

AROUND THE DEPTS.—Continued

him if he had fallen in a waterhole. "Waterhole be blowed, you silly lookin' coot," was the smithy's reply, "I've been shoeing them flamin' pit horses."

On Anzac Day, the two "Bobs"—Bob Davies (Store) and Bob Thurston (Machine Shop) were doing a deal of ear-bashing and singing. Found out why, both 2nd A.I.F. men!

If you happen to be in the vicinity of Speer's Point and hear a high-pitched whine coming from behind one of the houses there, don't get alarmed, it's not a "Flying Saucer" or "Space Ship" from another planet arriving, but only our Asst. Editor tuning up his model aero engine. Easy on the compression, Angus, you'll "do" another crankshaft, boy!

Congratulations to Dick Bunn (Boilermaker) whose wife presented him with a daughter on 25th April, to be named Anne—a sister for the terrible twins. We have also heard that Dick has become an expert at re-erecting gate-posts.

Wanted.—One block of land. Contact D. Connelly (App. Fitter).

CEMENT PLANT

George Barnier has arrived amongst us. He finds our ways quite a change from that of a dispenser—petrol dispensing.

This seems the off season for news on our plant: would it be news to state that we have—

No Weddings,

No Births,

No Brawls,

No real sick ones.

One has noted:—

Frank Petersen walking out steady with a charming lass.

Pres. Longworth limping around on sore feet.

Eck. Burgin persevering in another attempt on the inter-departmental bowls trophy.

Fred Ekert attempting a plant face-lift.

Darby (sometimes called Henry Carrie) in regular attendance at the tent mission. Darb. has a good baritone voice.

Charlie Bailey now expresses himself in four different languages, which at any rate is an improvement.

Ted Mills still interested in collecting photographic studies.

Syd Williams finds good use for his car. It seems to know all the turns between home and Merewether.

COLLIERY

We are pleased to report that Bob Hurst is back at work again. Bob's back was injured in a fall of coal before Christmas, so he has had a long lay-off. It's good to see you on the job again, Bob.

The inter-departmental bowls competition is the main topic here at the moment. Jerry Honson, a member of one of the Colliery teams is always on the kitty. Keep it up, Jerry.

Bill Trotman and Idris Lloyd reckon that their team can still win, but if Jerry keeps up his present form they won't be in the race.

PLANT INVESTIGATION DEPT.

Now that all members have taken their holidays, this department has settled down to steady routine once again.

The two "Crow Eaters," Peter Mead and Brian Smith, took themselves off to Adelaide, city of Churches and Aussie Rules Foot—"brawl." They claim that they went home to see their people, but noticing that they returned with **two extra** suitcases I'm a bit doubtful. Never mind, lads, that "West End" is pretty good beer.

John Reynolds spent his leave motor-ing "way out West."

Jean Lamb has followed in the footsteps of "Katatjuta" and become a bushwalker. We will expect some "stories" shortly, Jean. It is with some trepidation that we report that Jean recently defeated her boss in a game of tennis. Never mind, John, it's considered bad taste to "beat a woman."

Noticed Michael Robinson and Glen John escorting a "bevy of beauty" around the works recently. Hope the schoolboys and lassies didn't ask too many awkward questions?

