This issue of Foys "News Service of the Month" marks the beginning of its second year of publication. Maybe, we'll be pardoned for some expressions of gratification at the success that has consistently attended the dispersal of what has become a popular staff magazine. Although the presentation of statistical data does not, necessarily, tell all of the story, some salient facts will best illustrate the very real progress that has been made in the brief span of one year.

In April, 1959, the circulation of "News Service" to all staff was less than 1000 copies. By the middle of the year, this number had increased considerably, and by the end of 1959, 1600 copies were required for an adequate distribution. Today, nearly 2000 copies are required for the same purpose. In that same twelve months, the line block that heads each issue, has visually supplied the story of a remarkable history of expansion. For several of the first months of issue, the block bore line drawings of our Stores at Melbourne Central, Prahran, Collingwood and Colac; subsequent issues saw the additional drawings of Stores at Geelong and Bendigo.

As the considerations of space precluded further drawings of such welcome additions to our organization as Bowrings, Mildura, the last issue bore a new line-block, but without any illustrations of the Stores now comprising Foys and Gibsons.

In its own quaint way, the history of Foys "News Service" is an accurate guide to the contemporary rise, and expansion, of a remarkable firm. All of these things have been achieved because of courage, vision, and faith in the future. In paying a deserved tribute to the directive forces that have achieved such objectives, it is surely appropriate to add a further acknowledgment of sincere thanks to the same forces, whose encouragement, understanding, and appreciation have made "News Service" a popular reality, and not a pipus dream. On behalf of all our many readers, "News Service" says "Many Thanks" for the vigorous existence of our periodical.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

In the colorful life of the Retail world, modern accent is on effective, and dramatic, presentation through such media as attractive window displays, interior and departmental presentation, and a layout as will offer the minimum of inconvenience to discriminating customers. The presiding genius of such essential phases occupies an important niche in any progressive organization. Foys possesses such an individual — one who combines in his own personality an acute artistic perception, the initiative to translate that perception with effective execution, and a well-grounded knowledge of the retail trade. With very great pleasure we present to our readers . . . .

Mr. KEN BANDMAN, DISPLAY CONTROLLER.

In the galaxy of distinguished officers that comprise the Controllers echelon of Foys organization, few men have had a more adventurous career than has our PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH.

Mr. Bandman was born in Sydney, shortly after the outbreak of World War I. He was reared in an atmosphere of retailing, for his father was the owner of a prosperous, and widely-known, book store. The young Ken received a strict classical education and, at an early age, showed a marked predilection for literature, the arts and — more particularly — drawing, in all of which subjects he attained a marked proficiency.

Just as was the case with countless multitudes of young people of that era, the advent of the Great Economic Depression of the '30's forced our young student to forego his undoubted prospects of artistic advancement and to seek a living in some more prosaic sphere. He entered the retail trade at the age of 16 years to become an apprentice in the display department of a large department store. The young man's work speedily attracted the favorable notice of his employers. Practical experience was supplemented by attendance at trade classes, and by a course of commercial art at leading technical colleges. Progress was so rapid as to shorten his apprenticeship indentures by one year, and to fully qualify him as a competent window-dresser just prior to attaining the age of 20 years.

By 1936, economic adversity in Central Europe had been accentuated by grave political troubles. In that year, Mr. Bandman decided to seek new fields for his talent in England — a decision which subsequently saw him resident in London in the same year. Although there was a refreshing personal freedom in the new environment, economic conditions were still universally depressed, and, for a time, our PERSONALITY eked out a precarious existence as an apprentice house-painter and decorator.

The threat of war loomed heavily on the world's horizons during the years 1936 to 1939 and, in the latter year, the world was locked in the titanic struggle of the Second World War. Mr. Bandman volunteered early in 1939, was called up for service, received his preliminary training, and was transferred to Le Havre, France, early in 1940.

The subsequent career of the young soldier in the next five years followed the pattern of so many others of that disturbing period. The German break-through of the Maginot Line, the collapse of Belgium, Holland and France, the invasion of Denmark, and his escape from St. Malo to invade England were colorful events in which his destiny was affected.

