

A Thought For The Week
Close the stream now, lads; the meadows have drunk enough!

—VERGIL.

THE PORT MACQUARIE NEWS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1956

NO BAND THIS SATURDAY

Bandsmen, and the public generally, are advised that the band will not be playing on the green this Saturday night.

GOOD RESPONSE TO C.W.A. APPEAL

Through the generosity of local residents, a further £70 odd has been subscribed to the C.W.A. appeal for funds for its Baby Health Centre.

The C.W.A. badly needs the funds for its fine new building now in use next the Post Office in Horton Street.

Further donations will be gratefully received, and acknowledged.

Those acknowledged this week are as follows:—

Herons Creek Timber Mill Co. £25.

R. Byrnes (Royal Hotel) £10

Mr. Walton (Hill Top) £10.

Mrs. A. E. McMillan £5/5/-.

Mr. Bignell (Macquarie Motors) £5.

Mrs. Harriett Bucton £5.

Mrs. J. C. McFadgen £5.

Mr. E. McKee £3/3/-.

Mr. Chapman (Motel Park) £1.

CHILD HAZARDS

A child born today has a greater chance of dying as the result of an accident than from the combined risk of pneumonia, influenza, and tuberculosis.

Attend the meeting of your local Road Safety Council next Wednesday.

DEATH

GOUGH.—Lilian (Auntie Lil). Passed away in Hastings District Hospital, January 25th, aged 69. At Rest.

BIRTH

BRANCH.—To Keith and Sylvia, at Hastings District Hospital, January 27th, a son.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. J. James and family sincerely thank all kind friends for their expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Please accept this as their personal thanks.

N.S.W. MILK BOARD

Notice of Wauchone Meeting

ALL dairymen in the Hastings and Comboyne districts are invited to attend a meeting which is being convened by the New South

Last Night's Chamber Meeting

A variety of local matters came before the Chamber of Progress at its regular monthly meeting last night.

Present were the chairman (Mr. F. M. Donovan), Messrs. D. Donovan (secretary), R. Simpson (treasurer), C. Gott, J. Casey, A. Hay, A. Platt, R. Dick, Wren Scott, L. McNeil, S. Smithett, H. Buckmaster, R. Graham, H. White, C. Upton, R. Dulhunty, G. H. Warlters.

Correspondence

Municipal Council, re sanitary arrangements at Xmas time, stating that the Chamber's letter had been received.

Opinions were expressed that the Council should take action to provide additional services at Xmas time, and it was finally agreed to take the matter up with the Council again in September.

Same, re Technical Education classes; that advice had been received that classes promised for February were not to eventuate.—The Chamber decided to contact the Registrar at Kempsey and Sydney, and Mr. L. C. Jordan, expressing a desire to see the classes commenced.

Municipal Council, forwarding circular on procedure for formation of Aged Peoples' Home.—The Chamber decided to suggest to the Council that a public meeting be called, with a view to forming an independent committee.

Railway Photographs

The Chamber decided to have Mr. R. Dulhunty report on the placing of Port Macquarie signs on the highway at Telegraph Point and the Manning River turn-off.

It was decided to ask the Council to erect a suitable direction sign to the Camping reserve in Murray Street.

The danger hazards of the pedestrian crossing at Kooloonbung Creek bridge to be referred to the Council and the Main Roads Department.

Fire Station

The Chamber decided to contact the Council, asking the position regarding the establishment of a fire station, and suggesting that if portion of the police paddock was unavailable, the Council might investigate the possibilities of obtaining a site in Bridge Street between Horton Street and Kooloonbung Creek.

Transit Hill

Council to be approached, asking for the road up to the Lookout to be graded.

It to be pointed out that the Chamber had already done some clearing work.

169 BABIES BORN IN HOSPITAL

Real Estate News And Views



HOME BUILDING AID SOUGHT

A special commonwealth allocation of £10 million should be made to building societies to enable home-building to be stepped up, the director of the Building Industry Congress, Mr. Stewart Fraser, said recently. Mr. Fraser said there were signs of a falling off in home building.

Some cottage builders were not working at their peak and were having difficulty in holding their tradesmen together.

Building costs could only be kept down if the trade was fully occupied.

The building societies had a waiting list of up to 25,000 people.

Most of the members owned their own land, had deposits, and were ready to build immediately.

Mr. Fraser said the deposits held by building society members must run into a colossal amount. This was "dedicated money" and it was a tragedy that it should be lying idle.

The present disinclination of the banks to make finance available for housing means a good opportunity for individuals seeking a sound investment in their own district, where they can watch over it. Most home-seekers are happy to pay interest rates equal to or

Heavy clearing is one of the main costs of developing land in the Lake Innes region.

It is generally conceded, however, that once cleared, it rates amongst the best in the district.

An established farm is currently available in this area. It contains 24½ acres, of which about 18 acres is red soil, with 10 acres cleared and cultivated.

Improvements include a substantial timber home built to an attractive modern design, a particularly good dam with 1,000,000-gallon capacity and a complete Rainbow irrigation spray outfit to reach the entire property.

Cement floored poultry sheds and yard are established, and an incubator and brooder included in the plant.

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"Real Estate Practice in Australia," a practical text book, published by the associated Real Estate Institutes includes in a list of "suggestions to the public", the following good advice: Your relationship with an agent should be considered confidential. It is unfair to an Agent to quote to others the properties and terms he has offered you in confidence.

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Here is an assortment of vacant allotments which we consider to be good buying:—

- Pacific Drive, near Windmill Hill, 70' x 120' £350
- Surf Street, handy to Flynn's Beach £275.

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FLOODS PREVENT NOMINATION

Although Mr. Radford Gamack, sitting Country Party Member for Raleigh, will win the seat unopposed in the coming State elections, only the floods of last week-end prevented Cr. Harry Bailey from nominating as a Labour candidate.

Cr. Bailey, who is president of Dorriggo Shire Council, said that on Wednesday last, he was approached by executive officers of the Labour Party in Sydney and asked to stand. The Premier, Mr. J. Cahill, spoke to him on the telephone and following the conversation Cr. Bailey decided to contest the seat.

As Cr. Bailey had to attend a meeting of the Clarence Regional Development Committee at Grafton on Thursday he decided that he would hand

his nomination to the Electoral Officer at Kempsey on Friday.

Cr. Bailey lives at Dorriggo and early in the morning commenced his trip. He encountered difficulties at the Thora Bridge, which was under water, but made the crossing without mishap.

At Warral Creek, south of Macksville, he found the road under water and was unable to proceed further.

Cr. Bailey explained that it was necessary for him to personally complete the formalities of nominating, so he regretfully had to turn back with his mission unfulfilled.

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Croquet Notes

Cards held on Saturday night, 11th February were very successful. A number of new players were welcomed and we look forward to seeing them again.

Three players went to Taree on Wednesday, 15th, and had a very enjoyable day.

Our two best players Mrs. Oates and Mrs. de la Rue, played a match with Taree's two best and the former won 26-11. Our players then followed on playing Taree's two next best and beat them. The

Chamber Approached Council Re Fire Station

The aldermen discussed the matter of a site for a fire station on Monday night as a result of being approached, in correspondence by the Chamber of Progress.

Chamber of Progress, asking what was the position regarding the acquisition of land for a fire station and whether part of the Police land was likely to be available. They suggested as a site the unused part of Bridge Street, west of Horton Street. —To be informed Council had no reply from the Police Department.

Ald. Crisp pointed out there was anxiety in the town regarding the establishing of a fire brigade, and nothing much could be done until the matter of a site was finalised. He felt it was up to Council to take some positive action. He couldn't see that all the police land held in town was wanted. He supported the move to try and expedite the matter through the Chief Secretary's Dept.

Ald. Kenny said there were blocks in Bridge Street and in Lord Street which the town could get for nothing. He moved and Ald. Baxter seconded, that steps be taken to acquire one of these blocks.

Ald. Cowan and Bale moved an amendment that council take steps to have the Chief Secretary's Dept. expedite the matter of acquiring or otherwise portion of police paddock land.

The amendment was carried.

WAUCHOPE SHOW

6th and 7th MARCH, 1956

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A Visitor's Impressions

To the Editor P.M. "News"
Sir—I have just returned from a short, but very enjoyable holiday in your delightful district.

The historical associations were fascinating, hence I was dismayed to find that the grave of the young soldier who died of gunshot wounds trying to arrest escaped convicts could only be found after fighting my way through a veritable forest of paspalum. Surely it is worthy of an iron fence around it.

Adjoining it is the grave of two children, which had been desecrated apparently recently, much after the same manner as many in the town's historical graveyard.

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LAY-BY NOW

NO POLICE LAND FOR FIRE STATION

The Municipal Council has been informed that it can't have any of the police land for the purpose of a fire station.

Council decided to see what Ald. Kenny could do about it when next in Sydney.

The Mayor, Ald. D. S. Kennedy, presided, and there were also present Ald. Stanfield, Cowan, Baxter, Walker, Bale, Kenny, Crisp, and Brownlow.

The matter came up in correspondence:—

Chief Secretary's Department and L. C. Jordan MLA, regarding request for part of the Police land to be made available as a site for a fire station. The Police and Justice Departments say that it is essential that they retain the whole of their land for future Departmental requirements. They pointed out that Council occupied land diagonally opposite the Court House which should be sufficient for a fire station. When a site had been decided upon the Board of Fire Commissioners would assist Council in relation to plans and specifications.—Ald. Crisp pointed out Council's land was necessary for its own development; Ald. Kenny said there was land on the harbour side of the lock-up doing nothing.

Ald. Baxter moved that the

matter be held in abeyance until such time as Ald. Kenny was again in Sydney, to see what he could do in the matter.

Ald. Bale seconded.

Ald. Crisp claimed Council had plans for a civic centre, designed to cover the whole of its present site.

Ald. Brownlow pointed out the discussion had been going on since 1944, when his shop was burnt out. Council had been getting no where, he said.

He moved an amendment that steps be taken to have portion of the library site made available.

The motion was carried.

Tennis News

The following is the draw for next week:—

"A" Grade

12.3.56: Hay v. Reed.

13.3.56: Cooke v. Boyne.

14.3.56: Elford v. Settle.

"B" Grade

12.3.56: Smith v. Hardaker.

13.2.56: Durant v. Bowic.

14.2.56: Johansson v. McDonald.

We draw members' attention to our three adverts appearing in this issue and trust that Sunday's tournament will

Residence For Headmaster

The Municipal Council will support a move to have the Education Department build a home here for the headmaster of the school.

Ald. Bale had a notice of motion carried on Monday night as follows:—

"That this Council write to the Minister for Education asking for a residence to be built for the Head School Master on the Department's vacant allotment in William Street next to the Domestic Science School."

Ald. Stanfield seconded.

Ald. Walker and Brownlow said it as no business of Council.

The Mayor, Ald. Kennedy, pointed out that the headmaster was at present living closer to the Tacking Point Lighthouse than the school; it was necessary for him to be handy to town, as the headmaster played an important part in much of the town's life.

Ald. Crisp pointed out that the R.S.L. had made a move towards getting a home erected for the headmaster, and suggested council might back up that move.

The motion was carried.

Another Council And The Milk Board

Ald. Eric Martin, of Taree Council has written the local Council stating he had been informed the Port Macquarie Council had already favourably considered a proposal that the Milk Board should take over the distribution of milk here.

He asked the Council to state its reasons for so doing, and had the Council any knowledge as to whether such action would increase the price of milk to consumers.

There was a mixed discussion.

The Mayor said he'd heard of one halfpenny per bottle extra, but Ald. Kenny claimed the Council had no knowledge of any increase.

Ald. Kenny had a motion carried that Ald. Martin be so informed, and it be suggested to him that he invite the Milk Board Chairman, Mr. Ferguson, to address his Council.

Regent Theatre

A Thought For The Week

Breathes there a man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land? —SCOTT

THE PORT MACQUARIE NEWS

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH, 1956

Local & General

Golf Club members and associates are reminded of the Club's barbecue and social night set down for this Saturday, in the Club House.

A further donation of £1/1/- to the C.W.A. building is acknowledged from Mrs. A. M. Scott.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mr. Richard ("Dick") Hyde, at the age of 81 years. He was buried on Tuesday in the Methodist portion of Port Macquarie Cemetery.

PERSONAL PARS.

Dr. Simpson will commence practice shortly at Wauchope. Having come out from England some six months ago, he has been associated with Dr. Hegarty, at Port Macquarie, and he and his wife and young family soon made many friends here, all of whom will wish the family well at Wauchope.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Champion, of Wollongong, are holidaying here. Mr. Champion is an engineer for the Greater Wollongong Council.

Mr. "Bill" Miltzer, of Sydney, is holidaying here, with the Keith Fowlers at Blackman's Point.

Mr. Royce Williams is on three weeks annual vacation.

"SALLY"

Last night we saw Mrs. Eve Dulhunty dance and sing her way to the brightest peak in the Musical and Dramatic Society's dress rehearsal of Sally, which opens on Monday. Her vivacious stage manner lent much to the success of the rehearsal. Teamed, Mrs. Ina Alexander and Mr. Roger Dulhunty, give plenty of laughs and keep the theme alive with humour. Mr. Don Middlebrook, a grand duke and a waiter, as well as a producer, was equally at home in all three roles—and the public already knows how well he can present a show. A newcomer in Mr. Peter Street is well around the corner; he is at home on the stage and sings nicely. The ballets were well done, Miss Joyce Graham being a real treat, and the pupils of Mrs. Hazel Middlebrook round off a really fine show. The society has had more than its share of ups and downs with "Sally" and to its credit next week's show will take its place among the greats.

IN MEMORIAM

HALLETT.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, who died 22nd May, 1956.

Always Remembered
Respected by his loving wife

EDITORIAL

SMOKE AND FIRE

Providence played the major role in averting a second disastrous flat fire in Port Macquarie on Sunday afternoon last.

Heavy smoke from the source of the fire caused it to be detected before the building was well alight.

The most primitive method of fire fighting—a bucket brigade—was the means of bringing the fire under control.

More stark contrast with the modern block of flats and surrounding buildings could hardly be imagined.

There is little need to dwell on the extent of the tragedy involved in the destruction of flats—or any buildings—by fire.

However, the scream can't be too loud where the means of meeting the challenge of fire is concerned.

More flats and dwellings, and more people have trebled the dangers in recent years.

But the same passive approach to the question of a fire station site, or the provision of some temporary means, remains as it was when the town had no need for a brigade.

The Municipal Council is the authoritative body the residents have to look to, and it can only expect the criticisms freely levelled at it, for its lack of positive action.

Nor does it do the Council credit that the night after the fire its meeting went by without one word of mention of the problem.

Rather than castigate, we feel that the best means to an end is to appeal to the Council on behalf of the people to take some immediate action to provide a fire-station site, and in the interim some temporary equipment.

(ADVERTISEMENT)

Real Estate News And Views



Mr. and Mrs. Ottoway have arranged to sell their "Alexander Flats" at Flynn's Beach, and to buy a home in Sydney.

When they bought here, the Ottoways motored up from Sydney, arriving about 10 o'clock one Saturday morning. They hadn't seen the property at that stage, but when they left again for Sydney immediately after lunch on the same day, they had bought it.

They displayed the same prompt decision when approached regarding this sale. The suggestion was made at 4 p.m. one day and the sale agreed on the following morning.

The property consists of three very comfortable flats and has frontage to Pacific Drive.

The new owners will be Mr. and Mrs. McGuckin, of Sydney who have been regular visitors for some years.

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The Full Court of N.S.W. held a few weeks ago that an electric stove, if it can be removed without damage to the property, does not pass under a contract of sale for the house in which it is installed.

There has always been some doubt on this point although it has been common to assume that all such items are automatically included provided they are properly connected and not merely "plug-ins."

To remove any possible doubt the wise thing to do now is to list all such items.

This cottage contains ten squares, with 2 bedrooms, electric stove and bath heater are included.

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Would you like to live on an island?

We have been asked to sell for a deceased estate a dairy farm of 172 acres on Fenton Island, at the junction of the Wilson and Maria Rivers, near Telegraph Pt. 50 acres are low-lying, but the balance is good river frontage soil. There are good dairy, bails and yards, although the house is very old indeed and not in good condition.

The main drawback is that the only access is by water. Supplies are sent and received per cream launch. However, the property could carry between 40 and 50 milking cows besides young stock, etc. It will be sold on £2,000 cash and reasonable arrangements for the balance.

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That peg at the golf course that buried itself under a sand dune proved more popular than the next one, which managed to place itself in the middle of an expansive swamp under three feet of water.

Seems to me those golfers aren't making use of the best hazards they've got!

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Current propositions:—

DCI NOTES BY THE SECRETARY

Stock Clearance

New

Farmall Super A Tractor with Belt Pulley and P.T.O. Starting & Lighting and Hydraulic Lift. £885. A Saving of £100 Approx.

New

International 15 cwt. Utility, Seat Covers and Including Tax £1250. A big saving of £150.

New

GL-14 Offset Disc Harrow with 20" Cut Out Discs and Transport Wheels. To Clear at £135. Saving of £18.

New

Chamber to Ask Council to Move in Fire Protection

At its meeting last night the Chamber of Progress decided to ask the Municipal Council to take immediate action to organise a fire-fighting unit, with some temporary equipment to be also made available.

Introducing the subject, Mr. Lloyd McNeill pointed out there had been one disastrous fire, and three other near disasters, in the past few months.

He felt that something could be done to make some temporary equipment available and have a "local brigade" trained in the use of it with some one in charge.

Mr. N. W. Joscelyne thought Mr. McNeill's proposal to have some trained unit in the town was a good one.

This led to a general discussion, wherein it was pointed out that it was essential to have someone trained and able to direct operations and give the orders in the case of a fire.

On the question of a site for a fire station, Mr. C. Uptin said there was a hold-up in negotiations between the Council and the Justice Dept. for a portion of the police paddock.

He felt the Chamber should again bring before the notice of Council the portion of Bridge Street off Horton Street.

This had previously been put before the Council, but no action was taken. He felt Council should be asked on this occasion to inspect the site.

The Chamber resolved to ask the Council to inspect that proposed site.

PERSONAL PARS.

Mr. Laurie Coulton has resumed work at the Bank of

Miss Business Writes

Hello Friends and Supporters

I wish to express appreciation to Mr. Sharman, who gave his services and generous donations of Hot Dogs at several functions. This was a fine gesture.

Many thanks to Brian Carr for his donation of a painted banner for carnival events.

We have a fine array of 16 m.m. films on hand and cordially invite everyone to come along to the Panorama Guest House for the showing on Friday night at 8 p.m. Supper will be served and there will be novelties to add to the attraction. Famous Jack Murray's Film of the Redex Trial will be shown.

Look for the advertising on the Gala Night to be held at the Macquarie Lounge on

Regent Theatre

WAUCHOPE

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY

SATURDAY MATINEE 1.15 P.M.

Jane Powell, Howard Keel in

"SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS" (g)

The new fresh-as-a-daisy musical comedy filmed in Cinema-scope and Color.

Robert Montgomery in

"EYE WITNESS" (a)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Greer Garson, Robert Ryan in

"HER TWELVE MEN" (g)

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FURTHER PROTEST TO MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS ON WATER SCHEME HOLD-UP

FIRE STATION ON POLICE LAND?

The Municipal Council is to make further applications for portion of the Police Dept. land for a fire station site, and will endeavour to form a volunteer brigade.

This was decided when a letter from the Chamber of Progress was being dealt with at Monday's Council meeting.

The Chamber of Progress wrote expressing dissatisfaction with the progress being made to secure a site and suggested that if portion of the Police paddock was not available the unused part of Bridge Street, west of Horton Street might be acquired. Also that action be taken to organise volunteers into a fire fighting group.

The Mayor pointed out that arrangements had been made to have the premier inspect two sites, one in the police paddock in Murray Street, and one north of the police lock-up in Hay Street, and the Chamber is to be informed of this.

Council also resolved to call a public meeting for the form-

Department Inspection Sought

The Municipal Council on Monday night decided to make further protest to the Minister for Public Works for the delays with the water scheme, and will also seek an inspection.

