

Cheers!

December, 1991

This Year: There have been a lot of changes during 1991. The Jewell's are on the move.

Hannah Happenings

The latest news on the Hannah Rose front is that she has just turned 18 months and is eagerly awaiting the chance to unwrap the presents from her second Xmas. She still hasn't mastered crawling, but it's not too far off.

Doctor's reports continue to be good. Her eyesight is spot on and next round of appointments is not due until February. Several new teeth have recently made an appearance, total is up to about nine.

Bye-bye Ballarat

Stephen has finally finished studying, at least for a while. After 13 years it's all over. The last assignment for Ballarat was posted on the 30th of November. Graduation is in April. The family big head is now qualified as a Civil Engineer, a Municipal Engineer, a Town Planner and has a Graduate Diploma in Computing to boot. Michelle has expressed great relief at the thought of no more assignment deadlines trying to destroy the marriage!

Hello Charles Sturt

Stephen may be finished, but Michelle is only just warming up. She has been accepted into Charles Sturt University at Wagga to study her Bachelor of Nursing Science. This starts in February, so the studying will not actually cease in the Jewell household. Michelle is pretty pleased about the whole idea, but is also scared stiff at the prospect. Hannah hasn't expressed a desire to study yet.

Work Work Work

Michelle is working in Bathurst 3 evenings per week, for the Challenge Foundation. This involves supervising a group of intellectually handicapped adults in their home. Is she enjoying it? Don't ask. The job is fine, but the travelling into Bathurst (40kms) each night

Blayney ? Where the hell is Blayney? It's not really all that cold is it?

gets her down a bit, mainly because it is only for 3½ hours each shift. Stick it to Xmas she says and then we'll see.

Moving Right Along

Yes, we've moved. If you have recently sent correspondence to Scone, you will be disappointed. We shifted to Blayney in May of this year. There wasn't anything wrong with Scone, we still have the house there and are renting it out at present. But Blayney made Stephen a better offer and it seemed worthwhile to give it a try. The tenants in the house seem quite okay, in fact Scone Shire is renting the house and the tenant is a new health and building surveyor, so no problems with mice!

Stephen is now the General Manager/Engineer with Central Tablelands County Council. CTCC is based in Blayney and is a water supply county council. It supplies water to four shires, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra and Weddin. CTCC said "we'll give you more money and a car" and Stephen said "I'll take it".

Is it Cold?

Quite a change of scenery and temperature to move to Blayney. Blayney is about 40 kms south of Bathurst-Orange. It is 230 kms from Sydney, or about 3 hours drive.

The biggest disappointment was living through Winter. Everybody shuddered and warned us both of the low temperatures when we said we were off to Blayney. To listen to people you would have thought Siberia was a tropical paradise. As it turned out it snowed a few times, but it only settled twice, and

even then it was gone by the afternoon. We survived. The offset for cold winters, of course, is cool summers. While Sydney and other places have sweltered with temperatures as high as 37° early in the Summer, Blayney is usually around the mid 20s. This we

think we can handle.

Where are we?

For those of you who don't have the particulars of our current whereabouts, the postal address is: P.O. Box 61, Blayney,

2799, while the street address is: 7 Stanfield Close, Blayney. If anyone is of a mind to use the telephone our telephone number is: (063) 68 3370 at home, or (063) 68 2208 at the CTCC office.

What Else?

Most of the news is exhausted now. The rest you probably already know, or don't really care. Christmas will be spent at Gilgandra with Stephen's family, while New Year will be spent in Sydney with Michelle's. Oh, the joys of Xmas. About all that remains to be said is:

**MERRY XMAS AND
HAVE A HAPPY NEW
YEAR IN 1992. ALL THE
BEST FROM THE
JEWELLS.**



A Christmas tree. It seemed appropriate somehow.