

"RESEARCH LAB REPORTER"

Laboratories Jubilee Ball

"Aylesbury Court" 81 Bay St., Brighton

FRIDAY 29th June - \$9.00 Double (Excluding Liquor)

Dancing 8.30 p.m. - 2.00 a.m. - Prizes Galore

Maximum Accommodation - 440 : Maximum Table Size - 10. Bookings close 14th June (definitely).

Booking Agents

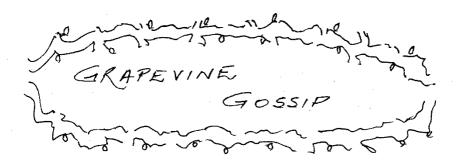
Block A	Mike Shanahan Jill Read	7 910 52 5 3
Block C	Bob Page	7332
Blocks F/T	Barry Woolcock	6876
Block S	Cheryl Morrison	6613
Block W/R	Linda Napier	7986

(SEE BACK PAGE FOR IMPORTANT QUESTIONNAIRE)

IN MEMORIAM

Rudolph Buring

We of the Research Laboratories extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Buring and her son Harry for the very sad and sudden loss of their loving husband and father.



We take this opportunity to farewell our ex-Labs boss and ex-F.A.D.G. Mr. Harris and wish him many years of health in his retirement after he ceases duty officially on the 4th May. Mr. Harris first came to the Laboratories as a young engineer in 1930 and, except for a break of 6-7 years in Long Line Equipment, from 1954 has always been considered a Laboratories man. Many of his colleagues will have the opportunity to farewell him personally at the several functions to be held prior to his departure.

We are also pleased to congratulate our present F.A.D.G., $\underline{\text{Mr. Turnbull}}$ on the occasion of his recent appointment as a Commissioner and Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia).

Congratulations to two of our Library girls, <u>Carla Borst</u> and <u>Ruth Flinn</u> and also to <u>Irene Vigh</u> and <u>Rodney McNabb</u> from Block C who celebrated (quietly) their "coming-of-age" recently. No bleary eyes or sore heads were detected on the days following - what marvellous constitutions!

No doubt a few broken hearts will be left behind when Ed Sandbach's steno-sec, Joanne Hollins, departs for a six months overseas holiday. Joanne and a girl friend are using London as their base while they undertake a five weeks tour of Russia and Scandinavia and a nine weeks trip throughout Europe. After a final looksee around London town they are flying home via the U.S.A. expecting to arrive late October.

Now we know why Joanne has been selling the honey, biscuits and snowballs for the past two years. All that time we thought the proceeds were going to the rangers.

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Many wondered who the new engineer was in Block F some weeks back. It turned out to be John Murphy sporting a short haircut for the purpose of the cricket season. We're told that Mrs. M. was not particularly pleased with the transformation.

Bill Lavery, Visual Communications, had his luggage misplaced in Athens when returning from his recent overseas visit. He spent three days travelling (one in Singapore) in shirt, slacks and a heavy overcoat (for northern winter). He had no trouble getting a seat, anywhere, after a couple of days. The most worrying part about the luggage was that he had a load of English ale for Colin Chippindall

and Bob Horton so Bill wasn't the only one hoping it would turn up - it did! about two days after he arrived home.

We have finally discovered that we have a staff driver who doesn't know his way around the suburbs of Melbourne. After getting lost in Cheltenham early one morning whilst trying to find the home of Alan Gibbs to get him to an early plane, Charlie Bates came up with a very original idea. He went to the nearest P.T. and rang the Gibbs residence saying he was Mr. Bates' neighbour. Mr. Bates had supposedly overslept and suggested Dr. Gibbs ring for a taxi in lieu. Alan was not caught on a subsequent journey. He gave Charlie a xerox copy of an appropriate page from a street directory.

"The Case of the Missing Umbrella" or "who mizzled off with Murfett's Mantle". The scene - a raining lunch hour with 24 Labs officers, the majority of whom were carrying brollies, attending a function at a nearby eating house. The party was met at the door by mine host who proceeded to collect an armful of very similar looking official umbrellas. First to depart were Conroy and Coath, Conroy with a fair exchange from one with a few minor holes to one without holes but with several dented ribs. Coath returns redfaced and rapidly to venue as he finds he has a most elegant model but a type not of departmental manufacture. Departs again with another in mint condition (this one P.M.G. type). However as crowd departs, by process of elimination, Les Murfett comes out empty handed. Mystery remains unsolved!

Who was the bright fellow from Block S who cut his finger on a safety poster?