Council decided on this action after receiving the following unsatisfactory letter from the Minister, Mr. McGrath.

The letter read in part:—

"Headworks: Contractor for this section, which includes the intake staging, pumping station and balance tank, is Boulder Pty. Ltd. Continual high level of the Hastings River delayed this contractor the year, but the work was for the first three months of approximately 65 per cent complete at the end of May. However, the concrete floor of the pumping station was poured in an unsatisfactory manner and the contractor was instructed to replace it. In an effort to save as much time as possible & reduce the delay caused by inferior construction, the Department has now prepared an amended design for an additional concrete floor to be constructed at Boulder's expense on top of the floor already placed. This will delay the completion of the work

but the Department cannot allow contractors to take advantage of urgency of construction to perform inferior work.

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A PROMISE KEPT

Mr. Roy Trevanion's letter to Ald. J. L. Kenny speaks best for itself:—

Just a hurried note to tell you how pleased I am to hear that the Cathie Bridge is at last going through.

I remember the Sunday morning, some five years ago, when you took me out in the truck and pointed out the great advantages the bridge would hold for the future of Port and district.

However as one who always has the utmost respect for your wisdom I am enclosing my cheque for £25 as promised that day.

MILK DELIVERIES

In regard to the non-de-

THE CARNIVAL OF THE PINES

The Vintage Car Trial and the T.T. Races on the old Golf Course has created much interest around the district. Many entries in both sections have already been received.

The Committee is again appealing to persons who can play some musical instrument to assist during the Carnival. As the entertainment depends on items of this kind, volunteers are requested to leave their names with the Secretary at 70 Horton Street.

One of the big attractions for Saturday and Monday, July 21st and 22nd, will be the visit of the Grafton Pipe Band. As one of the conditions of their visit is that their members be billeted on the Saturday, any person who can help the Committee in this direction is requested to contact the Secretary.

Mrs. Elford, of Guyra, who lent the Queen Coronation Robe last year has again made the Robe available to the Committee. We are deeply grateful for this fine gesture.

Mr. Harry Bransdon, of Rolands Plains has donated a fine heifer to the Rural Candidate for competition.

Any person who has a picture suitable to be exhibited at the Arts Exhibition at 70 Horton Street during the Carnival is appealed to, to lend it for the week. Every care will be taken to have them returned in good order.

Rural Queen functions in the near future, are a Card Party at Marshall's Cafe on Thursday, July 5th; a Cabaret dance at the Macquarie Lounge on Wednesday, July 11th; and on

FOUND HER PONY



D. R. Smith Photo of Miss Ellen Farley.

The Shetland pony donated by Mr. Ossie Scutts to the Rural candidate for the Miss Port Macquarie Quest disappeared from its paddock at the week-end.

Candidate Miss Ellen Farley heaved a sigh of relief when word came through that the pony had been found — with its head down.

Well down, in fact. It had just about eaten all Don Wilson's corn, nollard and chaff

Salt Air

ANXIOUS to applaud the good fortunes of local real estate agents in lotteries, we overlooked Mr. Arthur Hudson's recent grand slam—£1000 from Tatts. Arthur says the best of any serial is always kept to the last.

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There'll be any amount of black wool about if as promised the price of a haircut goes to five bob!

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SURFCLUBEERS are arranging a fair, which includes a hobby section. A certain wife was soon up in arms when one "home made" hero announced his intention of making two ironing boards. "I've been promised an ironing board for three years," she wailed. "You can buy one of them at the fair," said another surfclubber, before running for his life.

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Flushed with success, a daughter arrived home with her half-yearly result. "First," she said, and mum and dad and all hands were jubilant. Later, somebody noticed the "first" denoted her class!

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Spitting chips will no longer be a figure of speech when we start eating wood.

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PORT MACQUARIE NEWS

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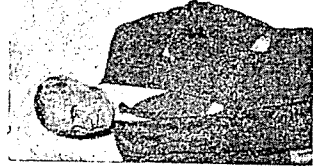
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CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT THE
HASTINGS RIVER VALLEY

PORT MACQUARIE, THURSDAY, JULY 19th, 1956

Premier of N.S.W. Will Spend Weekend Here

The Hon. J. J. Cahill, Premier of New South Wales, will spend Saturday, Sunday and Monday next in Port Macquarie.



The Premier
Hon. J. J. Cahill

The town is indeed honoured to have the Premier here to take part in its annual festival—the Carnival of the Pines.

Mr. Cahill has graciously acceded to requests to attend several functions whilst here.

He will officially open the Carnival of the Pines on Monday day, August 1st.

He will be given a Civic Welcome by the Mayor and Aldermen (9.45 a.m. Monday).

After the technical training block at the school (3 p.m. Monday), visit the beach morning, sports, and the State Forests.

Port Macquarie branch of the A.L.P. will tender the Premier and other visiting Ministers and parliamentarians and it is expected to be a very busy night.

New State Organising Costs Money

The financial statement presented at the Port Macquarie branch of the C.O.S.W.A. disclosed that in the last year the branch spent \$4,283/15/11 had been spent solely on organising and publishing the movement. Members spent have been very anxious to be further the ideal of new states. This has been going on for the past eight years.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS

The dangers associated with driving at night with headlights on high beam have often been pointed out and now a blitz has been ordered by the Traffic Department.

Local motorists who fail to heed this warning can only expect to be pulled up, and action will be taken against offenders. Remember, dim these lights in built-up areas.

THE TIDES

It Will Be High Tide On

	AM	PM
Thursday	7.38	6.53
Friday	7.26	7.38
Saturday	8.05	8.15
Sunday	8.44	8.52
Monday	9.20	9.26
Tuesday	9.56	9.59
Wednesday	10.32	10.32

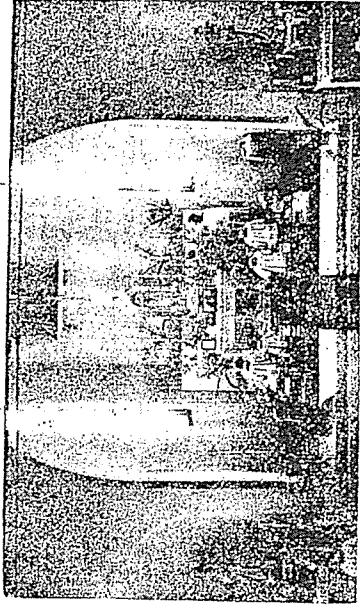
Ordination of Bernard Kenny on Sunday Will Make Local History

Bernard Victor Kenny, eldest son of the Hon. J. L. Kenny, M.L.C., and Mrs. Kenny will be ordained as a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Agnes' in his home town of Port Macquarie on Sunday.



This will be the first ordination of a priest at Port Macquarie, and the ceremony will be performed by His Lordship, R.L. Rev. Bishop Farrelly, DD, Bishop of Lismore.

Twelve visiting priests, along with Monsignor Farrelly, will take part in the ceremony. After his ordination on Sunday, Bernard Kenny will return to Manly until the end of this year, when he will be assigned to a parish.



The altar in the Church of St. Agnes where the ordination will take place

CARNIVAL OPENS SATURDAY

Port Macquarie's second annual Carnival of the Pines opens on Saturday, August 1st.

An honorary committee appointed by the Chamber of Progress, has been busy engaged in recent weeks making all the necessary arrangements. A. L. Crisp, and secretary, Mr. H. H. White, reports that all is in readiness for a bumper carnival.

A Grafton Pipe band, which is expected to be one of the highlights of the event, is hurrying up from Melbourne; city musicians are selecting the finest frocks; procession fever is prevalent; the respective Miss Port Macquarie are having fireworks are being set off.

All in all, it should be a grand week.

Above all, the weather is right for Port Macquarie's second annual Carnival of the Pines on July 18.

Old Golf Links Site— Not One For School

In a letter to the editor, a local citizen deplores the suggestion of making use of the old golf links site for a school.

His Excellency, the Governor, has been surprised to learn by report in your issue of the 12th inst. that the P. & C. Association was advocating the taking by the Education Department of part of the old golf links site for the purpose of building a High School. This would be a retrogressive move and to put it bluntly "the height of May Day madness."

Port Macquarie today is sadly deficient in sports areas and park lands. What will the position be in the next decade or two? In the old golf links area the people of Port Macquarie have a priceless treasure and a site of nature that cannot be assessed.

With its close proximity to the Town Beach and other amenities and its elevated and beautiful situation and with carefully landscaped sports areas and park lands which visualize it in the future as a place of beauty and a mecca for thousands of tourists and a haven of contentment and relaxation for the adult population and the children.

The area is small now, and if a sufficient portion was allowed the Ed. Dept. to build a High School with its necessary fittings it would be a tragic chain of errors in public matters that has retarded the progress of this beautiful and picturesque portion of the North Coast in the years gone past.

Yours etc.
S. H. D. PYRKE,
105 Home Street,
Port Macquarie, 17/7/56.

FIRE BRIGADE
A well attended public meeting was held last night decided to ask the Municipal Council to press on with its efforts to acquire a suitable site for a fire station.

Messrs. Swamy (Forestry) and W. Young (deputy captain) were present and gave much useful information.

The first essential to having a fire brigade was a station site, they pointed out.

The case of the Wauchope brigade was mentioned. The council was approx. £80 per annum.

A one farthing rate had been levied, but this was more than offset in fire insurance policy reductions.

A more detailed report of this meeting will appear at a later date.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK DURING CARNIVAL OF THE PINES

Departmental approval has been obtained for the holding of Educational Week at the Port Macquarie Intermediate High School in conjunction with the Carnival of the Pines.

The following is a programme of extra-curricular activities at the school during the week.

Monday, 23rd July: Visit by Premier Mr. J. J. Cahill to the new Technical building at 2.30 p.m.; Children's March at 3 p.m.; Displays of Maypole and Tumbling.

Tuesday, 24th July: Open Day at the school 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; Tumbling at 2.30 p.m.; Parents are invited to visit the school at work and see their children at play.

Wednesday, 25th July: Interviews available for interviews from 3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday: Planting Norfolk Island Pines in school playground; Girls interested in ground; Girls interested in visiting as a career visit the Hastings District Hospital.

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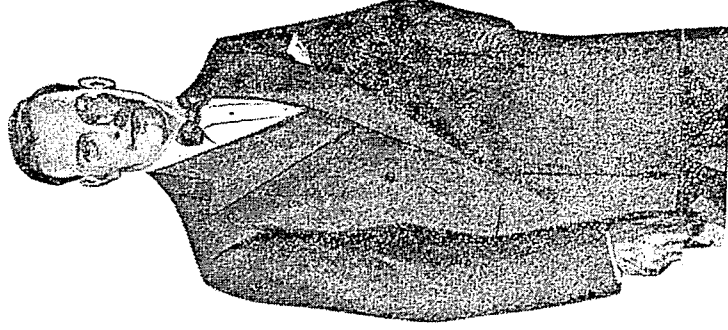
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NEW BUILDINGS

Knight, R., dwelling, Macquarie Heights, for self, £1995; C.O.R., Service Station, Horton Street, for self £7,000; Pullen, H. G., dwelling, Buller Street for F. Brooks, £3280; Harris, G. A., additions, Hudson Ave., for self, £400; Krause, J. J., garage, Home St., for self £60; Dulhanty, R. K., dwelling, William St., for self, £2850. M. B. and A. M. Walsh, submitting sketch plan of proposed garage and workshop to be erected at the corner of Gordon and Hollingsworth Streets, and asking if Council would allow the building to be erected on the street alignment of Hollingsworth Street. The particular wall would be 50 feet from the Gordon Street alignment and would be 30 feet long. Approved subject to certain conditions in relation to the building.

BIKE RACE

The five-mile road race in conjunction with the school-boys' State championships was won by B. Hilberts, of Bago Road, Wauchope. The race was organised by McWhirters' Bicycle Shop, of Port Macquarie. Hilberts is a 15-year-old pupil of Wauchope High School, and his time was 16 mins., 6 seconds.

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The C.W.A., and Switzerland

On Friday afternoon last the local branch of the C.W.A. held their International afternoon in conjunction with the Carnival of Pines celebrations.

The palatial assembly room portrayed the atmosphere of Switzerland, as snow glistened from the miniature pine trees adorning individual tables.

Misses Fay Jordan, Jennie Cooper and Margaret Stanley, dressed in the National costumes of Switzerland, pinned a miniature flag of Switzerland on each guest as they entered the room. Margaret also pinned a lovely spray of flowers on Patroness Mrs. Jordan's costume.

Visitors from West Ryde, Willawarrin, Blaney, Wagga, Kendall, Queenbeyan, Chatswood, South Grafton, Launceston (Tasmania), Naracoorti (South Australia), Wingham, Laurieton, Wauchope, Avalon and Palm Beach attended.

The President, Mrs. Evans, in extending a welcome to the visitors outlined the International side of C.W.A. work. Ald. L. Crisp, chairman of the Carnival of Pines committee, supported the President in her words of welcome to the guests.

Mrs. Eve Dulhanty pleased the guests with her charming voice and was given great applause.

Mrs. Kennedy, accompanied Mrs. Dulhanty on the piano; and also played the Switzerland psalm.

The President introduced the

important to include among its objectives better International understanding."

The judges Mrs. Begg and Mr. Manser had an arduous task as many good entries were submitted.

First prize was awarded Lynnette Windwood, Wauchope High School, local resident of Port Macquarie.

Second prize, Fay Robinson, Port Macquarie High.

Mrs. Begg donated a 3rd prize to Miss Manser, of Wauchope High.

A lovely afternoon tea was served by the members. A beautiful decorated cake made by one of our members, Mrs. Cooper held pride of place, was nicely iced representing the flag of Switzerland. It was cut by our guest speaker, Mrs. L. C. Jordan and several new settlers from Holland in the true C.W.A. International spirit.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Jordan by Mrs. Hewens, vice-president. This brought this happy and successful afternoon to a close.

Our next meeting will be on August 9th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Members bring your lunch.

Why Does the C.W.A. Include International Understanding Among its Chief Aims?

One of the chief aims of the

have been avoided had an organisation such as the C.W.A. with a sympathetic capacity to understand the ideals of all sections of their communities existed in these countries.

Through their International Understanding they have been able to translate and pass on the benefits of friendly service to their fellow women, thereby establishing health centres where mothers and children can receive advice and assistance that would not otherwise be available to them in less advanced countries.

The genuine appreciation of the problems of others, together with the realisation that language and other racial difficulties must be overcome if the C.W.A. is to reach the mother of children of other nations, is primarily responsible for the introduction of International Understanding as one of their chief aims.

—Lynnette Winwood.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RESULTS OF OTHER GAMES

Central Kempsey firsts defeated C.Y.M. on Sunday last 18/11; the reserves played a 5-all draw; Central's under 18's won 18 nil.

At Kendall, Smithtown first-graders were too good for Camden Haven; Camden Haven reserves won 12/10, and

MOVE TO SPEED FIRE STATION

The Mayor, Ald. D. S. Kennedy, will personally take up the matter of a fire station for Port Macquarie with the Board of Fire Commissioners in Sydney.

In a mayoral minute on Monday night, he told council of the public meeting held on July 17th.

A Fire Brigade could operate prior to the completion of the Water Supply using supply from Kooloonbung Creek and the sea. Council would have to secure land and provide for the building of a station and it was desirable to have a residence attached. The site should be near the shopping centre.

It is Council's responsibility to find suitable men, a captain and nine men, their names being submitted to the Board for interview and final selection. The men are paid retaining allowances and for attending fires and drills. The cost of running the Brigade is met by Insurance Companies 75 per cent, the Government 12½ per cent and Council 12½ per cent. Rating would not exceed ¼d. in the £.

The meeting asked that Council press for the acquisition of land for a fire station site.

During the discussion on the mayoral minute it was pointed out Council had to find the land and erect the building; the Fire Commissioners then

paid rent and rates.

Plans of suitable buildings were available.

Council carried a resolution to approach the Board of Fire Commissioners with a view to them making an approach for the acquisition of police lands adjoining the lock-up; further that the Commissioners make plans available.

Advantages of Liming Apparent This Winter

The advantages of liming is more apparent this winter than for some time, the District Dairy Officer at Taree Mr. D. Crowfoot said today.

The comparison in growth to unlimed areas was very definite, he added.

Heavy feeding of concentrates is still being carried out in the milk supply areas. Production is maintaining the 30 per cent rise over last year.

Whilst the cheapest feed is pastures it is dependent on seasonal conditions and so supplementary feeding will always be necessary.

been made, and a reduction in cost to the consumer would be forthcoming.

Cr. Warlters was referring to a letter from a firm supplying fire extinguishers and suggesting Council install extinguishers at a cost of £160.

Other items of correspondence presented to the Council included:

Ladies Auxiliary, Comboyne Hall Committee, asking for a cooking demonstration to be held at Comboyne.—The Clerk was instructed to write and advise that it would be held very shortly.

G. A. Rose, Pembroke, through Mr. L. C. Jordan, M.L.A., re supply of electricity to four consumers in that area.—Previously the Engineer had estimated the cost at approximately £1,000 for three

flat, referred to delay in installation work at her home.—The Engineer stated that he had replied to the effect that the work would be done as soon as possible.

From 2RE offering advertising in conjunction with the Carnival of the Pines.—After considerable discussion, it was decided that the proposal would be of little benefit to Council.

Junior Farmers' Advisory Committee requested that Council's Demonstrator act as judge of cooking competitions at Beechwood. All councillors were anxious to know how much it would cost Council, and although permission was granted, it was decided that future policy in this regard be determined at next meeting.

Council will dispose of five small utilities and call tenders for replacements; also one further two-ton vehicle to be purchased.

It was stated that Council's policy was to change-over vehicles every two to three years, but this could not be implemented immediately as it would mean a change-over of every vehicle.

The Engineer was asked to make all possible inquiries re trade-in values of the vehicles to be sold and report to next meeting, meanwhile tenders to be called for new vehicles.

When making application for a loan to finance the purchase of new vehicles, provision to be made for the purchase of another two vehicles at a later date.

Plans For New Building

Council approved final plans and specifications for Port Macquarie offices and show-room, as submitted by the Architects. Instructions were issued to call tenders for the work.

Reduced 'Plane Service

The reduction of East-West Airlines service from three days per week to one provided Council with much disappointment, and it was considered that the subject should be discussed with the General Manager & representatives of the Board of Directors of the Company. Failing a satisfactory outcome of these discussions, it was suggested that representations be made to the Commissioner for Transport.

In regard to the proposed

Chairman and Clerk to determine where would be the best place to carry out tests. As it appeared nothing could be done to prevent the tests, the Chairman and Clerk were appointed to meet Mr. Whitton.

Questions

In question time, Cr. Hollis asked what progress was being made with Pappinbarra extension; also had anything further come of the proposed extension to Ellenborough, previously deferred because of the high guarantee cost.

As the cleaners had intimated verbally that they would apply for increased cleaning fees because three meetings per month were now held in the meeting room, Cr. Thompson considered the Shire Council should pay extra cost of cleaning, but the Chairman thought that as the use of the room had been offered to the Shire—and the same would be done for Port Municipal Council later—that the negligible cost for cleaning could be borne by the O.C.C.

Cr. Kennedy, in his position as Mayor of Port Macquarie, asked for Council's views on the Municipality annexing portion of Bridge Street, near Kooloonbung Creek, for a Fire Station. It was pointed out that the O.C.C. would have first right to annex land as they owned the adjoining property. The Chairman felt that it would definitely bring down the value of Council's land.

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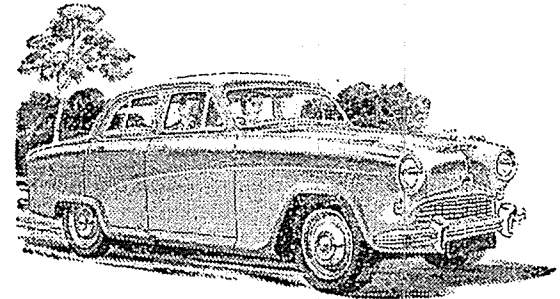
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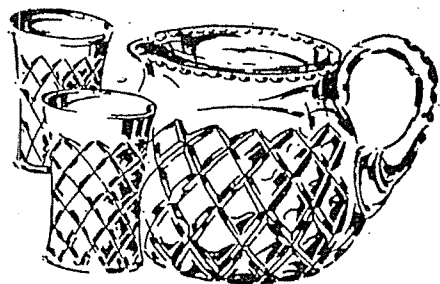
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FIRST STEPS TAKEN FOR FIRE BRIGADE

The Municipal Council on Monday night decided to have the town's water scheme reticulation area declared as the fire brigade area under the Act.

