

NOTES AND NEWS

PERSONAL

Visitors to your editors recently have included:-

JOHN JONES from EAST SALE with some tales of life with the R.A.A.F. John sends regards to all Obs. Course 17 men.

HARRY JAMIESON, who was busy stocking up with "gen" before departing for COCOS ISLAND, where he will relieve RON CHADDER.

KEITH MCKENZIE - wartime met. man, who is a master at Wesley College. Keith also sends salutations to all old pals.

LAURIE ATKINSON, who came from PORT HEDLAND, and was at that time on his way to HEARD ISLAND.

Also met LEO DAY in the city one lunch hour. Leo looked very fit.

Had a yarn with JACK CARPENTER recently, too. Jack and his family are living in MELBOURNE now.

His many friends will be sorry to learn that ALAN MARTIN has returned to Western Australia to undergo an operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

I believe LEN CAVENAGH has completed his second term of duty on WILLIS ISLAND, and will shortly take up a position at CHARLEVILLE. Len must be the world's leading authority on remote localities.

MAX BRUER has left CEDUNA, and will shortly be seen around MELBOURNE.

Also included in movements which take place in the near future are those of KEN BURNETT, who moves from AMBERLEY to CHARLEVILLE; JOHN BYRNE from CHARLEVILLE to GARBUTT; and FRANK BREENE, who departs tropic-wards for PORT MORESBY, and later to LAE.

VERY PERSONAL DEPARTMENT

Cupid has been rather busy round the Bureau lately. Engagements announced recently:-

DOROTHY ROYLE (Drafting Section) to MR. MICHAEL PARKS.

GAYE STALLARD (Records) to JIM MILNE (Staff Section)- a 100% meteorological arrangement.

Congratulations to each of the happy parties from everyone.

Another name which must be mentioned in this section is that of JOHN LOUITTIT, from CAMBRIDGE, who recently took unto himself a wife. Congratulations, John.

C.W.B. SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic at Mt. Evelyn was an outstanding success. Winners included:-

Bowling at Stump - Mrs. FRASER, BOB MANSON.

Relay race for Camm Shield - Aviation Section Team
VIN PYE, KEN FRASER, NOEL MAISHMAN, RALPH HOLMES.

Under 30 Event - JIM MILNE.

Over 30 Event - TED NORMAN.

Over 70(!) Event - JACK NAPIER (TOMMY CAMM broke a sesame bone and withdrew).

Cigarette Race - AUDREY DICKSON and RALPH HOLMES.

King of the Barrel - MAL COWLEY.

The Anzac Re-union.

What a night!! Many, including ANDY MURFETT, CHAS. JAMES and NEIL McRAE, have vowed to take a road map next time. Fancy Essendon men being found on Brighton Station at 3 a.m. - and no taxi!!

DICK WHITE partnered ALEC HERON in a "shadow dance", which was beaten only by ALAN MARTIN's tango "The Antarctic". HARRY HOCKING (ex met.) and CHARLIE BLOCK (some relation of KEV. SCHMETZER???) eventually paid their dues.

TOMMY CAMM has an excellent young singer in training.

Finally, it would be appreciated if the person who flattened the wash-basin came forward and made a full report.

Theatre Night

The Jessie Mathews' show "Larger Than Life", as well as providing a good night's entertainment, also proved a good opportunity for HENRY PHILLPOT and VIC. MATHAMS to use their opera glasses.

The Children's Christmas Treat

Arrangements are already well under way for this year's effort, and the date fixed is 13th December.

REMEMBER!!

These pages are open to news and general items from all and sundry in the meteorological service. Strange as it may seem, news of YOUR activities is appreciated by folk in other meteorological offices and you may gain news of some old pal. So send in your notes to -

Australian Meteorological Magazine,
Box 1289 K, G.P.O.,
Melbourne.

For example, we'd like to hear:-

If any met. men have made centuries for the D.C.A. cricket team in DARWIN lately?

If the new post office and houses are finished at DALY WATERS, and if they make a difference to life there?

Has the hotel service at HALL'S CREEK improved?

Do they still catch big fish at PORT HEDLAND?

ODDS AND ENDS

METEOROLOGICAL CONFECTIONERY - During one of Melbourne's famous "red rains" some time ago, R.A.A.F. aircraft on exercises from East Sale reported "pink icing" - caused by the mixture of red dust and ice on the airframe. Our reporter also asserts that the winds on one occasion were so strong that the aircraft was going "backwards and upwards" - or at least it felt that way.

HOWLERS - Some met. "howlers" from recent exam papers (not from met. men!!)

"The sun rises in the morning and begins to heat the earth by nocturnal radiation."

"Rime icing is extremely dangerous, because it forms on the air-crew."

"The wind at a cold front backs anything up to 360 degrees."

"Super cooled water is another name for clear ice, and is found in the atmosphere in large sheets."

Vertical divisions of the atmosphere - "The atmosphere is divided into two divisions - below 12,000 feet, and above 12,000 feet, where flight is extremely dangerous."