**A Christmas Message from the Managing Director**

As the year draws to a close after such a busy Christmas trading period, I would like to be able to express personally to you and your families, our warmest greetings for the festive season. The ramifications of the business are now so extensive that this is no longer possible, and I can only try to do so through the medium of our News Service.

However, it is perhaps a time when we might reflect on the fact that so many friendships are created, fostered and cemented during the business hours of the day. At a time like this it is a very pleasant experience on Christmas Eve to be able to extend greetings to one another as good friends, and not merely as business acquaintances. This atmosphere builds not only a pleasant social relationship, but a sound organization.

The year has been a difficult one, but thanks to your individual contributions, we have more than kept pace with the competition of the day, and have in fact developed to the point where we are ready to take advantage of all the commercial opportunities which I am sure are awaiting us in the New Year.

Our organization comprises a group of friendly people, who will ensure success next year, and I am very confident that you will do everything in your power, not only to maintain and improve our standards of service, but in doing so, to increase the warmth of the friendships you have already made.

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**UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN HAVE FUN AT ROOFTOP OPENING**

The commencement of Roof Top Fun Park activities was off to a good start on 25/10/1962. Aided by an unexpectedly clement day, Foys carried out its traditional policy of providing "all the fun of the Fair" for many hundreds of underprivileged children from Melbourne homes and institutions.

The happy occasion was enhanced by the presence of TV and radio personalities, such as "Happy" Hammond, "Cousin" Roy and "Lovely" Anne, whilst the distribution of sweets, balloons and gifts was a never-failing source of joy to the many helpers and the little recipients.

Added lustre was given to the momentous occasion by the presence of Sir Frank Richardson, Sir Kenneth Luke, Mr. G. A. Bitton, Judge Mitchell and the lovely Tania Verstak. As our Managing Director (Mr. Watt) stated on a previous occasion . . . "All the effort that goes into this function is amply repaid by the joy, and happiness given to the little ones not able to care for themselves. Our repayment is in their happy laughter, and in the knowledge that we have done a job for little children".

**Bowrings Dinner Dance a big Hit!**

The Dinner Dance organized by Bowrings Social Club, and held on 27th October, was an outstanding success. The excellent attendance thoroughly enjoyed the usual amenities of a first-class evening, and, more particularly the hilarious Mock Debutante Set. This particular event saw the ladies dressed as male escorts, and certain masculine participants coyly taking the parts of blushing debutantes. Special reference must be made to the parts played by the following: Mr. John McPherson (Mayor), Mrs. Laity (the Mayor), Graeme Reynolds, Bill Zonnenberg, Ian Evans, Maurice Henderson and Graeme Jackson (Debs) and Marietta Clarke, Una Lawler, Charlotte Grainger, Lois Glen and Ellen Collins (Partners).

A regrettable, but unavoidable, absentee from the Dinner Dance was Mr. Bill Lavery, who is seriously ill at the present time; the popular "Bill", is President of the Social Club, and had never missed a function since he became a member. All of Bowrings staff extend to their friend every good wish for a speedy recovery . . . sentiments with which this journal is in full agreement.
PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

In many past issues of "News Service," we have referred to the unbroken family link that has bound us together with a succession of owners of the service of Foy and Gibson. This factor is present in the life-story of this month's PERSONALITY; and with the association is added the human qualities of reliability, efficiency and manliness. We present...

MR. JOHN GOLDIE
Manager, Cleaning Services, City Store.

John Goldie was born at Preston, his father, the late "Dan" Goldie, was an honorary employee of Foy and Gibson and had built up an enviable reputation as Manager of the Despatch Department of Collingwood. Some digression is warranted in referring to our PERSONALITY's parent, and we add the further facts that Mr. Goldie Senior was of Scots origin and had been a Stationmaster on the Glasgow-South Western Railways, prior to coming to Australia. In the period prior to his elevation to managerial status at Collingwood, Mr. Goldie Senior was also Night Manager of Foy's Adelaide Grand Central Hotel.

Our PERSONALITY received his education at the famous Spencer Street State School, Clifton Hill, and at the Central School, North Fitzroy. He completed a two-years' general engineering course at the Melbourne Technical College and applied this sound foundation with success in his first position with a local firm of painters and decorators. After two years spent in this way, and with the encouragement of his parents, John set up a one-man business specializing in the sale of all types of cleaning requirements.

On the death of his father in June, 1937, Mr. Goldie was offered a position in the Despatch Department, where he served under Mr. Laney. Mr. Goldie quickly demonstrated that the sound personal qualities of the father had been reproduced in the son. For some portion of this initial period of service, duties were primarily in hardware packing.

