk o’ diamond on her third finger left hand. All the best for the future, Nan!

**The Sphinx Speaks . . .**

News from the Mills this month has an undertone of sadness. A number of well-known people reached the retiring stage round about the same time, and there has been quite a chain of farewell gatherings. Yet thoughts are not wholly sad. From the long association which these employees have had with the Company, spring feelings of mutual pride. All have played their parts in ensuring the progress of Eaglet Mills, and now, with their long and earnest service behind them, they are entitled to a less strenuous way of life.

That is one happy thought. Another is that if we may judge from the expressions of really affectionate regard which were so much in evidence as each of our old friends departed, it can be assumed that, in the various spheres of work, these good people found not only congenial company—but contributed to the general happy atmosphere in which they performed their daily tasks. To have had a happy life at work and to take with you the goodwill of work-mates, are no mean achievements in life.

All told, the nine people who have left recently were with us for an aggregate 315 years. The “shortest” period of service was 21 years, the longest 54 years. This latter remarkable figure leads us to give pride of place in this record to Miss Florence Byrne, of the Knitting Mill. Petite and gentle Florence Byrne joined the Mills staff in 1898. In early days, she was a machinist. Laterly, she worked as a hose mender. Hers is the longest service ever achieved by a Mill employee, and, with only the examples of Miss Margaret Riggs, the late Joseph Donohoe and recently retired Fred Bellamy (all of the retail stores) in front of her, Miss Byrne’s association with the Company holds fourth place in the records of long service. Fellow workers presented her with a nice watch.

Now we turn to someone who, though his length of service is, by comparison, the briefest, was perhaps the widest known of those to whom we have just said goodbye. Mr. H. Drane, Metropolitan Sales Representative of the Knitting Mill, retired on 29th August. Known on all sides as “Horrie,” Mr. Drane was not only a most conscientious representative and “ambassador,” but a man who deserved the love and affection—and we use these words deliberately—which one and all had for him. Well groomed, ever affable, yet always with dignity in his bearing, Horrie Drane was as popular outside our organisation, that is, among “the Trade,” as within the walls of Oxford Street. In younger days he played League football for Melbourne, and he has always been keenly interested in yachting—and we don’t mean as a spectator.

In bidding farewell to Mr. Horrie Drane, who left us after 21 years’ service, we can think of...
no finer tribute than the words of a senior executive of the Mills, who said, at the time of parting, "Horrie Drane never had an enemy."

Another well-known identity who has retired is Watchman Harry Cull. Harry, who left on 12th August, had been with the company since February, 1918. He was 74 years of age. Presenting him with a canteen of cutlery, General Manager L. R. Hill expressed the hope that Harry would live long enough to wear some of it out! Harry Cull, responding in his usual lively vein, gave us his simple maxim for living—"Always be happy." It's a recipe that seems to have served Harry well. May it long do so!

Many a throat felt a little tighter, many an eyelid blinked a little when Miss Helena Louise Olney left on 29th July. Forelady in the Hosiery Mrs. Thomas Burdett, who was married on 4th July. The Weaving Mending Section, Eagley Mills, knew her as Dorothy Ryan. Bridesmaid was Miss Joan Lynch, also of the Mending.

Make-up, Miss Olney had worked in the Mills since August, 1911—41 years of devoted service. Nor was her interest confined of the job in hand. She took the keenest interest in Staff matters and was a keen supporter of this magazine.

Although she had "chalked up" nearly 24 years' service with the Mills, the reputation of Mrs. Ellen Oakes was not, strictly speaking, in textiles. She was a Cleaner. Naturally, everyone knew her and everyone liked her. She, too, was 74 years of age, but as Secretary Eric Mollison added after Mr. Walter Small, Mill Manager, had presented Mrs. Oakes with a chiming clock, "If everyone had the same ideas about work as Mrs. Oakes, Eagley Mills would ever prosper."

Formerly Foreman of No. 1 Fingering, but with the Top Control in recent years, Mr. Alf Andrew retired, on 22nd July, after nearly 40 years' service. From his many friends Alf was presented with a wallet of notes.

Known far and wide throughout the Mills, Miss Ruby Whinton retired on 14th August. Her work in Cash Sales, Hosiery Mill, brought her into contact with all and sundry. She worked with us for more than 43 years. A great record—and a great worker.

