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AND SO THE CONVENTION — PERTH

Well, the time is near to pack your gear and do the best you can; our shoes are nice and shiny, we've stiffened up our allemandes.

Yes, there is a lot of enthusiasm this year. The majority of dancers will see the West for the first time; all be their first ride on the Indian Pacific and a lot will be taking in the convention with their annual holidays.

The West folk are enthusiastic, too. It's their first convention and they'll be out to leave their mark.

Whoever would have thought of a West convention three years ago? At that time we didn't even have an address to correspond with! The West has come a long way in a short time, with clubs everywhere — all dancing with six or seven sets regularly. In that short time we've got to know them as very social and a very friendly crowd — which all points to a very, very good convention. We pay no attention to Ray Hastie reading the Riot Act in last issue. There must have been some misunderstanding; the West will be there when the whips are cracking!

Of the dancers attending, we've left it too late to gather figures on N.S.W., but understand there will be a trainload at least. Queensland, despite the 3000-mile distance, will have a strong contingent. The "Yarras" have always been keen travellers and have always well supported any previous conventions. Every man Jack will be there from the Apple Isle. To get there they've been holding fund-raising projects

for months — progressive teas, barbecues, wood-cutting, etc. What a wonderful spirit, everyone getting in to help! It's something we could adopt here. But chopping wood would be put; could you imagine Jones and McGrath on the end of an axe?

There was talk at one time of N.Z. making up a party to attend, but there has been silence of late, so your guess is as good as mine. The South Australians should all make it — they've only to hop the fence, so to speak.

We hope the Westerners haven't been embarrassed by all the turn-thru confusion. After all, it was all your own fault; you started it. You can't blame Ron Jones! However, it was all meant to be in good fun. It is the endeavour of editors to balance the Review! You must have a bit of this, a bit of that, a bit of something else, and finally a bit of controversy — and we're proud of the record sales we had for April, May and June. Likewise the attempted wisecracks some levelled at you. Hope and Crosby have been taking shots at one another for years and made a million from it — the only difference being that they can afford good script-writers.

The boss editor regrets he won't be there, but is sending a boy over to do this coverage — also to do some souvenir hunting as our office walls are bare of hats, badges and banners. Have fun!

THE REVIEW.



ARE YOU A CALLER?

(By ERIC WENDELL, Q'd.)

At the Callers' Conference at the 11th National Convention in Sydney, it was voted that there would be no feature dance nights and no featured callers. It was decided on a system whereby all callers would be rostered from the Friday night right through to the end of the convention.

This is a splendid idea and should eliminate the criticism of who is, and who isn't an official caller. It will also give the less experienced callers a chance to show their style and make themselves known throughout the country. I am all for it, that is, of course, if the caller sticks to his "dig" after registering as a caller.

A caller is asked if he is capable of calling a Hoedown at a convention. When filling in his convention registration form he replies, Yes.

With this new system of rostering callers, it will be interesting to note just how many of the less experienced callers WILL call a hoedown and abide by their contract on the registration form.

From now on all callers will have an equal share of calling and perhaps the roster may go round six times, depending, of course, how

many callers are on the list.

It should be pointed out to a newer caller that a percentage of his calling should be hoedown; otherwise we will be taking a step backwards, whereby the hoedowns will be left for the more experienced caller to call — and he, too, likes to do a singing call, particularly when he has something special up his sleeve.

If everyone with a P.A. and a set of dancers registers as a caller for calling at a convention, it won't be long before the conventions will have to be extended for another two days to fit everyone in.

The callers of past and successful conventions have now given the chance to the newer caller — so, boys, be fair to all and give yourself a chance and let us hear a little hoedown, and we'll be all for you.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIARY

MONDAY: WALKERVILLE: Weekly. Semi-advanced. Druids Hall, corner Main North East Road and Cassie Street, Walkerville. Bus stop 12. Brian Townsend. Home 64-4864.
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

SOUTHERN CROSS

Our birthday night was a wow. One of our best crowds in attendance, and it gave the evening a real lift. The birthday cake took pride of place on the table, and it was beautifully iced. (The work of Topsy Bennet.)
 The convention is very close now and the lucky ones are counting the days. This has been an unfortunate year for the club, with the demise of two members and the hospitalisation of four others, the latest being Clarice Earnshaw and June McNeily. Fortun-

ately, all are on the road to recovery and we hope to see them back with us in the near future.
 We were pleased to welcome Judith Holz from Sydney to our Monday dance and we look forward to seeing her again when next in Adelaide.
 Dulcie Mathews is having a bad run of sickness and injury; we hope the tide will turn for her now and that she will soon be back dancing.
 Anthony Mortimer leaves us shortly to join the navy; we will miss him, but wish him well.

TASMANIA DIARY

LAUNCESTON: Wednesdays, 31-1563. Heather Hall, Newstead, Penquite Road.
 HUNDRED TASSIE TWIRLERS: Alternate Wednesdays. Graeme Whiteley (Forth 28-2117).
 BURNIE: Texas Stars, Fridays, A.P.P.M. Service Building, Marine Tce. Max Youd, 31-1696.
 KINDRED: 1st Saturday. Phone 28-2117. Workshop. Graeme Whiteley.

TASMANIAN TOPICS

BURNIE TEXAS STARS

A great time was had by all at the Tassie Twirlers' "Come as You Are" dance. Max even won a prize.
 Texas Stars have formed a dressed set and have two engagements for demonstrations in the next few weeks.
 Beginners' classes are coming along nicely and we hope to build up our club membership with these new dancers.
 A warning to Rene: "When you are starrng, let go your partner more gently; then you may not take to your knees". What an effort to get her mobile again!

TASSIE TWIRLERS

Some of our members travelled up to Launceston's get-together night. A quite enjoyable evening. Thanks, Launceston!
 Our fund-raising for W.A. is going along nicely. All have our fingers crossed that there will be no strikes when we get under way.
 W.A. has two of our club members over there. Now, Elaine Hays and Dudley Russell, it's about time you sent some our way. Jes hope to see you all in the West very soon.
 We hope Shirley is feeling very much better.