The Council was dealing with a report from the mayor (Ald. Kennedy) on his recent visit to Sydney.

Present were the mayor (Ald. D. S. Kennedy), Ald. Stanfield, Cowan, Baxter, Walker, Kenny and Crisp.

Mayor's Report

The mayor's report read:— I conferred with members of the Board of Fire Commissioners concerning the formation of a volunteer Fire Brigade and also to enlist their support regarding the acquisition of a suitable block of land adjoining the Police land in Hay Street.

Mr. Watt, the Secretary, and a member of the Board, Ald. Duff, were present.

The first step is for Council to ask for application of the Fire Brigade Act to apply over a certain area of the Municipality, and to agree to comply with the requirements of the Fire Board Commission, to build suitable premises which will be rented by the Board.

They will supply the engine recruit and drill men, send an officer to train them for two weeks, 2,000 feet of fire hose, plus other equipment. Insurance Companies pay 75 per cent., Council 12½ per cent,

and the Board of Fire Commissioners 12½ per cent, 5 per cent, on capital outlay of building as a rental, maintain premises in good condition, also pay rates if applicable.

After these steps have been taken the Architect of the Board and a Member will visit Port Macquarie.

On the motion of Ald. Crisp and the Mayor, Council resolved to have the reticulated area of Port Macquarie declared the fire brigade area under the Act.

Ald. Kenny had a further motion carried that efforts be made to obtain an area of Crown Land on the western side of Lord Street, as a fire station site.

Cost of Building

The Mayor told Ald. Kenny that it usually cost about £4000 for a fire station building; if a recreation room was provided the building would cost an additional £1500.

It was the Board's experience that where recreation rooms were provided some members of the brigade were generally about the station, and consequently on call if required.

The desirable block of land was 50' x 150' but need not be that large.

Palatial Ritz Theatre

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Fire Commissioners of NSW, stating that the proposed site for fire station would be inspected by the Board's Architect as soon as practicable.—Received.

Minister for Local Government, advising Mr. Jordan, MLA, that his personal representation re Golf Club loan would receive consideration and he would be advised of the result as soon as possible.

Port Macquarie Hockey Club, stating that they were contemplating erecting Club House and Toilets and they believed Council assisted sporting bodies by way of grants. The amount they would like would be about £300.—To be asked to submit a concrete proposal to the Council.

Bush Fire Committee, forwarding a copy of the booklet "This is the Law" which summarises the provisions of the Bush Fire Act 1949, and advising that members who offer their services do so on a voluntary basis purely as a community service. Workers' Compensation (Bush Fire Fighters) Act 1944, covers all brigade personnel and other

"Fire Fighters" defined in the Act without any payment to the Fund, also covered by the provisions of this Act is damage to vehicles or equipment. Councils may in any one financial year levy rates not exceeding one-twentieth of a penny in the £ on the UCV of rateable land within the Municipality. There is no other provision in the Act whereby property owners may be called upon by Councils to meet costs involved.—Received.

Port Macquarie Pastures Protection Board. Camping Reserve 197, stating Council would be advised when the Board had considered the request.—Received.

Beach Mining

Hastings Shire, forwarding letter and litho received from the Dept. of Mines concerning Special Lease application 262, Port Macquarie, Zircon Rutile Ltd., which was referred to their Council in error. The Dept. of Mines asked to be advised whether Council had any objections to the grant of the lease.—The lease referred to a

strip 200 ft. by 2 chain below high-water mark on Light-house Beach.—No objection.

Municipal and Citizen's Band, making application for the payment of £25 subsidy and placing before Council's notice their heavy commitments. They asked that Council consider increasing it in the future.—The usual £25 was donated.

Australian Dental Association, advising that Professor N. D. Martin would be able to attend a meeting in Port Macquarie on Friday, 28th September, to discuss flouridation of the communal water supply.—Left to Mayor to call meeting; and efforts be made to have opposing speakers at same meeting.

Croquet Club

Croquet Club, asking Council to arrange for the pipe line from the water main to be altered, so that it could be connected with their pipes between the two lawns.—The engineer to investigate.

Mrs. E. I. Readford, requesting that Herschell Street be opened to Chalmers Street and also asking to be advised if a water pipe line would be laid along her section of Herschell Street.—Engineer to report.

N. & R. Locke, again drawing Council's attention to the

DOAK'S GARAGE PREMISES ENTERED

The garage premises owned by Mr. Dudley Doak in Horton Street were broken into on Thursday morning last.

Const. John Hunter investigated reports of a suspicious character in Wattle Street early on Thursday morning last, and the alarm was given to Kempsey to watch out for a stolen car.

The driver of the car was arrested in Kempsey about 9 a.m., following a chase by civilians and police after the car had crashed in a busy section of the town.

The car collided with one driven by Mr. Peter Debenham, and Mrs. Debenham suffered head injuries.

In Kempsey Petty Sessions on Thursday afternoon, four charges were preferred against Francis Robert Stewart, 19, laborer, of Fifth Street, Seahampton, West Wallsend.

He was charged with, on September 4, at Newcastle, stealing a Holden sedan, valued at £750, the property of Clyde Amos Thomas; on September 6, at Port Macquarie, break and enter the garage of Dudley William Doak and steal three quarts of oil; on September 6, at Kempsey, drive in a manner dangerous to the pub-



CHAMBER'S WIDE AND VARIED ACTIVITIES

In a joint report, the president and secretary (Messrs F. M. and David Donovan) told of the wide and varied activities of the Chamber of Progress at last week's annual meeting.

The report, adopted by the meeting read in part:

The Chamber has, at the close of its financial year, a financial and active membership of 50. At the close of its third year, it is felt that the Chamber has the support of the citizens of the town and that its representations to Municipal and public bodies have the weight of public support behind them. An increase in the number of its active members would naturally strengthen its position and any citizens interested in the aims of the Chamber, namely the progress of Port Macquarie, are invited to join its ranks and lend support to the work to be done in the year ahead.

The Chamber suffered a loss during the year when in March last its able and enthusiastic Treasurer, the late Ross Simpson, was suddenly taken from our midst.

The 1955 Carnival of the Pines was successfully finalised and showed a net credit balance of £2,170/4/9, of which £2,000 was invested in

the Australian Guarantee Corporation. This investment falls due on the 27th October next.

The Chamber lent its assistance and support to Mr. Athol Platt in the establishment of bulk loading rail freights, which have proved a decided advantage to the town.

The matter of distribution of milk supply through the Milk Board was taken up with the local Council. The Council has indicated its approval of the proposal which, however, has not yet come into operation.

Cathie Bridge

The proposal to build a bridge over Cathie Creek was enthusiastically sponsored by the Chamber and its members met the Municipal and Shire and Camden Haven representatives on two occasions, one on a Sunday morning at Cathie Creek itself, and subsequently at a well attended public meeting at Laurieton. Preliminary arrangements for the erection of the bridge are well advanced and it is anticipated that the Chamber will be requested in the near future, to organise voluntary labour for its construction.

The question of the provis-

ishment of technical classes here has been pursued and as a result, it seems certain that classes, at least in some subjects, will be established in 1957.

The Chamber decided to support the proposal to establish home for the aged within the Municipality and sent delegates to a public meeting called by the Council for that purpose.

Arrangements were made for the erection of road signs at Telegraph Point and at the Taree-Wauchope turn off. Two members of the Chamber have agreed to arrange for the erection of these signs and it is expected that they will be in position in the near future.

The Chamber has continued its agitation for the establishment of a fire brigade in Port Macquarie, but so far the Council has been unable to find a suitable site for the fire station. It is considered imperative that when the water supply is turned on in the near future, a fire brigade should be in operation.

A double page spread in the N.R.M.A. monthly journal, "Open Road" was published during the year and the Chamber owes its thanks to Messrs. Upton and Edwards for their efforts in that regard.

During the early part of 1956, Dr. John Bell, of Melbourne visited Port Macquarie and with the assistance of the

as suggested by the R.S.L. for the purpose of establishing baths at Port Macquarie, but to date this Committee has not met. It is expected that it will be called together by the R.S.L. at an early date.

The Chamber took strong action to oppose the alienation of part of the Port Macquarie Park for the purpose of a high school and sponsored a largely attended public meeting of protest. The results of this meeting have been conveyed to the Port Macquarie Council, the Minister for Lands, the Minister for Education and the member for Oxley, Mr. L. C. Jordan. The Chamber proposes to leave no stone unturned to see that the Port Macquarie Park is preserved for the use of the people.

Carnival of the Pines

The 1956 Carnival of the Pines was held successfully in July and was officially opened by the Premier of the State. The Carnival was conducted by a separate Committee elected by the Chamber and was under the presidency of Mr. A. L. Crisp. It proved as big a success as the first Carnival in 1955 and a report by the Carnival Committee has already been tendered to and received by the Chamber. We and all members of the Cham-

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COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Local Government Dept. re amendment of ordinances, permitting a competent operative or assistant under the supervision of a licensed water plumber to carry out water plumbing work; increasing from 10/- to £2 the charge for re-inspection of consumers' electrical installations. — Received.

Lands Department, stating that before the matter of site for Fire station can be finalised it will be necessary for the Fire Board to advise the District Surveyor direct that it desires the establishment of a Fire Station and that it agrees to the site proposed by Council.—Ald. Kenny was told the Justice Dept. had knocked back the land at the lock-up.

Council decided to ask the Fire Board to act to obtain the land in Lord Street, and the District Surveyor to be contacted by Council.

Minister for Mines, through Mr. Jordan, M.L.A., re mining activities on the Port Macquarie Golf Links. His Department had no information regarding any mining titles over the area but it was understood that application for authority to enter had been refused by the Mining Warden. It would appear most unlikely that such authority would be granted by the Warden except with the consent of Council. Any prospecting carried out to date was not authorised by the Mining Act. The matter of the subdivision of lands at Cathie would be a subject of a later advice. —Received.

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A Thought For The Week

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—EMERSON.

THE PORT MACQUARIE NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1957

LOCAL and GENERAL

Following a visit yesterday by Messrs. Bradley (inspector) and Ross (architect), representing the Board of Fire Commissioners, immediate steps are to be taken to establish a fire station here. A site in Lord Street, opposite the butcher's shop, has been approved.

Mrs. Jessie Mabel Muldoon, 74, passed away early yesterday morning. The funeral will move to the C. of E. portion of Port Macquarie cemetery at 3 p.m. today. Deceased's husband, the late David Muldoon, died on December 5 last year.

A well known identity of Rawdon Island for many years, Mrs. Alice Harriott, wife of Mr. Arthur Harriott died in Sydney at the weekend and was buried here on Tuesday.

WHEEL BARROW

Alterations To Day Train Service

On and from the 30th January, the Kempsey day train which now runs on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from Kempsey to Sydney and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Sydney to Kempsey, will be altered to run from Sydney on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from Kempsey on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

A local service will operate between Taree and Kempsey on the days on which the service between Kempsey and Sydney does not operate.

OBITUARY

MR. STAN RYDE

A well known local identity, Mr. Stan Ryde, dropped dead at lunch time on Tuesday, at the age of 54. A capable grocer, Stan had had several jobs around the town, and had also spent a number of years in the Islands.

Rail Commissioners Tour

The Railway Commissioner, Mr. Neil McCusker, will commence his tour of the North Coast and Branches on Monday the 4th February.

Wauchope will be inspected on the return journey, the time of arrival being 3.38 p.m. on Friday the 8th February.

It is anticipated that Mr. McCusker will be asked to meet a deputation seeking improvements to the station and surroundings.

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WAUCHOPE Christian Convention, Methodist Church Wauchope, Friday 25th Jan. to Monday. Thursday, 24th January, additional meeting at Port Macquarie in Presbyterian Church 7.30 p.m. Mr. R. H. Gordon, Canon Loane; Friday, 25th January, Wauchope 7.30 p.m. Canon Loane, Mr. R. H. Gordon. Saturday, 26th January, 2 p.m. Missionary Session, 7.30 p.m. Youth Night, Canon Loane, Mr. Gordon; Sabbath, 27th

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SAT.: Macquarie News at 7, 7.30, 11.45 a.m., 6.45 p.m. Local News at 7.45 a.m.

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RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Alice Frances Little wish to thank Dr. Murphy, Matron, Sisters, and Nursing staff of the H. D. Hospital for kindness shown their mother in her illness. They also wish to thank Archdeacon Gerry for his help, and all kind friends and relatives for floral tributes, cards, and letters of sympathy received in their sad loss. Please accept this as personal.

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There is an abundance of evidence that residents and visitors have faith in Port Macquarie's future.

It would be interesting to count the number of homes under construction: there are six on the Glebe Estate alone.

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A WORTHWHILE THOUGHT

"New South Wales is a state of tree murderers," said the Director of the Timber Development Association of Australia, Mr. E. Colin Davis, recently.

Mr. Davis said that usually the first thing a home owner did on purchasing a block of ground was to cut down every possible tree on it, leaving it denuded and robbed of all its natural beauty.

"Many Councils now," he said, "had become aware of this practice and had strictly prohibited the felling or lopping of any trees."

"The average Australian would rather cut down a tree than grow one," said Mr. Davis, "but let's reverse the usual procedure. Nothing lends more dignity or beauty to a home than a tree of some kind and every home-owner should take advantage of the facilities provided by the Forestry Commission, to grow trees."

en standing on land 62 x 125 feet, fenced.

Another small weekender is in Swift Street, offering 1 large room used as bed-sitting room and kitchenette, a separate bedroom and a bathroom - laundry - utility room. This property is only suitable for temporary occupation, subject to Council's approval. Price asked is £1250.

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Mr. Greg Rogers, who has started building in Granite Street, will be the first to use Cypress Pine weatherboards in Port Macquarie.

Most people prefer to grasp the economical advantage of being in one of the world's best hardwood areas, but Mr. Rogers thinks that the handsome appearance provided by pine warrants its importation. This attractive new home will only be seen from the street if Mr. Rogers has more success in his efforts to persuade the Council to clear a most unsightly patch of dense scrub which hides it almost completely.

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COUNCIL DECIDES ON BRICK BUILDING FOR FIRE STATION IN LORD STREET

The Municipal Council decided on Monday night to erect a brick building for its fire station in Lord Street, at an estimated cost of £4000.

Plans, prepared by the Fire Board's architect were before the meeting. In favour of the building would cost £2480.

Present were the Mayor (Ald. A. L. Crisp), Ald. Kennedy, Knap, Graham, Cooper, Wainwright, Hatzisouris, and Mr. Ald. A. L. Crisp presented a detailed report to the Council, following last week's visit by members of the Fire Board.

Ald. Kennedy and Knap the resolution to erect a brick building, and also the appointment of the report.

This means that some temporary fire-fighting equipment will be made available to the town, and that the fire station will be most immediately available.

The site for the fire station—three blocks north of Burravon Street—was considered as very suitable. It has a good approach to the residential section of the town and not too far from the business section.

Personnel

At least twelve volunteers will be required. They will be trained by the Board, and be supplied with uniforms and covered under Workers Compensation. The full extent of their earnings will be met.

It will be a matter for the Council to select the men. The architect stated that that Board would advise the Lands Department that the fire station would be built on the site of the old fire station, and its vicinity to the road level.

The minimum requirement for a fire station consists of a fire engine, a watch room, Council conveniences. Council will have to construct the building for which the Board will pay a rental to cover the interest on the loan, and the Board will maintain it.

The Board requires particulars of resident population, holiday population, mileage of streets, and source of water supply. The Council will be asked to provide these details. A Fire District will be considered and in that area it is usual to strike a Fire Brigade rate up to 1d. in the pound.

Persons outside the fire district will be required to contribute to the cost of the brigade.

As soon as Council decides on the type of building the plans and specifications will be prepared so that tenders can be called for.

Pending the erection of the building and the supply of the fire engine it will be necessary for Council to apply to the Board for a supply hose and all necessary fittings.

Council will be undertaking to see that the equipment is properly cared for.

Lesser Insurance
Ald. Kennedy says of the opinion that insurance rates will be lower than at present would more than compensate property owners for the rate.

The Carnival of the Pines

The committee organising this year's Carnival of the Pines will hold their first meeting late last week.

An effort will be necessary to ensure the success of the carnival. The aim now is to provide the town with an Olympic standard swimming pool.

No doubt, with this in mind, everybody will want to help to ensure the success of the carnival.

At its next meeting, tomorrow (Friday) night the committee hopes to appoint a sub-committee to handle the separate tasks for each different activity associated with the Carnival.

The committee feels that if all the necessary preparations and sporting facilities are put in hand the Carnival will be a view to assisting the town in obtaining a place in the State.

Those prepared to assist with fish, very desirable town projects are asked to co-operate by getting in touch with the committee chairman, Mr. Longworth, at his home, 149 Friday Night, or at the committee meeting in the Council Chambers.

TIN MINES TO BE OPENED?

The Oxley County Council, Clerk, Mr. C. T. Chapman, reported to Thursday's meeting that he had received a request from the Mount Syndicate for rates of pound 100 per acre of erecting lines to the tin mines site at Gundie Creek, Bellangry.

The distance of the proposed line would be 2½ miles from the town. The syndicate has offered to pay £2250 and Mr. Chapman has advised the Syndicate that a proper agreement would be necessary before surveys, etc., could be carried out.

Mr. Chapman's action was endorsed on the motion of Crs. Hamey and Walker—"Shire Gazette."

Friends of Miss Holly Woodlands will be pleased to hear that she has received her appointment to Bessie Park. She will be working well in her teaching career.

Rawdon Island

As a result of a visit to the Island last week by Mr. Bill Daley both Islands and Hursley milk board members are now 100 per cent members of the D.D.C. Farmers were pointed out by Bill that the greater the number of members the more delegates to the district was entitled to and hence the greater voice in the meeting.

The district's milk quota is now 100 per cent, and is closer to the inner circle of Milk Zone suppliers, who enjoy a 100 per cent quota of the Milk zone out-pur. Jones, Mr. Ald. Kennedy, Jones, Little Island and Mr. Perc.

Schoolteacher Transferred Here

Delaney of the big fish while staying with Mr. Mr. Robert Delaney, presentation of a Steam Engine Iron and a lovely afternoon tea set with an envelope of money for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Don O'Brien spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pender. Staying with Mrs. L. Cavanagh are her two nieces and small sons. A. O'Reilly from Cardiff, Lloyd Lyne and Mrs. Don Tugwell are staying with the Lyne family.

The big question with local farmers is "When is it going to RAIN?"

WATER IN TOWN AREA

Glorious Sight as Taps Run

Some householders and some public places have been "stealing a march" for several days now by using water from the town supply.

Working seven days a week, the Public Works Board staff are now extending the water in the town area as testing proceeds.

Busted pipes, and leaks here and there are, naturally, slowing down the testing process. Water was pumped into the reservoir last Friday and into the street as far as the main.

Yond, have had the delightful from the town supply taps.

Ald. D. S. Kennedy pointed out that people who used the water excessively were hampering testing operations.

Council then decided to appoint a team to test the water sparingly, until official sanction was given to use it. If this is not done the water will probably be cut off until further testing is completed.

WELCOME HOME TO MISS FARRELY

On Thursday afternoon last the Ladies of St. Agnes Auxiliary gave a surprise welcome home party to Miss Kath Farrelly, sister of Bishop Farrelly, of Port Macquarie.

The function was held at the home of Mrs. George Gaudin.

Whirl away Miss Farrelly from England, home, Paris, London, and several other places.

On arrival at the party Miss Farrelly was presented with a beautiful shoulder spray of red roses made by Mrs. Hewson and presented by Mrs. Davison.