Yet another distinguished record is that of Miss Alice Downey, who retired on 5th September. Miss Downey, a Mender in the Hosiery Mill, started work with us in July, 1921. She, too, made, many friends and played her part well.

Last in this list of recent departures, but, inversely, high in the esteem of his mates, was William Moir, of the Hosiery Stockroom, who retired on 7th August. Bill Moir's service dated from June, 1926. A good chap in every way.

To each of these fine people we can add little to the tributes which were paid to them at the time of their going, except to express once again our deep appreciation of their loyalty to the Company. May they enjoy happiness and contentment in the years ahead of them.

Another who resigned in July, but who was far from being an "old-timer," was Mr. Arnold Shacklock. In charge of the Outerwear Knitting, Arnold Shacklock joined the Mills in 1940 after gaining much experience in his specialised field with both Lincoln and Maryborough Mills. Wedded to his work with an almost slavish devotion, Arnold Shacklock nevertheless found time and energy to contribute much to the functioning of the Social Clubs, both Mill and Combined. A ready volunteer whenever there was a job to be done—remember him at the picnics, for example?—Arnold was as well known in other parts of the organisation as he was in the Mills.

Leaving us now to work elsewhere, Arnold Shacklock takes with him the good wishes of all for success in his future career.

Mrs. Thomas Burdett, who was married on 4th July. The Weaving Mending Section, Eagley Mills, knew her as Dorothy Ryan. Bridesmaid was Miss Joan Lynch, also of the Mending.

Chapel Street Chatter

We welcome Mr. Jack Sauer, who has come to us from Treadways as the new Buyer for the Dress Material Departments, and congratulate Mr. Charles Marsden, first assistant, Furnishing Section, who has been promoted to Buyer for that section.

Mr. L. Tully, Buyer for Dress Materials and Soft Furnishings, has been appointed Controller of the First Floor, replacing Mr. F. Ogle, who was transferred to the City Store early in July. Mr. Ogle has been with the Prahran Store for many years. We were delighted with his promotion, but sad to see him go. His many friends here presented him with a mantel clock and a set of wine glasses. We wish them both well.

Ken Pope, Clothing, who has been away in camp, has recently returned looking extremely well. Must be the early rising! Maurice Clifford, Windows, is now "doing his bit."

Mrs. Barton, from Jewellery section, has left to go to Queensland. Miss Maloney, from the Lace Department, has been transferred over.

Our September Social went with its usual swing, and we would remind everyone that these are held at the Prahran Store the first Wednesday of every month. We were pleased to see so many of our friends from the City and Collingwood. There's still room for plenty more, so
roll up, please! During the evening, a presentation of kitchenware was made to the Secretary of the Prahran Social Club, Miss G. Shillito, to mark her forthcoming wedding. Her fiancé responded very well on her behalf. Also during the evening, the Prahran Store's famous "Barinski Ballet" gave their second performance, which was as well received as their debut at the Annual Ball.

Mr. Hunting has been giving a series of talks to all members of the staff. These were most interesting, and, if put into practice, would increase sales.

First was on "Job Security," illustrating that the customer keeps the staff in their positions. No customers, no jobs! Therefore, staff must realise that they are in the customers' hands and should meet them with a smile and give every attention, thus sending them away happy, with the prospect of a return "visit."

Second talk was on "Dockets," with advice on the correct way to write out all the various types and making sure they are correctly signed.

Third talk, "Co-operation and Team Work," showing how very important every one is, from the Despatch man to the Manager of the Store, as far as co-operation goes. It does not matter how hard the Head of the Store or the Buyers work, if they do not have the support and interest of the staff. We would not be able to keep our doors open. Keep your mind on your work and not on the clock.

Fourth, "Waste." Do not waste string, paper, lights, phone or time. Be punctual. Do not take more than the allotted time for morning or afternoon tea. If you take more time than you should, you are dishonest. The posters shown by Mr. Hunting were most impressive and "hit home" the principal points of his talks.

The staff talks given by Mr. Frank Hunting have so impressed one member of the Prahran staff as an educational trend in the right direction that he has been moved to lift the good atmosphere of Chapel Street still further. He is Mr. Mark Siegelberg (of whose interesting career we gave brief outlines in our last issue) and his contribution to staff welfare takes the interesting form of instruction in the German language to any who would like to learn. A group of 10 is already meeting in the Prahran Store, after hours, twice each week. Mr. Siegelberg is very proud of the enthusiasm of his "scholars." We, in turn, say, "Well done, sir!" to our Viennese friend for his fine example of good neighbourliness.