NEW ZEALAND DIARY

WEDNESDAY: DUNEDIN: WAGGON WHEEL CLUB, MacAndrew. Int. School Hall. Ken Willcocks. Phone Co. 890.
 DUNEDIN: COUNTRY AND WESTERN SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Jim Donaldson. Phone 38039.
 DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. Beginners. Phone 34-649.
SATURDAY: DUNEDIN (A): Jim Donaldson's Country and Western Square Dance Club. 3-8039.
 DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, Arthur Street School Gymnasium, Arthur Street. 65-420, 66-022.

A BIG PUBLICITY BOOST IN QUEENSLAND

The interest in square dancing in the Sunshine State has received a terrific boost owing to a Press coverage in the "Courier-Mail" in July. It was headlined "Square Dancing Has Been Revived" and continued, "Rope your cow and brand your calf, swing your girl for an hour and a half".

Does this ring a bell? If it does, either you have seen "Oklahoma" or you are recalling the rootin'-tootin' square dance craze which hit Queensland in 1953.
 If you think square dancing has died since then, it is time for you to readjust your Davy Crockett cap.

THOUSANDS

Square dancing is back in Brisbane. Maybe not to the extent of 18 years ago, but to the extent where thousands of teenagers and young families are kicking their heels to the tune of a fiddle three or four times a week.
 Square Dancing Society of Queensland secretary, and foundation member of the 18-year-old "S-Bar-B" Square Dance Club, Mrs. Valerie Rigby, said every square dance club in Brisbane (there are 12 or 13 of them) was doing well.
 "I'm not really sure why this is," she said.

OLD FORM

"I know teenagers like square dancing because they have an atmosphere of enjoyment without having to sit in dark rooms".
 Plain and simple, square dancing is a type of dance based on the 17th century quadrille where couples begin dancing in a square, move about, and end in the same position.
 It was made popular in Queensland to a great extent by the former Queensland University Director of Physical Education (Dr. Ivor Burge) who founded the University Square Dancing Club 18 years ago for husbands and wives.

The club this year transferred from the University to Corinda High School hall, and adopted a new name, the Susie-Q Square Dance Club.
 Club secretary, Mrs. Norma Mears, said the club had an active membership of 111, with 86 beginners.
 The article went on to say: "As any square dancer will tell you, the 'caller' is the important person at a square dance. Callers sing the song and call the movements to keep the dancers moving smoothly. The club meets three times a week: Tuesdays are beginners' nights; Thursdays advanced classes, and Saturdays real 'square dances' are held".

The article concluded by saying a square dance camp would be held in September, where parents can brush up on their dancing while physical education students would mind their children, and by announcing their 18th birthday party night in July, also anyone wishing to learn square dancing could telephone the Queensland Square Dancing Society and they would put them in contact with the nearest dance in their area.
 Our congratulations go to the people responsible for this tremendous coverage on square dancing in Queensland. This is the type of publicity we would all like to achieve at one time or another for it is this type of article that brings to the people the fun that can be had at square dancing, as well as the other social activities and the new friends that can be made.

ALEC REID, Co-Ed.
 (See Photo Next Page)

Northern Territory News

The new class will start on July 20.
 The class met at the home of Jim and Dorothy Floyd to discuss forming a club. They have chosen the name, "The Centre Squares," and their badge will depict a koala bear and map of Australia with a star in the centre, representing Alice Springs.
 The club will continue dancing on Tuesday evenings between learning sessions until membership has grown, and then a separate night will be arranged. We are starting a history of the club for posterity.
 Mr. Ernie Swain is to be treasurer of the club, and Arlyce Duffield has been asked to be historian.



SQUARE DANCING IS FUN FOR EVERYONE!

SMILE FOR A WHILE — GO SQUARE DANCING!



MEMBERS of the Susie Q Square Dancing learners' class coming out of a set were Mrs. Joyce Aitken and Mr. E. McLachlan. Ten sets took over the hall at the Corinda State High School for the weekly learners' classes. (See article previous page).



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Your State Editor is going to Perth, with no chance or time for distribution of the September issue. All clubs within a 50-mile radius, would you pick up your Reviews from the Editor's home on the afternoon of Sunday, August 29th. Deadline for the October issue is that same day. Thank you.

SQUARE WHIRL

New South Wales
Square Dance President,
Charles Vaggs, 93-3070.
Secretary:
Ross Sinclair, 771-4956.

COMING EVENTS:

SOCIETY CABARET:
Saturday, July 31st.
HALF-WAY DANCE:
Sunday, August 22nd.
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:
Sunday, September 26th.
SOCIETY XMAS PARTY:
Thursday, November 25th.

FESTIVAL OF DANCE:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

SPARKILATE CLUB, ASQUITH

We are all sad to see Stan with an injured leg. He required stitches after "Lyne" hit him with the axe.

Christine and Cathy Svensen took out three prizes with four entries in the Orchid Festival — girls of many talents.

We said good-bye to Ken Doyle, who has left on a two-year missionary tour of church buildings.

SPARKILATE CLUB, DUNDAS

There a boy coming home on leave, and it's wedding bells for Joy and Bill. Congratulations from us all.

Everybody cooked the same thing for supper one night this month — chocolate biscuits. Another night like that and our girls can pass their new dresses down to some of our new members.

MIRANDA/GYMEA

Chills of winter have not deterred our ever-anxious dancers with their toe-tapping and twirling to callers, Arthur and Ken.

What's more, we are producing another songbird, testing the tonsils with great gusto! Keep up the good work, Noel, we love to hear you; and Una, be patient.

Elva and Paul are managing quite well to keep in the swing of things, between bottles and nappies.

Thanks to Don Craine and his wife, visiting our club to keep the tempo moving along. Always pleased to see visitors.

WANDERERS

Thanks to young Barry for bringing eight of his dancers up from Wollongong. We enjoyed their visit very much, and didn't envy them their cold trip home.

Congratulations to Jan and Gordon Hearne on the birth of their baby, Kathy.

Bill Mallett's foot is improving slowly and we hope it won't be long before he is enjoying himself on the dance floor again.

NEW SOUTH WALES DIARY

* Denotes a restriction on numbers applies. Ring the number shown before attending; (B) denotes beginner standard; (A) denotes Advanced.
All Dances Weekly unless stated otherwise

TUESDAY:
PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel Club. Ron Jones. Girl Guides' Hall, Rossmore Avenue. 70-7118.
ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's, St. John's Parish Hall, Bland Street. Callers: Russ Eastment, Terry Dodd. 798-5361.

