

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS—cont.

believe us there's little else but football talk—a Connelly weakness!

Anyone seeking an intellectual treat is advised to approach **Tommy Walker** and mention "Cessnock."

We extend a welcome back to **Jack Atkinson**, who has returned to our boilermakers after a spell at the B.H.P.

We also give a warm welcome to **Will Franklin** (Platelayer), who was born in the County of Durham, England, and arrived in Australia last February. Before he left Will was Deputy Overman at Easington Colliery, a unit of the National Coal Board of Great Britain.

CEMENT PLANT.

By **Little Leek**.

We are very sorry indeed to hear of the recent sad bereavements to **Harry Barrett** and family in the loss of Harry's father, and **Milton Jones** and family in the loss of Milton's father-in-law. To both we extend our very sincere sympathy.

With pleasure we record the vast improvement in health of **Mrs. Robert Thornton**, who has been ill for some time, but is now on the improve, and has been getting around again.

Ron Wright is on an enforced spell owing to ill-health. We are glad to report that he looks well and shows considerable improvement.

Geo. Barnier, after giving considerable help to son George Junior in the construction of his home, has had the pleasure of seeing him happily ensconced therein along with his bride, formerly Betty Lydiard of Teralba. We wish them well for the future.

Don Anthony has left us, taking on a day-work job. Mr. Hawkes made a presentation on behalf of the staff. Slowly as the years roll on ties with the old original crew are dissolving. Don was also caught a little off balance when his shift-crew made a presentation to him. Feeling he had not done justice to the occasion, he has asked me to again express his thanks and

appreciation of the kindly thoughts and good wishes.

Tommy Pearson was on the job this week paying a visit to his old mates. He had been in hospital for 3 weeks, but they can't keep a good man down. Tommy was having a look around ere going to Sydney for a few weeks.

We extend a warm welcome to **Mr. R. T. Sutherland** and to **Mr. F. Marchant** (ex wool store worker), who have recently joined the department.

FERTILIZER DEPARTMENT.

By **Z.**

Frank Rice and family are on holidays at Moree, their home town.

Kel James and **Les. Mason** have returned to work after a "spell" in camp with the Military at Singleton. They claim to have lost weight through being insufficiently fed, and have had the matter aired with the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Army when they were in Boolaroo.

After long tiring days despatching Super (some of 12 hours), a few of our operators at the conclusion of the shifts have found it necessary to secure some potent beverages for recuperation, and it always seems necessary for the inevitable "one for the road," with the result that the road gets too long for some of them. One character recently, at the conclusion of a session, embarked on a bus at Boolaroo for Charlestown and landed at Broadmeadow, eventually arriving back home to Charlestown very late, miserable, cold and hungry.

Our sincere sympathies to **George Rockell** of the Mixer Dept., who has again had to enter Wallsend Hospital for treatment, also to **Bob McDougall** for injuries received as the result of an accident, and to **Sam Skelly** and **Jack O'Neill** who are both off sick.

Welcome to **Brian Smith** of the P.I.D., who will be with us relieving **Superintendent Roy Filmer**, who is going on holiday with his family to catch some of the "big ones."

We also welcome back **Frank Youngberry** after a few weeks away.