

# KENNEL KAPERS — IN — KANGAROO LAND

Hello again,

By our humble calculations this article should reach you in May. If not the Mirror must be pulling a fast one—he (J. Rascal McDaniel) might be holding some articles out as unprintable.

We thought maybe we ought to tell you a little about Melbourne, Australia, since it is and will be the name you're reading in these writings. Melbourne is the capital of Victoria, one of Australia's states, and has a population of over one and a half million people. The city pays proud tribute to the forefathers who not too long ago founded the city along modern lines.

The Melbourne business district comprises an area one mile square in the center of the city. Radiating out from this business metropolis are residential suburbs feeding their inhabitants into the city on quick, efficient railways.

One of the few bad features of Melbourne's traffic is the infernal trams or street cars that still shuttle along clogging up the main streets under outdated power lines. The trams are on the way out

but most Melbournians ruefully calculate that it will be another ten years or so. The business district, aside from the trams, is quite pleasant.

Collins street, one of the famous business streets of the world (corresponding to our Wall street in New York), has the Paris look with sidewalk cafes under shade trees along both sides of the street.

There are no skyscrapers here, the tallest buildings usually on the order of five or six stories, and the streets don't have that walled-in feeling of many of our larger cities.

There is a very keen rivalry between Melbourne and Sidney, the other large city in Australia. Melbournians says that Sydney is too "Americanized" and Sydneyites say that Melbourne is too cold and staid. We can't speak on Sydney because we haven't been there yet, but definitely we don't think Melbourne is cold and lifeless. We'll be giving reasons presently.

The calm and beautiful little Yarra river runs through the city giving Melbourne the perfect backdrop for beautiful parks and gardens.

On of the city's finest features is that over one-fourth of the area within the city is either park or sport space. Just a couple of minutes walk from the business district will take you into beautiful park areas.

As many of you may know, the 1956 Olympic Games were held in Melbourne, and the city provided splendid facilities for the sporting events. One of the most beautiful parks in Melbourne is Olympic Park, just one minute by train

from the downtown district.

Here they have the Melbourne Cricket Grounds, a beautiful oval used for track, cricket and football, seating 120,000 people. Olympic Park has a new and ultramodern swimming pool in which Australians have recently broken many world swimming records.

Besides these there are three other grounds adjacent used for various events which seat about 20,000 each. I have been fortunate to see many sports layouts in my life, but this is by far the best I have ever seen. You can imagine that Melbournians are very proud of it, too.

Just this year work was completed on the ultramodern Sydney Meyer Music Bowl. This is built on a hillside about a half mile from the city much on the order of the famous Hollywood Music Bowl.

The huge shell covering the stage is all aluminum and resembles a huge hat wing. Some people think it's too modern—I'll compromise and say that it's certainly different.

On a hill overlooking Melbourne is a huge temple erected to commemorate the dead of both World Wars. It resembles greatly one of the old Aztec Indian temples of Mexico.

In it is buried an unknown soldier, and there is a story to his tomb. Bored through solid rock almost 100 feet thick above the tomb is a slender tube.

After great calculations and precision measurements the hole was bored so that if the sun is shining of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of each year, the sun will be in such a position as to shine directly through the long tube and show sunlight in the shape of a cross on the tomb.

To Australians this is more than curiosity, it is sacred, and on Anzac Day (their Armistice Day) everything closes down to commemorate two costly wars.

Next week we'll continue this same discussion with some incidents from the Billy Graham Crusade, the filming of the big movie "On The Beach", and Herb Elliott, the great runner, breaking another world's record (and I saw him do it).

Until then,

Cheerio!!

Robbie

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## Real Estate Transfers

Superior Stone Co., to American Marietta Co., property in Craven county.

W. M. Vandiford and wife, Sarah E. Vandiford, to Taylor Motor Co., property in No. 7 township.

Katie Rhodes Williams and husband, Daniel Williams; Shellie Mae Rhodes Best and husband, Will Best; Walter Rhodes; Lawrence Rhodes and wife, Rosa Rhodes; Leola Rhodes Best and husband, Haywood Best; Ethel Rhodes Williams and husband, Richard Williams; Howard Rhodes and wife, Sadie Rhodes, to James Rhodes, property in No. 3 township.

Obediah Rhodes and wife, Mabel E. Rhodes; George Rhodes and wife, Mary B. Rhodes; Daniel Rhodes to James Rhodes, property in No. 3 township.

Bessie Mullins; Jessie Bryant and wife, Sarah Bryant; Linda Houston and husband, James Houston, to James Rhodes, property in No. 3 township.

Estelle Lynch Kennedy; William Lynch; Rebia Owen and husband, Stedman Owen, to James Rhodes, property in No. 3 township.

Ella Rhodes; Addie Rhodes Edy and husband, John Edy; Marcella Rhodes Golden and husband, Starling Golden; Jacob Rhodes; Henry Rhodes and wife, Ethel Rhodes; Ruth Rhodes Richardson and husband, Johnny Richardson; Thomas Rhodes and wife, Ruby Rhodes; Fred Rhodes; Edward Rhodes to James Rhodes, property in No. 3 township.

Ernest M. White and wife, Etta Ivey White, to Union Bag-Camp Paper Corp., property in No. 9 township.

Ernest Garland White and wife, Betty Lou White, to Ernest M. White, property in No. 9 township.

H. A. Stokes and wife, Cora Harris Stokes, to Lena Mae Stokes, property on Swift Creek.

James H. Harris and wife, Mary E. Harris, to Rosa Wells, property

on Maul Swamp road. Robert W. Boyd, guardian of Sadie S. West, to Superior Stone Co., property in No. 8 township. Robert G. Best and wife, Louise Best, to Wendell Riddle and wife, Georgia R. Riddle, property in No. 6 township.

Cecil D. May, trustee, to Lipman Realty Co., property in New Bern. Reba Armstrong Merritt to James Glover Merritt, property on Park avenue.

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2. A Fool Such As I — Elvis Presley.
3. Pink Shoelaces — Dodie Stevens.
4. Venus — Frankie Avalon.
5. The Happy Organ — Baby Cortez.
6. Sorry I Ran All The Way Home — Impalas.
7. Since I Don't Have You — Skyliners.
8. Turn Me Loose — Fabian.
9. Guitar Boogie Shuffle — The Virtues.
10. Tell Him No — Travis and Bob.

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