NEWCASTLE: 8-Bar-H, Garden Suburbs Community Hall, Prospect Road. Brian Hotchkies. 49-7608.
GREENWICH (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Community Centre, Greenwich Road. 85-3821.

ROSE BAY: Blue Pacific. Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen, Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road. 32-5031.

LAKEMBA, CIRCLE 8, Scouts Hall, Earnest Street, Bev. Pickworth. 78-4166.

WEDNESDAY:
RYDE: Allemanders, Vince Spillane, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Government Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. 630-4475.

RHODES (A): Roy Welch, 2nd Wednesday only, Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. 533-1161.

DUNDAS: Sparkilate Club, Town Hall, Marsden Road, Dundas. Caller: Fred Meads, 47-1997.

THURSDAY:
CLEMTON PARK: Wanderers Club. Roy Etherington. Scouts Hall, Shackell Avenue, Clemton Park. 57-5415.

RIVERWOOD RIVERSIDERS, Scouts Hall, Bonds Road (rear Total Garage). Bev. Pickworth 78-4166.

MIRANDA-GYMEA: 2nd GyMEA Scout Hall, GyMEA Bay Road. Arthur Gates. 727-9951.

RHODES: Pound Dancing. Avis and Jack Nimmo. 3rd Thursday. Sea Scouts Hall, Ryde Bridge 632-6685

FRIDAY:
LUGARNO SQUARE DANCE CLUB: Every Friday, 8 to 10.30. 32 Grandview Crescent, Lugarno. Roy Welch. Beginners.

EASTWOOD TOWN HALL, "Boomerang" Club, Agincourt Road, Marsfield. Callers, Jim Allan, Paul Johnston. 89-1142.

ASQUITH: Sparkilate Club, cnr. Winston Street and Sherbrook Road, Asquith. Fred Meads. 47-1997.

GREENWICH (formerly Collaroy). Presbyterian Church Hall, 86 Greenwich Road. Len Woodhead. 43-1205.
MIRANDA (ILLAWARRAS), Round Dancing, 2nd Fridays, 4th Fridays, Kindergarten Hall (opp. Station). Mabs and Pat Bourke. 524-3665, 31-3173.
NEWCASTLE: Brian Hotchkies, Mara Lynne Ballroom, 11 Belford Street, Broadmeadow. 49-7608, 43-4933.
WOLLONGONG. Corrimal Presbyterian Church Hall, Princes Highway, Corrimal. Terry Dodd.
NEWPORT: Ocean Waves Club, Surf Club Hall, Newport. Wal Crichton. 982-5068.
RENDEZVOUS. Round dancing, 1st Friday, Kindergarten Hall, cnr. Dennison and Ebley Street, Bondi Junction. Les, Marge and Lucky. 32-5031.
RYDE-BUFFALO SQUARES, 2nd and 4th, Govt. Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. Caller: Vince Spillane. 83-7985.

SATURDAY:
1st SATURDAY: Air Force Memorial Bowling Club, Chandler Street, Rockdale. Supper provided. Bev. Pickworth. 78-4166.

BELMORE: 3rd Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. 759-5330. Caller, Ron Jones.

BELMORE, SQUARE & ROUND CLUB (A), Scouts Hall, Lark Street. Bev. Pickworth, Avis and Jack Nimmo, 78-4166, 632-6685. Second Saturday month.

BELMORE (A) RAMBLERS: Ron Jones. Fourth Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. 70-7118

BELMORE: Illawarras, Round and Square dancing, 1st Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. Mabs and Pat Bourke. 524-3665.

BUNDANOON: 2nd and 4th Saturdays. At Wingello Mechanics' Institute. 8 to 12.

DUNDAS (Promenaders): Tom McGrath. Third Saturday, Town Hall, Marsden Road. 85-3821.

GREENWICH: Startimers, (A); 1st Saturday. Ron Jones. Community Centre, Greenwich Road. 969-5292.

MATTARA S.D. Club: John Dixon, Charlestown R.S.L. Hall. 4-2381, 4-1945.

NEWCASTLE: Westerners. Brian Hotchkies. Alternate Saturdays. C. of E. Hall, Naughton Avenue, Birmingham Gardens. 49-7608.

SUNNYWOOD: * Sunnywood Square Dancers. Public School. Ted Sams, c/o. Post Office, Cooranbong. 2265.

WAGON WHEEL

Sorry about the Stokes, Stocks.

Don't forget: Beginner classes this month.

A much-enjoyed trip to Mudgee for the Tequilas giving a couple of demonstrations at the local bowling club.

Congratulations to Richard on his coming of age (5/7/71). Calling for volunteers to chaperone Jill for her trip north in August.

Hope everyone is ready for the competitions in Newcastle at the Matara Festival.

(Wagon Wheelers! How about a little clapping after each bracket? After all, "OI Jonesy" isn't such a bad caller, is he?—Co-Editor.)

WOLLONGONG STAR TWIRLERS

Last month's visitors from Orbit 8's helped to make a terrific night.

Thoughts on change of sex . . . Nick, the bearded lady; Peter would be good in a skirt; Kevin's got the hair.

We visited the Wanderers this month and Roy gave us a fabulous time..

Everybody is preparing madly for our party night in August.

Incidentally, who was Margaret trying to make jealous at the ball?



GREENWICH SWINGERS

Cards from caller Len tell us of wonderful places in Italy, Switzerland and London — and evidently both of them are enjoying the trip. Now Lorrie, Zina and Karl are off overseas, too.

Pleased to welcome a visit from two squares of Allemanders and Vince Spillane. Robin Clark also visited that night, on a trip from Melbourne — a vision in purple poncho, gauchito pants and white boots!

CIRCLE 8 NEWS

It was nice to welcome visitors from the Allemanders Club this month.

Our Jess finally returned after a short holiday and put the smile back on Bev's face.

A welcome back to Bede, Melba, Vi and Charlie — hope you all keep fit from now on!

Even though the weather is cold we still have all our squares dancing. It helps to keep us warm and to keep Bev out of mischief!