The impact of the war interrupted the normal routine of our PERSONALITY. He enlisted in 1940 and was a member of the 16th Field Regiment, Artillery. Later, our friend was transferred to the 215th Light Aid Detachment A.E.M.E., with the status of Fitter. Military service was completed in Victoria and in Western Australia (in the western State, the bulk of service was followed at the Hollywood Military Hospital at Perth).

John was discharged as "Medically unfit" late in 1942, and immediately returned to the service of Foy and Gibson. A still later promotion saw Mr. Goldie firmly ensconced in the position he holds today, viz.: Manager, Cleaning Services, City and Suburban Stores. Do not imagine, dear reader, that such a position is a sinecure. It involves the performance of many, many requirements necessary for the preservation of cleanliness, health and appearance of Great Retail Stores, it involves the super-vision and smooth-running of lift and cleaning services, and it involves the allocation of watching and sanitation duties for every hour of every day.

Such matters as these are in the capable hands of a good officer whose conception of service has been bequeathed to him by an equally conscientious father. Foy's is rightly proud of men as the Goldies (father and son) have proved to be, and sees in their records another illustration of the many family links that rejoin to its long history.

Mr. Goldie is a bachelor, and lives with a sister in their North Fitzroy home. He is a member of the Australian Railway Historical Society. Other interests are walking, reading and motor touring. In the course of the latter interest, our friend has covered many thousands of miles to all parts of Australia. Not the least of these journeys included a momentous journey over the Nullabor Plain to Western Australia, and along the western coast of our great continent.

To John Goldie, and to the many others of his type that grace our organization, we give a respectful salute and assure them, that Foy's is just as proud of them, as they are proud of Foy's.
Sir Frank gives highlights of Tour!

In the long series of enjoyable functions that have marked the history of the now famous Roof Top functions, the recent address by Sir Frank Richardson, Chairman of the Board, ranks with the most memorable. Mr. J. N. Watt occupied the chair, and a large and representative audience of senior personnel from all metropolitan, and some country stores was present.

Sir Frank gave an interesting, and colourful discourse on impressions gleaned during his recent overseas journey in Great Britain, the Continent, and America.

Highlights of the address were a series of vivid comparisons of trading conditions as they existed in the United States today, and by contrast with the American scene of a decade ago, the impact of “dissentent” houses in the retail sphere, the trade possibilities and amazing expansion of Mexico, and the desirability of extending Australian trade relationships with progressive South American Republics. Interesting vignettes were also given of experiences on the Continent, and with particular reference to life, and commerce, in Sweden.

The address was followed with keen interest by all present, and the acclamation accorded to the distinguished speaker was a fitting and appropriate tribute for a most illuminating presentation.

Mr. Maclean Retires After 38 Years

Mr. A. A. D. Maclean, Works and Service Controller, has retired from Foys employ after 38 years of outstanding service. For over 30 years of this long period, Mr. Maclean has occupied a senior executive position and has been largely instrumental in most of the Company’s major maintenance and construction works. Mr. Maclean was appropriately “farenwelled” at a number of representative functions when he ceased duty and all range in the organization joined in wishing the gentleman many years of happy and pleasant retirement. To the expressions already made, “News Service” adds its sincere contribution.

Mr. Pickard Back After Illness

Mr. Cyril Baxter, Controller, has resumed duty after his recent illness.

This popular executive has been the recipient of numerous congratulations on his excellent recovery.

Mrs. Gorfinke Honored

Mrs. W. E. Gorfinke, Accessory Office, was the recipient of a great honor on Tuesday, 30th October, when she received the Red Cross Badge for 20 years continuous service with that organization. The presentation was made by Lady Brooks, wife of the State Governor, it a most impressive ceremony held at Government House. Hearty congratulations on a really worthwhile achievement.

Mr. McEwan Ill

All staff will regret to learn that Mr. L. J. McEwan, Social Club Secretary, is absent on prolonged sick leave at the present time. The popular “Les” has already undergone one successful operation, and at the time of going to press, is soon to undergo another. On behalf of all the staff “News Service” conveys to our absent friend every good wish for a speedy and permanent recovery.

Mr. Huggen Promoted

An appointment approved by Management in recent months as follows:

Mr. B. Huggan who became Buyer/Manager Gifts Department (vice Mr. O’Grady). To this young man our wishes for future success.