**LAUGHS FROM THE LIFTS**

The humorous remarks usually quoted under this heading originate in or near the elevators. The following is one which "grape-vined" to the drivers.

Customer (handing over sample): "Could you match this piece of wool for me?"

Assistant (somewhat puffed after a long but vain search): "I'm sorry, madam, but we haven't a skein in that colour."

Customer (complacently): "No, I didn't think you would; I dyed it that colour myself!"

Driver (to all in the lift, in an effort to boost business): "May I remind everyone that tomorrow is Father's Day? There are some splendid bargains in the Men's Store."

Little Woman (brightly): "Oh, I've got my present for Dad. Two lovely big tea-towels!"

**"CONDITION SATISFACTORY"**

Recently in hospital for some surgical attention have been Mrs. Lilias Alexander, Maintenance Office, City, and Mr. J. Glen Doug, Retail Staff Controller. As we go to press, reports of each are of good progress. Both are convalescing; both on the mend. We wish them rapid and complete recoveries. It will be good to see them back in circulation again.

Bruce Perkins, Manager, Plastics Section, City Store, has had more than a fair share of anxiety lately, owing to the prolonged illness of his wife. Current report on Mrs. Perkins is encouraging, however. We hope the malaise will soon be conquered. Meanwhile, our thoughts are with them both.

**MISS JOAN ANDERSON SAYS "AU REVOIR."**

In October, 1950, we welcomed Miss Joan Anderson to the City Store. Following a varied career in both Merchandising and Staff Training in three stores in Great Britain, including Lewis', of Glasgow, Miss Anderson took over our own retail Staff Training Section. Later, she was appointed Buyer of the City Jewellery Department. In the meantime her sister, Mrs. Ina McLeod, had joined the staff of the Sportswear section.

Now, family illness has necessitated the sisters' returning to Scotland. The sailed on the "Otranto" on 4th September. From Miss Anderson, we have received the following message:

"May I, through 'Service,' say good-bye to my many friends whom I have come in contact with during my employment with Foys?

"I have been very happy working with you all and still think Australia a great country, with working conditions all that could be desired. I trust when I return, I shall be able to pick up the threads of my happy acquaintances. Joan Anderson."

To them both we say, "A pleasant journey, and may your anxieties be soon relieved."

Keen on physical culture at Prahran are, standing, Gloria Shillito, Dorothy Cooper, Patricia Strapp, Betty Kennedy, and Patricia Holland. In front, Barbara Carr, Joan Ramsey, Beverley White and Elaine Barrett.
Mr. Fred Bellamy Retires

After nearly 58 years of service with the Company, Mr. Fred Bellamy retired on Thursday, August 28. So far as we can trace, this is the longest association we have enjoyed with a male employee and we share with Mr. Bellamy his great pride in a remarkable achievement.

Another distinctive point of Fred's long service is that since he joined us on January 14, 1895, he has spent every working day in Collingwood, which, in those days, was the hub of our retail activities, and today is still our head office. Fred Bellamy has thus witnessed many changes, not only in the growth of our business, but in the shopping habits of the people of Melbourne, and, of course, in the ranks of those who have guided and served the company.

When Mr. Bellamy came to us as a lad, William Gibson himself was at the helm. Working in the office, as he has long done, Fred came into frequent contact with all members of the Gibson and Maclellan families, and has watched them grow up, to the third and fourth generations. Not only has Mr. Bellamy's life thus spanned much of the history of the company, he has "absorbed" our progress with a pride which could hardly be less, had he himself been one of the founders. Foy & Gibson is in Fred Bellamy's blood. Personally, he "kept alive" many contacts with customers who themselves had dealt with us for many years. As Mr. L. J. Rooke, Associate Director, said at one of the farewell parties, "Fred Bellamy has been a great ambassador and business-getter."

When the time for parting came, there was much good feeling expressed for our distinguished old friend. The first gathering took place in the Fitzroy Dining Hall on Wednesday, August 27. As its guests at afternoon tea, the Company in-vited men and women who were near-contemporary of Mr. Bellamy, in the matter of long service, together with some younger executives, who, as lads, had started their own careers with Fred Bellamy during his later years. As well, these good people were representative of all sections of the retail organisation.