After a period of recuperation in England, Mr. Bandman volunteered for, and was accepted in, a special branch of Naval Intelligence. He saw service on many craft. These included H.M.S. "Vengeance," the Canadian destroyers "Huron" and "Troxquis," Service which culminated in the D-day landings in France — the prelude to final victory in Europe which was followed by special duties for the young Chief Petty Officer, when his command of the German language was of great value to the invading forces under Allied control.

War-torn England did not offer any shrill opportunity of employment for the demobilized sailor on his return to civil life. It is true that further experience in the display world was gained by successive positions with Cameo Theatres, with the J. Arthur Rank organization and with the Calligraph Studios. At very best, however, the uncertain economic conditions made such avenues ephemeral, and the whole outlook of our PERSONALITY centred around an insistent personal urge for continuity of employment in his chosen profession.

In 1948, Mr. Bandman decided to follow other members of his family to the more settled land of Australia. Arriving in Melbourne, first economic excursions in this land of opportunity were in such arduous avocations as house painting, interior decoration and the execution of murals — all fields that admirably demonstrated his workmanship and artistic efficiency.

In 1952, Mr. Bandman was appointed as Display Manager with the K. O. Geiger organization. A subsequent merger of this firm with Hicks Atkinson Ltd. carried corresponding status, and responsibility, with the expanded organization. During the tenure of this arduous position, Mr. Bandman's window displays, and interior presentations, evoked more than passing recognition from Melbourne's retailing world.

Four years later (1956) our PERSONALITY became Display Controller for Foys and Gibsons. His advent to the new position ushered in a new era, an irrefragable standard of quality for all of the Stores in the organization. New techniques were evolved, the lay-out of departments adapted to modern, and progressive standards, whilst window displays earned the praise of management, staff and public.

The character of our colleague is typified when he offers Mr. Bandman a sincere compliment of appreciation to top Manage-
ment for its continual approval, for its endorsement, and for the generous tribute it has consistently paid to the successful efforts of the Display Controller. So, too, does Mr. Bandman express his gratification to the loyal support, and willing co-operation received from all members of the Display Department Staff.

Many professional honors have come the way of our PERSONALITY during his happy association with Foys. To only mention three, reference should be made to the First Prize (Floral Section) won for the Company's magnificent "Carnival" float in the 1959 Moomba festival; and to the Silver Medal awarded by the international "Display World" (Giacinti, U.S.A.) for outstanding displays. As was stated in the March issue of "News Service," this Medal attracted entries from nearly 5000 competitors and had 65 separate classifications. The third honor was Mr. Bandman's admission in 1959 as an Associate of the Industrial Design Institute of Australia — a unique distinction, and conferred only after exhaustive examination by the Admitting Panel of the Institute itself.

In private life, Mr. & Mrs. Bandman live at South Caulfield; where our PERSONALITY'S talents find a congenial outlet in home decoration, and in the placid area of the garden. Other diversions are an intense love of literature, and the production of paintings. Concerning the latter, it is worthy of note that Mr. Bandman frequently appears in the role of successful entrant at many of the Art exhibitions of this city.

Altogether — the colorful life of a talented man! Foys is indeed proud of such a man and — in reverse — Mr. Bandman is indeed proud of his honored association with a celebrated organization.

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

With the many thousands of personal transactions that take place every year in a great retail organization, it is quite natural that the customers' reaction to Store service is based, directly, on the way he, or she, has been treated by the staff. Good service sets up a favorable reaction; inadequate, inefficient, or grudging, service creates an unfavorable reaction.

Many letters are received by Management daily, and comments are frankly made therein at the type of service that each separate correspondent has received. Because these letters can fulfill a beneficial purpose — praise when it is due, or criticism when it is warranted — it is our intention to print one of each type in other issues of "News Service".

Let's start with a bouquet:-

"I Seymour Avenue, Armadale.

The Managing Director, Foys and Gibsons.