ORBIT EIGHTS, ASHFIELD

We must be the getting-aboutest club in Sydney — what with horse riding, tennis, hiking, etc. On a recent trip to the mountains a group of us did an eleven-mile bush walk and finished off with a barbecue tea at Leura — steak and onions. Oh, boy! Never a dull moment. Some of our more experienced squarers enjoy a nibble at experimental movements and are learning to round dance.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS, SATURDAY

A happy night this month. We seemed to have quite a few ladies sitting on the floor laughing.

Barry Wonson called for the first time at Dundas. He is very, very good.

Newlyweds Robert and Robyn Fraser and Sharon Moss visited us; also Keith and Jean McKenzie. Come again! Everyone is always welcome to our third Saturday at Dundas.

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

An enjoyable visit from the Rhodes Club was our biggest event this month.

Twenty of us had a night out at Willy's to celebrate Tom and Chick's and Melba and Geoff Cliff's anniversaries. We now have a half-interest in all the furnishings.

A big welcome to new couples, Ton and Joanna Netelbeek and Bob and Tina Jones.

Round of the month, Cheat-ing Heart.

Happy birthday to our Dawn.

BOOMERANG CLUB

The club has again put on a month of good dancing with new faces showing each week.

Congratulations to Chris on becoming a novice caller — one of the youngest, I believe.

All callers or dancers are welcome to the club dancing each Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Agincourt Road, Marsfield, Eastwood Town Hall.

VICTORIAN JOTTINGS

HAPPY VALLEY

Congratulations to Carol Perry and her W.A. fiance, Greg, on their engagement.

Nursery corner is a lively place these days, with three little boys all now walking.

We're missing Jack and Joyce Humphrey, but Joyce is nearly her old self again.

Fay's and Lance's old apple tree makes a lovely fire these winter nights.

All are looking forward to the cabaret.

CAMBERWELL

Bid making seaweed pictures and Syd with a bunged-up eye — no connection.

Ron a very promising square and round dancer.

Thanks to Lance, Art, Una and Ivy for help with radiators; they are certainly appreciated.

Our club looks forward to the 21st birthday celebration of Valetta.

Pat enjoyed her birthday the other Tuesday — fanfare, ke and all!

ALCOMBE STREET

Marg and Glad are recovering from their "ops" and should soon be dancing again.

Two sets went to Footscray's special effort on Saturday, June 26th.

On Sunday, June 27, members attended the V.S.D.A. barn dance at Notting Hill.

Lynne and David Beeley won the car trial, which finished at Cliff and Lorna's Red Hill property on Sunday, July 4. Bill and Jean McMahan "naturally" won the booby prize.

Seventeen club members are planning to invade W.A. in September.

SUNNYSIDE

Believe we have a superman in our club — Harry Hanson had an operation in hospital and walked out to the car to go home.

The Mathes family and friends braved the cold to drive 114 miles from Shepparton to attend our club night, when Ron Mathies came home from Vietnam.

Sixty members from Sunnyside are looking forward to the Perth convention and holiday following.

MOORABBIN

Iris and Norm Clark had the misfortune to be involved in a car accident in Queensland. Norm is in the Holy Spirit Hospital in Brisbane, suffering from a broken arm, leg, and collarbone. Iris suffered a fractured jaw and bruising. All club members wish them a quick recovery and hope they can be sent

home to Melbourne quite soon.

ROUND DANCING

Round dancing at Wickham Road has been well attended. Now we have an intermediate class on the third Sunday of the month. So we are round dancing on the first and third Sunday each month.

With the convention coming up in Perth, we have had a good opportunity to brush up on the convention rounds.

ST. PETER'S, BOX HILL

A quiet month.

We missed the last dance and were told by numerous people what a fantastic night they had. Why, then, make a point of mentioning our absence? Makes us wonder!

Had a real fun night at Eastern Eight's fancy dress.

Watch for the outcome of our third birthday night.

EASTERN EIGHTS

The club has had a busy month.

A certain person decided to keep us warm by lighting a fire . . . funny . . . nobody told him the fireplace had no chimney! Needless to say, we had trouble seeing our partner for about 15 minutes.

A very successful fancy dress night was held on the 26th June. Despite the cold weather, there were plenty of novelty costumes. Winners: "The Litterbug" and "Long John Silver".

HOTFOOTERS

In May the Hotfooters combined with the Balcombe Street club at Bon Beach for our third birthday, which was a great success. We also had a most enjoyable evening at Coburg Teachers' College.

Rod is now in hospital for a minor operation, but he will be back with us soon and we will be dancing regularly every alternate Friday.

V.S.D.A. NEWS

Judging by attendances at recent functions, the interest in square dancing is increasing at a steady rate. The barn dance at Notting Hill demonstrated the popularity of combined activities, where members of all clubs and all callers can dance together.

Coming events are the annual meeting and dance on August 8, and the special International Square Dance Week dance on September 26.

SHEPPARTON

Two sets danced at the local country and western concert; and the audience seemed to enjoy it.

Pleased to have visitors during the month; two car-loads

visited Sunnyside.

Twelve of us helped to celebrate St. Peter's birthday night. We really enjoyed the weekend, thank you.

Do you want some rice? No names mentioned.

We'll have some queer sights at our dance this Saturday. It is a "come as you are" — sleeping bags and all.

BOX HILL

Who's tired? We had a noisy footy and pie night; visited Footscray's charity night; Eastern Eight's fancy dress; and the V.S.D.A. barn dance. Topped off with St. Peter's mammoth third birthday of 23 sets — our congratulations to Harry and Beryl on its success.

Hooray! Smiths and Haywards are back from holidays. Visitor from Tasmania: Ray Bramich.

Thanks, gang, for helping out while Jean was ill.

ENGAGEMENT

David Hooper and Iris Trangmar write:

"We would like to sincerely thank all our square dance friends, both here and interstate, for the many telegrams and good wishes we have received since we announced our engagement on May 22.

"Our very special thanks for the presentations made to us at the Altona and Thornbury clubs. They will be very useful when we are setting up our home".

WHITEHORSE

Thanks go to regular club members for their attendance at the Wednesday night beginners' classes. With the aid of these members the beginners have progressed to a very high standard. Hope to see them at regular club dances in the near future.

KEEN . . . that's all that can be said for Hans and his family, who travelled from Seymour to participate at our Saturday night dance.