During the afternoon Mrs. Bruce sang and Mrs. Blake recited, after which a beautiful afternoon tea was enjoyed by about 25 ladies. Miss Farrelly was called upon to make a speech and the toast made and led by Mrs. Davison.

even. Mrs. Hibbard, President of the Auxiliary, presented Miss Farrelly with a beautiful glass dressing table clock and a glass of sherry. Miss Farrelly thanked all the ladies for the wonderful surprise they had given her and fellow.

Salt Air

They were sorting out the millions for coach at last. For the first time, when one looked up from a Rugby Union player. "Who would coach him?" asked Mr. Mick Hills.

Contrary to expectations, pillars of commerce in the Gold Coast are not expecting any decline, either in trade or population, because of the prospects of the dead-end of the Queensland waterways. The fact is that everybody is so well situated that they'd be inclined to such a trifle as the wasp.

OVER the Manning Radio station on Wednesday morning came an announcement that a prisoner of war of the Japanese, and a voice from one of those two-way radios beeped in "I threw 'em all in a bin, you ought to be able to see them."

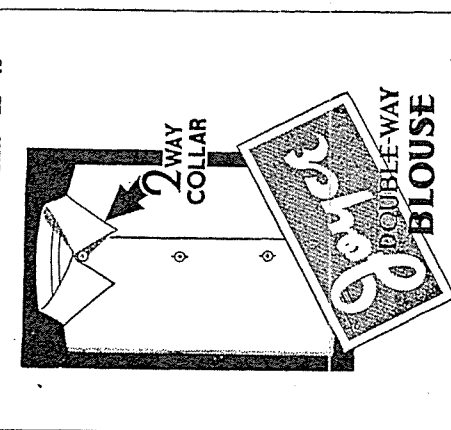
There were no starters for four stewards amongst the footballers, so somebody suggested the surf club gear stewards—who left the club when the surf club was away in a surf carnival.

also for the beautiful present. The afternoon was brought to a close by all present singing "God Save the King." She's A Jolly Good Fellow."

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CHIEF DRAING

areas could mean an annual loss to the Hastings-Mac-
leay community of £35,380 per year.

The following portion of
Mr. Lancaster's statement is
taken from the "Macleay
Argus":—

"With regard to the Has-
tings being declared a zone
for the distribution of
Wauchope milk, the Milk
Board cannot be criticised,
for the Milk Board was
dragged into it," said Mr.
Lancaster.

"I approached the Hastings
Shire Council and told them
that it would be better if the
Milk Board did not come in;
in everybody's interest.

"However, I see by press re-
ports and public statements
that they contradicted the
line I took.

"There is no doubt where
Mr. Ferguson stands; if two
Local Government bodies de-
mand that he come in and
take charge he must do it,"
said Mr. Lancaster.

"I now quote some figures
to justify my statements
made at the Hastings Shire
Council meeting, these figures
being based in an approxi-
mate figure of 600 gallons of
milk bottled by the Hastings
Co-op. Dairy Company.

"On the previous basis, the
vendors purchased 600 gallons
of milk at 4/9, which they
sold at 7/- per gallon (10½d.
per pint), showing a profit of
£67/10/-.

"On the Milk Board basis
the vendors purchase 600 gal-
lons at 5/5½, still retailed at
7/- per gallon, which reduces
their profit to £46/5/-. This
means that the vendors show
a loss of £21/5/1 per day
 (£7756/5/- per year), equal to
8½d. per gallon."

Loss to Wauchope

Mr. Lancaster said that on
the previous basis the Has-
tings Co-op. Dairy Company

Loan Requirements

Although it is unlikely
that any big proportion of
the works will be carried
out—or the monies made
available—the Municipal
Council has submitted to
the Loan Council a lengthy
list of proposed loan re-
quirements.

The list, approved by Coun-
cil's works committee, is as
follows:—

Buildings Fire Station £4500
Kerbing and Guttering £5000;
Water Supply, extensions
£8000; Reconstruction sealing,
drainage etc, Gore Street re-
construction and sealing
£1500; Bridge St/Hayward
Street, reconstruction and
sealing £2950; Lord Street re-
construction, sealing and
drainage £5500; Tuppeny Rd./
Pacific Drive reconstruction
and sealing £1600; Boundary
Street reconstruction and
sealing £650; Waugh Street
reconstruction and sealing
£1300; Table Street recon-
struction, sealing and drain-
age £2000; Hollingworth St.,
reconstruction and sealing
£1600; William Street recon-
struction shoulders, kerb &
guttering and drainage
£1800; Bridge and Culverts
Kooloonbung Creek, widening
£1350; Replace timber cul-
vert Hill Street £2700; Lake
Road, replace culvert south of
Bridge Street £500; Reclam-
ation Works construction of
dredge £2000; Filling 12 mths
operation £1750; £1000 water
supply emergency fund; £10-
000 golf club house; £5000
foreshore improvements.
A total of £69,700.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MATINEE SATURDAY 1.45 P.M.

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Esther Williams, George Nader in

"The Unguarded Moment" (a)

The pretty teacher—and the boy who grew up too fast!
Scorching suspense film in Technicolor.

Associate Feature:—

Paul Henreid, Louis Maxwell in

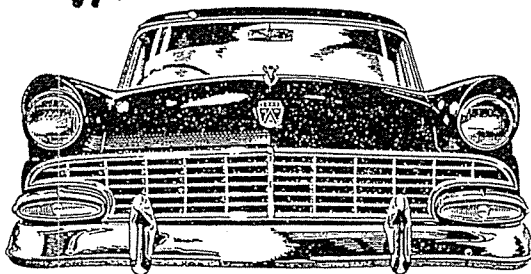
"MANTRAP" (a)

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Council Correspondence

Minister for Lands, through Mr. Jordan M.L.A., stating that enquiries were being made into the transfer of land for fire station and further—*u&A1S eq p1nom &01ap& 1&01* Received.

Minister for Public Works, through Mr. Jordan, M.L.A., regarding request for cost of water supply to 31/12/56. Enquiries were being made and the information would be given as soon as possible.—Received.

H. J. White objecting to the resumption of part of his land on the ground that it was leased to P. W. & R. K. Dulhunty and he would be deprived of rents after the date of resumption.—Received.

W. J. Boardman, applying for permission to hire surf-planes, umbrellas and chairs on the Town Beach from December, 1957, to February, 1958. He would renew his public risk policy, caretake and clean the new dressing sheds and also watch for the safety of children on the beach. —Approved, and permission given.

Hastings Shire Council, asking for support for their request to the Department of Main Roads to give priority to the sealing of the Oxley Highway over other East-West highways.—Council to co-operate.

The Totally & Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association asking Council to consider waiving the rates on property owned by Mr. A. J. Pickering amounting to £24/3/4.

Connections To Water Main

A question at Monday's Council meeting regarding licensed plumbers led to some discussion on the subject.

A plumber operating in the town for some years couldn't make connections to the water scheme because he didn't have the necessary certificate.

He had made approaches to the Council to issue him a license to do so.

Ald. Walker took the point that if Council was to demand that a licensed plumber do the work, it should also require some certificate that all connections had been made by a licensed plumber.

The deputy mayor quoted from the Local Government ordinances that anyone unlicensed and doing their own connections would be liable.

Mr. de la Rue said one stipulation of the issue of a license was to prove a five-year apprenticeship.

Ald. Kennedy said he had heard a remarkable story recently about one license; there was no five-year apprenticeship that he could see.

Mr. de la Rue asked Council what it would do if it found say 50 properties that had been illegally connected?, and no one attempted to answer the question.

The engineer said the position was that Council would eventually have to employ an inspector.

The deputy mayor agreed, saying they were fast reaching the stage of more inspectors than workers.

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ed).

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B. Cowan and H. A. Rose (re-
elected unopposed).

Secretary—Mr. Max Mc-
Caffrey (re-elected unoppos-
ed).

Treasurer — Mr. Stewart
Kennedy (re-elected unoppos-
ed).

Trustees—Messrs G. Hollis
and F. S. McCrae (re-elected
unopposed).

Committee—Mrs. W. F. At-
kinson, Messrs. D. B. Cowan,
M. McCaffrey, H. A. Rose
and Walter Keech.

Matters relating to the im-
pending re-distribution of el-
ectorates were discussed, and
the continued whittling down
of country representation in
State Parliament was viewed
with apprehension for the
future welfare of country res-
idents.

Mrs. Atkinson was elected
delegate to the General Con-
ference to be held in Sydney
in June.

Another matter also dis-
cussed was the Milk question
and it was decided that the
parliamentarians represent-
ing milk producing areas must
be made fully aware of all
facets of the industry includ-
ing the marketing side of the
business.

A speedy recovery to good
health was the message sent
to Mr. Jordan, and it was
pointed out by a delegate
that an immense amount of
benefit to the electors came
as a result of Mr. Jordan's
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COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Albert H. Woods, of Chats-
wood, forwarding two photos
and two sketches of Port
Macquarie; that of Lake In-
nes was drawn in 1865 and
the photo of the gaol dormi-
tory was taken in 1904. Mr.
Wood's father-in-law, the
late Archdeacon F. G. Neild,
who lived with his father Dr.
Neild who was Government
Medical Officer.—Council de-
cided to take copies of the
photos.

The District Agronomist,
Taree, Dept. of Agriculture,
referring to discussions at a
recent conference as to
whether Major Innes intro-
duced lantana into this dis-
trict. He asked whether Coun-
cil had any information in its
possession in the way of ex-
tracts from the diary of Major
Innes as the Department
would like to have a copy of
same.—Council to forward in-
formation.

Lord Mayor Alderman H. F.
Jensen, on behalf of the Syd-
ney Committee extending an
invitation to the town of Port
Macquarie to participate in
the second Waratah Spring
Festival by entering a float
in the street pageant on Sat-
urday the 12th October which
would attract interstate and
overseas tourists attention to
Sydney and the State of New
South Wales.—Chamber of
Progress to be asked to dis-
cuss the matter.

Board of Fire Commission-
ers of N.S.W., stating that the
President (Mr. L. E. Duff)
and Fire Commissioner C. J.
Edwards would visit Port
Macquarie on Thursday the
11th April and would like to
meet members of Council at
the Council Chambers at 8
p.m. to discuss the extension
of the Fire Brigades Act to
Port Macquarie and the erec-
tion of a Fire Station by
Council prior to this action
being taken.—Council to meet
the Board.

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Mayor Presents Favourable Report From Board of Fire Commissioners

The Mayor of Port Macquarie, Ald. A. L. Crisp, was able to tell the Municipal Council on Monday night that the new fire station and completely equipped garage will soon be an established fact.

The president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Mr L. E. Duff, accompanied by Mr. C. J. Edwards, and the assistant secretary, Mr. Webb, met the Mayor and Ald. Graham and the town clerk (Mr. Percy) on Thursday night.

The Mayor's report to Council stated:

Mr. Duff said as far as his Board was concerned the fire station could not be built soon enough.

The policy of his Board had changed and they considered that Councils should not be called upon to erect the buildings, but they should be erected by the Board.

However, as they had not provided for the building this year, the present arrangements would stand. Council would erect the building and it would be taken over by the Board at a later date.

They proposed to send officers here to define the fire district which would be gazetted and the Fire Brigades Act would then apply. A charge would be made where the brigade attended a fire outside the fire district.

The fire engine and equipment is now available. Plans and specifications for the building will be sent on within a week or two. This would provide for a recreation room in addition to the accommodation previously provided.

The site has been selected, but he considered that a more suitable site might be secured nearer to the fire hazards.

After the Act had been applied Council should make application direct to the Fire underwriters for a re-classification of the area for fire insurance purposes.

The Board would assist Council in its application for approval of a loan for the erection of the building.

The Board suggested the establishment of a local committee to provide amenities for the firemen.

The Mayor also informed the meeting, in reply to a question by Ald. Waiters, that seeking a more central site would not hold up the plans to establish the brigade at an early date.

2 K M

Next Sunday night at 9 o'clock, there will be a special Easter edition of the 2KM "Sunday Night Concert." This programme will consist of about thirty songs of

SIX MORE NEW HOMES

Among the building applications approved on Monday night were six more new homes for Port Macquarie.

Hall, G. H., dwelling, Seaview Ave., for self, £1800; Johnson, D., additions, Home Street for self £700; Oxley County Council, additions, Gordon Street for self £1500;

Martin, A. J., dwelling, Macquarie Heights for self £3500; Loeson, R. M. and B. R., dwelling, Macquarie Heights for self £3280;

Hyde, B., dwelling, Platt Street for A. Doyle £2000; Hyde, B., dwelling, Pacific Highway for E. Gaul £2000;

Olsen, D., dwelling, Anne Street for W. Turnbull, £2600. Mr. Iffernan is to be informed that Council is considering his application for a four-foot awning at his Clarence Street premises.

Public Works

The Dept. of Public Works has approved Federal Road Aids grants for Port Macquarie amounting to £5,500 for 1956/57.

The roads to be completed are as follows:—

Boundary Street, £2,710.
Old Lake Road, £2,290.
Kennedy Drive, £500.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

Ald. Graham was told Council would look into the matter of the bad state of footpath crossings where water mains have been installed in the main street.

Ald. Munday was told that drainage in William Street at Mr Campbell's residence would be looked into; that the Mayor and inspector would discuss with Mr. Gurney the matter of keys to lavatories on the camping reserve.

Ald. Munday claimed that one key had been allotted to a group of campers, and the man who had the key went off to Kempsey for the day, taking the key with him.

Ald. Munday said one lot of campers had packed up and left.

On the other hand, Ald. Walker said he had heard complimentary remarks in re-

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THE PORT MACQUARIE NEWS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1957

LOCAL and GENERAL

The band will not give its usual recital this week-end because so many of its members will be in Sydney to see the football.

Ald. Warlters was told at Monday's Council meeting that the Fire Board had promised early action in regard to the Fire Brigade, but not much had been done yet. Fire Board officers had been here last week to fix the Fire District, and were of the opinion land in Hay Street, near the Fisheries Dept. home, was a more suitable fire station site than Lord Street.

At a meeting of the Port Macquarie Pastures Protection Board the Chairman, Mr. F. C. Hill, extended a warm welcome to the newly-elected member to the Board, Mr. T. J. Eorer, of Bowraville, and the Board's first ranger, Mr. R. V. Saunders.

There was at least one bright spot at the Council table on Monday night — a vase of beautiful poppies grown by the town clerk, Mr. G. T. Percy.

Digger Harry Butler, of Port Macquarie, has been elected president of the Lower North Coast District Council of the R.S.L. Digger Gordon Bowie, also of Port Macquarie was elected secretary. Sports Day this year is to be held at Wingham, in October.

SPEARFISHING Club meeting Tourist Hotel, to-night (Thursday) 8 p.m. All interested invited.

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CHAMBER TO ADVERTISE PORT MACQUARIE ON CITY TRAMS

At its meeting last night, the Chamber of Progress decided to use Sydney trams as a medium for advertising Port Macquarie.

An attractive sign full-length on the exterior of one side of a tram is to be used.

The cost to the Chamber for a six months period will be £65.

The Chamber hopes to have the Carnival of the Pines use the same space for a further six months.

A beach scene will be incorporated and an invitation to holiday at Port Macquarie will be set out in large letters.

Present were Messrs. L. Hartley (president), D. Donovan (secretary), H. White, W. Heffernan, H. Buckmaster, R. Calvert, R. Scott, C. Gott, G. Warlters, C. Staples, R. Clarke, L. McNeil, B. Hanlon, C. Bailey, J. Casey, C. Uptin.

Correspondence

Cinesound Productions, advising that Mr. J. Gerard, of Coffs Harbour, had been commissioned to canvass the whole North Coast area with a view to promoting finance for the production of a film.—Chamber decided to wait on further advice from Mr. Gerard.

Nambour Chamber of Commerce, approving, and seeking particulars of white way in Port Macquarie.—Referred to Oxley County Council to supply details required.

Carnival of the Pines, seeking consideration to giving assistance to a move to raise funds for the purchase of new instruments for the band.—Stood over for consideration at next meeting.

East-West Airlines, re proposal to enter float in Sydney's Waratah Festival on October 12, and offering to provide calico signs for same.—The Chamber decided that a committee should meet the

PERSONAL PARS.

Miss Jessie Dick, injured in a motor smash at Kempsey a few weeks ago, has been discharged from the Macleay District Hospital, and returned home to Port Macquarie on Monday.

Friends of Mr. Ernie Garlick will be pleased to hear that he is progressing favourably in the Mater Misericordiae Private Hospital, North Sydney, after undergoing a spinal operation.

Miss Ethel Walker, of Kempsey, is relieving at the Macleay Co-op, whilst Miss Roslyn Smith is on holidays.

Mrs. Pountney is holidaying with son Keith and family at Newcastle. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are occupying Mrs. Pountney's home whilst renovations are being carried out at the Commercial Bank.

Miss Gillen left for Sydney this week and will then fly to Adelaide to visit her sister.

Mrs. E. Rowell has journeyed to Sydney to be with her sister, who is recuperating following an operation.

Mrs. M. C. Reeves and children Peter and Susan returned to Collaroy this week to await the arrival of Lieut.-Com. M. C. Reeves, who expects to return from Malaya early in July. Mrs. Reeves had been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Commercial Bank, for the eight months of her husband's posting in Malaya.

Noticed Miss Hogan school.

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We invite inquiries from

those interested, and you may arrange an inspection by calling at our office without delay. This is a farm bargain of the year!

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Shores of Lake Cathie, small modern week-ender for £800.

This cottage situated close to the proposed Cathie Bridge has a northerly aspect, and with the touch of a painter's brush could be made most attractive. Inspections can be arranged at any time to suit your convenience.

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Modern, attractive tiled-roofed weatherboard cottage at West Port is offering for £3,250.

Plaster lined ceilings and panelled walls of maple, this delightful cottage features modern kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, large lounge with open fireplace (just the thing for these winter nights) garage and workshop, tidy garden and lawns.

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Municipal Council Correspondence

Fire Station for Hay Street

Board of Fire Commissioners, advising the approval of the Hay Street fire station, joining the Hay Street fire station office and recommending that the Crown Land be acquired by Council. They asked for the lot to be cleaned of long grass and the site to be made suitable for their Architect to design levels. A copy of the description of the proposed fire district had been forwarded for Council's information and the Council was requested to improve Valuation of the land within the area which Council was requested to furnish to their office—Council to make early application for the land.

MORE CONCERN OVER WATER SCHEME

Altkerman on Monday night expressed further concern over Port Macquarie's water scheme, particularly in relation to the slow progress in completing the pumping plant at the headworks.

The Council was discussing a letter from the Dept. of Public Works, advising that the design of the intake works at Koroore Island had been changed, and that the Council was to be communicated with the preliminary work necessary in connection with the new design. Engineer, Richardson, informed the Council that he had no detailed information of the new proposal. Present were the Mayor, Ald. A. L. Crisp, Ald. Kenny, MLC, A. Cooper, G. Munday,

R. Graham, G. Warlters, A. O. Walker and D. S. Kennedy. Ald. Warlters asked did the Mayor know what effect on the water supply the change would have? He was informed that Mr. Engineer Bailey had assured the Mayor no extra cost would be involved, and a better system would be installed. Ald. Kenny pointed out that under the present arrangement pumping was only possible when there was some body to supervise. He said so you can leave your name at Bob's office in Horton Street, and the Association will be ready to have enquiries coming in from Armidale, Grafton, Taree and centres.

Arrangements for tours of the area are being made so that visitors will receive the greatest possible impressions of our district and its beauties. Mayor and other dignitaries will lead parties on the occasion, and it is hoped that this will be the first of many such gatherings in Port Macquarie.

Good progress is being made now with our Olympic Pool. Excavation is well advanced and brickworks of the new pool are going steadily up. The new Rotary Youth Centre is already proving its worth and several organisations are now enjoying its amenities. Pressure is being exercised to the Government to continue the Secretaryship of the Wauchope Show.

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Ex-Naval Men's Re-Union & Dinner

Arrangements are in hand to hold a Re-Union and dinner in Port Macquarie on the Labour Day weekend, October 5th, 6th and 7th.

For several years past local Ex-Naval men have been travelling to Tamworth for the re-union, but the Tamworth boys decided this year that they would hold the dinner in the sea air, and it is planned that the dinner will be held at the Surf Club Pavilion and catering will be the hands of the Surf Club Association.

