

SOCIAL ITEMS FROM CENTRAL WEATHER BUREAU.

The winter quarter of 1953 has seen much unofficial as well as official activity at Central Office. The extra-technical doings varied from the semi-official to the highly personal, and perhaps the biggest social event took place at the end of April when the retirement of "TOMMY" CAMM from the Service coincided with the annual Anzac Met. re-union. The official presentation to Mr. CAMM was marked by the biggest gathering ever seen in the Director's sanctum, and the re-union next evening (in nearby Victoria Hall) was generally voted the most successful of these annual events so far. "TOMMY" himself broke the silence of many years and disclosed just how he came by his pseudonym, and the opportunity was taken also to welcome GERRY O'MAHONY, new chief of the Statistical Section, who had recently abandoned the rigours of field staff existence for the "comforts" of Head Office (even Wills St. variety).

Other noteworthy events of the season were the theatre party to the murder drama "Dial M for Murder" at the Comedy Theatre, (not as inappropriate as you might imagine) and the Winter Frolic held at Scots Church Hall, where KEITH (Do-si-do) MORLEY successfully discouraged would-be square dance novitiates, and a taste for hot punch was inculcated in the palates of all present. Individual items included hot solos on his own personal flute by CEDRIC FOSTER, voted a roaring success by all.

Forthcoming attractions to the end of the year are the annual Children's Christmas Tree and the Social Club Ball, which, it is hoped, will attract a record attendance, and any Branch members in the outposts of Empire who can be present in Melbourne for the event (5th November) will be warmly welcomed.

The VERY Personal Dept.

Congratulations to popular Staff Clerk TOM HALL on the advent of a daughter. TOM is keeping things nicely balanced as he already rates a fine son.

Best wishes are the order of the day to ex-W.A.A.A.F. MAVIS THOMAS, well known in the R.A.A.F. Met. Service at Williamstown and elsewhere, and post-war at Central Office, who recently exchanged her single-mindedness for double harness and now prefers to be known as Mrs. CAROLINE KENTWELL. While on this fascinating subject we must mention the approaching marriages of that popular C.W.B. couple GAYE STALLARD and JIM MILNE, which will have been celebrated ere you receive this, and later on, in November, of DOROTHY ROYLE, to whom you owe the excellent design of the cover. Coming up the straight is another Staff Section notability, HUGO CARRIGG, who recently announced his engagement.