Dear Sir,

If I hope you will not mind my writing to you re this Special Privilege Offer. I have been a Budget customer now, for over 10 years, and I would like to tell you how well I have always been attended to by all the people at the Prahran Store. This applies to the man on the lift, to the shopwalkers, and to the Cafeteria. I do not go into the City very much, but City people, and folks in the City Store, when I do manage to get to Melbourne.

Of course, being nearer Prahran, I have dealt there most of the time. I go in every fortnight, and have always found the staff in all sections of that Store very nice indeed.

I thank you for your offer of extra service.

Mrs. L. A. Creek."

Now, let's have a brickbat:-

"4 Leslie Grove, BRIGHTON BEACH, 29th May, 1960.

The Managing Director, Foys.

Dear Sir,

Ever since I became a Cox Brothers shareholder I have tried to shop in your stores. It has been one long series of irritations and frustration. I feel you should know as most of your staff seem only too glad to tell you they cannot help you and speed you on your way to The Myer Emporium.

I will give you one or two examples. Two years ago I bought a Special Food Warmer. I was assured that I could always replace the pyrex dishes at any time. On two occasions when I have tried to do so there have been no dishes, no food warmer to get the measurements from, and a total disininterest in my problem.

About the same time I bought a London Address Book. I agreed to wait 3 weeks to have it laid. At the end of the month I rang the shop and was told that they had mislaid the measurements so I'd have to wait another three or four weeks. I cancelled the order and two days later another firm laid the carpet.

Last year I ordered a desk lamp for my son's birthday. Although it was quite expensive, when he opened the parcel, there was no globe in it and the hinge was so weak that it only works at one angle.

These are only a few instances of the poor service my family and I have received. We cannot be the only people who are not satisfied and I feel it should be brought to your notice.

Yours faithfully, (MARGARET DIXON)."

CITY

A welcome return to staff ranks is that of Miss M. Ridd, Knitwear Department. This lady has been absent on sick leave, and we note, with pleasure, her obvious recovery. May the progress continue.

The first article in the series "English — as she is spoke," has prompted the submission to the Editor of further hard examples of speech mutilation, as heard today. One of the choicest contributions was that overheard on a crowded Essendon tram:

"Buscon conductor: "Carn on! Carn on! Move in, youse mad! Down back the bawle the tram's full of fall off, we aint stoppin' to pick y'up. Sides — I aint got time ter write a report."

Heartly congratulations are expressed to Mr. Terry Watts, Manager, Advertising Department, on the announcement of his recent engagement to Miss Lynnette Guy.

We also record, with similar felicitations, the engagement of Miss Beverley Williams, Advertising Department, to Mr. John Draper, of Broadmeadows. Incidentally, Beverley was returning from a recent engagement party, when she accidentally kicked off one of her shoes through the open door of the railway carriage. For the rest of her journey home, the young lady was compelled to adopt a most unusual mode of progress.

Mr. John Goldie, Manager, Cleaning Staff, has returned to duty after a 6,500 mile motor journey across the Continent, to Western Australia. John reports that the journey — although arduous at times — was most enjoyable, and that the only mishap was an unexpected collision with a herding dog, about 100 miles east of Norseman, W.A. For the rest of the journey home, the traveller was compelled to rely on the spare wheel. However — we're glad to see Mr. Goldie back again.

Occupancy of our Store at Chadstone is steadily becoming a reality! Management recently announced that Foys would receive vacant possession on Saturday, 4th June, and that the Store would open for business on 3rd October, 1960.

All members of the staff will conterminoze with Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chidlow on their recent misfortune. The new house at Warrandyte, occupied by the young couple, was completely destroyed by a disastrous fire, and most of their treasured possessions irretrievably lost. As a matter of fact, Mr. & Mrs. Chidlow were left with practically only the clothes they were wearing at the time of the disaster. Mrs. Chidlow is better known to staff by her maiden name of Jennifer Field, and her artistic work for the Display Department has been frequently commented on through these columns. "News Service" deeply sympathises with the couple in their great loss.

A valued, and respected, staff member in the person of Mr. Roy Morrison, Supervisor Men's Store, retired recently after many years of loyal and faithful service. In addition to many personal presentations, official presentations from the Management took place at a farewell function held at the Roof Top Cafeteria on the afternoon of 5th May.