Mr. Bob Bartlett is the organising Secretary and has the names of most local men. If you have not already done so you can leave your name at Bob's office in Horton Street, and the Association will be ready to have enquiries coming in from Armidale, Grafton, Taree and other centres.

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D. J. Lancaster, Chairman

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Attorney's home of 10 years, nicely painted in pastel colours, large front porch, large front room, large lounge room; kitchen with double bath, both dry. Garage 27' x 22'. Level block with 55 feet frontage and 33' depth. Building Society Loan of about £500. Owner making £4750.

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Commencing on Saturday next, a local drive for funds will be made on behalf of Legacy.

Though little is heard of the great work Legacy has done in caring for those embroiled in the aftermath of war, there is an ever-present local as well as Australia-wide need.

Through the voluntary effort on the part of the legatees, and the response to public appeal, dependants of deceased servicemen are given every possible care and opportunity in life.

Badges, as usual, will be offered to the public.

Saturday Night Function

The president of the R.S.L. Club, Mr. Don Steele, is a legatee, and has issued invitations, as well as a general invitation, to all who desire to assist Legacy to hear an address at the R.S.L. Club on Saturday evening.

Digger Reg. North, of

Salt Air

We like the new name for it—"Surfers' Palestine!"

The best place to have a drink in town at the moment is the saloon bar of the Royal Hotel. There the electric clock has taken a fit of a type which the O.C.C. meters never have—it's going backwards.

NOW that the delicious crustacean is re-appearing, the old story of the Newcastle drunk is timely. He went into Jerry's Cafe down near the railway, sniffed heavily over the counter and asked were the lobsters fresh? Pointing to one, Jerry said: "Tell you how fresh they are, that one walk-

Three, will give the address, and films will also be shown.

Diggers W. B. de la Rue, Alan Kennedy, and Orwell Bennett are the other local legatees.

C.W.A. NOTES

All arrangements for the Debutante Spring Ball to be held on 27th September are well in hand and given a fine night, should be a great success. Frank Tyne's orchestra will supply the music.

Our International night was a great success. Most of the organisations of the town were represented. All enjoyed Mrs. Kirkby's address immensely. Whilst here Mrs. Kirkby was the guest of Mrs. Plummer, "Sunnyside", Swift Street.

Much credit was due to Mesdames Stanley, Murray, McDermott, F. Plummer and Gott. For the hall decorations Mrs. Stanley's straw hut with the "fuzzy wuzzles" took pride of place, together with the tropical fruits supplied by the members. Our thanks to Mr. Lewis, Post Master for the painting of cartoons of New Guinea natives and to Mr. Albert Dick for the collection of butterflies collected by him from the Islands in World War II; also to those members who worked so hard behind the scenes.

We now have a lovely new Symphony Orchestra piano in our hall, purchased from Mr. Clifton Gray, of Kempsey. Members are very happy with the purchase.

Our monthly card party will not be held as usual on the second Friday in September, as this is the date set aside for the exhibition of

THE ARCADIAN

WILL THERE BE NO CHORUS?

It is almost unbelievable that in a town of five-and-a-half thousand people, the Music and Dramatic Society is having difficulty getting a chorus for its sparkling new show, "The Arcadians."

The producer, Mr. Don Middlebrook, has chosen the show because of its general suitability.

It is well balanced with music and comedy, but the 16 "leads" required have drained heavily on the chorus section.

Surely there are some people—either young or old who are suitable—who could assist with the chorus parts.

The Society is making an urgent appeal to keep the show alive.

It is to run for four nights about mid-October.

Anyone—male or female—prepared to assist should contact the producer or any member of the Society without delay.

Better still, you would be more than welcome at the rehearsal in the bandroom tonight (Thursday).

OBITUARY

On Sunday last, 25th August, an old identity of Telegraph Point, Mrs. Eliza Emma Hooper, passed away at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Hooper's husband predeceased her.

The interment was made in the Church of England portion of the Port Macquarie Cemetery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Sophia Ford, of Home Street, Port Macquarie, passed away in the Hastings District Hospital on Friday, 23rd August, at the age of 66 years.

Deceased and her husband, Mr. Percy Ford, came to Port Macquarie from Canada ten years ago.

Their daughter, an only child, still lives in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford were both born in Essex, England, but met for the first time in Canada, where they married.

BEING HURRIED

FIRE STATION LAND

The Mayor (Ald. A. L. Crisp) assured the Municipal Council on Monday night that the Lands Dept. was hurrying the transfer of a Crown Land block to the Council so that a fire station could be built.

The land is situated in Hay Street, next to the Fisheries Dept. residence.

Council expects to have plans for the building soon, and will be in a position to call tenders when the transfer of land is affected.

In a Mayoral Minute, Ald. Crisp stated:—

Whilst in Sydney I interviewed Mr. Webb, Officer-in-Charge of Fire Station buildings, and he informed me that plans would be complete within three or four days; they would be forwarded to Council for the calling of tenders—the cost would be approximately £5,000.

I would recommend that Council apply for loan approval and arrange a short term loan with a Bank or Insurance Company so that as soon as the Lands Department grant the land applied for the tenders can be accepted and the building of the station commenced.

I stress the urgency of the Fire Station because when installed, the reduction in insurance premiums by reclassification will offset Council's water charges.

HOT SALT WATER BATHS

HELP FOR SPASTIC

MANNIQUIN PARADE

SATURDAY NIGHT

Opportunity to assist the Spastic Centre is presented by the mannequin parade and cabaret evening to be held in the Hotel Macquarie Lounge on Saturday night.

Doors will open at 7.30 p.m., and the parade is to commence at 8.15 p.m. sharp those going along are advised to be early.

Joans Salon will present an interesting and appealing range of beach and summer wear.

Calyпсо Numbers

Another item not to be missed will be the presentation of several calypso numbers by Mr. Peter Street and his Apexian friends.

Cabaret dancing will follow the parade.

A charge of 5/- admission is being made, and in the light of a donation to assist children unfortunately afflicted this is very small indeed.

Supper will be served.

Donation From Sherry's Store

Some lucky person attending the parade will win a £2/2/- open order on Sherry's Store in Lord Street.

Mrs. Sherringham has kind-

THE TIDES

IT WILL BE HIGH TIDE ON

	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	11.38	—
Friday	0.31	12.40
Saturday	0.57	1.28
Sunday	2.01	2.34
Monday	3.16	3.43
Tuesday	4.30	4.50
Wednesday	5.36	5.48

ly made this donation as an added attraction to the evening, and lucky door tickets will be handed out.

NEARLY EIGHT INCHES

Week's Rain

Copious rains have given 781 points in the past week. Three and a half inches fell in a violent rainstorm on Monday night.

Over three inches resulted from the deluge last Thursday.

Damage to crops in some instances has been severe, and many growers who were picking peas have lost hundreds of pounds.

Roads suffered severely, and in some instances culverts were washed out.

Mr. B. Moy, of Tacking Point, made a special trip to town on Monday night to warn the Council that the culvert at the foot of Cunningham's Hill had washed out, and there was a grave danger to traffic.

Mr. Moy's action enabled Mr. Ron Richardson to get quickly on the scene, and any chance of accident was averted.

The past seven days have been wet, registrations being: August 22nd, 21 points; 23rd, 31; 24th, 5; 25th, 76; 26th, 4; 27th, 360; 28th, 4.

FATHER'S DAY

raised for Legacy.

A large contribution to this wonderful amount came from the R.S.L. Club, where two Saturday night functions were held, and the proceeds of the poker machines for the week were also devoted to Legacy. A sum of £719 was raised through the efforts of the Club.

MAYOR & ALD. KENNY IN SYDNEY

Port Macquarie's Mayor, Ald. A. L. Crisp, and Ald. J. L. Kenny, M.L.C., are at present in Sydney endeavouring to arrange loan works for the Municipality.

Their visit follows a communication from the Dept. of Works and Local Government that loans already applied for are £1,000,000 in excess of loans available.

Loan monies are being sought for the following:
£8000, for water extensions.
£5000, for fire station;
£15,600 for roads;
£8000, for drainage, kerb and gutter;
£4000, for Kooloonbung reclamation.

The Fire Board is to be asked to build the fire station itself, rather than have the Council raise the loan.

Efforts are also being made to speed up the allocation from Commonwealth Aid for the Cathie Bridge project.

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VEHICLES

55 Holden utility, excellent condition throughout, long registration £240 dep.
51 Ford utility, radio, canopy, long registration. Dep.

Hudson with 28 points. On Sunday Mrs. Hudson won the 18 hole gross and Mrs. Leahy the 18 hole nett at Forster's open day.

James Hewart Macarthur Wood, 71, of Gosford, passed away on 5th September, at the H.D. Hospital. Cremation at Beresfield took place on Monday 9th September.

Mrs. Phyllis Hearfield writes from 125 Ewos Parade, Cronulla, that Mr. Barney Hearfield was admitted to St. George's Hospital, Sydney, in a dangerous condition on Tuesday evening, suffering from "Golden Staph." A number of friends here will wish him well.

The Rotary Club picnic on Sunday is to be at Shelley Beach, not Flynn's Beach as mentioned on Page 1.

EDITORIAL

THE NEED FOR BATHS

Change of thought on the question of baths is now apparent in a section of the community, and the type and place, as well as the need or not buys ready argument. Last night, the Chamber of Progress decided to switch horses from a Services Memorial Pool to a rock pool. Whatever is done there can be little doubt about the need for a swimming enclosure. This is supported by the popularity of the "pool" the Council has provided at something like an average annual cost of £175 per year for the

would be reinforced concrete and rock with a four-foot apron out to a safety fence. The floor of the pool would be concrete, and water in it would always remain at a certain level. Lighting could be provided for night swimming, and cement paths made up to the present new sheds.

All this, said Mr. Hanlon, could be included for £10,000.

He went on to say that the correct procedure would be to engage an architect, who in turn would get a marine engineer on the job. He would like to see his own architect, Mr. Kirkwood, do the job.

Mr. Hanlon said the bogey of floods would be raised, but, he asked, how many floods have you had in the past two years? If there are floods the baths could be cleaned up within a week, he said.

Mr. Hanlon made the offer, that if the cost exceeded £10,000, he would be prepared to make available an interest free loan up to £3000. Mr. H. A. Buckmaster seconded.

Mr. Albert McWhirter did not think a rock pool would be as good as an ordinary pool. Heavy seas would prevent its use, and he had seen flood rubbish not cleaned up before the next flood came.

Mr. Col Bailey favoured the motion. A pool at Nyngan had just cost £87½ thousand. If the council or anyone else supported an olympic pool here it would be another 25 years before it could be built. If the cost here was to be something like £100,000 it would be foolish. For £10,000 they could build the rock pool, and it would be an asset.

Mr. Cec. McWhirter pointed out that Wauchope's pool was costing £40,000 to £45,000, not £100,000.

He said the photo of a pool shown by Mr. Hanlon

and the car parking space.

Mr. A. M. Keena couldn't see where the money would come from to provide an Olympic pool and maintain it. He felt if they could get the rock pool and it was a success they could go for the other pool later.

Mr. Edwards pointed out there would be a charge to go into baths; the rock pool would be free.

Mr. Wilson opposed baths because of infection he had seen children suffer. He made the point that if a million people in Sydney could be satisfied by a rock pool, 6000 in Port Macquarie should be.

Mr. Ian Austin, of Motel Park, said he was keen to see progress. He claimed that at Goulburn 20,000 people with no beaches in opposition the swimming pool still ran at a loss. He added that people came to the seaside for the salt water.

Mr. Lance Hartley claimed that the assurance to back an olympic pool depended on individual effort, and with people getting tired of the carnival work it was a slender thread to back on.

Mr. Joscelyne said cost was the dominating factor. The way he saw it, the rock pool would be a possibility "tomorrow". He would like to see them stuck into something they could do.

Ald. A. P. Cooper raised the question as to whether the Chamber was dumping the Baths Committee after having backed it, and it was agreed to leave this question until the motion was disposed of.

The rescission motion was, after a vote had been taken, declared carried by a large majority.

Mr. Hanlon then moved—"that preliminary plans and estimates be obtained for a rock pool at the Town Beach, and the available funds of the

But the area mentioned will I think, always remain Port Macquarie's "Golden Strip". Time and again people have missed opportunities there, failing to secure blocks they considered too highly priced, only to see someone else snap them up and either turn them over at a profit or establish enviable homes or investments.

It is interesting to consider what will be the position as these positions become fewer and fewer.

I think there will be two certain results:—

1. As there is little likelihood of Port Macquarie's popularity waning prices in the area will continue to rise. The law of supply and demand applies as much to the sale of Real Estate as to anything else, and the indications are that the demand will at least be maintained while the supply diminishes. The demand will continue until prices reach the stage where one of two possible situations applies:

(a) Builders of flats or other multi-unit buildings, after dividing the allotment price by the number of units to be built to obtain a "land cost per unit", and comparing it with the estimated return available per unit, will find the comparison economically unsound, or

(b) Buyers will prefer, because of the saving involved to forsake Port Macquarie for other less developed and less desirable resorts, or at least to forsake the "dress circle" for other less desirable but cheaper neighbourhoods here. Prices at these other resorts and neighbourhoods will not have remained static in the meantime of course.

verted to one if preferred. Between school and town, and very handy to break-water for fishing. Water views. Owner asking £3700, will consider an offer for quick sale. This is a really good buy.

■ Roomy 3-bedroom home with good space underneath easily converted to flats. Close to school, less than 5 minutes walk to shops. All rooms have good window space and are bright and airy. Fairly good condition modern facilities. Price £4130, terms available.

■ Pacific Drive. Corner block, ideally suited to flats. Close to Flynn's Beach. 60' x 132'. £850. Needs light clearing.

■ Close to bowling green and town beach. Very comfortable and compactly designed home having 4 bedrooms and glassed-in verandah. All electric, with built in frig. Wall-to-wall feltex throughout bedrooms, lounge, dining room and passages. Garage. Snap buying at £4130 complete.

■ Same locality. Fibro cottage. 2 bedrooms and sleep-out. Fair condition, recently painted. Very good position. Fully furnished at £3100.

■ Pacific Drive. Splendid level block, ocean view over Flynn's Beach. 50' x 160'. For private home only. £1100.

■ Very close to town, in William Street. Tiled roof, weatherboard duplex. Large street level unit, fully furnished, available to purchaser, but showing very lucrative returns from holiday lets. Downstairs flat let to bank officer. Could later be furnished and let very profitably. Shows good investment return on overall price of £5600.

■ Pacific Drive, right at

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EDITORIAL

WHAT OF THE MEMORIAL?

Confusion gave way to chaos when Baths Committee delegates voted for "a pool of not less than Olympic standard size" on the town beach. The Chamber of Progress had said "yes" to a rock pool, whereas the amendment for "a pool" has in mind something altogether different. Without any authority from the bodies they represented, the Baths Committee delegates settled for "a pool." No "a pool" site has been chosen or even discussed, and now a panel of three has been told it can spend money on plans and specifications for something that not even the Baths Committee, let alone the Chamber, the R.S.L. and the other town organisations, is agreed upon. How any member of the Chamber of Progress could be content to see its hard-earned funds frittered away on a doubtful project will always remain a mystery to this paper. Those funds, together with the R.S.L. contribution, form a nucleus no one ever dreamt of, and seem to be the assured means of doing something really big for the town. If they go, so must go all hope of the memorial pool. We have backed the Chamber beyond the limit in all its efforts so far, but we are not prepared to jump with it from one foot to another. Even though the first sign of unanimity followed the announcement for a Services' Memorial Pool, every known obstacle has been placed along the rails, so much so that it has become the fashion to talk in negative terms. Baths can only be a liability if they are poorly made and poorly situated. These two objects some people seem determined to achieve. We're prepared to accept the challenge of the rock pool or "a pool" and will lead the fight against it, but we can't achieve anything alone. We believe the town should have salt water baths; there could be no better Services Memorial, and the place—and only place—for them is in the very heart of the town. What better preference could be given the R.S.L. than having fresh salt-water baths within 100 yards of their present extending building? Kooloonbung is the warmest, most sheltered, and most central site in town for the baths.

TAKING SHAPE

CATHIE BRIDGE

As the result of further voluntary effort over the last three Sundays, eight girders and seven corbels have been squared on one side, and approximately half the filling for the southern approach is in place.

Those participating in the preparation of the timber were Messrs. L. Barnes, N. Aherne, E. W. Cunning, R. Graham jnr., Paddy Scott, J. Toomey and R. Richardson.

The filling is being donated by the Cunning Bros., and Messrs. E. J. Cunning and Barnes, are dozing the material ready for loading.

Council's Traxcavator and two trucks are being used; the trucks being driven by volunteers; these being Messrs H. Strong, R. Partridge, K. French and V. Orme, and trucks have been supplied free of charge by Messrs. H. P. Wallis, K. Ireland and Zircon Rutile Ltd. Messrs. Hinton, Richardson, Scott and Toomey have assisted with unloading and spreading.

A further two Sundays will be required to complete the filling, and volunteers needed to assist in placing rock in position to protect the approaches against scouring.

Depending on the number of trucks available this coming Sunday, it is anticipated that the placing of the rock may be carried out on Sunday

be possible for work on the superstructure of the first span to be commenced on Sunday week.

Films To-Night At Golf Club

Club members and Associates may take friends along as guests to a film night in the Club House to-night.

Mr. Jerry Brien has brought the films up from Sydney and has kindly made them available to the club.

They include the World Cup football series; the Burns-Patrick fight and a golf film.

THE TIDES

IT WILL BE HIGH TIDE ON

A.M. P.M.

MOVING

Fire Station and Loan For Water Extensions

At Monday night's Municipal Council meeting, the Mayor, Ald. A. L. Crisp, reported some success as the result of approaches made by Ald. Kenny, M.L.C., and himself in Sydney.

- Confirmation of an £8,000 loan, which will permit further extensions and connections to the water supply, can be expected at an early date;
- The fire station loan of £5,000 will be considered on its merits, and has every chance of succeeding. Plans for the station had been left with the Dept. of Public Works;
- An application for £700 for flood relief, following the recent deluge, is to be given consideration;
- Advice was given that all loan applications, with a supporting letter setting out the need and urgency, should be made at an early date;
- Council should receive £3000 this year, and £3000 during the first half of 1958, for

Commonwealth Aid Roads grant.

Ald. Warlters and Kennedy had a motion carried that the Member for Oxley, Mr. L. C. Jordan, be asked to pursue the loan applications on behalf of the Council.

Salt Air

Rowley Poley Evatt

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Although the Council met as usual on Monday night it was Tuesday before "Question time" was reached. At 20 minutes to one the aldermen called it another day.

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A letter got into the local post office addressed to one who had passed on. It was returned to the sender

HELP NEEDED

At the monthly meeting of

A Thought For The Week

Necessity will teach a man, however stupid he be, to be wise.

—EURIPIDES.

THE PORT MACQUARIE NEWS

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1957

LOCAL and GENERAL

One contentious matter cleaned up during the visit of parliamentary representatives was Mr. Renshaw's statement that there was no bar to a grant for baths because Port Macquarie was on the coast. He also added that at the moment there were not many applications in for baths subsidy.

Plans for Port Macquarie's fire station — a brick and concrete structure to be erected in Hay Street — were before the Municipal Council on Monday night. Tenders are to be called.

A cheque for £850 was handed to Taree Legacy by the local legatees last week. This figure was down slightly on last year's effort. Of the total amount £730 odd was contributed through the RSL Club.

Sketch plans are being prepared for extensions to the R.S.L. Club premises and something like an expenditure of £20,000 is envisaged. Included in the proposals is a large room on the southern side of the premises which would accommodate 300 persons at a cabaret style dance. Old Comrades of the 2/2

PERSONAL PARS

Miss E. Clarke, of Blackheath, is on a holiday visit to the Harry Bransdons, in Lord Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pike, Gore Street, have their son John and daughter-in-law, of Sydney, holidaying with them. On his return to Sydney Mr. Pike will take up his new position as assistant Engineer at Botany.

