

KENNEL KAPERS — IN — KANGAROO LAND

Hello again,
Spring in Australia is passing along, and here comes summer—and here comes Christmas? Talk about two fish out of water and you know how we feel about Christmas arriving in Australia when it's very, very hot. It's downright wierd.

All the stores have their Christmas decorations up, and all the young girls have on their brightest summer frocks. It is very pretty.

I was off on another speaking round last week; Rotary has kept me hopping lately. Jean and I looked in our little book the other night to determine the free days we've had in the last two months. Between exams and Rotary, we found that from October 15 to December 11 we have had only one free day, and that was Friday, the 13th of November. Nobody was

game to ask us out that day, I guess.

Believe it or not but last week was the first time that I've seen kangaroos in the wild, so they really don't hop down the main streets of Melbourne like some people think. I was up in the country in a little town called Benalla, and we went chasing kangaroos at 5:30 in the morning.

You find them mainly very early or very late; and against my objections, everyone wanted to give it the early try. We saw around 60 or 70 kangaroos that morning, but I never was able to get a camera shot. I chased one about 300 yards until I was about to drop. That kangaroo rascal accelerated so fast I could hardly see him. Then he cut back right across in front of me. I was so pooped I couldn't get the camera up in time.

Also, last week was my first try at boomerang throwing; and I became almost a national hero overnight. Supposedly, boomerang throwing is a great art, and only the experts can do it at all. Lo and behold my first throw came back and almost took my head off. I guess I was the most amazed person of all, but I covered up my excitement with a painfully false "weren't nuthin'" attitude.

Actually, throwing a boomerang uses the exact same motion as a catcher's peg to second base, a quick wrist snap from behind the ear, and to me it just seemed so natural.

Thus for the rest of the trip my newly acquired fame caused me to be introduced as the "American Aboriginal." Honestly, throwing those things is just like throwing a baseball, but I can't convince these people around here. I shall have to put on a boomerang throwing exhibition when we get back home. My trouble is in catching the boomerang when it comes back, because it could chop you up if you misjudged it. The Aboriginals use these things for weapons—not for toys.

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Victoria Shaw and James Shigeta star in Columbia Pictures' "The Crimson Kimono," a turbulent love story of jealousy and violence. Glenn Corbett also stars.

In regard to the rushing Christmas season, one of the newspapers over here said that it could tell for sure that Christmas was coming—postal workers in Sydney were threatening to strike, beer (the Australian national drink) was going up by a penny a glass, and an announcement was made that hams were very scarce this year and would be fairly expensive. The paper went on to say that these were all sure signs of approaching Christmas and they happen every year.

By the way, over here the postal employees are under a type of civil service that allows them to strike for better pay or working conditions. (Don't be so jealous, Pappy!)

We're trying to talk one of our good friends, Richard Owen, into writing one of the articles before Christmas telling how an Australian looks at Christmas and what the season is like over here. We've told him that could be his way of repaying us for his weekly meal with us!

We leave in a couple of weeks, and our last article will be just before Christmas. We only ask that you people not become too hysterical over your great loss.

Until next time,
Cheerio,
Robbie

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GARDEN TIME
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The strawberry is what we might classify as a universal small fruit in North Carolina because it can be successfully grown in all sections of the state, if the necessary care is given the plants. Large quantities are processed and used in ice cream. It is an excellent fruit to give visiting friends and serves as a quick source of cash income from your local and nearby markets.

Here are some suggestions: When selecting the planting site, avoid low places where the soil is wet and where frost may damage blossoms in early spring. Have your soil tested. Your county agent or teacher of agriculture can supply cartons with full instructions for use. This is the best method to determine the fertilizer and lime requirements of your soil. If a soil test is not made, use about four pounds of a 4-12-12 fertilizer for each 100 feet of row.

Prepare your soil well and work the fertilizer in about 10 days before you set the plants. Only well rooted, certified (free from nematodes and virus and red steel diseases) plants should be used. Space the plants two feet apart in rows four feet wide. Planting is of extreme importance for survival and a good stand. Either setting too shallow or too deep will cause trouble.

At the base of the leaves you will find the "crown" of the plant where growth is initiated. It should be set even with the top of the soil. If set too deep, the crown may be "smothered" and if too shallow, roots may be exposed. Spread the roots well and firm the soil around them.

November and December is the best time to plant in the lower

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Dare I sit and waste the years,
Sharing Thy joy but not Thy tears;
Unheeding Thy low, tender plea,
"Take up thy cross and follow Me";
While Thy footprints leave crimson stains
In city streets and country lanes,
As Thou dost carry Thy cross anew,
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