Mr. A. J. Thomas and Mr. N. E. Neville represented the Management, and Mr. Thomas (who made the presentations) referred, appreciatively, to the splendid record of the afternoon's guest of honor. A "highlight" of the remarks made on the occasion, was the reference to almost half a century of outstanding service in the principal Retail Stores of Bourke Street.

"News Service" expresses the sentiments of all, when it conveys to Doyners of Supervisors, its best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

One of the most entertaining Roof Top functions yet held, took place on Wednesday, 27th April, when Melbourne's leading criminal barrister — Mr. Frank Galtby — delivered an interesting address on "Law for the Layman," to a large, and appreciative audience. Mr. Galtby's speech was considered by all present to be the finest of the highest standard, and several topical questions were answered at the conclusion of his remarks. An excellent buffet tea preceded the function.

Mr. Bert Ruffin, Manager, Wool Department, sustained a painful accident, whilst visiting Collingwood Despatch, recently. He missed his footing on a ramp, and fell to the bottom of a landing bay. The resultant torn rib-muscles necessitated Mr. Ruffin's absence from duty for several days, but we're glad to report that he has now recovered from the consequences of the mishap.

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About the same time I ordered .2,75 worth of Westminster. I rang the shop and was told that they had mislaid the measurements from, and a total disinterest in my problem. Agreed to wait 3 weeks to have it laid. At the end of a month I recovered from the consequences of the mishap.

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A small informal function was held on the Fourth Floor on Monday, 16th May, to say "Au Revoir" to Mr. N. E. Neville and Mr. J. K. Browning. Many of these long serving executives left during the same week for a two-months business trip to the U.S.A., and Japan. Good wishes for a successful journey, and a safe return, were expressed by Mr. J. N. Watt to the travellers, and this wish is echoed by all staff, and by "News Service."

The principal social event in the year, viz.:—Foy's Annual Staff Ball, is to take place at the Palace de Diane, St. Kilda, on Wednesday, August 18th. This year's function promises to eclipse even the outstandingly successful 1959 Ball, and no efforts are being spared by the energetic Social Committee to attain this objective. Already many tables have been booked, and intending revellers who have not yet made their reservations would be well-advised to communicate with any of the following members of the Ball Committee:

CITY STORE: Mr. K. Robinson, Boys' Wear; Mr. R. Harris, Maternity; Mrs. M. Calvert, Neatwear.  
PRAHAN: Mrs. M. McCurdy, Mrs. W. Wolters.  
COLLINGWOOD: Miss B. Gall, Office; Miss M. McGinty, Store; Mr. L. Holland, Despatch.

Under the efficient direction of the Social Club Secretary (Mr. L. J. McEvoy), all plans for the Ball are now approaching fruition, and the night's programme will include a first-class orchestra, the usual noteworthy supper, floor shows, personal appearances of top-ranking TV, articulate number of balloons, prize novelties and lotteries. Altogether—a programme that defies comparison, and which sets a standard that cannot be faulted.

In line with Management's policy of presenting matters of topical interest to staff members, a second Roof Top function took place on Wednesday, 25th May, when Mr. Victor Upton, General Manager of the Chadstone Shopping Centre Pty. Ltd., delivered an appropriate address on "Chadstone — A New Era in Merchandising: -" The speaker gave a most informative, and interesting, discourse on the various stages of progress, and the way forward, in this massive undertaking. This event was to coincide with the appropriate gathering.

Mr. B. Davis, Menswear Department, has returned to duty after his recent illness, and his colleagues are pleased to note the obvious improvement in his health. That the improvement will continue is the sincere wish of all.

Illness is taking its toll of staff members, and the relatives of staff members. In addition to the usual crop of "ill cases, there have been a number of instances where the persons concerned are suffering from more serious ailments. We record, with regret, the fact that Mrs. J. Nevile, mother of Miss J. Nevile, Court Department, has been ill for some time; Mrs. M. Calvert, Neckwear, Laces Department, recently underwent an operation; and that Mrs. M. Chapman, Sportswear, is an inmate of the Alfred Hospital at the present time. To all these good people, we convey our best wishes for a speedy and permanent recovery.

