

NOTES AND NEWS

PERSONAL:

Many and varied have the movements been in the last three months. Amongst them are the Heard Island boys. Ray Borland and Laurie Atkinson have gone relieving, Reg. Frost to Sydney area and Ken Hall to Williamtown. Departures for foreign climes include Jack Miller and Ron Sheard to England and Freeman Keyte to Fiji.

Many observing types have abandoned the double pen for the single one by becoming Clerks, amongst these are Arthur Stehn, Laurie Metcalf, Harold MacKay, Ross McPherson and Jack Heywood. Bruce Kell the scourge of the Observer's Radio has left Radio Aids Section for Sydney Bureau. In his place we have Keith (do-si-do) Morely.

Jimmy Fitzpatrick from Rathmines paid the C.W.B. a flying visit.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Timcke, Mr. L.J. Dwyer and Mr. Newman whose promotions to the positions of Director, A/D. Admin. and D/D. Brisbane have been confirmed.

Mr. Dwyer has departed for the land of the mighty dollar and thence to England.

The very popular "Tommy" Camm, D/D. Victoria has announced his retirement.

Molly Douglas (nee Murdoch) Typist at C.W.B. for 11 years had retired to take up home duties.

Cadets Julian Clifford and Alan Rainbird ex Perth and Sydney have arrived at Melbourne to join Rob Forster and Don Handcock in their last year of training. All of these four graduated as Bachelor of Science last December. Another graduate is Keith Morely, who now has his Masters degree.

Arthur Woolcock, Rob Forster and Don Handcock have all sampled Army hospitality recently doing meteor flights. Arthur came back with an unprintable opinion of Port Wakefield, S.A., but Don and Rob managed a week's holiday by surf at Port Fairy.

VERY PERSONAL DEPARTMENT:

Dorothy Royle, Gaye Stallard and Jim Milne and Cedric Foster have set dates for their venture into matrimony later this year. Gordon Hunter is now the proud father of a baby girl - nice going Gordon after 3 boys.

Other proud poppas are Dick White a son, and Chris Avenell a daughter.

SOCIAL NOTES:

The annual picnic was a great success, 3 kegs of lunch being consumed in record time. Prize winners included Hughie Carrig, Vin Pye, Ralph Holmes (2), Frank Hannan, Clem Cooper and as usual Aviation Section won the Camm Shield. A certain member of Accounts missed the last bus home. An enjoyable night at the theatre was attended by many of C.W.B. staff seeing "Limelight" at the Regent. It is rumored that the same member of Accounts Section was last to leave again.

The preparations for the Annual Reunion to be held at the Oddfellows Hall on 30th April are well under way.

HAZARDS OF STATION LIFE - CLONCURRY:

With the resultant heavy growth of grass from the good rains early in the month, flies are very bad and various types of protection from same have been evolved for use during balloon flights. Unfortunately the open water lying about after the rain has bred many mosquitos and these take over in the evening when the flies retire. Another result of the rain and flooding has been the driving onto higher ground of snakes, etc. On the morning of Friday, 13th, Mr. Gericke was "bailed up" by a large brown one in the staff room of the Radio Aids Building, having to escape by means of the table and window. The O.I.C. and a .22 rifle were requisitioned and the snake despatched and dragged out, when it was found to measure 7 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. It probably made its way into the room during the previous afternoon while Mr. Gericke was doing some routine servicing.