See you again soon.

KEYSBOROUGH

Quite a good crowd last Saturday night after our enforced month's lay-off.

Pleased to have Marj Jones back, fit and dancing again.

The influx of young lads from the local riding school gave us a large male surplus, which seemed to please the younger female members of our group.

DANDENONG, SWILNGIN' SAINTS

Our attendances lately have taken a bit of a dive from earlier this year when we were averaging over 100, although we are still getting around 70-80 each night. Pleased to have Max Sheldrick and friends back visiting us a couple of nights recently after a long absence. We're sorry to lose Gerry Vos to National Service, and Mary Riley and Therese Gaffy, who have migrated to

Darwin for an indefinite working holiday (?).

THORNBURY

Wow! What a night! We had an attendance of 100 for the first time a few weeks ago, and have since been averaging nine and ten sets.

A warm welcome to the many new dancers who have joined us.

Congrats. to "Garry" on her 72nd birthday — she's a marvel!

FOOTSCRAY

June 26 was our "special effort" dance to raise funds for Lorraine Pascoe's medical and hospital expenses, etc. (She broke her leg at V.S.D.A. State Convention). Thank you, all those dancers who assisted the fund-raising — net amount was \$229.50.

We managed to keep all knowledge of it from Lorraine right up to the point when we presented the cheque. (Lorraine attended on crutches).

Our best wishes, Lorraine!

ALTONA NEWSBEAT

Many thanks to the set for the excellent demo. at the recent one-night stand in Williamstown.

Our small contingent to the National Convention is busily preparing for a great treat of square dancing. Iris and David regret being unable to attend, but join with all Altona dancers in wishing our S.D. friends in Perth a very successful convention.

Coffs Harbour

The rain finished, out came the sunshine, and we were all set for a good weekend.

Congratulations to all the organisers; you did a great job. To the callers, who travelled from far and wide, thanks for your great calling and good, friendly relationship. This is made possible at these smaller functions, when everybody has time for everybody.

I would like to mention just one caller, Alan Thomas, who originally hailed from Sydney and has now started a club at Tamworth, The Gemstones. He hopes to promote another at Armidale. Any of our dancers, from any State, passing through that way, drop in and say "howdy"; you will certainly receive a very warm welcome.

The hall with its large decorated wall of all the corals from the Barrier Reef, made a wonderful setting for our square dancing, and the Plantation hotel-motel did us proud with accommodation and food. We hit the front page of the Coffs Harbour "Opinion" with a very good picture and write-up.

N.S.W.: LEARN TO ROUND DANCE
AT THE RENDEZVOUS

(See Diary)

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"SQUARE YOUR SETS"

(Round-up of Q'ld. News)

SUZY-Q SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Suzy-Q's are busy now preparing for a special evening on July 17 to celebrate the 18th birthday of the club.

The committee has invited members to dress in the western style for the occasion, and director Ivor Burge intends to choose singing calls with western themes. Members will provide some novelty items. Should be a good night.

WHEELING 8's

A set danced to Colin Huddleston at Festival Hall, Brisbane, on July 17.

During show week in Brisbane in 1969, many Wheeling 8 dancers danced to Colin night and day for a week at the Royal National Show, where Reg Lindsay had a Country and Western show currently running.

Pleased to have Bob Piper (Newcastle) with us on Workshop Night.

CHELMER

Club members showing much enthusiasm and eager to learn. Eric Wendell calls for this group on Mondays (weekly) and enjoys every minute of it. Although only operating about eight weeks or so, this club has already made a handsome cash donation to charity.

CIRCLE W

Some dancers are very keen about the square dance-a-thon on July 3. On June 23 we enjoyed dancing with two sets from Manly State School, who have been learning square dancing for their fete. Also, we were visited by Bob Piper from Newcastle. Our long string of demonstrations is over for a while and everyone is looking forward to our birthday party in August.

BAR-K-RAMBLERS

Squish, squish, squish, the sound of milk from the cow's udders. Joy and Lyman gave an interesting display of milking during a visit to a farm near Kenilworth on the Queen's Birthday weekend, whilst Leighton Bloomfield skilfully rode the high spirited brumby before gracefully dismounting.

The square dance held at

MONDAY:
GRANGE: "Summer Sounds," Progress Hall, corner Wilston Road and Daisy Street. Weekly. Warren Fleming. 56-3586.

TUESDAY:
CORINDA: *Suzy Q," High School Auditorium, weekly. (Learners' Class). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.
SLACKS CREEK: "Sundowners," Progress Hall, Hall Road, weekly. Peter Johnson. 96-3813.
GEEBUNG: "Star Promenaders." R.S.L. Hall, Newman Road. Weekly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

WEDNESDAY:
WAVELL HEIGHTS: "Wavell Whirlaways," Memorial Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road. Sid Leighton. 69-1401.

WYNNUM: "Circle W," Methodist Church Hall, Ashton Street. Junior (7.00 p.m.), weekly. Neville McLachlan. 96-3302.

TOOWOOMBA: Boy Scouts' Headquarters Hall, Scouts' Way (behind St. Luke's C. of E.). Weekly. Bill McHardy and Don Proellocks. (Toowoomba, 52-155).

the R.S.L. Hall on the Saturday night attracted keen interest from the people of the area.

MAJOR PUBLICITY BREAK-THROUGH

Wednesday, July 7 was a "red letter" day for square dancing in Queensland when a complete article and photo were featured in Brisbane's "Courier-Mail".

During the days and evenings which followed, society secretary, Val Rigby, was "swamped" with an unprecedented barrage of enquiries from all over Brisbane and as far afield as the Darling Downs.

The article and photo appear elsewhere in this issue.

"DANCE-A-THON" SUCCESS

If anything was proven at the Paddington drive-in shopping centre on Saturday, July 3, it was that "Dance-A-Thons" in Queensland are definitely here to stay.

Over 50 society enthusiasts danced the full 24 miles in fine style to a variety of top callers and record funds were raised.

Some even made it to Holland Park for more dancing that night!

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

It's not too soon to again think "Toowoomba", for next month is "Carnival of Flowers," always a major event on our square dance calendar!

Dates for the big weekend are September 18/19, and once again, we've block booked the Newtown Caravan Park for the large group expected.

