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Weekly

By Bill Parsons, Managing Editor

Rumours have been circulating persistently in Coober Pedy that the days of the Opal Miners' Weekly are numbered.

As is well known, rumours are usually the fabrication of ill-informed and often malicious people.

Nevertheless, unless rumours are nipped in the bud they have a nasty tendency to stick in people's minds in preference to factual truth.

It is for the latter reason that I have decided on taking several positive steps to reassure you of the continuation of your paper and to deny in the strongest possible terms all the ill-informed gossip which has clearly been circulating in Coober Pedy.

The first step I have decided to take is to use the best part of the front page of this issue to inform you of the state of affairs and make one or two predictions on the future of Opal Miners' Weekly.

It is true — and I pointed this out in my Editorial last week — that the publication of Opal Miners' Weekly has been somewhat erratic up to issue No. 3.

It is equally true that since then the newspaper has always been available in Coober Pedy on time, namely, Saturday morning.

I also tried to explain the reasons for the delays and indicated that the reasons had been overcome.

However, perhaps I was a little too optimistic in assuming this, but I do know that the paper will appear regularly.

Secondly

The second step I have decided on was to investigate the problems at first hand and will, therefore, go to Adelaide and Coober Pedy next week.

In Adelaide I will have a meeting with the Premier, Mr. Don Dunstan, on Monday

and have asked Mr. Lightning Ridge, John Roufos and our Andamooka and all ladies in Coober Pedy the other Opal Fields to arrange a meeting for Tuesday.

I would, of course, try, a newspaper like as many of you as possible to come to the meeting, details of which will be posted up at the shop.

I want to hear your suggestions of how we can improve the paper, your criticisms and anything else you can bring up.

By taking this action I believe that you will be convinced of our interest in giving you a newspaper on a permanent basis.

My Directors and I feel that Coober Pedy,

Support

In this thinking we are supported by a number of people outside the industry, but interested in it for a variety of reasons.

I believe the governments, both state and federal, are aware of a need to communicate with the more remote areas and this is

one of the reasons I will be seeing Mr. Dunstan on Monday.

I am sure that the Premier of South Australia, who is also, of course, the Minister for Mines, will be able to give me some constructive and helpful ideas.

I am convinced that our meeting in Coober Pedy will produce a more ready understanding of our mutual problems and help to eradicate them.

The only dark cloud on the horizon is that, owing to my visit, issue No. 6 will be a week late.

I am sure that you will understand this

and readily accept it, realising that during my absence from Melbourne the paper cannot be produced.

In closing this message to you I want to address a few words to our readers in Lightning Ridge and other Fields who may feel a little neglected over this.

No intent

There has been no intention on my part to disadvantage you.

You will notice that in this issue we have devoted two pages to Lightning Ridge and we've arised have used the Holiday like Phoenix out of the Page to bring you some ashes.

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Japanese Film Crew for Coober Pedy

The Australian Tourist Commission has invited a Japanese film crew to visit Australia. During their visit, the Japanese crew will be visiting Coober Pedy to film opal mining operations. The crew is headed by a woman director who is a top TV film producer in Japan. While the film makers have already arrived in Australia, their exact schedule for Coober Pedy is unknown, but the Australian Tourist Commission is keeping Opal Miners' Weekly informed. We'll advise you to get your make up on when the time comes!



Refuelling at Coober Pedy Airport



Scene in Coober Pedy

UNDERGROUND LUXURY OF ALADDIN'S CAVE

by Eric Smith

I FIRST came here in April 1962, the day before ANZAC Day.

In those days the population during the winter was about 600 and in the summer dropped to about 60.

Then, also, the tourists were nowhere near the flow that they are now, in fact last year far less tourists came into the town than this year.

When we first came here we didn't begin in Aladdin's Cave.

We built a dugout ourselves on the opposite side of the valley here. Our tourist business developed in the following manner.

About 18 months make it worthwhile after we came here I but on the other hand started a mail-order enough to interfere with our work.

I happened to get Our present dugout hold of an Australian had been vacant for Lapidary Magazine about two years when and saw that firms in we decided to purchase — we considered if we were getting rough opal and thought some (of the tourists) I could compete with we might as well try them from the field. and get them all.

This was only meant At the time everyone considered I was to be a back-stop to one mad and that it was far mining to help pay some of the expenses too expensive but I but it got out of hand and went ahead anyway. and became quite a big business.

But we were still determined we were not going into the tourist business. People, however, kept coming and asking where they could find Eric Smith and when informed they were talking to him then, by way of introduction, said a friend had suggested I should be contacted.

These friends were, of course, customers of mine.

We were not getting enough tourists to

opal buyer and later two types of accommodation taken over by his step-son Don Field.

Don ran the business for several years and then left Coober Pedy with his family. This left the dugout vacant until I bought it two years later.

I envisaged the tourist potential that would possibly be in the future and, disregarding all those people who advised me against buying at such a high price, I proved the wisdom of my decision by, only eight months later, being offered a seventy-five per cent increase on what I had paid.

At that stage I hadn't done anything to the dugout except clean it out and put a bit of stock in. Now we have commenced work on our plans for a fairly extensive, luxurious underground Motel by putting down 36 foot drill holes for the rooms. At the moment we can only accommodate six people but this is only the beginning, for we have just "floated" a hundred thousand dollar company, Aladdin's Cave Pty. Ltd.

This might bring in some capital for, I feel, it really is an outstanding investment.

LOWER COSTS

Our building costs are much lower underground than the costs to build on the surface which would not be anywhere near as substantial; our airconditioning costs are negligible, our maintenance practically non-existent.

We have planned for

Large rooms to accommodate our camping coaches as well as bedrooms and indoor toilet and showers.

The kitchen will be outside, with arched entrances into the restaurant and the dining room.

At present we don't plan suites with bathroom and showers although these latter will be separately in the dugout.

