Observer Overnighters

News about the 3AW Overnighters program with Keith McGowan

Magic Circle Club meets



3AW newsman Gary McQuade with Don Crawford

Overnighter, Gigi Hellmuth of Burwood reports that the Magic Circle of Victoria held its 70th Anniversary celebrations at the Kelvin Club last

Some 130 guests enjoyed a cocktail party with entertainment by **Anmari** (vocals) and **Raw Sylke** (acoustic guitar and double bass).

President of the Magic Circle of Victoria, Don Crawford, compered the magic show featuring Laurie Kelly (SA), Ron Gallagher (Vic) and Dave Lord (Qld).

Guest's included a number of members of the ShowBiz Social Club, of which Don Crawford is also President, vocalist Pippa Wilson, drummer Alan Richards, former TV singer Judee Horin, Caryl (Perry) Bowen (Sparkles the Clown), John Bowen and 3AW news presenter, Gary McQuade.

Our 'Stars of the Show'



• 'Harmonica Mavis' Ellis travelled from Preston to Grovedale Hotel, Geelong region, on Sunday to appear with Dorothy Baker at the Overnighters Christmas party.

Silent Night



Jerry Lynch

Christmas music is one of the attractions of the **Overnighters** radio program in December.

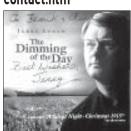
One of the favourites is Silent Night, Christ-mas 1915 by Jerry Lynch of the Republic of Ire-

The moving song is about the Christmas Truce in World War I.

Jerry was born and reared near Kilfenora in Co. Clare, a village famous for its tradition of ceili music.

Silent Night 1915 was written by Cormac McConnell from Ennis-

The CD is not available at **Australian** outlets, but can be ordered on the internet at www.jerry-lynch.com/ contact.htm



The Dimming of The Day' CD

Simon is on the air

■ Nightline/Remember When producer Simon Owens was on air on Friday night while Philip Brady was at Reg Grundy's 85th birthday in Sydney. Simon also hosted the overgight show on Sunday night show on Sunday.



 Allan Pennant, a member of the 'Antiques' and Collectables Show' panel on 3AW, displays some early Coca-Cola Christmas merchandising material.

ROLAND CHATS

Rocchiccioli last week recorded a series of with Keith McGowan, for broacast starting this week on the Overnighters program.

Rocchiccioli lives in Ballarat these days, and spared some time on hios weekly visit to Melbourne, to record the interviews at the 3AW studios in South Melb-

 Roland Rocchiccioli Roland is enjoying as a lad in WA success with sales of his book about his days as a young boy on the goldfields of Western Australia: And Be Home Before Dark.

Rocchiccioli has been engaged to record oral readings of the book for the ABC, and has been engaged to write another book.

Third party this Sunday

■ The third Overnighters Party is due to be held this Sunday at Shoppingtown Hotel, Doncaster,

Christmas countdown

■ It is only 15 sleeps to Christmas, and the Overnighters program will keep you going as you are awake in the early mornings ... wrapping gifts, working away or just awake in the wee, small hours. The program airs as normal over the Christmas-New Year period.

In search of Thos. Hoare

The Antiques and Collectables Show panel sent out an appeal last week to discover more details about a plastic moulder, Thomas W Hoare, of the 1950s. Rick Milne of People's Paraphernalia was delighted when a caller had details from a combined White Pages-Pink Pages of the era which gave the company's address in **Kelvin Place**, **Carlton**, complete with a phone number that had an **FX**-prefix. By the way, **Rick** said, the phone book from the Fifties could fetch in the order of \$75-\$80.

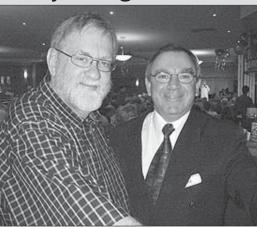
'Castlereagh Line' airs

The episode of the Castlerteagh Line serial which went to air at 3.05am this morning (Wed) was number 578. Produced by **Grace Gibson Productions**, and written by **Ross Napier**, the entire series numbers 910 episodes. (Be careful, **Gordon Long**, daughter of show star, **Lottie!**)

Observers sell on e-Bay

Our November 19 *Melbourne Observer* eightpage souvenir of the **André Rieu** concerts in **Melbourne** are being traded on the **e-Bay** website. A copy was advertised by a **Melbourne** seller, and sold for \$9.50, plus postage, to a **Victorian** coun-

Family feeling at Grovedale



 Overnighters host Keith McGowan ex-pressed appreciation to Bill Cook and the staff of the Grovedale Hotel for the high standard of the room and meals provided for Sunday's Christmas party.

Observer Showbiz

On This Day

Wednesday, December 10

Businessman Richard Pratt is 74. He was born in Poland.

Singer Peter Sarstedt was born in New Delhi, Indida, in 1941 (67).

Australian golfer

Billy Dunk is 70.
Glora Loring, once
a Bold & Beautiful star, is 62.

Thursday,

December 11

Australian fashion designer and TV host Maggie Tabberer is 72 today. At 14 she became a hairdressing apprentice; at 17 she was married, by

21 she had two children.
Actor Reg Livermore was born in Sydney in 1938. He is 70 today.

Singer **Germaine** Jackson is 54.

Friday, **December 12**

■ Frank Sinatra was born on this day in 1915. He died aged 82 US singer **Connie**

Francis was born 70

years ago. Singer **Dionne Warwick** is 67.

Dancer/choreograph-er David Atkins was born in Sydney in

Saturday, December 13

Actor Dick Van Dyke is 83.

Canadian actor Christopher Plummer was born in 1927 (81).

Australian singersongwriter Ross Rýan was born in Kansas in 1950 (58).

Footballer **Wallace**, coach of Richmond, is 50.

Sunday, December 14

Australian actor Terry McDermott is 81. He played Sgt Bronson in *Homicide*,

US country singer Charlie Rich was born in 1932. He died aged 62 in 1995.

Actress **Remick** was born in 1935. She died aged 55

Monday, December 15

American comic actor **Tim Conway** is 75. He was Ensign Charles Parker in *McHale's Navy*.

US disc jockey Alán Freed was born in 1922. He died aged 42 in 1965. He was one of the first to play rock-n-roll.

English musician

Dave Clark was born in London in 1942 (66).

Tuesday, December 16

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Sir Noel Coward was born in 1899. The British actor died aged 72 in 1973.

Australian actress Georgie Parker is 44. Actress Miranda Otto is 41.

West Indies Test cricketer **Joel Garner** was born in Barbados in 1952 (56).