An interesting holiday visitor is Mr. Clive Kingsford, of the Commercial Banking Co., Sydney. He is a native of Port Macquarie, and spent his school days here. It is 102 years since his grandfather first came to Port Macquarie in the Pilot Service. Many of the older residents will remember the family well.

A happy little gathering of surf clubbers said farewell to Mr. "Bill" Russell at the conclusion of the civic luncheon on Friday last. "Bill" received a souvenir spoon and ashtray, as well as rounds of good wishes prior to his departure for Katoomba.

Mrs. J. A. Lander, State President of the Country Women's Association, officially opened the North Coast annual Group Conference, which was held in Coffs Har-

FULL OF PROMISE

LAST NIGHT'S REHEARSAL

Producer Don Middlebrook has come up with another grand effort in the musical comedy, "The Arcadians," which opens on Monday, and shows for four nights in the Civic Hall.

Based on "Simplicitas," a character (in every sense of the word) who emerges as an "Arcadian" from a mythical land and turns a London racecourse upside down as well as his love affairs, the story is intriguing as well as being in good comedy taste.

Several new faces bring new talent, and among the happy surprises awaiting next week's audiences are the performances of Joyce Thom, the racy-publican type wife of "Simplicitas"; Bede Quinn's delightful interpretation of "Peter Doodly"—a jockey that has yet to ride a place-getter, and above all young Locky Sherringham as "Simplicitas."

We were privileged last night to be part of a small and highly-critical audience at a dress rehearsal.

The thrill of crowds of people in the audience will do all that Producer Don has been trying to achieve in rounding off the show.

There will be smiles to replace the worried expressions, the ballet will lose its giggles



Joyce Thom

and the young men will realise that none of the hordes of women around will bite, particularly if embraced fondly.

The singing in the first act sets the three-acter off to a merry pace, and Miss Bobbie Delaney has plenty of scope for her glorious voice. She makes a lovely "Sombra" who with "Chrysea" (Miss Isobel Dark, of Wauchope, and another lovely voice), are the two girls from mythical Arcadia.

The audience will see a lot of Miss Pat Thomson, who

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Real Estate News And Views



NEWS AND VIEWS

Situated handy to town and near the Bowling Club we have to offer a modern type fibro cottage of 2-bedrooms and a glassed-in verandah suitable for a third bedroom for sleep-out, together with large lounge and open fireplace, kitchen, dining-room, bathroom with built-in porcelain bath and basin and inside laundry.

There is a small rear verandah and the property has recently been repainted outside and also in the kitchen. It has an electric stove but a chip bath-heater, and is fully furnished. This property has been let as a holiday cottage and the interior can now do with repainting and decorating. However, the price has been reduced for quick sale to £2700; this is an attractive price for a structurally sound home of pleasing and functional design, the interior being bright and airy. The land is fairly wide and has a drive-in but no garage and of course town water is available. We invite enquiries from genuine home-seekers.

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Dulhunty's can this week offer the home builder a choice corner position in Owen Street for £220.

This land has a very pleasant outlook, bitumen street passes the door and town

his title vested in shares which carry with them the rights of occupation of his unit, and part ownership of the land the building erected thereon.

THE DIFFERENCE:

As home unit ownership mainly applies to the flat dweller, it is of interest to examine the difference between the flat dweller's normal rights as a tenant, and his rights and privileges as a home unit owner.

1. As a tenant his right of tenure and use of his flat is limited by the terms of his tenancy and the operation of the landlord and tenant act.
2. He is required to pay rent which includes his proportion of his rates taxes and common services, and the owner's operational profits on the property as a whole.
3. He has no right of permanent tenure; he is not entitled to sell his tenancy for profit; he is subject to any rent rises served under the law.
4. He cannot sublet or assign his tenancy without leave and does not participate in the proceeds if the building as a whole is sold at a profit.

On the other hand, as a home unit owner he has clearly defined rights of permanent occupation of his unit.

1. He pays no rent—only his proportion of the total running costs of the property.

NOTHING DEFINITE YET FOR FIRE STATION AND WATER EXTENSION LOANS

Although "favourable consideration" has been promised, no definite approval was given by the Minister for Local Government (Mr. Renshaw) or the Minister for Works (Mr. McGrath) in connection with Port Macquarie's requirements for loan monies.

In the Council Chambers on Friday last, the two Ministers were approached by the Mayor (Ald. Crisp) and Mr. L. C. Jordan, M.L.A., in the presence of aldermen and other citizens.

Council sought approval for three loans:

- £8000, to carry out extensions to the water supply scheme.
- £5000, to build a fire station.
- £4000, to commence the Kooloonbung project.

The Mayor told the Ministers, and he was supported by Mr. Jordan, M.L.A., how important it was and essential that loan monies be made available for the water extensions and the fire station. He also pointed out the advantages which would accrue from a sand pump, for which they wanted to borrow funds to purchase.

Mr. Renshaw told the gathering that "a further look" would be taken at the three loan applications and these would be "given every consideration."

Mr. Jordan had spoken to him about the requirements, and had mentioned the unemployment that would follow if Council was unable to raise loan monies.

Mr. Renshaw said the position was such that employment was sure to be affected somewhere.

With three months of the financial year gone, applications were £1½ millions in excess of what could be approved.

He stressed that the present position presented opportunity for local government to take a good case to the Federal Parliament, seeking relief.

He appreciated the need for water extensions, and knew the town could do with loan monies for other improvements.

However, although there seemed to be more money than ever about for Local

Government, it couldn't take it.

It was quite evident to him that local employment would be affected.

He didn't know how essential the Kooloonbung reclamation and baths scheme was, but he urged that local funds should build it—and not the Crown—if it were to be a memorial venture.

Mr. Renshaw said he appreciated what a sand pump could do for Port Macquarie, and it was a wonder to him that the town didn't have one long ago.

Messrs. C. M. Edwards, president of the Chamber of Progress, and Mr. C. Upton, told the Minister of the pool projects, and after Ald. Kenny, M.L.C., had referred to oyster leases holding up the Kooloonbung project, the Ministers agreed that complete details of the scheme and plans should be made available to the Dept. before a decision could be made.

SURF CARNIVAL DATES ALLOTTED Championships Again at Port Macquarie

Surf Carnival dates for the 1957-58 season were allotted at the resumed annual meeting of the Mid-North Coast Branch S.L.S.A., at Crescent Heads Beach on Sunday last.

Flynn's Beach, Port Macquarie was again selected as the venue for the Branch Championship Carnival, on the 19th January, 1958.

All Carnivals will be early this season, due to the fact that the N.S.W. State titles are being conducted at Stanwell Park, on the 1st February, 1958, and it is desired to have as many as possible over before that date.

The first carnival in the Mid-North Coast Branch, will be on the 1st December, 1957, and is to be conducted by the

COUNCIL'S NEW GRADER

A report from Council's Mechanic, Mr. A. Fenning, that all is not well with Council's new grader, is to be further investigated. Council recently purchased the grader for a cost exceeding £9000.

The report dealt with repair work said to have been necessary; the grader has 165 hours on its clock.

A committee of the Council as a whole, Council's Mechanic, a representative of Waugh & Josephson, and an independent mechanic, is to go further into the matter.

RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. Schrader (Vice-Pres.) presided at the monthly meeting of the Red Cross held on 4th October. All members warmly welcomed back Mrs. Hallett, who has been absent for months owing to ill health.

Our card party last month was not up to usual standards, but thanks again to those who support our cause.

We will be having our card party later this month; watch for advertisement, and are making it a special effort for the Lady Gowrie Appeal. Gifts for a trading table will be gratefully received. Our effort is to assist those who are not sound in mind and body as we are. Do come along and help us.

Rifle Shooting

The 700 yards shoot set down for last Sunday was postponed till next week-end as only 3 club members turned up.

The members of Port Club, who shot in the Queen's meeting in Sydney last week did not meet with a great deal of success. Our local champion and Champion of the Union ran ninth in the Champion of Union Champions match, after putting a bullseye on the next man's target at 700 yards. His score was 178 against the winner's 193.

In the Sargard Team's match in which approx. 30 teams competed, our team was placed tenth with 267 against the winner's score of 273. In the Union's team's match the Macleay Union team in which our four members were included could do no better than eleventh out of nineteen teams; our score being 365 and the winners had 376.

Bill Hayes shot 49 out of 50 and topped our shooters.

In two other matches we were also rans.

In the individual matches Bill Vincent was the only one whom Lady Luck favoured at all, he took out the 25th spoon in the Jamieson Aggregate with 281 against the winners 287; Mick Healy had 277 and Reg McKinnon 270.

In the Queen's Aggregate, they were all down the list, but are not daunted and next year intend to go down and attack it again. In spite of low scores, a wonderful week's shooting was had by all.

Last Saturday afternoon Mick Healy left with the State team for Perth to compete in the Commonwealth matches and the west Australian Queen's.

Next Sunday morning the shoot will be over the 700 yard range.

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GOOD Used Furniture can be bought at Tom Wattus, on easy terms.

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Telescopes & Mounts
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24 Murray Street. Phone 425

CABINETMAKER, French-

TO LET

TO LET.—Self contained flat from 30th December, for 2 or 3 weeks. All found. 46 River Road Earlwood.

WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT.—Part of house to suit married man with 4 children. Phone 285.



R.S.L. Sub-Branch, Monthly meeting, Friday, 18th October, 8 p.m.

All members are especially invited to attend the R.S.L. Sub-Branch Smoko to be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. L. A. Russell will give a talk on the subject of Psychotic and Neurotic conditions appertaining to ex-Servicemen.

H. BUTLER, Hon. Sec.

PORT MACQUARIE

Old-time Social Dance Club

WILL HOLD A

DANCE

ON

Friday, 18th October

CIVIC HALL
8 P.M.

Chambers.

GEO. T. PERCY,
Town Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT MACQUARIE

Footpath and Garden Competitions

A FOOTPATH and Garden Competition is to be held in conjunction with the 1958 Carnival of the Pines. There are four sections and good prizes are offered in each section.

Entry forms are available at the Council Chambers.

GEO. T. PERCY,
Town Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT MACQUARIE

Tenders — Fire Station

TENDERS are hereby invited and will be received up till 10 a.m. on Friday the 8th November, 1957, for the erection of a brick Fire Station at Port Macquarie.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Council Chambers.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GEO. T. PERCY,
Town Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT MACQUARIE

Bush Fire Control

NOTICE is hereby given that as from the 1st October, 1957, until the 31st March, 1958, the lighting of fires in the open is prohibited unless a permit is obtained from Council's Engineer who is the Bush Fire Control Officer in this Municipality.

BABY SHOW

Saturday, 19th Oct.

Prizes Sponsored by R.S.L. Club

Entries close 10.30 a.m.
Judging commences at 2 p.m.
Commencing with 12-18 months Babies

Exhibition Dancing by Miss Glynn Parry

Members a Cake Please
V. McLAREN, Hon. Sec.

FETE

Annual Hospital Auxiliary Fete, C.W.A. Hall,

Wednesday next 23rd Inst.

Official opening by Mayoress Mrs. Crisp, at 3 p.m.

Trophy Silver Sandwich tray for best plain Sponge Sandwich (iced).

Cakes to become property of Auxiliary.

Entries to be in not later than 11 a.m.

Proceeds towards air conditioning of Obstetric Theatre

Competitions, Stalls, Afternoon Tea.

Admission Free
M. ROSS, Hon. Sec.

AUCTION SALE

Saturday, 26th Oct. 1957
1.30 p.m.

at MR. BERT HIGGINS,
Glebt Rd., Port Macquarie

Double Comb. Robe.
Double bed and bedding.

2 Chest drawers
4 Kitchen chairs.

Cnr. Wardrobe.
3 Camp Stretchers.

Single Comb. Chests.
Oak Wardrobe.

Dressing table.
Maple Wardrobe.

Linos.
2 Kitchen Cabinets.

5 x 3 Cedar Table.
6 Pillows, 2 pr Blankets.

Used Vehicles Meldrum Motors

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Pass The Rest For The Best 1956 Morris Minor Tourer, low mileage, good registration. Fitted with radio and heater. Can be purchased for Low Deposit and Easy Terms.

1954 Zephyr Sedan radio, sun visor, seat covers, low mileage, good bargain. Well worth inspecting.

1953 Zephyr Sedan, mechanically O.K., owner desires a quick sale. Contact us now.

1954 Zephyr Sedan, 18,000 miles, good tyres and registration. Goes well. Low deposit easy terms.

1949 Austin A/40 Sedan, mechanically good, well worth a trial.

TRACTORS

Farmall Super A, as new condition; fitted with implements, stand any trial. Contact us now.

Trade-Ins Accepted — Easy Terms Arranged

Phone 87 Phone 87

The sale presents an opportunity to secure a building in the select area of Arncliffe Heights, and buyers can attend with confidence, as the sale is to wind up the Estate.

Remember the date. The sale will be held on the site. For further particulars and inspection, contact the agents.

"MAC" McLAUGHLIN
and H. C. WILSON
Horton St. Port Macquarie.
Phones 440 or 8
Solicitor for the Estate: Ryan and Ryan, Barraba.

Bob Bastian Used Cars

1951 Holden Saloon. Dep. £235

1952 Vanguard Sedan. Dep. £195.

1952 Standard Vanguard Utility £125 Dep.

1948 Oldsmobile Saloon £750.

Ford Prefect Saloon £325 Full Price.

1939 Willy's Overland Sedan £265.

1936 Pontiac Saloon.
1939-40 Ford de luxe utility £165.

BURNING PERMITS

*Apply Bush Fire Brigade Captains
from 1/10/57*

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Port Macquarie Musical and Dramatic Society
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(Hilarious and Harmonious Musical Comedy)

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14 cartridges. Any guaranteed. Cost £19/10/0, will sell £10. Turkey gobbler, about 20 lb. weight, 5/- lb. New potatoes £2/10/0 per bag. A. H. Darcy Glebe Road. Phone 1390.

CHRYSLER 1930 Ute. Good Engine & Tyres, Hyd. Brakes. £55; £10 Dep. 89 Gore Street.

FOR SALE.—4 pair of laying hens, 12 months old; and one rooster, lot £5. Particulars this office.

FOR SALE.—Gent's bike, new condition, only used 4 weeks. Make ideal Xmas present. Apply "News" Office or Phone 210.

ARCH BAKER, Flynn Street Garage has For Sale.—One 500x16 Box Trailer A1 £50; One 440x19 Box Trailer £35; One 600x20 Farm Trailer £30; One 550x17 Wheel, Tyres and Axle, Springs to make Trailer £20; Second hand 30x5 Tyres £5 each; Second Hand 440x19 Tyres and Tubes £1/5/0 each; 1950 Prefect Radiator (new core) £10; Prefect Door Glass and Wind-screen Glass £3/15/0; 1941 Dodge Radiator complete £10; 1941 Dodge Clutch Plate, new £6/10/0; 1935 2-ton Fargo Diff and Axles, complete £12/10/0.

FOR SALE.—20 x 20 weatherboard garage for removal. Any reasonable offer considered. F. Callinan, 57 Granite Street.

PINE Bale Boards at News Office, 5/- each.

CHILD'S large size drop side iron cot £7; Kapok Mattress in good condition £3; Worn Carpet 9'x9' £1. Apply this Office.

RECONDITIONED Stove for about 3/3. That's for you. Use HI-SPEED Oven Cleaner for gas, electric or fuel stoves. Removes all hard baked-on grease. Save money. Get HI-SPEED from Grocers and Hardware Stores now.

Tenders on official tender forms and enclosed in separate sealed envelopes endorsed with the name of the work should be forwarded with a covering letter by registered mail to:—The Governor, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Bank Premises Department, Head Office, Pitt Street, SYDNEY, N.S.W. Tenders must be in a lump sum and not subject to rise and fall and tenderers are required to state the time necessary for the completion of the work. No tender necessarily accepted. H. C. COOMBES, Governor, Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

MEETINGS

SPECIAL Far West meeting, Friday, 15th November, Commonwealth Bank Recreation Room, 3 p.m. Sister West present.

CWA Monthly Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 14th, 2.30 p.m. All members and intending members please attend. V. McLaren, Hon. Sec.

PORT Macquarie S.L.S. Club general meeting, Council Chambers, Friday night, 8th November, 8 p.m. Business: Annual Carnival; Bus tender to Carnivals; General. R. E. Debenham Hon. Sec.

FOOTBALL Club Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 12th November, Council Chambers, 8 p.m. Business: Election of Coach for coming season.

LEARN TO SWIM CLUB. Annual Meeting, School Home Science building, Wednesday, 13th Nov., at 7.45 p.m. Election of officers. All instructors please be present.

CHAMBER of Progress, monthly meeting, Wednesday, 13th November, Council Chambers 8 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

CWA Party, Friday, Nov. 15th 2.30 p.m. Arrange

"CLEAN-UP" WEEK
CLEAN-UP Week will commence on 11th November. All rubbish such as old iron, tins, and all such material will be removed by Council's truck if left outside the front fence.

GEO. T. PERCY,
Town Clerk.

WEST PORT TENNIS CLUB

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

Sunday, 10th November
Starting time 10 a.m. Sharp
Bring your own lunch and cup
Ladies a plate for afternoon tea

Gents 3/-; Ladies 2/-.

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT MACQUARIE

Tenders — Fire Station
THE date for closing of tenders for the erection of Fire Station Building has been extended and they will now close at 10 a.m. on Friday the 22nd November, 1957.

GEO. T. PERCY,
Town Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT MACQUARIE

Proposed Brick Area
NOTICE is hereby given that Council proposes to apply for the approval of the Governor to the area described hereunder being defined as a "Brick Area" in accordance with the provisions of clause 22 (f) of ordinance No. 71 under the Local Government Act 1919.

Area Defined

Commencing at the North Western corner of Hay Street and its junction with the

GREYHOUND RACING

WAUCHOPE

SATURDAY NIGHT 9th November

FIRST RACE 8 P.M.

VISITING DOGS

PUBLICAN'S BOOTH
Bookmakers will be operating The prize money for the 5th Division, top grade is increased to £20, first prize, for this meeting.

K. COOMBES, Hon. Secretary

The Forestry Commission of N.S.W.

DISPOSAL by competitive public offer of a range of Tractors, Earthmoving equipment, Motor Vehicles, etc. including:

International TD14 Crawler Tractors.

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Bantam Rotary Hoes.

Austin 5-ton Tipping Trucks.

Ford 4x4 3-ton Truck with canopy.

International AL110 model 15-cwt. Utility Trucks.

Bedford K model 30-cwt. Tray body Trucks.

International AL110 1-ton Tray body Trucks.

1950 Chevrolet 10/12-cwt. Utility Truck.

Land Rovers.

4KW 110V D.C. Generator

RURAL CO-OP.

THE MID COAST CO-OPERATIVE MEAT SOCIETY LIMITED

Annual General Meeting 1957

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of members of the Mid Coast Co-operative Meat Society Limited will be held in the School of Arts, Macksville on Friday, 8th November, 1957, at 10.30 a.m.

BUSINESS

- To confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting.
- To confirm the Minutes of the Special general meeting held on the 9th July, 1957.
- To receive Directors' Report, Auditor's Report and Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957.
- To consider recommendation of dividends.
- To elect Auditor and fix fee.
- To declare the election of Directors.
- Special Business: Admission to membership of persons not engaged in a rural industry (Rule 15).
- To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the rules of the Society.

By Order of the Board,

T. F. OWENS, Secretary.

Dated at Macksville 23rd October, 1957.

STUART BARTLETT

wishes to announce to the public of Port Macquarie and District that his

MODERN JOINERY FACTORY

being erected in Hindman Street, will be operating in approximately one week. First quality timbers including seasoned Red Cedar; Up to Date Machines and good Tradesmen make it easy for us to

GUARANTEE SATISFACTION

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More work would be done on school projects, and more funds would then become available for education.

Mr. Hughes also called on the Government to re-examine its "amazing decision" that parents and citizens' associations should not do repair

work, which has asked for the material, but were willing to do the work.

It would be thought that the Government would welcome this help, but it had given a blank refusal.

This was an affront to the parents and citizens' associations who did a magnificent

should accept such dictation, and refuse to allow local people to help the Department of Education.

