EXCITING NEW VENTURE
FOYS ENTER GIRL IN THE MISS TEENAGE QUEST

Although this brief article appears under City Store news its significance and appeal is not only to that Store, but also to Prahran, Collingwood (including the Office), Chadstone, Dandenong, and indeed to all the Stores that comprise our far-flung organization.

As readers know the quest is organized to raise funds for the Royal Women’s Hospital, and it is strongly supported by the Sun News-Pictorial, Radio Station 3AW, various public bodies and associations, whilst the response from the public has been generous and spontaneous.

Much preliminary work has to be done if the quest is to be completely successful. The Company has decided to exert every endeavour to ensure that Foy and Gibson’s candidate makes a worthy showing.

It has been decided to break up the City and other Stores into appropriate and workable groups. Each group will nominate a girl to represent it and in late May an elimination contest will be held to select one girl to represent Foy’s in the official quest.

Any and every legitimate means of raising money (such as evenings, social functions, miniature consultations, etc.) will be exploited to augment the effort by the groups, and by the whole organisation.

In addition to the handsome prizes the successful girl can win in the official quest, the girls who win the Store Quest under the headings of

1. Raising the most money, and
2. As most likely to succeed in the open competition, will win prizes to the value of £175. The girl who finally attains the honor of being “Miss Foy and Gibson” will receive all necessary expenses and a handsome ball gown to do honor to her selection and to fittingly represent our Company.

Already City Store and other suburban Stores have formed their appropriate groups, and a number of preliminary meetings have been held.

All promises well for the ultimate success of the many efforts. “News Service” will gladly advertise any functions, etc., designed to stimulate the worthy objective of the quest.

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Miss Maude Gibson, now resident in Switzerland and a direct descendant of the original Gibson who found the famous partnership of Foy and Gibson, has donated £1000 to the Appeal Fund.

“Jive” and Miss Knofler

Miss Doris Knofler, of Ladies’ Shoes, registered a very good performance just prior to the Christmas vacation.

She and her partner (Mr. Robert Cortis) won the Victorian “jive” dancing championship and were also successful in the challenge event — Melbourne v. Sydney — for the same type of dancing. This challenge event is regarded as the Australian championship and, as a consequence, Miss Knofler has reason to be proud of her proficiency.

Success for Basketball team...

John Georgopolous of the Men’s Store reports that Foys Basketball team has had a successful season in the Summer Competition. Out of eight games played when this issue of “News Service” went to press, five games were won and three were lost. Two of the defeats were by the narrowest of margins.

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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

For this month's "Personality" we journey to the famous city of Bendigo and we select for our subject a man who has given, and is giving great service to the leading provincial firm of Mr. And Mrs. Westcott Pty. Ltd., which firm occupies a most important sphere in the organization of that Store. He enjoys the respect and esteem of all his colleagues and his work comprises so much that he is academically and personally qualified. As the story unfolds our readers will understand why the said personality plays such an important part in the thriving functions of our Bendigo establishment.

To usher in our 1963 series of personalities, we have pleasure in presenting the story of

Robert Walter John Westcott,
Secretary and Director,
Myers's (Bendigo) Pty. Ltd.
Mr. Westcott was born in the Melbourne suburb of Sun-
shine in 1921. He received his early education at the local State school and, later, at the Williamstown High School.

Although it is only 42 years since our personality was born, the city of his birth has seen vast changes, changes that have enhanced the growth of Melbourne, and which saw the transformation of Sunshine from a place outside suburban, and sparsely populated area to a thriving industrialized city of a modern age. In the Sunshine of the years 1921 to 1935 (the latter being the year in which our Personality first sought employment) the inevitable field of employment was the information field, known in the firm of H. V. McKay Mussy-Harris Pty. Ltd.

Young Westcott regarded accounts as the starting point to obtain a position in the office of that establishment. The job was a mixture of clerical and pedestrian duties, for it consisted of the collection of time cards from "all points of the compass," assisting in the dissection of the details, then returning the same cards to their appropriate spheres.

Mileage covered each day by foot was at least six miles.

The groundwork, however, was extremely valuable and young "Bob" (as he was known) remained at McKay's until his enlistment at the age of 19 years in the Second A.I.F.

There's quite a coincidence in his enlistment date of June 13, 1940, for it was on exactly the same date in 1916 that his father (the late Mr. Westcott) enlisted in the First A.I.F.

As Gunner Westcott, our Personality sailed for active service overseas in December, 1940. He saw many theatres of war whilst in the 9th Battery 2/3rd Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the Royal Australian Artillery in the Middle East, Egypt, the Western Des-

rt and Syria.

Returning to Australia with the returned soldiers, Victor Lance Bombardier, the young soldier was soon in the fighting zone at Milne Bay, New Guinea, etc.

A heavy attack of malaria intervened and nearly a year was spent in hospital convalesce camps. On return to Australia, Bombardier Westcott was transferred to Home Service in Army Records, Melbourne.

In the same year, important events took place in the life of our Personality. He was discharged from the Army, accepted a clerical position with the Victoria Inland Meat Authority and settled down in Bendigo — a city which was destined to play such an important part in his subsequent career.

It seems trite to say 'The life of every man is studded with small events' but, when truly properly analyzed, in 1945, Mr. Westcott married and also saw the light of day of a grandbaby. Later, studies that were to eventually see him emerge as a fully qualified accountant in the year 1956. The following year, a position was accepted with the well-known firm of Kia-Ora Industries in their Bendigo factory. This, too, was valuable experience, for it opened up new vistas in the realm of cost accounting.

In 1958, Mr. Westcott joined the staff of Myers's (Bendigo) Pty. Ltd. as company secretary, and in the same year was qualified for membership in the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

The wide interests and great scope of the industries in which Mr. Westcott followed his chosen career present a colorful attended, with the natural advantage of the industries in which Mr. Westcott was employed. In this recognition of worth is a fitting tribute to the recognition of worth which was given to this man a poise and determination to serve and work in his chosen field and profession.

Myer's (Bendigo) Pty. Ltd.
MONSTER STAFF PICNIC
DATE—March 24
PLACE—Fenny Creek

A Monster Staff Picnic has been arranged for Fenny Creek on Sunday, March 24. Arrangements are well in hand for a most enjoyable function, and all that is required for success is the generous patronage of the staff. Full details may be obtained from Miss E. Shillito, who does not forget these details.

PLACE: FENNY CREEK.

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HOURLY halations were a feature of the holiday with a plethora of sales, sight-seeing and entertainment.

Musical son wins Scholarship

There have been references in past issues to the activities and musical ability of Tony Conolan, son of Mr. Ron Conolan, Electrical Buyer at the Store. This talented young chap achieved yet another success recently when winning a musical scholarship at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. Tony is studying for his Bachelor of Music Degree and will shortly commence rehearsals with the Conservatorium Orchestra for the forthcoming opera season.

SINCERELY, Miss June Bickerton, Manager, Marion Store.

MILDURA

Cocktail Party and Social Club Meeting

As will be noted from the Reports (Classified Section, December 15th), Miss Marie Bogie and Elwin Bogie were blessed by three young members of their family. Misses Diane Lapsley, Marjorie Harris (Cosmetics), and Mariette Cross (Handbags) had at Bendigo a booming sale which they attended to convey their good wishes to a very popular gentleman.

In Safe Keeping

Miss June Bickerton, Manager, Marion Store.

New Staff welcomed during the month were as follows:—

CESSIONS:— Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jeffs (Menswear). I wish to announce the appointment of Misses June Bickerton, Marion Store.
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