

for him!" So the bloke made a bit of room with difficulty "OK, but I've only got room for one." "Room for me too, boss' said Charlie, pointing to a spot on top of the load. "No, I can only take your mate—only one can go. I'll send someone out for you." At this, Charlie, determined not to be left behind to swelter in the sun delivered his king-hit. "Oh, blow me mate, boss. You give me a lift and I'll come back and pick him up in the spring cart!"

▶ Heard a story about an old chap wh'd lived on stations out Tiboorurra way all his life. One day he took ill and was seen by the Flying Doctor. The doctor took him to Broken Hill hospital for observation. The hospital is a double story building humming with activity. It bewildered the old stockman. Soon after he got into his bed, a nurse came and asked him if he wanted a pan. "God strewth!" said the old-timer, "don't tell me you've got to cook your own tucker in *this* place!"

▶ There was a character out at Enngonia who was having a rough spin. Christmas was coming on, he was out of work and there were lots of kids to feed. Anyhow, someone got him a droving job and he worked right up to Christmas. The bloke who had got him the job saw him at Christmas time and asked him how he was. "No good. It's that droving job you got me. I must be crook from all that egg soup that I ate." "How could that be?" "Well, the boss used to cook these eggs in a billy. Then later I'd come along and eat the soup!"

▶ Heard about the real dumb fellow who thought that Sir Francis Drake was Donald Duck's uncle?

▶ That same bloke also caught six jellyfish on the coast. They were six different flavours. . .

▶ Jean Mackay and Betty Ebsworth are the first Aborigines to go into a mixed business in Bourke. They have taken over an old shop which was once run by an Afghan camel driver and his wife. The

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