"It is completely illogical that the help of the parents and citizens' associations should be spurned.

"The Government should re-examine its decision, and determine that, as this worthwhile offer will not affect anyone's employment, the associations be allowed to do this work."



Doctor Service, with the backing of Rotary. This rather makes our effort of £200

gratefully thank the Macleay Co-op. for their donation of seed, fertilizer and planting of same. It is good to see the Spirit of Service alive in Port.

FIRE ENGINE HERE SOON

Council decided on Monday night to inform the Fire Board it was ready to receive a fire engine immediately.

Clumps of pigface were planted along the bank on Sunday; this is so motorists coming home late from Kempsey can stop and pick a peace-offering for the wife.

People are remarking on the difference the clean white fence makes to the area.

Another Dutchman in the news! Theo Walthers, naturalised in recent years, is the new President of Hamilton Apex Club, near Newcastle. He is a very enthusiastic Ajaxian, having occupied a high post in each of his three years in the club; thus he puts many "old" Aussies to shame.

This week: Nothing comes to he who sits and waits.

A—PX

Revlon shook the spectrum ...
and a peach tumbled down!



Revlon's new
'Snow Peach'

A peach with a pink complexion—
cooling its blushes in snow—
for lips and matching fingertips!



BRIEF LAND BOARD SITTING

At Port Macquarie on November 4th, the Local Land Board sitting ended at mid-day, by which time the eight cases listed had been dealt with.

Mr. D. K. Bowler (chairman) presided with Board members F. G. Harley and G. R. Munday present.

Mr. Lands Inspector W. S. Friar appeared for the Crown.

SPECIAL LEASE APPLICATION

Sp.L. 57/25, Rye Park Sheelite—Recommended that special lease be granted for area of 2 roods for "Storage purposes (stock piling zir-

con)", conditions Exh. "C", term 14 years, annual rental determined at £5, by consent.

TWO CONFLICTING SPECIAL LEASES

Sp.L. 57/26, Robert Hubbard—Recommended that sp.lease be granted for area of about 30 acs., for "residence, garden and grazing", conditions Exh. "C", term 28 years, annual rental determined at £3/15/0, and 10/- for use of Crown improvements.

Sp.L. 57/27, Donald Albin Pead—Recommended that withdrawal be permitted, with refund of deposit lodged.

Special Purchase Application Sp.Pur. 56/58, Laurieton R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.—Recommended that application be granted, capital value determined at £600, the lot, by consent.

EXTENSIVE TERM SPECIAL LEASES

WELCOME TO FUTURE TOWN CLERK

At Monday's meeting of the Municipal Council welcome was extended to Mr. W. G. Alcock, who will

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

MATINEE SATURDAY 1.30 P.M.

Kirk Douglas, Silvana Mangano, Anthony Quinn in

"ULYSSES" (g)

The greatest romantic adventure of all time. Filmed in beautiful Technicolor.

Associate Feature:—

Randolph Scott, Gail Russell in

"SEVEN MEN FROM NOW" (g)

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Wyman and Charlton Hes-ton in "Lucy Gallant."

An interesting visitor for the Perc. McDermotts last week was Mr. Horton Rowe, out from England on one of his periodical fruit-buying ex-cursions to Australia.

Constable First-Class J. K. Avery has taken up duties at Port Macquarie Police Sta-tion, replacing Srgt. Randell. Const. Avery comes from Cur-rabubula, and we wish him a happy stay at the seaside.

Showers through the week produced 7 points on the 9th, 28 on the 10th, and 28 on the 11th.

An elderly resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Duck, of Hill Street, passed away at her residence on December 5th, at the age of 78 years. Deceased was the relict of the late Mr. George Duck.

The tender of S. Bartlett has been accepted for the erection of the fire station; concreting work is to be re-duced by £300 to keep the price of the job within the loan of £5000.

A lengthy report from a special committee set up to enquire into the public works and mechanical sections of the Council was adopted by Council on Monday night, the Mayor stated there had been a big improvement all round since Council set up the committee.

First aid lessons for Civil Defence are postponed until after the Christmas period, and will begin again early in the New Year.

Panorama Guest House

A few vacancies exist for the Christmas and New Year Dinners at the Pan-orama Guest House. From

fires.

Previously acknowledged : £83/1/0.

£5/5/-: Dr. V. H. Hegarty.
£5: Mrs. A. M. Bennett, H. D. McLaren, Anonymous, J. S. Lewis, J. B. Russell.

£3/3/-: Macquarie Motels.
£2: Mr. and Mrs. L. Hay, I. Wilkes, H. B. Johnston.
£1/10/-: B. James.

£1/1/-: Port Macquarie Girl Guides Association, Mrs. A. E. McLaughlin, Anonymous.

£1: C. M. Buchanan, Mrs. H. Warlters, Mrs. Ross Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. H. Herdson, C. Fitzpatrick, R. Calvert, Mrs. A. M. Cadell, P. H. Chap-man, D. W. Doak, Miss Brayne, Mrs. E. Turner.

10/-: Mr. B. Northy, Mrs. D. Noone, Miss E. Nicol, Har-old Dent, F. Biddoes, Mrs. S. French, H. T. Schubert, Geo. Ochs, W. Baker, C. O'Grady Colin Bishop, Miss B. Nich-olls, R. Piper, Peter McLaren Mrs. L. S. McNeil, S. Hinton, Miss P. Joscelyne.

Silver Coin Donations : £6/13/0.

Total £155/1/0.

THANK YOU... AND A PHOTOGRAPH PLEASE

At last night's Cham-ber of Progress meeting, Mr. Lloyd McNeil insti-gated a motion whereby the Chamber decided to express a hearty "thank you" to all who had com-pleted new projects — flats, motels, car parks and the like during the year.

Further, that the own-ers of each project be in-vented to supply the Cham-ber with a black and

West Port bowling club fitting into the scheme of things.

In East Port Macquarie there is already in the mak-ing of its sporting bodies the Council will be encouraged to a ground achievement that will have all State and International fixtures—League and cricket—set down for the coast played here, because the site offers so much and because we are central to Kempsey and Taree—two big towns from which to draw.

Loss of parking area is the basis of the football objection whilst to keep shade from the greens it is necessary to stand the bowls club house in the south-east corner facing Buller Street.

Only the unused portion at the Buller Street en-trance to the football ground would be narrowed by 60 feet under the latest proposal from the bowling club; all the present area would be retained by the football club in the north-eastern half.

The football club is doing its share for the town, and is easing the load for ratepayers by maintaining the park; the new bowling club is ready (£5,000 in debentures, £6,000 loan, £1,000 timber donations) to play its part.

An unfortunate mistake by the bowling club in asking for an unreasonable portion of land in the first place has led to conflict, and now they are prepared to accept far less there seems to be no reason why the two can't meet as sports, and with the aid of the spirit of Christmas-tide surely all will be well in West Port.

BATHS

STORM IN CHAMBER

Last night's meeting of the Chamber of Pro-gress was almost entirely devoted to a discussion on the baths project.

Present were Messrs. F. M. Donovan (in the chair, in the absence of the chairman), Mr. J. B. Ebsworth (secretary), H. Buckmaster (treasurer), Mrs. St. Clair, and Messrs. L. McNeil, R. Calvert, C. Uptin, L. Hartley, A. Platt, C. Beasley, B. J. Hanlon, J. Cas-ey, A. Hay.

The matter came up when the Carnival of the Pines com-mittee wrote asking the Cham-ber for a direction as to what purpose funds raised at this year's carnival were to be de-voted.

[The Chamber had decided

[The R.S.L. had given an initial donation of £5000 to start the baths project].

Chairman of the Carnival Committee, Mr. Lance Hart-ley, told the Chamber meet-ing last night that his com-mittee wanted a direction as to what proceeds from the next carnival were to be used for.

His committee also wanted the Chamber to write an open letter to the local paper, ex-plainning what the monies were to be used for and refuting criticism that had been made of the Chamber in letters to the paper.

and occupation are embod-ied in a property on the riv-erbank at Hibbard.

It includes a 3 bedroom home, four really good holiday flats, a boatshed and some boats.

All buildings are in excel-lent condition, constructed of weatherboard with tiled roofs. The flats have refrigerators, and better than average equip-ment. They are bright, clean and attractive.

The boatshed can be used to provide a good income both from the hire of boats and from a small shop it incorpor-ates.

Furniture is included in a walk-in walk out sale at £11,500.

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An attractive modern home featuring large glass areas is situated in a most pleasant position on the bank of the river at Set-telment Point. It has 2 bed-rooms and 2 verandahs, one of which is enclosed.

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Also for Sale:—

- Attractive modern - style timber home on Macquarie Heights, close to bus. 3 bedrooms. Good views £3950
- 5 acres and romantic old home, close to town. A chance to be really self-contained £2100.
- Home Street. Solid, attrac-tive timber home on level site, good garden. 2 bed-rooms, sleepout and sun-room. Asking £4000, will consider an offer. Terrific value.
- Smart L-shaped timber cot-tage near beaches. 2 bed-rooms £2600.
- Vacant block near bowling green £350.
- Timber home, corner site near Flynn's Beach, 2 bed-rooms and sunroom. Phone and water connected £3100.

design making each flat com-pletely self contained. They are about 200 yards from the water and within five min-utes walk of the boatsheds and shops. Each flat is fully equipped for five. These flats are more roomy and com-fortable than most holiday units and consequently more suitable for the buyer who would live in one flat and let the other. The price is £4500 walk-in walk-out. An offer would be considered.

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On Pacific Drive, between Nobbys and Sunny Side Crescent, within easy walk of the beaches are four really good blocks.

They are fairly level, clear-ed and grassed, and are avail-able at £400 each. An astute investor can acquire all four at a considerably reduced fig-ure. There are good homes in this neighbourhood and the values are certain to increase there as it goes ahead.

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"Real Estate Practice in Australia", a practical text book, published by the asso-ciated Real Estate Institutes includes in a list of "sug-gestions to the public", the following good advice: Your relationship with an agent should be considered confi-dential. It is unfair to an Agent to quote to others the properties and terms he has offered you in confidence.

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Two further allotments on Transit Hill were sold dur-ing the week.

Although they are steep, these blocks command a really magnificent view that will al-ways attract buyers. There are many blocks in Sydney, particularly in Seaforth, Beauty Point, Northbridge and Castlecrag, which are much steeper and less accessible,

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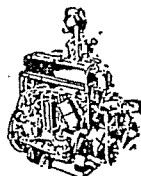
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Lt.-Gen. A. R. Garrett

General Garrett will take up his appointment as CGS upon the retirement of Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry Wells in March.

FIRE BRIGADE FORMED

A district officer of the New South Wales Fire Board, Mr. V. A. Louthier, has selected and announced the personnel of Port Macquarie's Fire Brigade, of which Mr. Keith Hardaker has been appointed captain.

Mr. Albert McWhirter has been appointed engine keeper, and the other members of the brigade are:

R. Graham, Jnr.
 Clyde Roods.
 W. Settle.
 Tom Gaul.
 Keith Scott.
 K. White.
 Les Worthy.
 Geo. Thom.

The members were selected from a long list of volunteers. Mr. Louthier is now training the brigade, and by week's end he hopes to have them in action with hose and water. Engine and Equipment Here

A Dennis fire engine, capable of pumping 350 gallons of water per minute, has been delivered to Port Macquarie, along with the necessary equipment.

There is 1,500 feet of 2½-inch hose and 500 feet of 1½-inch hose, the latter being suitable for grass and bush-fires.

Pending the erection of the fire station (next to the Church of England rectory in Hay Street), the fire engine is housed in the Council's yard, where a siren is to be installed this week.

A bell alarm system is to be connected to the homes of all the firemen.

Like many local people, Mr. Louthier is surprised that a town as large as Port Macquarie has only now acquired a fire engine.

However, a wealth of protection should now exist as salt water can be used as well as water from the street hydrants.

As from to-morrow, a Fire District will be proclaimed in Port Macquarie, bringing the area under control of the N.S.W. Fire Board.

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As the world has never known him; as the screen has never shown him; for the first time stripped of all fiction, legend, lies. Filmed in CinemaScope and Color by De Luxe.

Second Attraction:—

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"SATELLITE IN THE SKY"

Full Length Attraction in CinemaScope and Color.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 16th-17th-18th

Special Matinee Tuesday 1.30 p.m.

Anna Neagle and her two daughters Jan (Sylvia Aylms) aged 17 and Poppet (Julia Lockwood) aged 13 in

"My Teenage Daughter" (g)

Gripping drama every mother and daughter should see.

Second Attraction:—

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'HEIDI AND PETER' (g)

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Rifle Shooting

Next Sunday, the second of our championship shoots will be held over Commonwealth ranges 300, 600, 700 and 900 yards. Mick Healy is leading by one point from three other members, and the way other members are shooting, scores should be interesting to follow.

Council has received Local Govt. Dept. approval for loans of £8000 (water extensions) and £5000 (fire station).

Mayor Crisp informed Council on Monday night that on a recent visit to Sydney he was informed that soundings and plans of design for the bridge at Blackman's Point were at present "being looked into."

VERDICT OF SUICIDE

The District Coroner, Mr. V. W. Heathwood, J.P., found in the Coroner's Court at Port Macquarie yesterday that Mrs. Esther Levina Usher had drowned herself in her bath on November 24th last.

Mrs. Usher lived in her Clarence Street home; she was 69, and evidence disclosed that she had been wor-

ried and lonely since the death three months previously of her husband, to whom she was very attached.

Mrs. Myrtle O. Ross told the Court she went to Mrs. Usher's residence with a telephone message, and after calling out several times had gone inside and found Mrs. Usher in the bath. Mrs. Ross had spoken to Mrs. Usher earlier in the day; Mrs. Usher had been in Mrs. Ross' home until 9.30 the previous night. She had given no indications then of her intentions.

Richard W. Jackson told the Court that when called by Mrs. Ross he ran to find Mrs. Usher on her right side in a bath three-quarters filled with water. Her head was under the water and the head of a sledge hammer was tied around her neck.

Const. Alan James Elworthy told the Court Mrs. Usher was

Hospital Patients

Messrs. C. Atkins, A. Chrystal, J. Edmunds, A. Pickering, W. Hutchingson, R. Baldwin, Mesdames H. Smith, J. Leckie, J. Lee, D. Forbes, C. McClintock, A. Rosenbaum, R. Hyde, A. Churchward, Master J. McWhirter, S. Strong (Port); Messrs. J. Wells, G. Kingsbury (Wauchope); Mr. J. Kirkwood (Hibbard); Mrs. E. McArthur (Bankstown); Mr. J. Coombes (Gannon's Creek); Mr. H. Ryan (Old Bar); Mr. J. Rutherford (Blackman's Point); Messrs. F. McLeod, T. Lyle, Mrs. C. Bucton (Kendall); Mrs. M. Hocking (Brisbane).

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MAYOR REVIEWS YEAR

Ald. A. L. Crisp, Mayor, has presented a report on Council's activities for 1957 to the Municipal Council as follows:—

In this review of Council activities during 1957, I will mention the main projects which have been completed. It is evidence of a year of achievement in the advancement of Port Macquarie, especially in view of the fact that Local Government borrowing has been severely restricted, with the consequence that Council has been obliged to rely on property rates for the mayor part of its income.

Although it is difficult to list works in order of importance I would say that the completion and handing over of the Town Water Supply is deserving of first mention and a definite landmark in the progress of our town.

Final arrangements are now in hand for the erection of a modern fire station, a tender has been accepted and it is expected to have the building completed early in the new year. A volunteer brigade is to be formed shortly and this service combined with the water supply will ensure the protection of town properties against the hazard of fire which has caused so much destruction throughout the State during the past few weeks.

Bathing facilities have been enhanced by the completion of the Town Beach building at a cost of £7,000 and improvements to the beach area.

Important drainage work is nearing completion, the Town Beach drain has been removed

the Department of Main Roads for the purchase of the ferry.

Applications:—

57 private homes erected at a cost of £161,321.

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necessary at the dangerous Munster-Bridge Street corner.

The Church of England Parochial Council offer of filling from its new hall site is to be accepted by Council.

Bridge (West Port and Hindman Streets are to be included in the tar-sealing programme to be arranged next year.

The Fish Co-op. has drawn attention to the hazard to boats created by the temporary baths at the foot of Horton Street, and this has been referred to the engineer.

Formal application is to be made for the dedication of access road to L. T. Hall's property, Wauchope Road.

Council to inspect the frontage of a Gordon St. block with a view to raising the footpath where a service station and residence is to be erected.

Sawmills, panel - beating works, joinery works, structural engineering works, fibrous plaster works and hoardings are to be termed "noxious trades" and are to be excluded from the residential district.

A petition from 16 residents was "filed for reference." The petition objected to the establishment of a panel-beating and motor body repair works "almost opposite Dr. McLaren's residence." Council had received no application for such.

On the casting vote of the Mayor a telephone is to be connected to the sanitary depot at an estimated cost varying between £50 and £100.

A report was tendered that there are five permanent campers on the camping reserve. Council is to inspect and a decision is then to be made regarding removal; also of unoccupied permanent camps and caravans.

Motel, camp, flat owners and the like are to be invited to put a proposition to

the purpose of selling vegetables."

A disappointing response of 300 applications has been received for a "shot" of anti-polio vaccine. This is to be administered next Tuesday.

No objection was raised to a West Port Tennis Club application for a club house on approximately the same line as the Croquet Club building, and on that side of the courts.

Survey having been completed, action is to be taken to order the removal of a dwelling which is on the roadway at Settlement Point.

On the motion of Ald. Munday, Council is to investigate the possibilities of a fishing contest here next July; first step a talk with the Chamber of Progress.

A committee—Ald. Crisp, Hatsatouris, Kennedy — was appointed to look after the entertainment side of the visit (August 9) by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the opening of the Fire Station.

The aldermen put off to next meeting the question of preferential voting (or proportional as at last election) for next Municipal elections.

The Mayor is to decide an appropriate time in the near future for a deputation to Sydney regarding improvement works for the Port Macquarie area.

WARNING!

Children, and others, are warned that there is to be a police blitz on bicycles.

Persons riding bicycles on footpaths, or at night without a light, will find themselves before a Magistrate, with no further warning.

Police have also been instructed to take action in all cases where bicycles do not comply with regulations.

Look to those lights, front and rear, and those brakes.

Council £2500. Amount committed for to date £3431/0/6; Estimated wages, Plant Hire and Materials required to complete £250. Estimated cost in connection with road resurfacing etc. on South side £500. Total £750. Finance still available: Municipality approx £70, Shire £1000. £1070. Estimated surplus £320.

It is possible that there will be some delay in settlement with the Shire Council, in which case, it can be seen from the above that, in order to complete the works, a temporary over expenditure of approx. £180 will subject to Council's approval, be incurred.

Completion

Depending on volunteers, Mr. Engineer Richardson anticipated completing Cathie Creek bridge within three weeks.

Ald. Kennedy expressed appreciation of the information supplied by Mr. Richardson.

CROQUET NOTES

At a committee meeting this week, it was decided to have a formal opening of the Croquet Tournament, at the lawns at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 26th July, and matches are to follow at 11 a.m. We now have 77 entries, and the draw has been finalised.

The C grade Cheltenham trophy matches are finalised and Mrs. A. McLaren is the undefeated winner.

New Bismarcks are as follows:—

A Grade: Mrs. de la Rue 4½; Mrs. Oates 5.

B. Grade: Mrs. Poynter 8; Mrs. Clarke 8; Mrs. Lewis 8; Mrs. Campbell 9; Mrs. McLaren 9; Mrs. Warlters 9½.

C Grade: Mrs. Estens 10; Mrs. Cattell 10½; Mrs. Head 10½; Mrs. Robson 10½; Mrs. Vincent 10½; Mrs. Pountney 15; Mrs. Sambrook 15.

Good roquetting.

—FEATHER

age or 55 years.

Deceased was a former well-known resident of Telegraph Point.

The interment was made in the Church of England portion of Port Macquarie cemetery on Tuesday.

MR. A. F. KOSTEN

Mr. Alexander Feodoritch Kosten, of Hibbard, died in the hospital on Sunday, at the age of 52 years.