A hearty welcome to staff ranks has been given to Miss L. Williams, Baby Wear Department, and we support the remarks made to the effect that we may her employment with Foy's be happy, prosperous and congenial.

Two valuable staff members resigned recently to accept positions in places far removed from Prahan. Every good wish for the future to Miss Murray, formerly of Sportswear, who has removed to Albury, and to Mrs. B. Hopkins, formerly of Babywear, who has taken an even longer journey and is returning to Eire.

A recent notification from Management advises that Mrs. P. Northall has been promoted to the position of Manager, Jewellery, Costumes and Hardware Department. Congratulations on a well-deserved advancement.

COLLINGWOOD

Mr. Laurie Marshall, Store Manager, completed a unique treble on Easter Monday, when he annexed — for the third year in succes-sion — the coveted "Concours de Elegance" trophy of the Vintage Car Club. The rally was at Kalamunda, and Mr. Marshall's entry was his now-famous vintage Crossley car. Sincere congratulations from all on this excellent performance.

Whilst on matters MANAGERIAL, it is pleasing to welcome Mr. L. Tully as Assistant Store Manager at Collingwood. Mr. Tully occupied a similar position at Colec, and, more latterly, at Prahan. He brings a wealth of experience to the Store, and has been assured of the support, and co-operation, of all staff.

Mr. Ernie Jones, Boys' Wear, resigned recently to accept a position at the Mutual Store. In addition to 25 years service, in City and Collingwood Stores, Mr. Jones gave great service as the efficient Secretary of Foy's Mutual Aid Fund.

A presentation of electrical "do it yourself" equipment from his many friends, and an electric radiator from the Management was made. Horology Manager, Mr. J. Wade, congratulated Mr. Hovell on the opportunity to wish the gentleman "All the best" in his new location. "News Service" endorses, and supports, the felicitations.

Whilst on the subject of the Mutual Aid Fund, we record the fact that Mr. J. McCulloch, Supervisor, City Store, has been appointed as Secretary (vice Mr. Jones), and that Mr. J. Wade, Office, Collingwood, has been appointed as a new representative.

A hearty welcome has been given to the following new appoint-ees:

Mr. Trevena, Boys' Clothing; Mr. Ollis, Ladies' Accessories; Mrs. Campbell, Haberdashery, and Miss June Pullot, Switchboard.

With great pleasure we record the welcome news that Mrs. Les Stevens, the respected wife of our Credit Manager, and Mrs. Moya Moyle, of the Travellers Section, are both recovering satisfac-torily from recent operations.

Congratulations are also in order for Miss Nancy Di Salvo, who has been chosen by the Italian community to represent it as Miss Italian Chamber of Commerce in a State-wide Queen Competition. Entrants from all nations are competing, and Miss Di Salvo is considered by many to have great prospects of the premier selection.

Two staff members were farewelled during the month. They were Miss Pau Kielly, Entry Office, and Mrs. Hazel Micaleff, Office.

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Mr. J. McCluskey, Supervisor, City Store, has been appointed as Secretary (vice Mr. Jones) and that Mr. J. Wade, Office, Collingwood, has been appointed as a new representative.

The football season is now in full swing (the latter term not being overly referent on the matters used in the great Australian game). Two games have been played at the time of going to press, and results were:

On 8/5/1960. Against Standard Motors at Albert Park. Scores: Standard Motors, 10 goals, 15 behinds, 75 points; Foy's, 5 goals, 6 behinds, 36 points.

On 15/5/1960. Against Veall's Electrics. Scores: Foy's, 12 goals, 18 behinds, 90 points; Veall's Electrics, 2 goals, 1 behind, 13 points.

Apparentlv, our team plays the game very strenuously. Two casualties have already been reported, but both sufferers are now back on the "fit to play" list. Casualties were Dick Eagles (broken nose) and Brian Collins (torn ankle ligaments).