Fun at the Car-B-Que

As promised in last issue, the report regarding the Car-B-Q makes very wholesome reading. Over 40 cars took part in an entertaining Rally to the Flinders Recreation Ground. A number of competitors calved in to this favored venue and the 22 competitors in the Car Trial Class Competition thoroughly enjoyed the brain-toasting event. Activities at Flinders included pony rides and a treasure hunt for the children, rolling pin throwing for the ladies, horse-shoe pitching for the men, and races for all ages and sexes. The weather, and the barbeque itself were happy ingredients for a wonderful day. To quote the concluding phrase of the report of the Car-B-Q, the present question is: “When will the next one take place?”

Gibsonia Cup Results

Gibsonia Cup results for September were:

Furniture 1st (71 pts.); Toddlers, Matils & College Wear 2nd (66 pts.); Mercury & Men’s Store Groups equal 3rd (64 pts.).

PRAHRAN

A Snake Story

Life is full of surprises in the Retail Trade! For many months, Mr. “Bill” Cotterell, Warehouse Shop, had been seeking to dispose of a “trade-in” refrigerator received from a satisfied country customer. Prospective purchasers have minutely inspected the said machine on many occasions, but no business has resulted. Recently a good prospect announced that the frig was ideal for his requirement and a last minute check was made to confirm the almost-accomplished transaction. Horror of horrors! Replacing sedulously in the machine was a decidedly-ugly brown snake. Various estimates of the size of this reptile ranged from 12 feet long (and a girth of 1 foot) in 4 feet long (with a girth of 2 inches). The speed with which the floor was vacated would not have shaded sprint aspirations for the Perth Empire Games! It is alleged that staff and customers clocked 9.5 seconds for the 100 yards (Les Dunn to please note) and the vacation of the floor was really a sight to behold.

The intrepid soul who returned and despatched the 1 foot snake with a well-aimed blow deserves commendation.

The sequel — A sale of the refrigerator, only carried away by the purchaser, with the deceased snake — still beautiful in death — reposing therein.

New Staff

New Staff welcomed to Store during the month were: Mrs. E. Ellersien (Sportswear), Mrs. M. Haxett (Alterations), Mrs. Newman (Jewellery), Mrs. H. Wilson (Mail Order) and Mrs. P. Soloman.

Mrs. Kelly Recovering

All staff will be glad to learn that Mrs. G. Kelly (Underwear) is rapidly recovering from her recent operation. It is the sincerest wish of all that the improvement continues until full health is entirely restored.

Miss Logan Returns to Work

We make a special note to welcome back to her place on the switchboard our respected fellow-employee Miss Elsie Logan. This lady has had the unfortunate to undergo a long, and severe, illness that necessitated many weeks in hospital. Now that Miss Logan has returned to duty, all members of our organization will join with “News Service” in saying “Good Neille Fall” — which is Gaelic for a hundred thousand welcomers”.

COLLINGWOOD

Two Employees in Hospital

Their many friends will regret to learn that Jack McHugh, Family Budget Section, and Mr. Strain Davidson of the Invoice Office, are in hospital at the present time. Latest news regard both gentlemen is reassuring, however, and it is sincerely hoped that both officers will soon be back in their accustomed places again.

Mrs. Fraser Recovered

Whilst still on the subject of illness, it is pleasant to record that Mrs. Chords Fraser has returned to duty after her recent indisposition.

STORE ROUNDBOUGHT
BOWLS TEAM SUCCESS

In the fields of physical endeavor, we report that both of our Indoor Bowls teams continue to do very well in League competitions. Mr. Andy Montgomery earned his 100th pin on Monday, 22nd October. (Editor's note: If advice is sought as to the exact meaning of this distinction, please enquire from Mr. G. Geoghegan, Docket Officer, who will gladly supply the required information).

* * * Weather Did Not Deter Him

We note that Mr. Ron Duncan won the trophy donated for the competition held at Warburton in mid October. Congratulations, Ron, on what is reported to have been an outstanding performance in most inclement weather conditions.

* * * Garry Schickering

Now in Germany

According to the latest report from Mr. Garry Schickering, Office, Collingwood, his overseas travelling has proved to be most enjoyable.

Writing from Germany, Garry gives a colourful account of the points of interest he has visited, and is looking forward with keen interest to the completion of his itinerary in Switzerland and Austria. The traveller expects to be back in Australia just prior to Christmas.

* * * 21st Birthdays

Two young ladies of the Office Staff recently celebrated their 21st birthdays. They were Miss Maureen Brownlow (Invoce Section) who was presented with bathroom scales; and Miss Helen Reid (Addressograph Section) who received a travel case.

