

NOTES AND NEWS

PERSONAL

Among old friends met during lunch hour rambles recently were none other than Jimmy Richards, Alan Cornish, and, believe it or not, Brian Rofe, looking extremely corpulent and still adorned with a very operational moustache.

Eric Graham has resumed duty at the Bureau after an "all-embracing" visit overseas. Helsinki was included in his itinerary. Leo Costello was also in the party.

The next Heard Island party is assembling in Melbourne. Met. men will include Peter Shaw, Fred Elliot, Bernie Izabelle, and Len Walsh.

Jack Carpenter has rejoined the service, and is now at Eagle Farm.

John Jones, (East Sale) is just back from a motor-bike trip to Brisbane, where he stayed with Ray Beck. John's had motor-bikes - the chain broke three times on the way home!

The dashing debonair Brian Bradshaw has left C.A.W.D.S. for the Adelaide Bureau - alas, the fluttering of feminine hearts.

Stewart Martin has left the Darwin Office for a job in the Customs Department.

George Rutherford has left Brisbane to take up a position in Melbourne.

Bob Manson has returned to observing work.

Neil McRae is on the way north on a temporary transfer to Brisbane Bureau.

Ron Chadder, who has been at Mascot, and Vic Cleeland, formerly on relief duties in N.S.W., are taking over in the Darwin Office. Neville McCleod has finished his tour, and is "due out".

Southern movements include Jack Walsh, from Tassie to Laverton; and Kev Lomas, Laverton back to Training Section.

In spite of the shortage of an essential commodity, the recent C.W.B. ball was an outstanding success.

ATHLETICS AT CLONCURRY

"An item of some small interest from the 'Curry. An effort is being made to reorganise the "Aerodrome Mad Mile".

This "Mad Mile" was begun on the whim (and the love of "betting on two flies") by forecaster J. Cocks in the late Summer, fifty-one. A measured mile was laid out around the runways and a search was made for competitors. It might be mentioned that the event was run on afternoons with temperatures averaging 98°F.

First on the long list were L. Askey and D. McKauge who had a "grudge bout" - youth versus middle age - both finished (Askey 5 mins. 26 secs., and McKauge 5 mins. 24 secs.) collapsed on the Met. Office floor and when sufficient strength returned, made a beeline for a "reviver" at the local. Jack Cocks, the pacer on a push-cycle also participated in this part of proceedings. At a later date Jack ran himself (under duress) and finished in the record longest time of 5 mins. 37 secs. Many of the D.C.A. and Met. Staff participated and also quite a few "locals" entered but the competition came to an end when a member of the Aerodrome Groundstaff, laid down his shovel, took off his shoes, loped around in 4 mins. 43.1/5 secs., picked up his shovel and commenced digging once more. Past and future contestants slunk off, shamefaced and disheartened.

Anything, for sure, for all laugh and a break in the monotony of the North-West."

.....D. McKauge