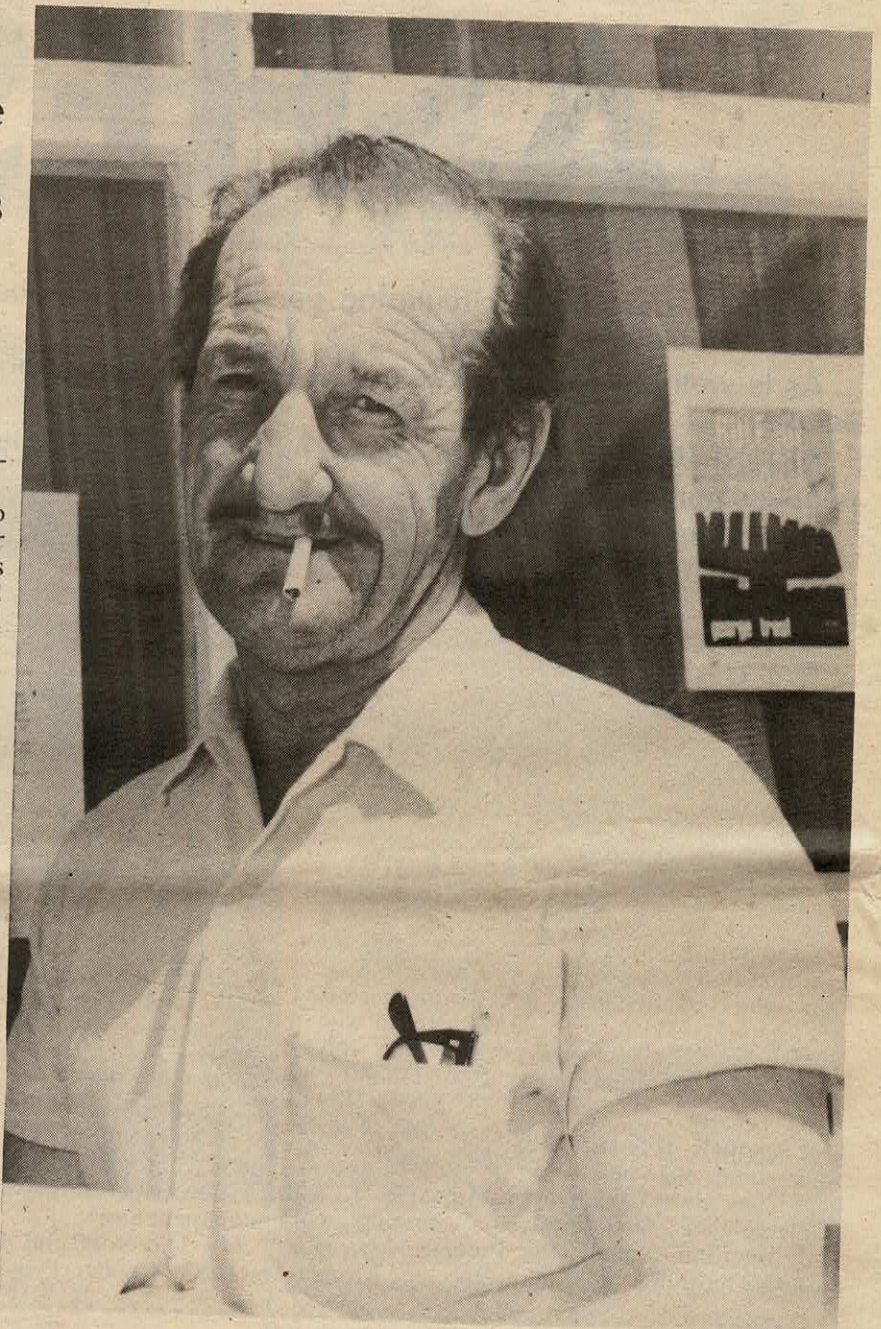
PLUMBING

We don't go down into the dugout, we are at ground level therefore our drainage problems are no different to a building on the surface except that we cannot go out at the nearest wall. Instead, we have to bring all our plumbing out one way so that the further we go into the dugout the longer our drainage system becomes.

All those people who come to Coober Pedy are mainly interested in two things — they are eager to see a mine and they want to see a dugout.

We are going to construct a walk-in show mine and, of course, with our large dormitory rooms underground our visitors will be able to experience what it is actually like to live in a dugout — as well as what it would be like to be inside a mine.

We would like the tourists to Coober Pedy to remain with us a little longer than they do, for it is not possible for them to really appreciate the unique-



ERIC SMITH

ness of the town and the area during their short stay.

Unfortunately too many only know Coober Pedy as a place where they have stayed to fill up with petrol and purchase a few cool drinks. Even then they exclaim it is the highlight of their trip!

When we have finished our building plans and are ready to accommodate a greater number of tourists, then I intend to ensure that Aladdin's Cave is featured on as many of the itineraries of Coach Companies as possible.

Even now we are able to indirectly persuade motorists and air-plane travellers to prolong their stay when we tell them about Coober Pedy and

the interest it holds.

There will be separate entrances for the Coach Accommodation with their own Barbecue area and separate toilets and shower facilities.

The entrance to the dining-room and Motel will be through an adjoining foyer section but the kitchen will be outside and so will be both dining-room, Motel and Restaurant.

RESTAURANT

The lounge-room and kitchen is fifty-seven foot long and fourteen foot wide, and the shop (which is going to be double in size) with arches, and cutting demonstration centre of it for support, is going to be work the Aladdin's Cave is undergoing ant.

But, at present, the shop is sixty-one foot long by fourteen foot rooms and workshops six wide. The shop will be a separate room mine, which will be when our building is completed.

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New Church will preserve National Heritage

Coober Pedy will have a new Greek Orthodox Church in the near future.

The magnificent sum of \$25,000 required for the building was raised by donation from the Greek community of the town. The target for the building fund was raised in the incredibly short time of six months.

When this admirable object had been attained, Mr. John Andrea and a teacher of Greek wrote to a Greek engineer, asking him to draw up plans for the Orthodox Church.

When this was done, they submitted the plans to the Lands Department.

At present the Greek Community have a small church.

While it is only a corrugated iron shed, the church was one of the first buildings in Coober Pedy.

The father of a sixteen-year-old boy, Nicholas, who was killed in a mining accident, made this church possible, when he donated the money to start the church in memory of his son.

PLAQUE

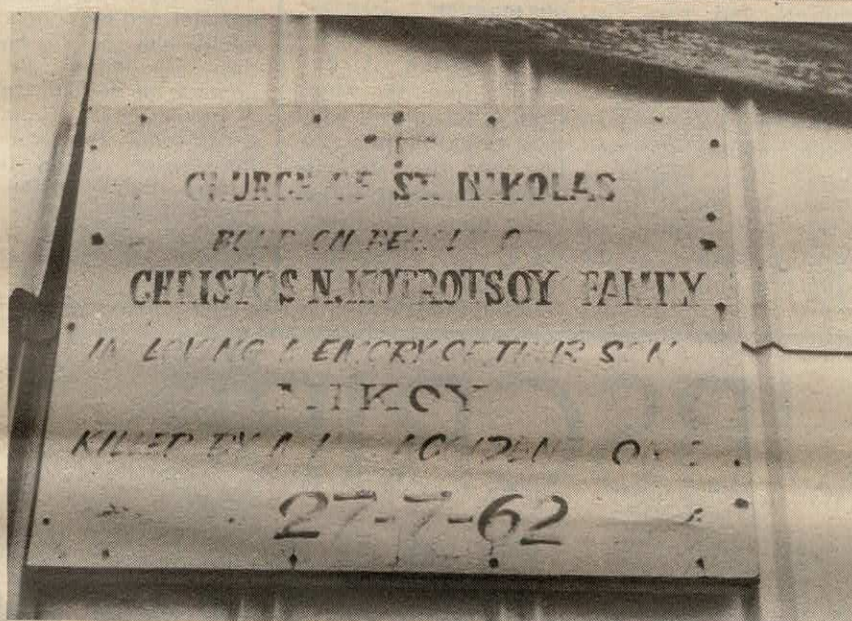
A plaque, situated on the right hand side of the church door, commemorates Nicholas.

DOUBLED

Apart from Church Services, the Greek Orthodox Church doubled as a centre to teach Greek and other children the Greek language.

So that there is no disruption of services, the new church will be built around the old church.

On completion, the old church will be dismantled.



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR NICHOLAS

Outsiders may well ask why the necessity to build a new church has arisen, disregarding the fact that the Greek Community consists of some 1,500 people.

Traditional ties are strong and the Greek Community is concerned about the spiritual and cultural welfare of their young people.

The new church will

enable them to instruct their children in the religious and cultural heritage of their country.

VISIT

At present it is considered likely that Archbishop Iczekiil will travel to Coober Pedy to dedicate the new church.

A priest will visit Coober Pedy periodically to conduct ser-

vices. Notwithstanding these occasional visits, services will be conducted weekly and worshippers of all denominations will be welcome to attend, though, of course, this will be a Greek Orthodox Church first and foremost.

DEDICATED

The new church will be approximately 60 feet by 40 feet and Besser bricks will be used for the main construction. It is hoped

to have a stainless steel ing these occasional roof. The Church will be dedicated to St. Nicholas, in memory of the young boy who was killed.

The plaque, now located in the old church, will be repositioned in a prominent position in the new church.

Now the only requirement for commencing the church is the sanction from the Lands Department.

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THE PRESENT ST. NICHOLAS

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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Youth Club 14th October, and each alternate Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Senior Group Grade 7 and Over at G. McCormack's Dugout.

Junior Group Grade 2 to Grade 6 at Rectory, 7.30 p.m.

Bible Study 7.30 p.m. Sunday evening at Rectory.

Ladies' Discussion Group 1.45 p.m. enquire at Rectory.