The interment was made in the R.C. portion of Port Macquarie Cemetery on Monday.

DEATH OF MR. PYRKE

The death occurred in Sydney on Monday of Mr. Duncombe Pyrke.

He had been in Lewisham Private Hospital for a few weeks, and was believed to be on the mend.

A committeeman of the bowling club, he came to Port Macquarie from Tamworth five years ago.

He is survived by Mrs. Pyrke, and one son—Lyn, of Tamworth.

The interment took place at Rookwood.

NEW BUILDINGS

Approval has been given for new buildings, as follows:

Wilkes, J. A., dwelling, Morrish Street, for self, £3000; Bowman, S. A. flats, Arncliffe Avenue, for self, £5000; Dunn, J., dwelling, Condon Ave., for A. K. de Chateau, £2,500;

Jobson, A. S., garage, Anne Street, for self, £150;

Hanlon, B., storeshed, Hay Street, for self, £150;

Mr. A. Beesley, amended plan for amenities block at "Caratel", Flynn Street;

Taylor, J. C., dwelling and service Station, Gordon St. This application was held over from February 1958 pending the completion of formalities etc., regarding the pip-

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WORK AT FIRE STATION

A tender from S. F. Bartlett was being discussed on Monday night, for £82 for additional cement paving at the fire station, when Mr. Ron Richardson (engineer) remarked that the work had been done.

Ald. Kennedy objected to the procedure, saying the aldermen didn't seem to know what was going on.

The engineer explained that the Board of Fire Commissioners was preparing for the opening of the station at an early date, and that it had been the logical

thing to do the work whilst Mr. Bartlett was on the job with his machinery.

Ald. Warlters said he didn't object to the work being done under the circumstances but felt that the matter should have come forward for confirmation, rather than as a tender.

A motion was carried approving the action in having the work done.

It was explained during the discussion that funds were available in the contingent fund for the fire station to meet the cost.

A C-130 MISSION

L/Ac. N. Slyney, at present in America doing a course in preparation for the introduction to Australia of huge C-130 Hercules prop-jet transports, writes—among other things—to his mother, Mrs. Hugh Slyney, of Church Street, Port Macquarie:

We came into America through San Francisco to New York and then on to Washington. While in New York we had time to go up the Empire State Building. The trip over was very boring and very tiring.

We stayed in Washington for a week working in the Air Attache office. We have been living in Atlanta,

Georgia four weeks to-day and travelling out to the factory each day in a bus, the factory is about 20 miles out at Marietta hence we have a long day's work from 7 in the morning to 5 at night from the time we leave here till the time we get back.

The main course is for five weeks and finishes at the end of next week. Then four of us will do another course lasting one week and the other six will do a course lasting four weeks. So two weeks from now I will be moving on to Sewart Air Force Base just near Nashville in Tennessee, about 250 miles away. As far as we know we will be there until we go home, and as to when we go home we don't rightly know, but it will be somewhere between the beginning of November and end of February.

As far as America goes you can still give me Australia any day. Although I must say the people here are very friendly particularly down here in the South, but I do have difficulty in understanding some of this Southern drawl at times.

From Lockheed:—

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LOCAL and GENERAL

Local favourite Miss Bobbie Delaney will be heard in the Amateur Hour semi-finals of the All-Australia quest from Brisbane tonight (Thursday).

Because of engagements here on Saturday morning, for the State Governor, and at Wauchope in the afternoon, there will be no band recital this Saturday night.

Another portion of a human body, the right tibia (shinbone), has been picked up at Shelley Beach. Like the skull picked up recently at the same place, it had been in the water some time.

Dr. Pittar, of Sydney, has been relieving Dr. Hegarty, who—during the time off—

took in a Civil Defence course at Macedon, Victoria.

ENGAGEMENT

HANNAFORD-GRIFFIN. — The engagement is announced of Gwendoline Joyce, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hannaford, of 39 Bruntnell Street, Taree, to John Gorton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Griffin, of 27 Cross Street, Port Macquarie.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Port Macquarie Musical and Dramatic Society will be held on the 14th August at the Band Hall at 8 p.m. Business will be to elect new officers and to plan a programme for the coming year. All members are asked to attend and new members are cordially invited. M. Fleming, Hon. Sec.

FIRE STATION OPENING

AUGUST 9th

Port Macquarie's new fire station will be officially opened on Saturday of next week, August 9th.

The imposing new building in Hay Street, just beyond the Church of England property, is having the finishing touches added to it.

Representatives of the Board of Fire Commission will be present for the occasion as follows:—

Mr. L. E. Duff (President), Ald. A. E. Shaw, Fire Commissioner A. H.

Mallam, Chief Officer H. W. Pye, Assistant Secretary D. A. Webb, Resident Inspector S. Bradley, District Officer V. Lowther.

A Municipal Council committee is arranging the opening ceremony, and hopes to see a big attendance of local people present for the occasion.

A general invitation to one and all is extended.

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They were Edward John Vincent, 24, of Transit Hill, and Douglas Trieglaff, 44, of Bridge Street.

Vincent was riding a motor cycle, and Trieglaff a push-bike. Both were travelling east (towards their homes) in William Street, and it is believed the motor cycle was overtaking the push-bike when the tragedy occurred.

The young man on the motor cycle was shockingly injured about the head and died soon after the crash.

Trieglaff was taken to hospital, and was obviously in a bad way. He died in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The late Edward Vincent was a well liked young man about town, and lived with his widow mother in their home on Transit Hill.

His father, it will be remembered, passed away soon after the home was built in its commanding position.

The late Douglass Trieglaff was a married man; he was employed as a kitchen hand at the Hotel Macquarie and was on his way home.

An inquest will be held.

Both interments were made in the Church of England portion of Port Macquarie Cemetery.

Mr. Harry B. Walker had charge of the funeral arrangements when the late Edward Vincent was buried on Sunday, and McWhirters conducted the funeral on Monday of the late Douglas Trieglaff.

The sincere sympathy of the town and district has gone out to the bereaved families.

PERSONAL PARS

An interesting visitor to Port Macquarie this week was Mr. Austin Cottey, lecturer for the Bank Education service. The private banks combined to form this organisation and a really good job is done visiting the schools to explain the practices of bank-

PERSONAL PARS

Miss Cecily McInherney is excitedly looking forward to a trip to New Zealand, where she plans to spend 18 months. Secretarial duties will fill in the working hours.

A welcome visitor to Port Macquarie is Mr. "Bill" Harney, a popular "postie" in the early 1930's. He went to Kingsgrove shortly after leaving here and has been there ever since. His bicycle let him down recently, and a nasty accident put him in hospital for some time. However, you can't keep a good man down, and "Bill" now on sick leave is looking forward to retirement shortly from the P.M.G. Dept. Incidentally, "Bill" has been around the postal run he knew so well here 25 years ago and soon got lost.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. (Bert) Shelley, of Arncliffe, Sydney, paid their annual brief visit to Port Macquarie during the week and renewed acquaintances with the Arthur Phillips family, of Shangri-la, Hibbard, Director of the Shelley & Sons Cordial Factory, Marrickville, Mr. Shelley, whilst here also visited the Marshall families. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Shelley travelled via the New England Highway to Toowoomba, then on to Brisbane, and down the coast to Port Macquarie.

PRESBYTERIAN EVENING GUILD

New activity in the Presbyterian Church is the formation of an evening guild. This body of young women meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall. Already numbers have swelled. A social night amongst friends combined with the opportunity to support projects connected with church work, is enjoyed by all.

A New Shopping Centre

Kuringai Council has given a bold lead to other Local Government bodies by building and selling a complete, planned shopping area. When completed, the scheme will provide two colonnades of shops enclosing a grassed pedestrian mall with shade trees, a nearby carpark, and a service lane for delivery of goods to the rear of the shops.

With Minister Renshaw's recent invitation to apply for loans to acquire land for developmental purposes still ringing in their ears, our aldermen will be very interested in this project.

The shops were sold individually before building commenced, on terms providing for instalments as the building work proceeded. In this way the Council's outlay was minimised. The sales covered the cost of acquiring the land and building the shops.

Here are some of the reasons why such a project should be a success here:—

1. The town is geographically more widespread than most—residents at Flynn's Beach and beyond need a shopping centre closer than Horton Street.

2. Extension of the Horton Street shopping centre is notoriously restricted, hence the high rents demanded for new premises and the somewhat startling increases granted by the Fair Rents Board recently. Parking is already a problem, even on week-days.

3. The present shopping centre grew up adjacent to the only access of goods and passengers to the town—the wharves. These are no longer used.

4. Horton Street is not as centrally located in regard to the residential areas as is

"Service is their Business"

Following a first-hand experience, I am satisfied that the occasional pats on the back one sees handed out to the postal service in the press are really well deserved.

Last week we had occasion to contact a Newcastle client urgently. We did not know whether she was on the telephone, but a cheery lass on the exchange made it seem no trouble to contact the exchange at the other end, and reported no connection. We then rang Assistant Postmaster Mr. Jim Tedd to discuss the possibilities of telegrams and other regular means of communication. At his instigation and with the helpful co-operation of the girls on the board, a service was set in operation which I didn't even know existed, and which in my book, is really something.

They rang the nearest Post Office, whence a special Messenger was despatched to our client's address, asking her to attend at the post office at a fixed time to receive a call. In due course, without further prompting, the call was put through, connected to the caller at another number at this end by arrangement, and there was our client waiting. It is pleasing to add that a sale of the client's property resulted.

It is the interest and real enjoyment that these people display in giving good service which prompts me to say "Thank You" on behalf of the buyer and seller who benefitted, and to gratefully acknowledge the opportunity to be of service ourselves. The ideal of service which appears to guide our local telephone staff in their everyday job is a really worth-

Port Macquarie Fire Brigade celebrates 40 years of Service

Port's fire brigade celebrates 40 years of service

Service always highest priority

By TODD ROODS

IT was only during the 1950s that a reticulated water supply was provided to the municipality of Port Macquarie, a move which was to lead to the formation of the town's first urban fire brigade.

Prior to this time fire fighting consisted of "bucket brigades" with water supplied from rainwater tanks and wells.

In fact, Wauchope brigade had responded to several emergencies over the years, always to be frustrated by distance of travel and lack of water on arrival.

In 1957, after consistent lobbying to the government by the then mayor, Ald Les Crisp, the announcement was finally made that funds were available to create a fire brigade in the rapidly developing

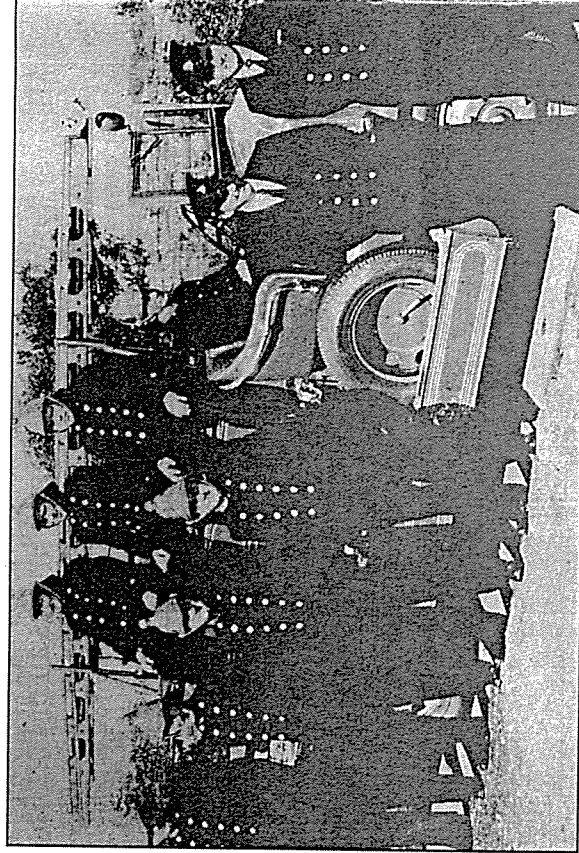
town of Port Macquarie. No. 51 light 4 Dennis motor engine with stores and equipment had arrived on Saturday, December 7.

On Monday, December 9, 1957, District Officer Viv Lowther (later to become chief officer) stationed at Grafton a NSW Fire Brigades program was carried out consisting of motor driving, pumping, suction, hose work and general fire fighting strategies.

The first recorded incident was a grass fire at Settlement Point, posing a threat to a private dwelling on Saturday, December 21, 1957.

A tin shed had been erected in Clarence Street on the site of the present library to act as a temporary fire station. A siren was installed on the shed.

Through the manually operated telephone exchange a call



□ First brigade: Members of the first Port Macquarie Fire Brigade: (Top) George Thom, Todd Roods, Bob Graham, driver Kevin Scott; (front) Ken White, Les Worthy, Tom Gaul, Bill Settle, Albert (Mate) McWhirter and Keith Hardaker (captain).

would be directed to a volunteer fireman at his home. He would proceed to the shed, activate the siren, start the motor and wait for a crew to arrive.

Special mention and heartfelt thanks should go to the "hello girls" of those days for the dedication and efforts they made to find the firemen and get them onto the job, bearing in mind that the fires could be working (or playing) anywhere throughout the community and out of earshot of the fire alarm.

On Saturday, August 9, 1958, a single bay fire station was opened

many occasions.

During the first year of operation Port Macquarie attended 23 incidents, mostly grass, two dwellings and a couple of petrol spills. As a comparison in 1996 the brigade attended just on 400 incidents.

In the early days the response was to common every-day fires while today with the introduction of plastics and other ever-present hazardous materials firefighting is a much more dangerous profession.

The increased high speed motor accidents causing unbelievable injuries and death on

our highways places present firefighters and rescue crews under tremendous pressure and stress.

Port Macquarie brigade has always given the positive support to civic events such as sponsoring candidates for the Carnival of the Pines, street parades, presentation of a humidor to Port hospital, and regular donations to the burns section of Westmead Hospital.

One of the highlights was the purchase of a Dennis motor by brigade members, restoration to its original

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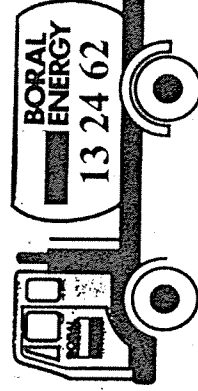
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Port Macquarie Fire Brigade celebrates 40 years of Service

Competition record is second to none

SINCE formation, the Port Macquarie Fire Brigade has been under the control of five captains, starting with Keith Hardaker, Tom Gaul, Ken White, Ross Hoy and presently Ashley Roods.

Without exception all captains have guided the brigade into a great period of competition in what was known as the NSW Volunteer Fire Brigades Demonstrations, now referred to as NSW Fire Brigade Championships.

The first championship event won by Port was at Tweed Heads in 1968 when the team consisting of Ken White, Kevin Scott, Todd Roods, Ian Anderson and George Thom took out the Dennis 400g suction, considered to be the most prestigious event in the competition.

In 1982 Port team became the state champions for the first time and has repeated that achievement by taking out the 1988, 1994 and 1996 championships, and will be competing in Dubbo in 1998 in an endeavour to hold that title.

Following the 1982 win, Port team consisting of Ross Hoy, G. Murrell, Geoff Kempnitch, Stewart Richards, Trevor Richards and Ashley Roods was invited to represent the NSWFB at the Victorian Centenary Championships being held at Ballarat in 1983.

After their 1996 success the team of Geoff Kempnitch, Ashley

Roods, Peter Whalan, and Rick Morgan was invited to participate in the New Zealand championships where they ran very competitively considering the events and equipment were very different to NSW.

The NSW championships have been held in Port Macquarie for a record six times.

The value economically to a community hosting a championship is immense. When you consider the presence of the permanent officers who attend up to two weeks in advance to prepare for the event then the appearance of up to 100 teams representing communities throughout NSW, Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand, and each team comprising from five to eight members plus families and supporters staying for the week of championship and often having a family holiday afterwards inject hundreds of thousands of dollars into the district.

There has always been a close knit feeling within the Port Macquarie brigade, accepting any excuse for a family barbecue or party.

Extending invitations to visiting fire associated people from throughout Australia and overseas including chief officers, board members and all ranks and particularly the "slaves" who are the career firefighters who are assigned to the championship activity by setting up equipment, motors, timing de-

vices etc and assisting the week of rivalry.

Family tradition has been created starting with twin brothers Stewart and Trevor Richards who joined more than 20 years ago and the father-son combinations of Todd and Ashley Roods, Mate and Steve McWhirter, Geoff and Troy Kempnitch and Bob and Peter Graham.

At a recent celebration at the Port Macquarie RSL Club several brigade members were honoured.

Captain Ross Hoy received a clasp to his National Medal having service in excess of 25 years.

Ross had previously been the recipient of the national medal and Australian Fire Service Medal for his service to the fire fighting organisation, and though stepping out of the Port line-up will continue to fill the role of chief executive officer of the NSW Fire Brigades Association.

Captain Ashley Roods was presented with the National Medal by the Commissioner of the NSW Fire Brigades, Ian MacDougall AC.

Trevor Richards, Bill Redpath, Steve McWhirter and Christine Veech also received recognition for their service to the community.

It is appropriate at these and other occasions that the spouses are recognised for the huge effort provided by them in assisting their fire fighter partner.

Swapping buckets for brigades

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Shops of farm supplies such as 44 gallon drums of methylated spirits, kerosene and other combustibles offered a threat to many of the adjoining buildings on the eastern side of Horton St.

More recent incidents of note have been Blairs Newsagency in Horton Street, the Pancake

shop in the vicinity of the Colonial Arcade. This occasion is Ron Sloan.

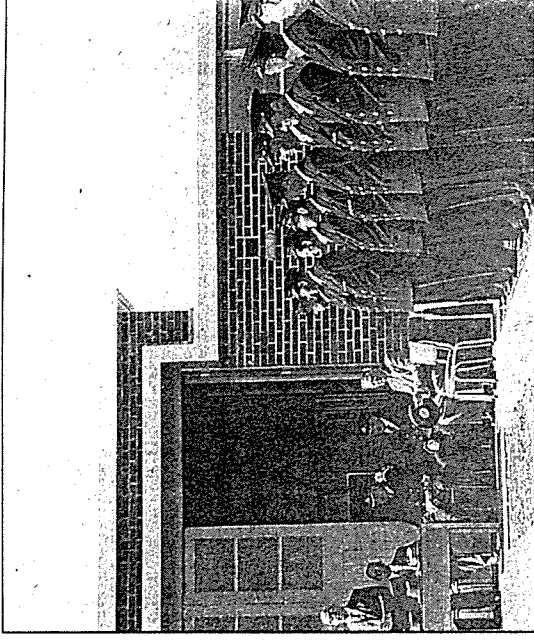
thought to be the first time that volunteer firefighters had use of fully encapsulated protective suits and occurred shortly after the red shirt permanent officer Earl McGinity was appointed to serve at Port Macquarie. He has been followed by several replacements, the current station officer is Ron Sloan.

shops in Clarence and Hay streets, the navy vessel at the Port Macquarie Slipway and the Players Theatre.

In early 1982 Port Macquarie sent a rescue crew to Kempsey to assist in the Barsbys incident caused by a semi-trailer leaving the carriageway and crashing into the department store. This occasion is Ron Sloan.



The Home Care Service of NSW aims to help older people and people with disabilities to live independently in their own homes rather than an unnecessary



□ Station opening: Port Macquarie's fire station in Hay Street was opened on August 9, 1958, by fire board president Mr L. Duff, accompanied by Fire Commissioner Mallam.

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BUTCHERS

HASTINGS SEAFOOD

King Prawns\$25.00 kg
Small King Prawns.....\$23.00 kg
Large School Prawns.....\$12.00 kg

WOOLWORTHS

Prime Pork Forequarter Roast.....\$3.49 kg
T-bone Steak\$8.99 kg
Whole or Half Leg Hams.....\$6.99 kg

DELICATESSEN

WOOLWORTHS

Cabanossi\$5.99 kg
Cocktail Frankfurts.....\$3.99 kg
Tasty Cheese.....\$4.99 kg

GROCERY

WOOLWORTHS

Coke or Diet Coke 2ltr\$1.87

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