Nominate now through your club secretary or with Val Rigby at 56-1251.

QUEENSLAND DIARY

THURSDAY:
CORINDA: *Suzy Q," High School Auditorium, weekly. (Intermediate). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights," Christchurch Hall. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

FRIDAY:
ASHGROVE: "S-Bar-B," St. Barnabas' Hall, Waterworks Road (bus stop 12), fortnightly. Graham Rigby (56-1251).

SATURDAY:
CORINDA: *Suzy Q," High School Auditorium, weekly. (Advanced Club). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.
HOLLAND PARK: Hollandia Swingers, Greenslopes Scout Hall, Victor Street, Fortnightly. Graham Rigby (56-1251).

MILTON: "Bar-K Ramblers, weekly, Christchurch Hall, Ha'e Street, (open). Bernie Kennedy. 79-2196.

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights," Christchurch Hall, Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

ZILLMERE: "Star Promenaders", Church of Christ Hall, Zillmere Road. "Family Night," fortnightly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

ATTENTION! STATE EDITORS

I am not very pleased by the way that I received the copy for this and previous issues. I had to make several special trips to the printer with late, and very late mail,

which makes it very hard to get "The Review" out on time. From now on, any mail not received by me before the second Saturday of the month WILL NOT BE PRINTED.

ALEC REID,

Co-Editor.

SQUARE DANCERS OF THE MONTH

With interest in the coming Perth convention running high this month, we felt it would be the right time to have as our square dancers of the month a couple in Perth. Bill is the assistant convener of the up-and-coming National Convention, and he and Heather have been very hard workers for the cause since they moved from Sydney to Perth two years ago. If you are going to Perth in September, be sure to say "Hello" to our Square Dancers of the Month—

HEATHER and BILL COLLEY, of Perth, West Australia.

They were "pushed" into square dancing by a very persistent friend. Heather was quite keen, as she always did like dancing. Bill didn't think too much of it at his first try, so gave it away. However, in 1965, they did start again and stuck to it. This was at Rooty Hill, N.S.W. Doug. Edwards was the caller.

Heather learned quite quickly. Bill admits to two left feet, which wouldn't move in the right direction most of the time. They danced in a couple's home for a few months, finally learned to square dance, and belonged to their first club at Dundas, N.S.W., with caller Tom McGrath.

Bill and Heather also belonged to a demo. team trained by Doug. for quite some time, and they gave many demos. with a charity group called The Bonds Players. The team was called "The Westerners" because Bill came from West Australia (oh, yes! He is a native son of W.A.) They never won any competitions, but had a lot of fun!

Bill is sure it was at the Dundas Club that the fashion of wearing shorts and long socks to the dance was first made popular by him, Stan and George. He also reminded me that I said he could wear nought as long as he had long sleeves!

In July, 1969, Bill and Heather moved to W.A. In two years there they have covered a lot of ground. Heather

is secretary of the White Gum Valley Club and the Square Dance Society of W.A. They formed The Sundowners' Club and are now serving on the committee of the Perth convention.

Bill and Heather both work for a motor firm in Perth. They have two children, Don, 14, and Liza, 9, who are both very good and keen square dancers. Bill is very much interested in movie films — the ones he takes himself. Heather is a camera bug also. When asked their thoughts on square dancing, they replied that they both know it is the greatest of good, clean and healthy fun. The friendliness is always there, and no matter where you go in Australia, or the whole world for that matter, you are always welcomed by a group of friendly people known as square dancers.

Their only regrets are that they didn't start sooner than they did. Their advice to all square dancers is to spread the word and share the enjoyment with others.

Heather and Bill have not been square dancing for years and years, as is usually the case when we pick our dancers of the month; but in six short years they have proved that they understand the most important fundamental in square dancing: "We are always in need of hard workers to bring in beginners, form clubs and keep square dancing going forward".

—TOM McGRATH.

N.S.W.:

Belmore RamblersEVERY FOURTH SATURDAY AT SCOUT HALL
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Caller: Ron Jones

CONVENTION NEWS

Time sure flies past. As from today it is exactly eight weeks to the beginning of the greatest pleasure of all square dancers' lives — another convention. This one, the 12th, is to be held in the beautiful State of W.A., the State of beautiful wildflowers and the beautiful Swan River. Everyone is flat-out getting all those last-minute preparations finalised, checking and re-checking every single item to make sure that all is well and complete. But of course I alone say some small item will be unfortunately overlooked, as it sure takes a 100 per cent person to be 100 per cent perfect, and in my opinion that is an impossibility. Ah, well, you can guarantee that all W.A. will be 99 per cent, so if we should overlook some small item I hope all you people who will be attending the convention will be good enough to forgive us.

I must firstly congratulate those people who are giving up their time on Sundays and other time, to make certain this convention will be a joy to other people's lives. They have really worked hard and have spared no effort, large or small, to make sure that you all go away happy, contented, and eagerly looking forward to the next convention to be held in W.A.

Also, I must congratulate each and every club who have assisted us in any way at all to make certain nothing is forgotten.

Thanks to Charlie Vagg for forwarding registration forms, which were inadvertently forgotten.

Bill Higgs, I would say without hesitation, is the happiest man on the convention committee as he sees these registrations rolling in. Convener: Les Johnson. S.T.D. phone number 097-522107, Busselton, W.A.

Somebody wants to know do they wear shorts or overcoats here early in September? Well, if you are Spartan you could get away with shorts. Overcoats — what are they? Oh, I know — that's the stuff you paint over an undercoat on a wall or something, isn't it? The sands of the desert shift all the time, so it's a little hard to keep up with them to find out if they grow cold or not. Me, I don't know, I've been married too long. Tom, if you pat the camel, make sure you know which end is which, because these things with a hump in the middle look the same both ways. Sorry they have such a long neck — case of necessity you know — have to reach their head somehow.

VICTORIA DIARY

MONDAY:
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte (B), 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.

TUESDAY:
BOX HILL NORTH: Ron Mennie. Methodist Hall, Woodhouse Grove. 88-4834.
CARNEGIE: Valetta. Scout Hall, Mimosa Street. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
CAMBERWELL: Les Schroder. Football Pavilion, Camberwell Road. 69-4921.
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte. 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.
THORBURY: (Trinity) (1st, 3rd and 5th), David Hooper, Trinity Hall, Y'ott St.—Enq. Edna and Jim Daniel (48-3693).