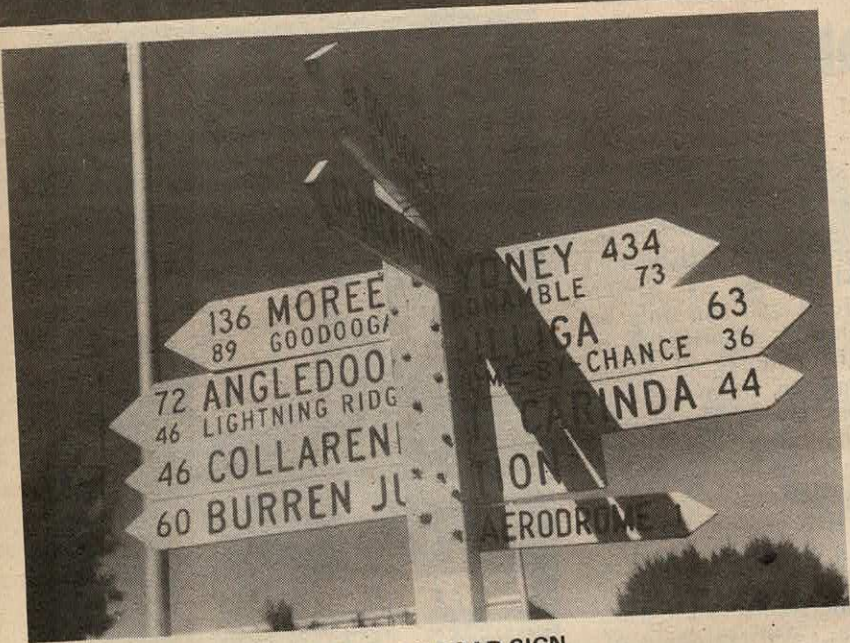
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| Sunday, November 19 | Coober Pedy | 9.30 a.m. |
| Sunday, November 26 | Coober Pedy | 9.30 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 3 | Andamooka | 6.00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 10 | Coober Pedy | 9.30 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 17 | Coober Pedy | 9.30 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 24 | Coober Pedy | 9.30 a.m. |
| Christmas Day | Coober Pedy | Midnight and 9.30 a.m. |

LUTHERAN

Services at Lutheran Church every Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

HOLIDAY AND TRAVEL



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SWIMMING POOL

WALGETT— gateway to the opal fields

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Australian Folklore A Winner

The fact that the parent company of Opal Miners' Weekly, Gold Star Publications, are the publishers of *Aboriginal Myths* by Sreten Bozic, in conjunction with Alan Marshall, and that your reviewer was the editor of the manuscript who recommended publication, has nothing, whatsoever, to do with the glowing report on the final work.

The collection of 26 myths from the Dreamtime is presented in a volume which should win the Australian Book Award for 1972 and be a sell-out within a very short time.

Sreten Bozic is not Even insignificant Growing up among Australian born. That and obscure countries gypsies, Sreten has may seem a poor quali- in Europe, who really since completed a de- fication for an author have no claim to nat- gree in Social Anthro- of what should be ional pride, having pology and has an enor- nearest and dearest to been under the domina- mous compassion for the true Australian — tion of major powers the underdog. since time imme- and folklore of our morial, create some country. sort of semi-true or fic-

Alas, our own auth- tional history and trols ignore this enor- legend of their people. mous wealth of mat- Sreten Bozic, to- terial and would rather among the Aborigines ignore that this coun- together with that grand in northern Australia, try had a heritage before man of Australian let- always ready with his the advent of the white ters, Alan Marshall, camera and his note- man in 1770. have done just that. book.

How wrong can one Sreten was born in The Australian be! Yugoslavia, the son of Aboriginal is, by a large and poor family. nature and experi-

ence, a very suspicious person. By nature and background, how- ever, he is also an instinctive person and knows, without hesi- tation, when he can trust a person.

TRUST

Sreten Bozic is one of the few white men the Aborigines trust implicitly and this is quite evident in the book which it took a new- comer to Australia to write for the benefit of mankind not only in Australia but also the world.

DEAL

Since coming to Aus- tralia he has spent a great deal of time among the Aborigines in northern Australia, always ready with his camera and his note- book.

Aboriginal Myths is a book which will appeal to every age group and remain a treasured possession in the bookshelves of the discriminating reader, the lover of a good collection of folklore and even the expert of photography.

The lavish and bril- liant colour photo- graphy in *Aboriginal Myths* is by Sreten Bozic and can only be classed as bringing to life a mode of living and an intimacy with the life of the Abori- ginal which has hither- to been stilted and arti- ficial.

It is mainly through his photographic expertise that we can understand the trust the Aborigines of Sreten Bozic's life have in him.

Sreten's mentor and associate in this ven- ture, Alan Marshall, needs little introduc- tion.

Alan, now 70, is, un- doubtedly, the dean of Australian literature. His books, notably *I Can Jump Puddles*,

have appeared in the world's principal lan- guages and filmed in Czechoslovakia.

Again, Alan is one of the rare men in this world, a man of con- siderable compassion who, while handi- capped through polio since an early age, in- variably recognises that there are so many people worse off than he is.

In a recent article in the last newspaper I edited, I said that it has been a good year for Alan Marshall.

His seventieth birth- day, celebrated earlier this year, has brought an awareness of this great man's life's work to many.

TRIP

He has just com- pleted a trip to Russia and watched the film- ing of his book in Czechoslovakia, re- turned to Australia in time to appear at the Australian Premiere of his film *I Can Jump Puddles* and has been made an honorary Doctor of Law of the Melbourne Uni- versity.

Aboriginal Myths should be on every Aus- tralian bookshelf and be sent as a Christmas Gift to all friends throughout the world.

ABORIGINAL MYTHS

SRETEN BOZIC
In conjunction with
ALAN MARSHALL



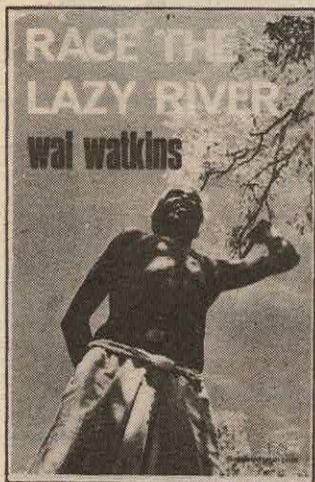
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First Newspaper for Women

THE first Australian newspaper for women with the provocative title of Hussy was successfully launched by Gold Star Journals on November 1.

Explaining the reason, aims and objects of this newspaper, as well as the unusual, and somewhat quaint, title, Dorothy Walsh, the editor, who is well known in journalistic circles through radio, television and a variety of newspapers and magazines, says: "We intend to make 'Hussy' a newspaper which is one step ahead of the coffee-table type of reading matter presently available to women."

Why "Hussy"? "We've been asked repeatedly why we called our newspaper 'Hussy'. We did so because a hussy is usually a pert knowledgeable girl who is one step ahead of her less-alert contemporaries." Is "Hussy" a women's lib paper? "If the question means will it provide a liberal concept in female journalism then the answer is 'yes'. 'Hussy' is not the voice of any one activ-

ist group or groups and also men and children. In an age of rapidly-dwindling individuality, we believe that 'Hussy', as a newspaper, has a real role to play in investigating the reasons why any single act of legislation is promulgated and its cause and energetic effect." In its first issue "Hussy" brings the views of leading politicians, such as Mr. Rupert Hamer, Premier of Victoria, Mr. Clyde Holding, Lead-

er of the Opposition in Victoria and that "political heart-throb" Bob Hawke, President of the ACTU. The Minister for Customs and Excise, Mr. Don Chipp, in an exclusive interview, talks about women drug abusers and leading Australian and overseas writers like Angela Davis, Germaine Greer, our own Aboriginal writer Bobbi Sykes (who is now in London) and

Beatrice Faust also have their say. Men, however, are not neglected in this women's newspaper. Phillip Adams writes about the making of Australian film The Adventures of Barry McKenzie, a male "heartbreak" column under the title "Dear Fred" and an investment guide also appear.

which is crammed with articles of interest, is an authoritative racing guide for those who like a mild flutter on the gee-gees. All in all, this first newspaper for women is well worth the \$5 investment for a subscription of 24 issues post-free. Cheques or money orders for this subscription offer should be sent to 6 Montrose St., Hawthorn 3122.

hussy

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WOMEN DRUG ABUSERS

What is a liberated woman?