To both young ladies, congratulations on an epochal event.

COLAC

Managing Director

New President of Bowling Club

A recent honor in a spiritual record of public service came the way of the Managing Director (Mr. L. Atyer), when he was appointed as President of the Colac Bowling Club. All staff wish this popular executive a long, and most successful term of office.

* * * Young Pipe Player Wins Competition

Also in a congratulatory vein, we refer to the outstanding success of young Peter Picone (Furniture Department). Peter won the March Winter Competition conducted by the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association in Melbourne during the month. In addition to his proficiency as a bagpipe player, this young man holds several degrees for piano-playing.

PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING

Extensive preparations are being made for the next big social event. This will be the Christmas Party, and it is scheduled for the 4th of December. All staff are awaiting this most enjoyable function.

GEELONG

112 Birthday Celebrations

Brightly and beautifully celebrated its 112th Birthday during the month. In keeping with past procedure, the Store was duly decorated for the Birthday Sale, while the 112 lucky customers were the recipients of a similar number of handsome birthday cakes!

* * * Basketball Team Elections

The girls' basketball team elected its main officials recently, Miss Helen Lambert (Wood Department) was voted to be Captain, while the Vice-Captain's position went to Miss Irene Poyser (General Office).

* * * Walkabouts

Two intending travellers were "farrowelled" during the month. They were Susan Dickinson (Marx Restaurant) who is accompanying her parents to England; and Mr. Ernest Vidniecks (Men's Store) who is undertaking an around-Australia journey in his Volkswagen.

To them both . . . Good wishes for the future.

BENDIGO

Personalities Resign

Because of Ill-health

Two well-known and highly respected Store personalities recently resigned on account of ill-health. They were as follows:

* * * Mr. Peter Burns, formerly buyer, Wines and Spirits Department, who had amassed a creditable record of 35 years service. Peter belonged to the First A.I.F., and in peace-time, was an ardent worker for ex-soldier organizations. At a staff function arranged by the Management, Mr. J. Mahoney feelingly referred to Mr. Burns' great service with the Company, and the geniality that had always marked the attitude of the retiring gentleman to his fellow-employees. Appropriate gifts were also presented at the function.

The second of the two retiring worthies was Miss Lawrence, Mr. Bill Millinery Department, whose cessation brings to a close, 25 years of splendid service. Miss Lawrence has not enjoyed good health for some time, and all staff wish her a speedy and a complete restoration to good health in the years of her retirement.

* * * MILDURA

Mrs. Mann Almost Recovered

All staff are pleased to note the return to duty of Mrs. Mann after her recent illness. We're also glad to report that the young ladies are rapidly recovering from her indispositions.

DANDENONG

Off to Perth

Two of the Upstairs Office girls . . . Misses Margaret Byrne and Yota Nouris . . . have planned an unusual trip for their three weeks vacation. They propose to travel by car and train to Perth to witness the forthcoming Empire Games. Needless to state, all staff wish the trio a very well in League competitions.

MARRIAGES

Every good wish for future happiness, health and prosperity to the following people who recently celebrated their marriages:

* Miss Beverley Aldridge, formerly of Credit Office, Collingwood, and Mr. M. Simpson.
* Miss Margaret King, formerly of Hosiery Department, Bright & Hitchcocks and Mr. Ron Matthews, Manchester Department, also of Brights.
* Miss Janette Page, of General Office, Bright & Hitchcocks, and Mr. Bob Thompson.
* Miss Alison Kerwood of Brights Quay and Mr. Jim Chaflcy.
* Miss Bev. Kennedy, formerly of Workknot, Myers (Bendigo) and Mr. K. Newall.
* Miss Marlene Gav, Fancys Department, Myers (Bendigo) and Mr. Kevin Doyle.
* Miss Betty Waddell, Bowring's Wentworth Store, and Mr. Joe Tizzard, Floor Coverings Department, Bowrings.

* * * BIRTHS

"News Service" extends its best wishes to the following parents, who were recently blessed with additions to their families:

* Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gay — a daughter (Vivienne). Ken is employed at Credit Office, Collingwood.
* Mr. and Mrs. Spencer — a son. Mr. Spencer was formerly on the staff of the General Office, Bright and Hitchcocks.
* Mr. and Mrs. John Brien — a daughter (Jillith Suean). John is a member of the Electrical Department staff of Myers (Bendigo).
* Mr. and Mrs. F. McCorkell, a daughter. Mr. McCorkell is employed in the Electrical Department, Fox-Billions, Colac.

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