

AROUND THE

ACID

by A. L. Ert

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Alf Goff** and family on the loss sustained in the sudden passing of Mrs. Goff.

To the relatives of Jos. Smedley, a retired Chamber Plant operator who died on March 22nd, we also offer sincere sympathy. Jos., who had 31 years service with us when he retired was the father of Acid Plant identities Peter and Tom Smedley and father-in-law of T. (Pos.) Parsons of our Watching staff.

Part of Supt. **John Reynolds'** leave was spent in Tasmania. John was a delegate to the Annual Conference of the Aust. Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

At the recent Staff v Works Cricket Match the Acid Dept. was certainly to the fore, being represented by the following six players; **Bert Dick, Mick Maxwell, Jack Lee, Mick Wolter, Joe Robertson** and **Dave Crawford**. We were particularly impressed with the talent shown by Works Manager, **Mr. J. Standish** and Works Messenger, **Jack Linsley** as batsmen and **Mick Maxwell** as wicketkeeper. No doubt **Bert Dick** and **Jim Scarfe** will be preparing three contracts during the off-season.

Barry Fitzpatrick has acquired a Vauxhall which is the envy of most SO₂ addicts. Barry cannot understand the Office and Lab. staff's preference for "beetles."

We have been requested by **Noel Lloyd** not to mention **Andy Fotheringham's** recent misfortune!

MAIN OFFICE

First off, a cordial welcome into our domicility is extended to **Bob Dyer**, who recently joined forces with our Accounts Section and also to another

newcomer, **June Lee** who as this issue went to press was being initiated into our accounting machine ramifications by **Pat Wuolanne**.

Hearty congratulations and best wishes to **Beryl Webb** on her marriage to **David Moore** at Boolaroo last month. David will be remembered by many Sulphiders, particularly on the engineering side, as having served his apprenticeship here.

Whilst on the subject of congratulations, **Brian Williams** also came in for his share of "back slapping" and ribbing from his fellow-workers recently. The reason being the announcement of his engagement to **Barbara Haggerston** of Speers Point.

The holiday bug has made its presence felt here lately. **Lois Muir, "Topsy" Thomas, Brian** and **Dave Williams, Angus Orchard** and **Ray Mitcheson** have all been off enjoying themselves at some time or another. Although in Dave's instance this enjoyment was dampened somewhat by a sickness which he unfortunately suffered whilst on leave.

Reduced to its essentials, the game of cricket, at least to us, consists fundamentally of three pieces of equipment (a) bat, (b) ball and (c) stumps resolving themselves into a struggle between (b) trying to get past (a) and strike (c), and (a) endeavouring to prevent this from happening by hitting (b) out of the way. However, during the last Works v Staff cricket match **Bill Needs** apparently thought he'd introduce a new "gimmick" into the game and tried to hit the ball away with his cranium! Needless to say, Bill came off second best. The sands of time would appear to be on the ebb Bill old boy—

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