"SHE'S a person who has full scope for all her abilities and a reasonable chance of satisfying her interests"

MR HAMER — see Page 4

"A liberated woman, free to exercise her social and intellectual desires, will enhance freedom for men and her children."

MR HOLDING — see Page 4

"I think, in the liberal sense, a liberated woman means one with all her talents fully trained..."

MR HAWKE — see Page 4

Don Chipp calls it 'terrifying'

By DOROTHY WALSH

DRUG-TAKING by Australian women — some of them swallowing up to 100 pain-killing tablets a day — is shaping up as one of today's most terrifying community problems.

Hussy has been talking to doctors, government officials and others concerned with community health. All agree that drug abuse by women seeking relief from emotional and physical stress is growing fast.

Customs Minister, Don Chipp, in an exclusive interview, talked of the problem of the middle-aged woman.

"A large number of middle-aged Australian women take barbiturates, analgesics and hypnotics at a terrifying rate," he said.

"As one who is concerned about the problem of drug abuse among teenagers, my first worry is the horrible example these parents are setting their children."

Adults, in fact, were the community's "greatest drug abusers."

"Alcohol and tobacco, as the greatest killers, were abused almost solely by adults."

"With adults setting this kind of example, imagine how confused the teenager must be when told by his parents not to smoke a joint of marijuana," said Mr. Chipp.

He was referring not only to drugs prescribed by doctors but also to the range of drugs available over the counter without prescription.

Our writers

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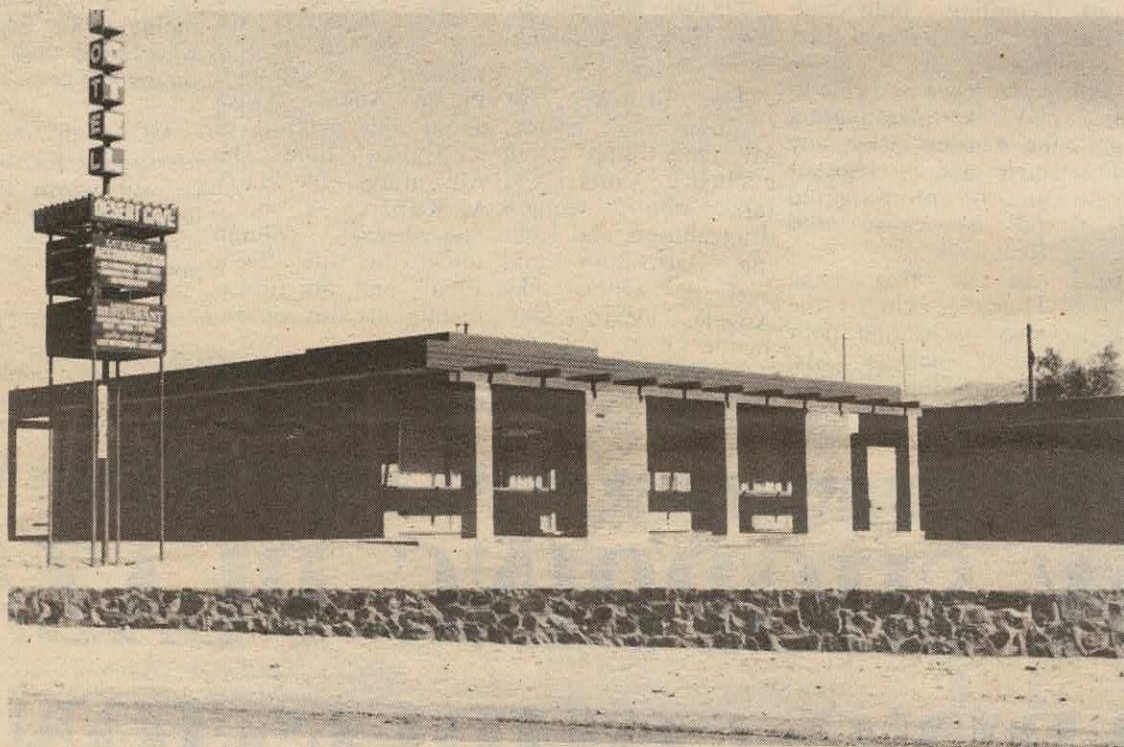
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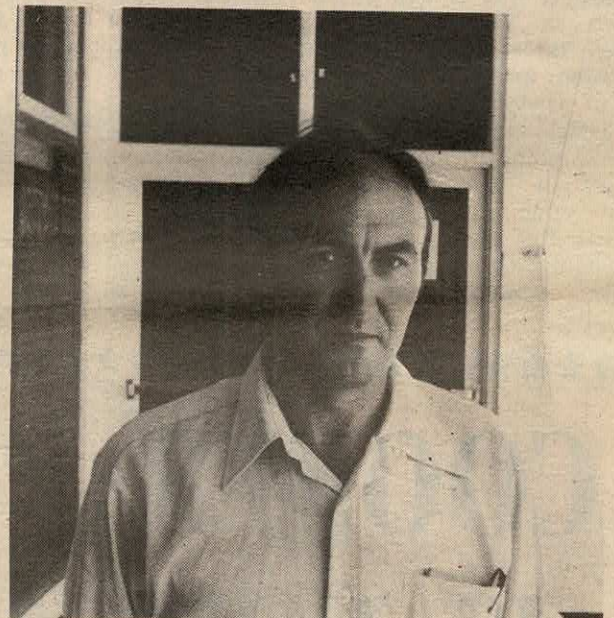
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JUNIOR OPAL MINERS'

WONKY, THE ROYAL CAT

This is the story of Wonky.

Wonky is, of course, not the proper name of a Royal and Sacred Cat of Siam, for that is what Wonky is.

Her real name is Erawan Princess Sirikit — Erawan because her mother's owners spent a very happy holiday in Bangkok, Thailand, in a hotel by that name, and Princess Sirikit because she is, after all, of royal descent and the present queen's name is Sirikit.

Well, now, what about Wonky?

She was born nameless, as most little kittens are and, after a few weeks, she was advertised for sale in the well known ICPOTA pages of the Melbourne Age.

The advertisement attracted the attention of a newly married couple who happened to live just around the corner of where the kitten was born and, after a short inspection of brothers and sisters, this one was the one they decided upon.

But the kitten was still too young to be parted from her mother, whose name was Erawan Siri. Although Siamese, she, too, was born in Australia's island State of Tasmania.

Well, two weeks went by and the kitten was ready to leave her mother.

The money — a vital transaction when the ownership of royal cats is involved — changed hands and the little chocolate point kitten was safely held in the arms of Bill, the new owner, on the way to her new home.

She went to sleep on the short journey and, when she woke up, found herself in completely different surroundings.

While she was asleep, her new owners (whom she calls "Mummy" and "Daddy") had an argument.

Her "daddy", fully realising her royal background, wanted a regal name for her. She had to be called Erawan, since her mother's family name was that, but she also had to have a royal name.

Bill insisted on Princess Sirikit, but her "mother", Leanda, wanted to name her after her favourite old Teddy (who was purple). His name was Wonky.

So an agreement was reached. Her "official" name was Erawan Princess Sirikit, but her name at home was Wonky.

Wonky came to her new home on a Saturday. On Monday, when her "parents" had to go to work — after spending sleepless nights because Wonky was crying for her mother — she was nowhere to be found.

Searching up hill and down dale, her "daddy" suddenly saw a small mound in the bed. There was Wonky, quite happy in the middle of a double bed!

Wonky, the chocolate Siamese cat (chocolate means that she has a brown mask — her face — a brown tip to her tail and also the tips of her ears and feet are brown) soon grew up and she was quite anxious to have kittens of her own. We'll tell you more about her husband and her kittens next week.



