

Drivers on the Nepean Highway note with delight how its widening has gone on steadily through the year, although the Cheltenham Progress Association showed deep concern at its effect on the local War Memorial. Hence the 90' x 42' cross that has lately appeared on the site of the old tennis court (est. 1883) in Cheltenham Park, where the Highway memorial will soon be placed. The area in the park, with a raised dais, is to be planted with grass to make a suitable setting for the memorial.

Cr. Coates succeeded Cr. Clark as Mayor in his third term as first Citizen, Cr. Coates becomes the Centenary Mayor... Cr. Clark before leaving the Mayoral Chair called a meeting in the new Cheltenham Hall to discuss the pending centenary and form a committee to decide what the citizens wished to do in regards to celebrating the occasion... Walls of Remembrance have been placed in both cemeteries... A lawn cemetery is being laid out beside the new Cheltenham Cemetery. Over many families throughout the year hung the credit squeeze. There was unemployment and fewer new homes built... On the lighter side - a wife prepared a dish of "Menzies Roast" consisting of apples and sausage meat. Despite the squeeze Muffit Publishing Co. opened a new factory costing £150,000 in September. In the same month 16 people were fined for dumping rubbish in Moorabbin Streets.

The friends and admirers of Councillor Everest Le Page who has devoted so much of his time over the past 26 years in serving Moorabbin honoured him with praise and presentations at a function held in the Mentone Town Hall in October... Mr. Harry Mutimer won distinction for Moorabbin - for so long associated with gardens - and the Cheltenham Horticultural Society by winning a trophy at the Moomba Flower Show in the Melbourne Town Hall.

Three incidents may be signs of the times:- The Mayor's suggestion that the term "New Australian" should be dropped, the decision of three Chambers of Commerce to suggest to the Council a special rate for parking facilities, and the unfavourable remarks by Councillors on the number of charitable, especially door knock, appeals.

There has been trouble over the nuisance value of poultry farms and wandering Alsatian dogs... Parents at several schools have formed co-operatives, a sign of a growing interest in education... It is interesting to speculate on whether the Council's rejection of an official Mayoral car is a comment on Australian democracy.

There has been an increasing interest in local history. The Moorabbin Historical Society and the Beaumaris Historical Trust co-operated in an excursion along the beach from Beaumaris to Black Rock when Mr. Massoula, Curator of the Anthropological section of the National Museum showed to a gathering of about thirty people from various organizations Aboriginal wells and soaks and a midden... The Moorabbin Historical Society will play an important part in the Centenary Celebrations including the sponsoring of an essay competition on the growth and development of Moorabbin in primary and secondary schools.

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During the year the Society offered some 20 stories for publication. All were accepted and printed, most of them without alteration. In connection with this we are grateful to Standard Newspapers as well as those papers of other areas who accepted our material. We have information from readers of these articles which indicates that upwards of 1,000 people look forward to our regular printed items. Apart from this we have had the assistance of such prominent historians as Professor Browne, of Professor Browne's Studies fame. Our own newsletter has carried our message in 8,000 words of local history to various parts of Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia as well as to America and England. A copy of this month's has been requested to be sent to Cheltenham in England. One copy each month is sent to an Australian residing in London. In view of the fact that our first newsletter was not printed until August this year we feel that we have a right to be proud of our circulation and the interest shown in it,