Two teams are competing in the Victorian Table Tennis Championshio. Both are doing well, the present position being:

D2 team: 5 games played, 2 won (5th position on ladder).  
E7 team: 4 games played, 2 lost, 2nd position on ladder)

COLAC

Several managerial appointments of note have taken place during the month. The most important of these was the announce-ment regarding the return to City Store of Mr. J. K. Browning, Merchandise Manager, and his subsequent elevation to the position of Manager, Foy's Chadstone Store. All members of the staff rejoice in this well-deserved promotion, and offer their sincere congratula-tions to a fine officer and likeable personality. It is also appropriate to convey felicitations to Mr. Browning on two other distinctions, viz.:—  
His engagement to Miss Diane Evans of Adelaide, and his record-breaking score at the Colac Golf Club.

Several consequential promotions have emanated from Mr. Browning's return to Melbourne. Mr. George Richards has been appointed as Merchandise Manager, and Mr. George White has succeeded Mr. Richards as Manager of the Electrical and Hardware Departments. Every good wish to both gentlemen in their new positions.

In passing, it should be mentioned that there are extra reasons for congratulations to Mr. George White. His wife recently pre-sented him with a fine son, and we record, with pleasure, that mother and child are in excellent health.

The three teams entered in the local Badminton championships are performing prodigiously. "A" and "B" teams are on top of their respective Grades, without one defeat, whilst "C" team has had only one loss, and is in 2nd place in its Grade.

Two resignations of note have occurred during the month. Miss MARG Belmore (in private life, Mrs. M. McDougal) resigned after 39 years of excellent service (a number of which were spent in the important positions of Manager, Office Staff and as Credit Manager). The other departure was that of Mrs. Bev Parry, of Display, who is returning to domestic duties.

To both ladies we say "Thanks for your splendid records of service, and every good wish for the future."
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GEELONG

A most important announcement was made recently, when it was advised that Bright and Hitchcocks Pty. Ltd., had purchased the prosperous Terang business of K.S.P. Chandler Ltd. The acquisition of this new Store, covering an area of 10,000 square feet will provide opportunity for considerable expansion, and is yet another move in the Company's Western District expansion. Following as this does on prior purchases at Portland and Camperdown, it is worthy of note that Brights now own all of the properties in which trading is conducted. Another progressive move on the part of a vital and dynamic organization, and a reflex of the vision, and drive, of the Management!

An adequate welcome has been given to the following ladies, all of whom are recent additions to our ranks:

Miss Harris (Millinery)
Miss Kerr (Babies' wear)
Mrs. Sloan (Perfumery)
Miss Williams (Marina)
Mrs. Carlyn (Cosmetics).

Whilst on the subject of staff additions, etc., we note with pleasure, the return to duty of Mr. Norrn Robbins of Desquatch, after his recent illness, and Mr. Cyril Parker, of Furnishings, who has returned from his trip to England. Cyril, by the way, was married whilst in the Home Country, and to Mrs. Parker, and his good self, we offer our sincere good wishes.

It's good to spare a thought for our fellow-workers who are ill, and — in this connection — we convey our sympathy to Miss Val Bright, and Mr. Harold Watson, both of whom are (we hope) swiftly convalescing.

The announcements, we add our thoughts for a speedy recovery.

News has been received from two of our travellers abroad. Mr. H. A. Thomson, Men's Store Director, is now enjoying the thrill of travelling on the Continent, whilst Miss Hagger, Manager Wools, and Mrs. Lynch, sister of Mrs. Ross, Knitwear, City Store.

Every good wish for the future goes to Miss Brenda Barker, formerly of Babies' Wear Department, who was married early this month.

The purchase of the Gray and Murray premises, adjacent to the Store, has provided timely space for the Ticket-writing and Advertising Departments, and staff-effected by the transfer — are in a position to maintain an even flow of customers, and a good steady business.

An announcement, just received as we go to press, states that Mr. John McPherson, formerly Manager, Ladies', Toppers Department, City Store, has been appointed as Manager of the Terang Store, with effect from 30th May. Heartly congratulations and good wishes for the future to an estimable young executive.

