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**Dressed in a spirit of
Australia Day**

Ros Wade, June Harris and Noelene Brophy got into the Australia Day spirit a little early this year when they dressed up in period costume to provide a nice surprise for their customers on Friday.

The three women work at the "corner store" South Post Office.

And though they looked as smart as their counterparts of the late 1700's they preferred to stick to the prompt mailing methods of the 1980s rather than the not-so-prompt and

perhaps not-so-reliable use of a horse and carriage.

The South Post Office is presently in danger of being closed down if it does not get enough public support.

**Disturbed men
go to women's
section of jail**

By MICHELLE FOSTER

Five behaviorally disturbed men will be moved to the women's section of the Alice Springs Jail this week.

The decision was announced by Correctional Services Minister Don Dale after he opened the motor vehicle number plate factory on Friday.

Mr Dale said the four women inmates would be moved to a house in the Gap area near Giles House as soon as possible.

"Moving the behaviorally disturbed men to the women's section is temporary at this stage," he said.

"If the move is successful then the department might consider making it a permanent solution.

"By moving the five men into the women's section it will allow us to manage them better."

He said the department could look at making the section sound proof.

Mr Dale said there was no real solution to the problem of behaviorally disturbed.

It is not clear what would happen to two behaviorally disturbed women who are often in and out of the women's section on a regular basis.

A prison officer has said that one behaviorally disturbed woman who was violent had to be locked in a secure prison cell 24 hours a day.

Alice Springs Miscellaneous Workers Union spokesman Ron Tishler said the issue was not making the women's section sound proof but getting them out of the jail.

He said the prison officers did not have expertise to handle behaviorally disturbed prisoners.

Mr Tishler said there were no facilities available in the jail to care for behaviorally disturbed people who prison officers felt were being "treated like dogs."

The five prisoners have been undergoing psychiatric assessment following a directive from Mr Dale.



**Collins vows to
keep Sadadeen**

A bitter Denis Collins claims his preselection committee dumped him because elements within the CLP "wanted another lawyer in the parliament."

"I don't know why - we're still trying to put out the fires the last lawyer started," Mr Collins said, in a clear reference to former Chief Minister Paul Everingham.

The 45-year-old member for Sadadeen was dumped last weekend in favour of Alice Springs solicitor Shane Stone.

He said rumors were circulating that Mr Everingham had offered Mr Stone his "full support" if he won preselection.

Mr Collins - who has been in parliament for almost seven years - said he would "have a chat" with Chief

By DAVE RICHARDS

Minister Steve Hatton after Thursday's party meeting.

He said he would be asking Mr Hatton to lobby the CLP central council to overturn the decision at its meeting next weekend.

Decisions made by preselection committees must be approved by the central council before they become official.

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But Mr Collins admitted the chances of the decision being overturned were small.

He would not say whether he was considering standing for the National Party if the Central Council knocked him back, but indicated he would stand in the next Territory election in some capacity.

"If I am not preselected, I intend to continue represent-

ing the people of Sadadeen," Mr Collins said.

He appeared to be confident that he would be backed by voters in the Sadadeen electorate.

Mr Collins said he had been the victim of lawyer Shane Stone's personal ambition.

"It was either Eric Poole or me, so they could get a lawyer in," he said.

He said Mr Stone and his friends had wrangled and contrived to get their supporters on the preselection committee.

"He did his homework, buttered up all the right people and was helped by others in an organised campaign of denigration," Mr Collins said.

"I'm a pretty plain sort of bloke. If I've got to kiss backsides and pander to the right people - it's just not me."

Mr Collins also believed there were "too many people who are too young" in the



• Denis Collins party parliamentary wing.

"We need some age and experience," he said.

Mr Stone said it was "improper" for him to comment until the central committee had officially decided who would represent Sadadeen next weekend.

Mr Everingham was shifting house in Queensland and was unavailable for comment.

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