WEDNESDAY:
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte, 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.
MALVERN: Youth Hostels. Scout Hall, Oak Grove, last Wednesday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.

THURSDAY:
CAULFIELD (Round Dance): Edna Batchelor, Tennis Club Hall, Balaclava Road. 53-5763.
BOX HILL: Ron Mennie. Private. Beginners. 88-4834.
ALTONA: David Hooper, Altona Youth Centre, Civic Parade. 397-6926.

FRIDAY:
FRANKSTON: Eric Clarke. Fortnightly. Balcombe Street. 783-2792.
BEAUMARIS HOTFOOTERS: Rod McCubbin. Fortnightly. 163 Dalgetty Road. 99-2267.
MOORABBIN: Latter Day Saints, Rowans Road. Wally Cook. 24-5518.

SATURDAY:
CAULFIELD: Sunnyside. Ron Whyte. Bowling Club, Queen's Avenue. 95-1496.
MARIBYRNONG: Wally Cook, Maribyrnong Park Bowling Club, Homes Road. Last Saturday. 24-5518.
CAMBERWELL: Singles in Society, cnr. Bourke and Mont Albert Roads, 1st Saturday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
CAULFIELD: Youth Club, Maple Street, 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
WILLISON: (Happy Valley). Les Schroder, Scout Hall, Fordham Avenue. 69-4921.
BOX HILL: Jack Murphy, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Whitehorse Road, weekly. Whitehorse Club. 89-6971.
BOX HILL (St. Peter's Star): Ron Mennie. St. Peter's Church Hall, Whitehorse Road, Box Hill (next to Town Hall). 1st and 3rd Saturdays. 878-4042.
KEYSBOROUGH: Recreation Hall, Cheltenham Road. Alternate Saturdays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.
FOOTSCRAY: Alternate Saturday. David Hooper, Scout Hall, Hyde Street (next Police Station). 397-6926.
RINGWOOD: Eastern Eights. Allan Droscher. 1st Ringwood Scout Hall, Bedford Road, 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 231-1370.
SHEPPARTON: Bob Dickie, alternate Saturdays, Railway Hall, next Railway Station. 05-792-1041. Phone 05-792-1041.

SUNDAY:
DANDENONG: St. Mary's Catholic Hall, corner Foster and Langhorne Streets. Alternate Sundays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.
ROUND DANCE, 1st Sunday in month. Ron and Ella Whyte, 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.

BOW TO YOUR PARTNER

GOOD THINKING

Our new society boss is thinking all the time. He's figured it out (and this column heartily agrees) that we've outlived our stay at the Paddo Town Hall for the yearly balls. It no longer has atmosphere, character, is cold, and dismal, and we should move on to a brighter, different hall. All halls will be carefully screened, so for the biggest show on earth come to the new Society Ball in '72.

NEWCASTLE'S CABARET

A party of Sydney dancers was in attendance and report enjoying the dancing, the very fine hall and the good food. However, where have all the callers gone? Luckily we took along Noelene to give Brian a chance to cool his throat. Quite an innovation to have an outside artist on the show.

NOTICE, N.S.W. DANCERS

Your new membership fees are now due. Moneys received go wholly in producing the Review. Your editor has been instructed to distribute the Review to members only. Any variation will bring about his instant dismissal: this is part of a get-tough policy. Late entries will only be accepted if accompanied by a letter of apology from your grandmother. To dancers who have had cause to complain of bundles of Reviews taking weeks to reach their destination, you may — on payment of an ad-

ditional dollar — have a private individual post. This goes first-class mail with a delivery space of time as for a normal letter.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

This will be held in the Y.M.C.A. buildings, Pitt Street, Sydney, on September 26, commencing at 1.45 p.m. It is anticipated there will be lots of business and reports arising from the Perth convention. Arrangements are being sought to show colour slides, and for the playing of tapes brought back from the Perth convention.

WOLLONGONG STAR TWIRLERS

We have a policy of giving a new club a free plug to get them on the map. This time it's the abovementioned — with a young caller with ability and voice our leading callers would like to have. See ad. for a big night on August 14, and make an effort to be there. All proceeds to Old Mother Society — after the rent.

CONVENTION NEWS

For information regarding Shanondoahs Special Night, refer to Shanondoah Square Dance Club notes.

CHARITY SQUARE DANCE

FRIDAY, 30th JULY, 1971, 8 P.M.

IN AID OF ST. BRIGID'S GIRLS' HOME

The Buffalo Squares and Allemanders Clubs are organising a Special Square Dance Night to be held at the Ryde Govt. Bus Depot Institute Hall, situated in Buffalo Road, near Cressy Road, Ryde. All proceeds will go to assist the work of the above Institution. Our club caller, Vince Spillane, will be at the microphone; also guest callers. Door prizes, novelty dances, etc.

BASKET SUPPER. TEA PROVIDED. ADMISSION 80c. Parking on Buffalo Road or in parking lot adjacent hall. Enter from Cressy Road.

For any further details, ring DAVID HARPER, 83-7985. Sec. Buffalo Squares.

VIC:

VICTORIAN SQUARE DANCING ASSOCIATION

2nd ANNUAL MEETING & DANCE

MALVERN MASONIC HALL

SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST, 2.30 P.M. Basket Tea

Watch next month's "Review" for details of International Square Dance Week Dance on 26th September. Enquiries, 99-2267

LA RONDE: The Round Dancer ROUND DANCING PART OF OUR ACTIVITY

Last month a lot was written with the object of getting callers to give more thought to this aspect of the square dance scene. Round dancing is part and parcel of our activity and provides a happy change of pace in the evening's dancing.

This month let us look at the club member who has never done any round dancing.

Why hasn't he? A common answer from the gents is, "I can't do that stuff!" What he really means is, "No one has ever shown me how!"

The lady will answer this same question along these lines: "I haven't danced this one before". What she conveys is the fact that she is just dying to get up and give it a try, and she would just adore you partnering her through the dance. Chances are she will make a pretty good effort at following the steps.

The enjoyment of sharing with a group, the satisfaction of dancing a round with good music and choreography is an ever-repeating reward which any dancer will say is worth the little effort of starting to learn the basics.