BENDIGO

We preface our summary of Bendigo Store paragraphs by an apology for the incorrect spelling in last issue's new line-block. Through a printer's error "Myers", Bendigo, was mis-spelled as "Meyers" Bendigo. The error has been rectified in this issue.

The Royal and Ancient Game of Golf figures prominently in our news of Store personalities. Miss Turner, Manager, Mantles Department, returned to her home at Kerang Vale recently, and signalled that return by winning the local Golf Club trophy; Miss Mavis Hicks, Secretary to Mr. Mahoney, achieved that ambition of all golfers by "holing out in one" at Patterson River Golf Club. Heartly congratulations and wishes to both ladies.

A noteworthy arrival in the Store was that of the Display team from the City Store. Led by Mr. Ken Bandman, the efforts of the team in the various Departments were worthy of praise and the Bendigo Store is all the better for their praiseworthy work. Sincere thanks from all at Myers to Mr. Bandman and Company.

Mr. Steve Bocking, of Furniture, has been appointed as Carpets and Linon Manager. All of his colleagues wish the new appointee "All the best" in this sphere.

MILDURA

Although the extensive alterations being carried out at the Store have been accompanied by the inevitable cacophony of buzzing saws, loud hammering and the movement of timber, the results are proving to be worthy of the temporary inconvenience. Already Menswear, Shoes, Floor Coverings, and Mantles Department, have been allotted additional space, and the affected staff are most appreciative of the improvement.

Several promotions, and a Demonstration, have taken place recently. All have been highly successful, and the popularity of each item has been reflected in sales figures. We instance "Suit Promotion" — a promotion giving great pleasure to Mr. Crofts and staff in the Menswear Department — Gold Cross Shoe Parade, and a hat making display conducted by Mrs. Gage of the Millinery showroom.

Congratulations to all who participated.

A welcome return to staff ranks is that of Mr. Frank Lohi, who has assumed a position in the familiar surroundings of the Menswear Department. We're glad to have this gentleman back with us again!

Congratulations are proffered to Mr. Ken Boston, Advertising, on his recent appointment as Manager Carolyn Howell of Woy Woy, N.S.W. "News Service" supports the sentiments already conveyed to the young couple, and takes additional pleasure in so doing, for Ken is the Store Correspondent of the publication.

Bowrings Social Club still pursues its busy, and successful, way. Under the capable direction of Mr. Albert Lavery, who is now enjoying his third successive term as President, the Club plans, and carries out, many enjoyable functions during the year. It is also a source of pride and pleasure to know that each one of the 120 Club members is mighty proud to belong to such an energetic organization.

Incidentally, it's always a source of gentle amazement, to fathom how Mr. Lavery can find time for his Presidential duties, and still manage to get additional time for his favorite hobbies of shooting and fishing.

Mr. Bob Armstrong is suffering from a recurrence of a previous ailment, and all staff join in conveying to this popular staff member their very best wishes for a speedy, and permanent, recovery.

OBITUARY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the relatives, and friends, of those whose deaths we record hereunder:

Mrs. Lynch, sister of Mrs. Ross, Knitwear, City Store.
Mr. W. McMahon, father-in-law of Mrs. McMahon, Coats, City Store.
Mr. Etnic Stone, Supervisor, Lower Ground Floor, City Store.
Mr. Baird, uncle of Miss M. Baird, Supervisor, City Store.
Mr. McLeod, husband of Mrs. McLeod (Miss Simmons), Maidswear Department, City Store.
Mrs. N. Thomson, wife of Mr. B. Thomson, Self Service, Prahran.
Mrs. Martin, mother of Mr. G. Martin, self Service, Prahran.
Mrs. Hopkins, mother of Miss B. Hopkins, Babywear, Prahran.
Mr. J. Biggs, father of Miss Biggs, Lay-by Office, Prahran.
Mr. D. Malloy, husband of Mrs. E. Malloy, Marking-off Room, Collingwood.
Mr. J. J. Woodward, a former Director of Bright & Hitchcocks, Geelong.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT — Miss Hilda Grika, Boys' Mercury, City Store, has asked us to convey to all staff, her deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy she received during her recent bereavement.
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