"WONKY"

ESSAY COMPETITION

The Opal Miner's Weekly is running an essay writing competition for all students from Grade II Primary to 3rd year Secondary. You will find all the information you need listed below:—

Sections: (1) 1st year to 3rd year (approximately 300 words); (2) Grades 6 and 7 (approximately 200 words); (3) Grades 4 and 5 (approximately 150 words); (4) Grades 2 and 3 (maximum possible).

Topics — You may choose your own topic, but your teacher may help you with ideas.

How much time have I to write it? — 2 weeks.

Entries close on November 25, 1972.

Judging — Entries

will be judged on neatness, imagination, and originality.

Winning entries will be published in future editions of the Opal Miners' Weekly.

Prizes — The Opal Miners' Weekly, will award Book Prizes.

GOLD MEDAL TO RON REINDEER

Well, boys and girls, you have all heard of the Olympic Games which started in Ancient Greece many, many years ago and were revived again in Athens in 1896.

They are held every four years and a different city plays host to the nations of the world every time.

We have even had the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956.

A few weeks ago the Games were held in Munich, Germany, and our sportsmen and women did very well.

But have you heard of the Animal Olympics? No? Well, this was kept very secret, but a Melbourne author and journalist, Stan Marks, who has excellent connections in the animal world, was invited to the Animal Olympics recently.

He was allowed to bring a friend with him, but no photographs were allowed to be taken.

So Stan, never at a loss, took his friend Jeff Hook, a brilliant artist, with him and Jeff drew what the camera was not allowed to record.

The result of Stan's and Jeff's visit to the Games was a beautiful book called Animal Olympics and I think that if you ask daddy and mummy nicely, they might order it from Father Christmas.

They'll probably enjoy it themselves!

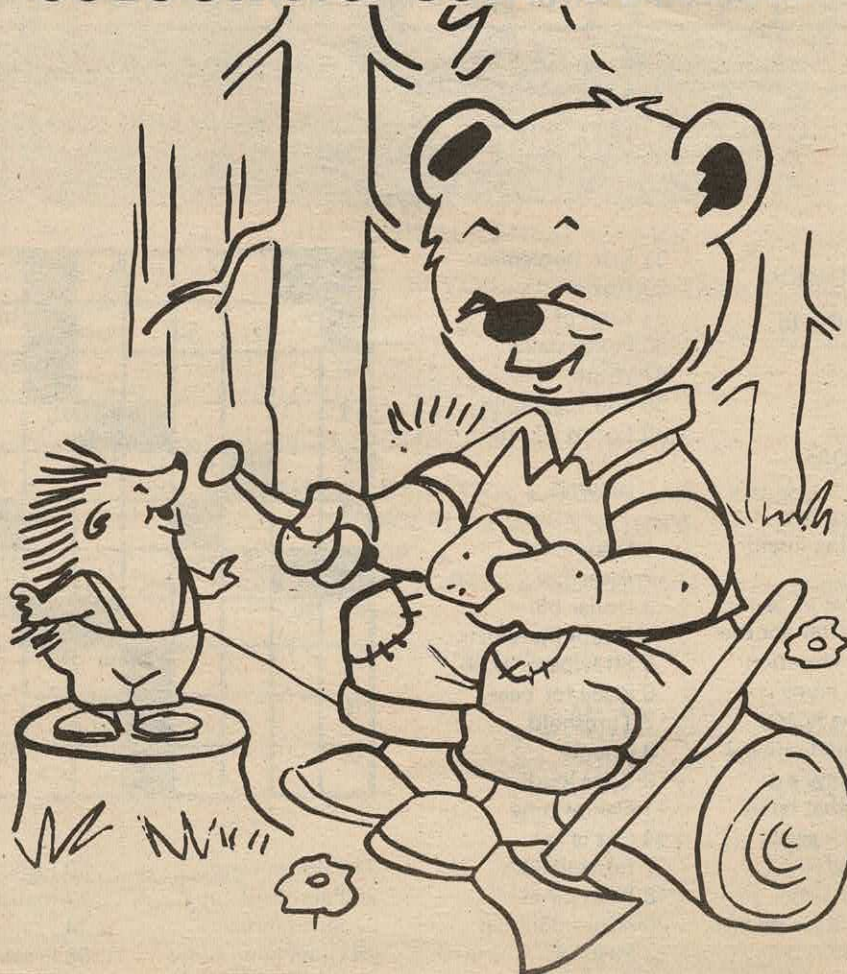
Animal Olympics

Story by STAN MARKS

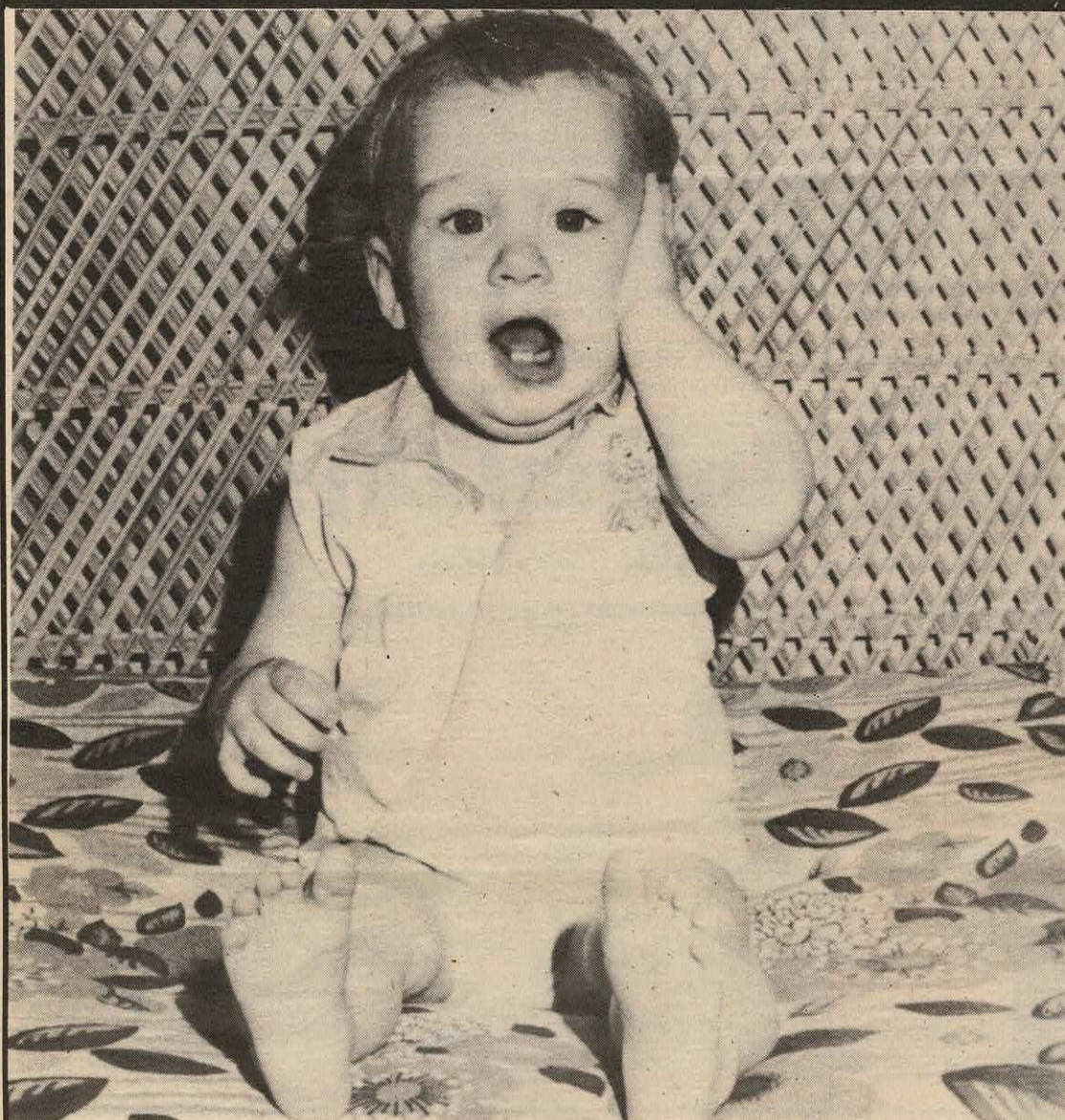
Illustrated by JEFF HOOK



COLOURING COMPETITION



BABY OF THE WEEK



Our Baby of the Week is 11-months-old Brendon Christopher Regan. Brendon is the son of opal miner Chris Regan and Julie Regan.