After a warm welcome to the guest of honour and his friends, Mr. A. Trompf, Store Manager, Fitzroy, called upon Mr. F. A. Houghton, Secretary of the parent company and of stores subsidiary. In reviewing the varying conditions which Mr. Bellamy had witnessed during his long "life" with the Company, Mr. Houghton caused much laughter when he said that such was the importance of Smith Street when Mr. Bellamy was a young man, that Bourke Street was then regarded almost as "a back street somewhere near the Yarra"! Another happy note was struck when Mr. Houghton read a telegram from the Postmaster and staff of the Collingwood Post-office, conveying good wishes for Mr. Bellamy's future. For a long time, Mr. Bellamy was our "contact" with this post-office in matters of mail.

Further tributes to Fred Bellamy were then paid by Mr. A. J. Thomas, a Director of Foy & Gibson (Stores) Pty. Ltd. Referring to Fred's fine record as regards punctuality and lack of absences, Mr. Thomas stressed that punctuality among all the staff was regarded by management as a qualification, to a degree which was not always realised. On behalf of Mr. Williams, Mr. Gorbut then read a letter which had been sent to the General Manager by one of our oldest customers. Having dealt with us for more than 60 years, this old lady had come to know Mr. Bellamy well, and she wanted her appreciation of his services to be recorded.

Mr. L. J. Rooke, Store Manager, Prahran (who had known Mr. Bellamy well when Store Manager at Collingwood and Fitzroy), having "rounded off" the speeches in very happy vein, Mr. Thomas then presented Mr. Bellamy with a room heater, as the Company's parting gift. As Mr. Houghton had mentioned previously, a cheque from the Superannuation Fund was also going to Mr. Bellamy.

The following day, Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy were guests at a party given by Fred's colleagues in Collingwood Office and elsewhere, when he received a radio and a set of cutlery as expressions of the affection of his many friends. And that afternoon (when happily the Directors of the parent company were holding a meeting) Mr. Bellamy was called to the Board Room, where he received the personal congratulations...
of the Directors upon his outstanding period of service.

Our old friend now enters a new phase of life, a stage when he need not get up quite so early and when he won't be badgered by phone calls or enquiries about someone's account. From the heart, we wish him and Mrs. Bellamy many new joys as they journey on together, and hope that the years ahead will add to the proud and happy memories he has taken with him after his long association with us.

Good luck, always, Fred Bellamy!

Just before going to press, we learnt that, although Fred Bellamy was, in a sense, the guest at the Office party, the many good things to eat there were supplied by Mrs. Bellamy and her daughter. All those present were most appreciative of these generous provisions, and particularly of the early morning effort involved in the baking thereof!

"Are Social Club Meetings Waste of Time?"

In the April issue, a reader who signed "Newcomer" asked a few pertinent questions about the activities of the Social Club in general, and about proceedings at annual meetings, in particular, which were summarised under the above heading.

Due, no doubt, to the busy claims which the mid-year period makes upon most of us, comments upon "Newcomer's" letter arrived too late for inclusion in the June issue of the magazine. Two of these interesting viewpoints are now published here, with the suggestion that readers first refer to the April number and re-read "Newcomer's" original commentary.

I am perhaps not the best person to comment on the letter from "Newcomer" which appeared in the April issue under the above heading, as I am only a newcomer myself in the social field, although I have been with the company for just on 15 years.

The points "Newcomer" makes are not new and I imagine that similar views are expressed in any organisation. But let us study them more closely.

Those who attend an annual meeting do "have a nice meal" and, maybe, "listen to double Dutch," but they are more or less the backbone of the meetings and are the only, and I repeat, only encouragement to the committee. If, by chance, they do not always understand the report or the balance-sheet, they can surely ask to have any of the items explained to them. Some do. Others seem quite satisfied. So, in this matter, it seems to me that "Newcomer," and not the Committee, is to blame.

From what I have seen, the Committee does a pretty good job behind the scenes, with no trumpet blowing, and if, now and then, some of these committee members feel they have given a lot of their time, both in business and privately, and would like a spell . . . well . . . can "Newcomer" say if similar happenings don't occur in any organisation?

As I see it, the committee itself is representative of the staff for, apart from the constitutional offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, which are ex officio, the executive committee consists of the following representatives:

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From this total of 13 members, a Chairman is elected. So far as this writer knows, 10 of these people are sent along by their respective stores or mills social committees.
and have been delegated from them to the Central Combined Committee.

I think the question "Newcomer" is really asking is, "What social activities are the various Store and Mill groups undertaking in their respective spheres?"