Another member of the Labs who has left us is the wizard of the Dart Board, <u>Bob Barclay</u>. Bob has been suffering from ill health for a considerable period and the C.M.O. has seen fit to superannuate him. We hope your health improves Bob now that the day-to-day pressure of work has been lifted.

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Michael Belfer from Visual Communications has gone for a trip to Israel on five months L.W.O.P. and Helmut Junghans from Solid State und Quantum Electronics departs for Germany on the 15th May to work for Siemens for a two year period. The letter he has written to endeavour to have his superannuation payments deferred until he returns would bring tears to the eyes of the stoniest-hearted money lender.

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Also joining the general exodus from the Labs are two of our young ladies from the Library. Gayle McMenamin and Pam Finlay who depart in May for a 12 months holiday overseas. At the moment Anne Hawkins is already living it up on a cruise to Fiji.

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Carol Wilson, Unguided Media, arranged one of the usual get togethers for about 40 from Advanced Techniques at the "Cuckoo" restaurant, Olinda, late last month. It was noticed that a certain STO3 failed to STANd up to the pace on the dance floor and visibly wilted not so the vibrating VIOLET who accompanied him.

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Fred Kelly, Block A, has joined the ranks of the poor since taking daughter Jeanette down the aisle and handing her over to new husband David Pack. Jeanette and David are spending their honeymoon overseas and intend to visit relatives in the U.K.

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Rumour has it that "oldie" <u>Ted Scates</u> is managing to down several younger opponents on the Squash Court. Maybe this is a war of nerves on <u>Ashley Conroy</u> who has yet to accept the challenge.

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Football fever has once again hit the tea clubs and in some areas several members are becoming unbearable. Ray Jepson is anxious to start a branch of the "Anti-Football" League. Annual subscription is \$5.00 to be "consumed" whilst the Grand Final is being played.

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Believe it or not $\frac{\text{Barry Woolcock}}{\text{Moolcock}}$ is not wearing a toupee. Its just that he is saving a \$1.20 by letting Maureen cut his hair.

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Cheryl Morrison has returned from a Tasmanian holiday where she managed a profit of \$37.00 at the Wrest Point Casino.

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There is definitely no truth in the report that Fred Symons and his staff have seen ALL the films at the Cinema Centre. At least not yet.

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Some have their ups and downs in the Unguided Media Section. Take for example, <u>Harry Ellis</u> who spent a month's furlough at Venus Bay, near Ceduna. Resumed work for only 90 minutes before absenting himself on sick leave - too much cray and amber fluid Harry??

The Lab. Instrumentation Section intends to put on a most novel and interesting display during our Jubilee "Open Days" celebrations later this year. In addition to showing some of the Museum "treasures" they are portraying the servicing area as it would have been in 1923 - complete with brass fittings and staff tring aprons. The younger members are showing a most enthusiastic interest. The Block S fish tank is also being remodelled and restocked. One particular breed in the old tank were gradually depleting the others, so they were given away, after a lot of trouble. In Stanley was the only interested party (watch those fingers, Ed!).

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Jack Fithie, who retired from the Model Shop about 8 years ago paid a visit recently to talk of old times. Its nice to know he enjoys receiving his regular copy of the gossip sheet.

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One may have to be a little patient should he not be getting the usual efficient service from our library. Merl Cuzens is having problems with staff shortages what with overseas travellers and Joy James and Paula Draga who are infanticipating and both are leaving us this month.

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The usual 35-40 teed off at Whittlesea Country Club on 24th March to contest another Labs Golf Day arranged by the live-wire of Block C, <u>alva Allen</u>. The weether was perfect - much better than some of the golf. <u>Dave Blackwell</u> created a record that is going to take some beating <u>Stan Beadle</u>, unfortunately, was a non-starter). Dave amassed a total of 188 which did not include the "fresh air" shots and the sly kicks out of the long grass.

Our portly electrician, he's true dinky di, Would not pull the leg of you or of I, A card he did get
From the traveller named Brett,
It wasn't a pie in the sky.

C.G.B.

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On Friday 13th April a large crowd of well wishers took over the Bavarian restaurant, "Hofbrauhaus", to say farewell to Leon Nolan, our Office Manager, who left us for greener pastures in the Department of Civil Aviaition. Later in the afternoon at Block A, Ray Coath, on behalf of Leon's many friends presented him with a polaroid camera as a suitable memento of his time in the Labs and wished him well in the new Department.