OPAL MINER CROSSWORD

SOLUTION

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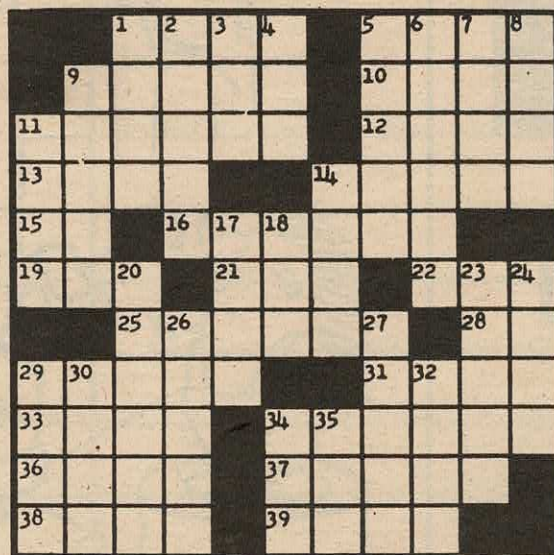
ACROSS

- 1 Smoky fog
- 5 Stinging insect
- 9 Tiny
- 10 Capitol of Samoa
- 11 One after another
- 12 Land elevation
- 13 Girl's name
- 14 Young horses
- 15 Elevated railway
- 16 Whiskey, e.g.
- 19 Alphabet letter
- 21 Actor's signal
- 22 Surely!
- 25 Goals
- 28 N.E. State (abbr.)
- 29 Lieu

- 31 Brit. nobleman
- 33 Roster
- 34 Kind of stew
- 36 Poker stake
- 37 Wrath
- 38 Pod vegetables
- 39 Forms a knot

DOWN

- 1 Dispatched
- 2 Award
- 3 Dollar bill
- 4 Room for sports
- 5 Strawberry bush
- 6 Place for bees
- 7 Threshold
- 8 Chums
- 9 Cries loudly
- 11 Oak or pine
- 14 Gas or oil
- 17 Frosted
- 18 In so far as
- 20 Afternoon nap
- 23 Mistake



- 24 Fodder tower
- 26 Palm fruit (pl.)
- 27 Suit fabric
- 29 Open-hand blow

- 30 Fork prong
- 32 Matures
- 34 Flying mammal
- 35 Prefix: one

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Barry Rainsford

Church of England Minister

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER

Only one third of the world's people are reasonably well fed. Australians are among these.

Another third suffer from some degree of food shortage. The other third are literally starving.

Many of these hungry millions are our neighbours in the developing countries of Asia.

Besides restraining the population explosion by birth control these developing countries must produce more food. They cannot do this fast enough with their own limited resources.

The answer is not for us to give free handouts. These are useful in emergencies but they solve little over the long term and can demoralise and arouse hatred.

What needs to be done is the creation of large self-help projects such as an improved nutrition programme in Java and supplying water to Indian villages.

These are two examples of the many successes in a great range of activities sponsored by the Australian Freedom From Hunger Campaign.

The sum of fifty dollars was collected at the Coober Pedy Drive-In early in November. Also some residents have sent donations direct to the Adelaide office in the gift envelopes received through the mail.

It's not too late for others to send further amounts.

If we were hungry most of the time we would appreciate some one coming to our rescue. What's more, whether we have fed the hungry is one of the tests Jesus will apply to us at the final judgment.

KNOW YOUR STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 20): Try to avoid tackling too many things simultaneously. Try to concentrate on one thing at a time. Control your emotions on November 14th.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 20): Don't be frightened to take a few risks. An interesting meeting promises to bring some temporary excitement.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Avoid domestic disruptions. An elderly friend is nothing but a wolf in sheep's clothes. Beware!

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): Don't let a threatening letter deter you from making the right decision. A long overdue reconciliation is about to take place.

LEO (July 23 to August 23): You will have the opportunity of proving your worth this week. Unexpected recognition will bring you great joy.

VIRGO (August 24 to September 22): Don't pay attention to the opinions of others. An event around next Wednesday will bolster your self confidence.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 23): An emotional week which could result in an unexpected decision having to be made. Don't rush it!

SCORPIO (October 24 to November 22): You have no real reason to be depressed. An unexpected meeting at the end of the week will give you new ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 to December 21): An affair of the heart promises to intensify during the week. Examine your emotions carefully before making decisions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20): This appears to be a lucky week for you. Make plans for an extended holiday now. Financially this is a rewarding week.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 18): Now is the time to put your plans into operation. A childhood wish will be gratified this week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20): A good week, both in business and at home. An unexpected offer could change your life. Listen to others!

BIRTHDAY FORECASTS

SATURDAY: This promises to be a very active year for you. Your ambitions will be fulfilled.

SUNDAY: An interesting year highlighting business, finance and partnership. Handle them all with discretion.

MONDAY: Do not be careless or thoughtless or you may invite accidents. Your health needs watching this year.

TUESDAY: Do not enter into any financial commitments without careful consideration. Consolidate your position.

WEDNESDAY: There is an accent on publicity this year which may bring you to the attention of important bodies.

THURSDAY: This year will highlight the romantic, though it seems that you will be "playing the field".

FRIDAY: A good year for domestic affairs. Excellent for building your home, regurnishing etc.

Injury mars Magnificent Win

Coober Pedy 6.8 William Creek 5.1

Incensed at being denied 100% coverage in the OPAL MINERS' WEEKLY, during the recent race meeting, William/Anna Creek stormed across (100 miles) for the return football match with Coober Pedy.

Impassively umpired by Craig Cameron, the tussle was fought out in 90 degrees heat, in a gentle 40 mph breeze. Bounce down was at 10.45 a.m.

The first half was dumping in the gravel, dominated by Coober Col. Stutley battled Pedy and at the mid-term hooter, the locals Chris Lange, and were led by a handsome 10 judged Coober Pedy's best.

Resuming after a short 45 minute break, our heroes (perhaps due to over consumption of 18 gallon orange juice), wilted and the fleetfooted opposition attacked.

Bravely refusing further offers of orange juice at three quarter time, our stout hearted locals regained their composure and ran out winners 6-8 to 5-1. Despite repetitive

Rated tops for William Creek were Noel Woods, Lucky Manunga.

Honorable mention must be made of Stewart Nunn, for his fearless play, decisive leadership and refusal to part with his hat.

The day was marred by Dave Curnow's unfortunate injury; after a heavy fall, he went to the hospital

and returned thickly strapped to inform his employer of the fact that he was being transferred to Port Augusta (via Flying Doctor) due to a broken pelvis.

This cast gloom over the subsequent revels which were consum-

mated (in usual style) by a barbeque (William Creek meat) and the ever present orange juice.

Many thanks to the always willing Pro-

gress Association members for their catering, the William Creek lads the custodian of our racecourse turf (?), and the owner of the football.



Geoff Laws holding the football score card.



HON.
ARTHUR
WHYTE
MLC
EXPRESSES
THANKS

The Editor
Opal Miners Weekly
Coober Pedy 5723

Please thank Coober Pedy for the wonderful hospitality my wife and I received during Race week and this thanks must certainly include yourselves.

As yet I have not received the copies of Opal Weekly which you posted to me, but I have shown your paper to quite a number of Politicians.

We all agree that if you can sustain this standard, it should be a most rewarding endeavour.

The Parliamentary Librarian has asked me to suggest to you that if you would be so kind as to include Parliament House on your mailing list that he would be most grateful.