From the writer's experience—and it is not small—no staff function flourishes completely unless the "higher-ups" take a very active part in welfare matters. If these are left to others—who may be full of ideas and vim, but may have not sufficient standing—they are likely to suffer setbacks, for quite often it may be necessary to approach a "higher-up" to get anything done. If that person is not wholly enthusiastic, the planners can strike trouble. This is a problem of which, I imagine, no firm holds a monopoly.

In regard to "Newcomer's" percentages, this year they could be correct; next year a long way out. For as the saying goes, "You can't please everybody." Often, only about 1 per cent. will fully agree with whatever you do. About 37 per cent. may say "It will not suit" or "It will be wrong!" Probably 50 per cent. would not agree to either site for a picnic, whether seaside or country. So what is a committee to do?

As far as money being spent on this type of amenity, there are very few activities in any organisation which give more pleasure to the greatest number, than do picnics or balls.

In conclusion, I think of the old saying, "Something attempted, something done." In our Social Club, many things have been accomplished; so much, in fact, that I doubt if even "Newcomer" could describe the efforts involved as sincerely a "waste of time."

"—OBSERVER."

The comment, "Are Social Club Meetings a Waste of Time," was, in my opinion, a very frank and refreshing viewpoint. Frank because "Newcomer" pulled no punches and points were made in an able fashion.

By some, "Newcomer" s views may be condemned, but are they fully satisfied that—

(a) Full attendances at all our social events are being maintained?

(b) When expressing an opinion or voting to a motion, are they, in fact, sure they are expressing views of their fellow-workers, and not their own personal opinions?

Credit goes to "Newcomer" for one point. A few newcomers do sometimes find themselves appointed to social club offices which are unsuited to them—and unwanted by them. Out-going officials at annual meetings are congratulated for a good job done, and asked to carry on. They mostly refuse. Why? It could be summed up by saying lack of support, not by delegates, but by fellow-workers not attending social events which would bring them all together.

So it goes back to the question, "Are social meetings a waste of time?" being answered only by the staff themselves, in attending meetings and supporting social events.

Thank you, "Newcomer," for asking the question, and thanks to the Editor, too, for not placing this well-meant letter in the "Keep for Reference" file.

"MIDDLE VIEW."

The Curtain Falls

A kindly and well-loved man was lost to us when Mr. Alec Young, of the China Reserve, Collingwood, died on 15th July. Nearing 70 years of age when he joined us in 1939, and with a life already behind him which had not been a bed of roses all the way, he had a mellowness of outlook—tempered by the recollections of his early experiences, no doubt—which not only endeared him to all his colleagues in Store 8, but led to his acceptance as "one of the boys" as easily as if he had been a man of much fewer years. So naturally did he "fit in" with all around him, both as regards the workaday round and the social activities which sprang from it, that it can truthfully be said that "Pop" Young, as he was so widely known, began not just a new lease of life, but a new way of life when he came to Foy's.

As "Pop" was best known in Collingwood, it is our privilege to print the following tribute which has come to us from Mr. Allan Smith, "on behalf of the boys of Store 8":—

Great sadness overtook the Collingwood Store when Mr. Alec Young, of the China Reserve, Store 8, died on 15th July. Nearing 70 years of age, as he was affectionately called, was a very popular figure amongst all sections of the Collingwood Store and made many friends.

Born almost 80 years ago in Spencer Street, Melbourne, "Pop" had travelled to
Mr. Alec Young. This photograph was taken at the 1951 Annual Ball.

almost every part of Australia on foot, and his friends will long recall the many incidents of his travels through the back blocks. During latter years, he had spent his annual holidays revisiting the same places in greater luxury—and by more modern conveyances. Indicating his "youthful" outlook, we also remember "Pop" as a very popular figure in the Barn Dance, at every post-war Foy Ball. Having known him so well, we offer our deepest sympathy to all his family and relatives.

These words express the feelings of us all.

The Quiet Corner

Each day a petal withers; each morn, the dewdrops are gone. So in life, must we heed the summons from the Infinite. In the sadness known by them recently from the sharpness of family bereavement, our sympathy goes to—

Mr. Stan Provis, Maintenance, Collingwood, and the members of his family.

Mr. H. S. Watson, Manager, Mercer, Prahran, and all those who share the burden.

Mrs. Grace Saunders, Serge Spinning, Eagley Mills, and Mr. E. Henthorn, Cashmere Spinning, whose mother and sister, respectively, Mrs. Sykes, died.

Mrs. W. Caddell. Her husband, Mr. Caddell, Worsted No. 2 Packing, Eagley Mills, died on July 18.

"Thy Will be Yours"

Personalities

On 16th August, LOIS VAUGHAN (Cutting, Eagley Mills) announced her engagement to GEOFF BROWN, who himself worked in the Knitting, not so long ago. All joy to them both.

From Collingwood, too, comes news of the engagement of BETTY CARNE (General Office) to Jack Preston. The date chosen for the ring bestowal—August 10—was a happy one, as it was also Betty's 19th birthday. So it's congratulations all round.

A shaft from Love's bow has also reached DOT STEWART (Stationery, City Store). Lucky marks-

A "Mill" table at the Annual Ball. Seated at rear right of table Mr. and Mrs. Ern Jenkins, who recently celebrated 25th wedding anniversary.

man is Don Chisholm, of Middle Brighton. May all their other "milestones" make them as happy.

A daddy for the second time—since 18th July—is Eric Houghton (Office Manager, City Store). Some among us will remember Mrs. Houghton as Phyl Crisp, at one time of Collingwood Office. We share their happiness.

On the Sick List at Eagley Mills are DORIS BENTLEY and JOSEPHINE DAVEY (each recovering from an operation), and CHARLES DAVY (mending a broken leg), whilst BILL LYONS (Office) is still away with an injured back, the result of a car accident. The thoughts of many friends are with them, and we wish them all a speedy return to health—and work.

On 6th September, MISS G. SHILLITO (Napery, Prahran) became Mrs. K. Maclean. It's farewell to a popular maid and felicitations to a happy pair.

ALF ALBRECHT (Assistant Engineer, Eagley Mills) celebrated his birthday on 1st August and
At the wedding of June Plane (Haberdashery, City), to Alan Roberts.

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received a welcome gift the following day when Mrs. Albrecht presented him with young Gregory Douglas. Such was the excitement that colleague ARTHUR BATES says we were fortunate we didn't lose a father! Incidentally, Alf is busy swotting at lunch time, these days. A baby bootie company sent him a book on how to raise infants.

A warm welcome back to MISS FLORA MCDONALD (General Office, Collingwood), whom sickness had claimed for several weeks.

It was not only their enjoyment of the Annual Ball which made MR. HERMAN ANDERSON (Manager, Collingwood Despatch) and his wife look so happy. They were also celebrating an anniversary of their marriage. Many happy returns!

Joyful pair are MURRAY HANLEY (Underwear Knit) and his wife, June (formerly of the same Section). Their first-born, Carol, arrived on 22nd August. We carol, too!

Warm congratulations to EILEEN HASTINGS (Maintenance, City Store), who announced her engagement on 12th August.

We "dips our lid" to ALMA IRWIN (Weaving Mending) who recently received Red Cross medal acknowledging her 25th donation to the Blood Bank.

The good wishes of all for future health and prosperity go to MRS. BARKER (Supervisor, First Floor, City), who resigned in August.

A little late, but none the less sincere, is this welcome to MRS. LOLA TAFFE, who was appointed secretary to Mr. J. G. Doig, Retail Staff Controller, earlier in the year.

From MRS. HIDER (Cash Office, Fitzroy), the announcement that daughter, YVONNE' (who worked in Collingwood Office a year or two back), is engaged to Ronald Feben, of Hughesdale. Old friends and new join in good wishes.

News travels slowly at times. Wish we could have recorded sooner that MAVIS BRYANT (Office, Ladies’ Shoes, City), was married on 10th May to Ernest Hughes. Quite recently Mavis has returned to work.

Happy to record that MARJORIE OSMOND (Boys’ Wear, City) was married on 19th July at Methodist Church, Kew, to Richard Rowan, of Myrtleford.

A pat on the back for 16-year-old IRENE ROTHWELL (Cutting, Eaglet Mills), who took second prize at recent Footscray Elsternwick in Gymnastics Section for 16 and over.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wellington, on 28th August, a daughter, Janet Anne. Many in Collingwood Office and Fitzroy Store know “Mum” better as MARGARET McLEAN. We’re well(ington) pleased!

ROBERT S. WALKER joined Engineering Staff of Eaglet Mills on 11th August as Draughtsman, bringing experience gained with C.A.C. and Hole-proof. Welcome, Bob!

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