Thinking back, no one would consider an allemande a hard movement to learn, and we all know a Do-Paso is just three allemandes in sequence. A two-step or turning two-step is about on the same level — simple when you know how. Right now we have more and more folk taking the floor for the rounds, just as more and more are coming in to learn the basics. There are no Robinson Crusoes these days — everyone is learning something — so why not you? You already know the first thing of lesson one — it's easy.

Perth will host the convention this year and, to conduct the round-dance session that

popular and capable couple, Les and Pat Schroder, of Melbourne, have been chosen. All States will now have a list of dances from which the programme will be selected. This list is always interesting — a surprise here and there and the balance bringing to light the dances which are recognised as classics or evergreens, guaranteed to give an enjoyable afternoon.

Here in Australia we are fortunate in not having to join in a rat-race with our dancing. It would appear that some areas are frantically learning so many of the very latest that surely the dancers can have little time to enjoy what they have learnt. In N.S.W. the callers' meetings are producing a formula where the round-dance teachers will introduce a suitable dance, every so often, that can be taken up in the square-dance clubs.

Happy contacts with other States keeps the finger on the pulse, as it were, and it is evident that thoughtful control is exercised in their round dances, too. A fairly uniform list is beginning to emerge. This is to the advantage of travelling dancers, who are able thus to join in when visiting; and it is sincerely hoped that this trend will continue to develop.

Next month we will meet "Questo," a cute little number, full of questions, and her partner, "Respondo." Watch for them.

THREE-QUARTER TIME.

CONVENTION BOUND — BY CAR Crossing The Nullarbor:

Ceduna, S.A., to Eucla, W.A.

(By LES JOHNSON)

Having crossed this infamous "sink" six times in the last three years, I feel that I am in a position to hand on a little first-hand information of do's and don'ts, whys and wherefores. Firstly, DO NOT let the thought of crossing the Nullarbor scare you. When in good or reasonable condition this section of the Eyre Highway is six cars wide, and no matter what condition it is in, i.e., good (smooth all the way), rough (corrugated and pot-holed), or just plain two to three feet under water — you can get through, and with a little commonsense, not run into trouble.

In good condition, the 300 miles of gravel can be covered in less than eight hours (took us 7½ hours each way last year). If it's rough, up to 14 hours; and if it's under water for most of the way, up to two days. (You would have to be real unlucky to strike it like this at this time of the year, but the possibility does exist.) If the road is dusty, wind up or close all the car windows, then open your air

vent; this will pressurise the inside of your car and prevent any dust from entering.

If you are travelling at speed and your car starts to fishtail a little, you are 10 m.p.h. above the safe driving speed. Lower your speed by that amount. Wear your seat belts at all times. Don't trust to luck.

If portions of the road do happen to be under water, DON'T charge in; walk through first. There may be a four to five-foot hole right in the middle of it. If travelling at night, beware of kangaroos, especially between Madura and Caiguna, W.A. (last year there were thousands of them on this stretch of approximately 80 miles, which reduced our top speed to 35 m.p.h.) Some of these 'roos are as much as six and seven feet high, and they can cause a hell of a lot of damage and possibly put you out of action if hit. You won't have any worries about 'roos during daylight, but from sundown on, beware, especially just at dusk.

Make sure your car is in first-class condition, particularly tyres, fan belt, battery. Carry the following spares: Fan belt, coil, condenser, light globes (sealed beam, if of that type), tin of patches, vulcaniser, tyre levers, pump, jack and a block of wood to stand it on, tow rope, and, of course, your spare wheel fitted with a first-class tyre.

If you suffer a breakdown and have to go for help, there is plenty of traffic on the road; but never leave your vehicle unattended. Always leave somebody with it, otherwise it may not be worth going back to pick it up, as the one thing that always seems to be on the Nullarbor is an abundance of car-parts scavengers.

It is not necessary to carry spare petrol, as you will find filling stations every 60 to 100 miles — unless, of course, you intend to travel non-stop during the night — because all these oases close up and sleep for this period.

Motels, between Ceduna, S.A., and Norseman, W.A., can be found at the following places, travelling west: Penong, Nullarbor Homestead (started last year, but may not be completed), Eucla, Madura, Cocklebidy, Caiguna, Balladonia, Norseman.

Petrol filling stations: Ceduna, Penong (45 miles), Nundroo (40 miles), Ivy Tanks (56 miles), Nullarbor Homestead (27 miles), Koonaldo (65 miles), Eucla (52 miles), Madura (112 miles), Cocklebidy (45 miles), Caiguna (35 miles), Balladonia (65 miles), Norseman (137 miles).

Roadhouses: Ceduna, Penong, Nundroo, Ivy Tanks, Eucla, Cocklebidy, Balladonia, and Norseman. Carry plenty of food with you, just in case. Stock up at Ceduna, S.A.

Water: Carry a five-gallon plastic or steel jerrycan with you, and fill it up every chance you get. Good water is a scarcity at all stops on the Nullarbor, and a request for same will be met with either a blank stare or a curt refusal. However, there are a few water tanks across this stretch, with first-class rain water available, and they are advertised by a large sign usually just stating water, the direction and distance (some of these tanks are as much as 400 yards off the road). Watch for them.

First tank (going west) is 146 miles from Ceduna, or the 699 mile peg from Adelaide. Next tank is 769 miles from Adelaide, half-way between Koonaldo and the W.A. border; next is 69 miles west of Madura; between Cocklebidy and Caiguna. There are two more tanks between Caiguna and Norseman, but it was night time when we passed them, and as I was very ill at this stage of the journey, we did not stop to take any particulars. But watch for the signs if you need water.

One last hint. As an ex-truckie and fleet owner, I can guarantee this one. Carry a two-ounce tin of mustard in your spares. If your radiator springs a leak, when you stop for the night or a couple of hours even, mix up the two ounces of mustard in a jam tin (or some such receptacle) of hot water, and pour into the hot radiator; run the engine at a fast idle for a few minutes to circulate mustard throughout; stop and let the engine cool out. This will not affect the radiator in any way, but it will stop the leak.

Do drive carefully, and don't pick up any hitch hikers.

Now BELT up, BUCKLE up — and good luck.



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