I understand that you had a severe dust storm on Monday and it is disappointing that the only news I can give you of a large area of my constituency is that almost similar conditions did prevail. There are some useful falls, however, in the mid-North with falls of up to an inch of steady rain (the best I have heard) in the Wirrabara area.

My kind regards and sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Arthur Whyte
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Adelaide

Coober Pedy Basketball Association Meeting

A meeting of the Coober Pedy Basketball Association was held on Tuesday night.

Sixty people attended the meeting at which the President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected.

Those elected were:

PRESIDENT MR. MIKE DAVISON
SECRETARY MR. BOB DEL TEDESCO
TREASURER MR. DIETER STERNBERG

Committee members are Karen Stutley — Kingsley Smith — Tony Lucas and Jo Pickhaver.

Matches are to be played Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Coober Pedy Area School, starting Wednesday November 8.

We have 12 teams consisting of eight men's teams and four women's teams.

We urge you to come and watch the matches and if you become interested in playing contact one of the names above.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Visit of Doctor: ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE — EVERY TUESDAY and EVERY THIRD MONDAY

Visit of Dentist: THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY SECOND MONTH — NEXT VISIT 16.11.72

PHONE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE MEDICAL CENTRE ON MONDAY AT 9.00 a.m.

RATES PER ANNUM FOR THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE ARE \$10.00 FAMILY, \$6.00 SINGLE.

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SINGLE PERSONS AND PENSIONERS — HALF PRICE
STUDENTS EXEMPT

ENQUIRIES TO MEDICAL CENTRE AND TO THE CHEMIST

C.W.A. MEETING SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 8.00 PM

NEXT WELFARE MEETING OF THE COOBER PEDY AREA SCHOOL 21st November 1.30 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING COOBER PEDY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 2nd November

COOBER PEDY POST OFFICE MAILING TIMES:

INWARD ROAD
11.00 am TUESDAY
11.00 am WEDNESDAY
5.30 pm FRIDAY

INWARD AIR MAIL
1.00 pm MONDAY
1.00 pm WEDNESDAY
1.00 pm FRIDAY

OUTWARD ROAD
ADELAIDE 4.45 pm TUESDAY
ADELAIDE 4.40 pm WEDNESDAY
ADELAIDE 11.00 am SATURDAY

OUTWARD AIR MAIL
ADELAIDE 12 noon MONDAY
ADELAIDE 2.30 pm THURSDAY
ADELAIDE 12 noon FRIDAY

OPAL POOR VALUE FOR THIEVES

Considerable interest was shown by residents in the trial of Peter Malcolm last week. Malcolm had been a resident of Lightning Ridge for some time and the case centred on a safe stolen from a man known as "Castro". "Castro", who, earlier this year, left the safe in his caravan on the Glengarry field, and noticed its disappearance when he returned from dining out with Lloyd Robinson and other friends.

One of the clues to the solving of the crime was a Jaguar car which had been seen in the area repeatedly.

The car aroused considerable suspicion, since no miner owns that kind of vehicle.

Peter Malcolm and another man, unknown in Lightning Ridge, were arrested in Kings Cross several months after the offence.

DISTRESSING

Brought to trial in the Coonamble Court, the original plea of not guilty was changed to guilty and Malcolm was sentenced to three and a half years jail with a non-parole period of six months.

The background to the crime is particularly distressing.

It appears that Malcolm and "Castro" were, at one stage, partners at the Three Mile.

As so many partnerships in Lightning Ridge, this one, too, did not work out and the two men parted with bad feelings.

FRIENDS

Partnerships in the Ridge are made and broken with lightning speed.

Peter Malcolm continued living at the Three Mile with his dog, Chris, with "Castro" as his neighbour.

"Castro", however, decided to move to greener pastures — in this case the Glengarry fields.

While Malcolm's crime can never be condoned, he did have many friends at Lightning Ridge who could not understand that he could be involved in such an act.

However, his closer friends revealed that they had noticed a

change in his personality towards the end of 1971.

They put it down to the fact that he was going through a bad streak of not finding any opals.

A stream of sympathy flowed towards "Castro" who, through sheer hard work succeeded in business, having started from scratch.

His camp at the Three Mile was a major tourist attraction and his "free parking" sign caused many a smile.

RECOGNISED

We can only hope that this crime will make thieves realise that little is to be gained from stealing Lightning Ridge, Glengarry or

Grawin opals. They are too easily recognised.

Most people remember a good stone and can talk about it at great lengths in years to come.

Even recutting a stone to change its size cannot alter its colour. All it can do is to decrease the value of the gem.

Snippets

Opal Miners' Weekly wishes to join all those who offered their congratulations to Lightning Flash on its third anniversary.

The fortnightly Lightning Ridge News provides a vital service to the Community, bringing, as it does, current local news not only to the attention of residents, but also to the interested outside world.

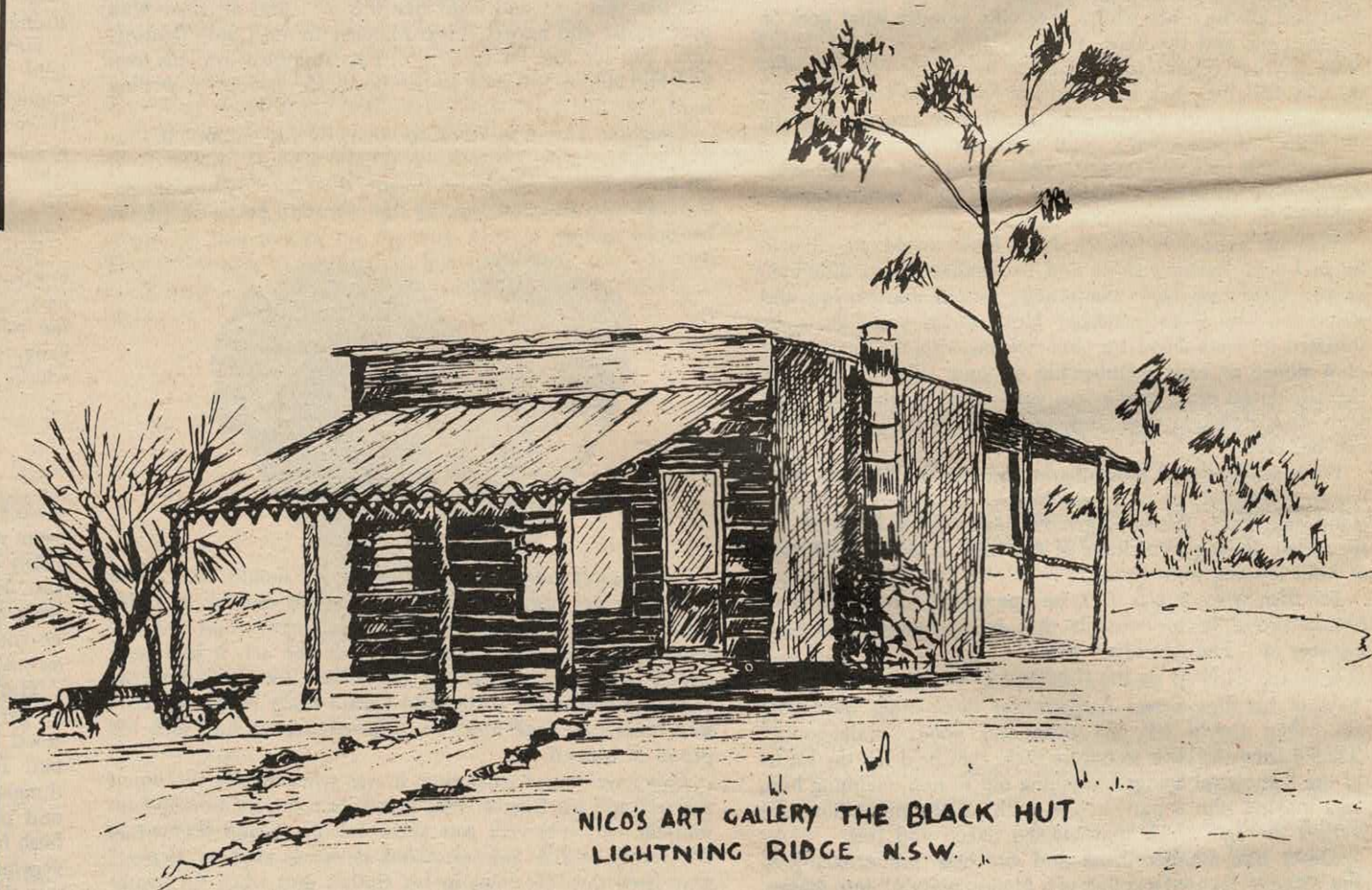
Lightning Ridge must be about the smallest town in the world to sport its own Air Charter Service.

Under the registration VH-COW, the Lightning Ridge Air Charters Pty. Ltd., having been given provisional approval by the Department of Civil Aviation, operates a Cessna 172 as its flagship.

Under the command of Mr. Donald Anderson (surely not the same one dropping his knighthood and taking up yet another position?), the new Company's slogans are "Remember — the aircraft is ready whenever you are" and "From Lightning Ridge to Anywhere — from Anywhere to Lightning Ridge".

We wish the Lightning Ridge Air Charters a long and accident-free life.

ART AT THE RIDGE



Nico's Art Gallery
"THE BLACK HUT"
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BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES —
PHONE LIGHTNING RIDGE 65

REMEMBER — THE AIRCRAFT IS READY WHEN YOU ARE!

One of the very important tourist attractions for visitors to Lightning Ridge is the Black Hut.

On the Walgett Road in Lightning Ridge, the Black Hut houses Nico's Art Gallery, where the lover of the fine arts can inspect the superb works of Mr. Kortekaas at leisure.

The magnificent sunsets and exquisite panorama of Lightning Ridge have been expertly captured by the artist's brush.

One painting shows one of the most interesting opals found at Vertical Bill's — an opal field, the origin of the name being somewhat obscure and best left to the imagination.

Other paintings ably depict the serious as well as the humorous aspects of life.

The artist, Mr. Kortekaas was born in Holland and studied both music and painting at the University of Arts in The Hague, capital of the Netherlands.

He had the distinction of having been one of the youngest people ever to be a member of The Hague Symphony Orchestra.

With the Nazi invasion of Holland in 1940,

Nick, as he is popularly known in Lightning Ridge, became involved with the underground and, in consequence, his studies were interrupted.

Having been captured by the Gestapo in 1944, he managed to escape in 1945.

Nick Kortekaas' fame as an artist is not confined to Lightning Ridge.

He has had several exhibitions of his work in Rushcutters Bay, Sydney, and another one is planned for early next year.

Despite his renown as a master of the brush, Mr. Kortekaas has not neglected his musical talent.

He is a member of the "Continental", the very popular band at the Bowling Club which draws big crowds every weekend.



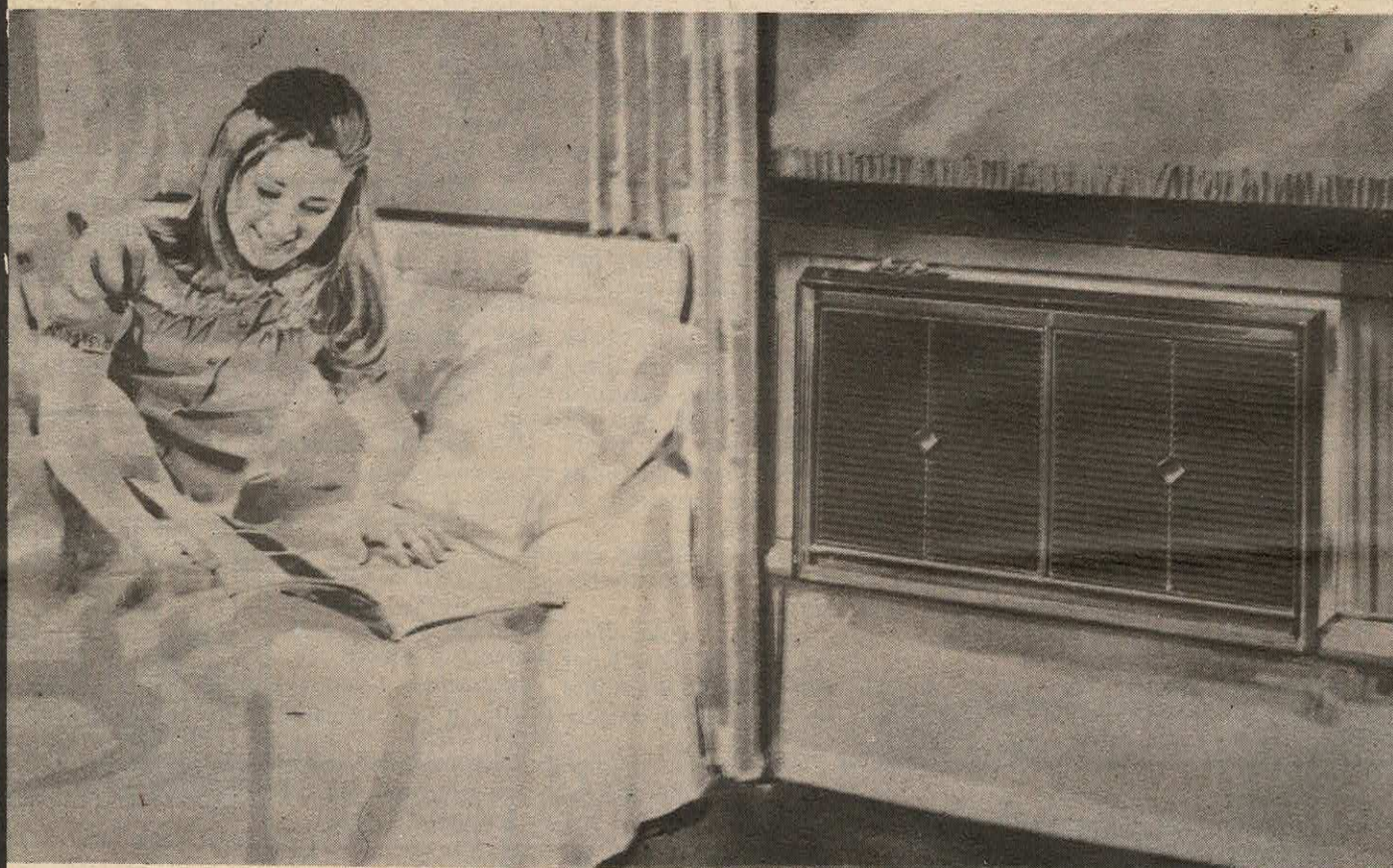
Grade 3, Coober Pedy Area School

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HOME HANDYMAN CAN DO THE JOB!



1 Raise the window - locate safety brackets on window sill, place "Finch" in position on brackets.



2 Extend accordion-type side panels to width of window and secure to sides of frame.



3 Tighten mounting to lock "Finch" in place. Lower window sash.



4 Fit decorative timber front, insert three-pin plug into a power outlet and switch on.



The Mining Warden, Mr. Tony Starke, has recently made a strong public statement.

This is what the Warden said:

"I have for a long Coober Pedy must time been extremely realise that if they peg concerned in this town, claims, if they register and all the matter coming before this Court a Precious Stones Permit, they must accept that I know full well those actual responsibilities personally."

"I am not prepared to accept the 'men of straw' or 'ghosts' behind them."

"I am quite determined that the people of Coober Pedy must accept the 'men of straw' or 'ghosts' behind them."

**COOBER PEDY
AREA SCHOOL
PROGRESSIVE
HOUSE
COMPETITION**

School Touse points
for week ending 3rd
November:

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GILES
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STUART
354
FORREST
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ROBIN WILLIAMS

Box 372, Coober Pedy

Responsibility for electoral comment in this issue is accepted by William S. Parsons of 6 Montrose St., Hawthorn.