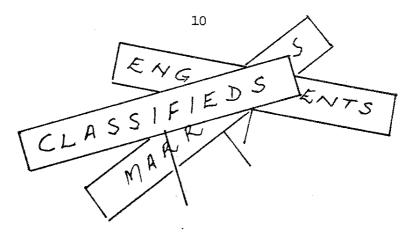
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Confusion has reigned for many years at times concerning <u>Jack</u>
<u>Lewis</u> (then Mech. & Elect. Services) and <u>John Lewis</u>, Research. Although <u>Jack</u> is officially H.J. and John is J.A. it still didn't solve the problem of who got the right correspondence. <u>Brian Lafferty</u> is going to have his hands full sorting from now on, seeing both Lewis' are in Research.

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How would you feel after teaching your son to drive and assisting him in the selection of his own vehicle, you then reverse from your driveway into his stationery car? Believe me it took some time for the EYRE to clear.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO RETIRED OFFICERS AND PRESENT SERVING "OLD-TIMERS" OF THE LABS

The August issue of the Lab. Reporter will be our Golden Jubilee special. One of our Section Heads has come up with a novel suggestion - a section devoted to anecdotes of amusing incidents over the years. Therefore we ask for assistance from the many gentlemen of leisure who are on our mailing list and the multitude of serving regulars to provide us with some stories. Contributions may be forwarded any time up to 27th July 1973 to: -

Ashley Conroy, 59 Little Collins Street, MELBOURNE, Vic. 3000.

FOR SALE

Holden HD 1965 Station Wagon, first registered February 1966 - in good mechanical condition, new tyres (5), axle bearings, clutch, pressure plate, brake linings, etc. - OK. Needs minor panel beating and paint touch ups. Registered until February 1974.

<u>Changeover date - 15.5.73 at Tullamarine Airport.</u>
Price \$600.00.

Contact Helmut Junghans 7945.

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4 only 175 x 13 Michelin ZX Radials and Tubes - 2500 miles use. \$100.00

1 set of Auto Instruments, matching G comprising: -

Speedo 0 - 120 mph.

Electric Tacho - red line 6500.

Oil Pressure.

Oil Level Indicator.

Water Temperature - (electric).

\$50.00

1 only Tonneau Cover-Sunbeam Alpine MK IV unused, mint condition. \$15.00.

1 only Triangular Rifle Bayonet, American Civil War, Springfield - \$15.00.

FOR SALE (cont'd)

1 only original MG/TC Lucas Side Mirror, unmarked. \$30.00.

1 only original factory option, chrome pack rack for MGA boot lid VERY RARE - \$50.00.

Contact Ashley Conroy 7904.

FOR HIRE

Six berth caravan with annex, available for school holidays \$30.00 per week.

Contact Neil Deans 7593.

(Neil's hiring service was well patronized during the Christmas/New Year Holidays).

ENGAGEMENTS

Doug South to Diane Fortune from Engineering Works.

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Design (Special Projects) ... Richard Day to Noela Fiume.

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Prototype Shop ... Peter Hulley to Pam Johnson.

MARRIAGES

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Dick Powell

Junior Assistant, Block F

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1. Improving on an Escalator

A certain physicist, who is always in a hurry, walks up an upgoing escalator at the rate of one step per second. Twenty steps brings him to the top. Next day he goes up at two steps per second, reaching the top in 32 steps. How many steps are there in the escalator?

2. Exchanging Hands

If the hour and minute hands of a watch are interchanged, how many different possible times could the watch show?

3. The Absent-minded Student

A brilliant graduate mathematics student was working on an assignment but, being a bit absent-minded, he forgot whether he was to add or to multiply the three different integers on his paper. He decided to do it both ways and, much to his surprise, the answer was the same.

What were the three different integers?

LABORATORIES ANNUAL BALL

CHANGE OF VENUE?

Recommendations have been received from many members that the venue of the annual ball should be changed. Therefore the Ball Committee is most anxious to know \underline{YOUR} particular feelings on this matter.

It would assist the Committee greatly if you would complete the questionnaire below and return it as quickly as possible. You will appreciate that most popular establishments are booked 12 months in advance and the Committee will need to move quickly if a change of venue is desired.

DETACH AND RETURN TO EITHER

Mr. M.R. Shanahan - Block A

or

Mr. F.B. Woolcock - Block F

Venue should be changed - Yes/No.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE VENUE

LOCATION: _	
PRICE PER D	OUBLE:
LIQUOR ARRA	ngements:
OTHER REMAR	KS: