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several times. A few years ago the Frankston Historical Society persuaded the Frankston City Council to buy the house and five acres. The Society pays a nominal rent and maintains the house and attractive grounds and so has a permanent home - almost the answer to an historical society's dream. Well, we hope to have something like it in Moorabbin some day.

WALKING FOR SPEED

Mr. T. A. Sheehy, the City Historian, assisted by Miss Helen Edwards of the municipal library staff has staged an attractive display at the Moorabbin Central Library in Jasper Road, Bentleigh. It consists of documents and photographs associated with Moorabbin's past. To look at them is to realize how much Moorabbin was once of the country, a peaceful semi-rural district with ti-tree covering large areas. It is hard to associate the handbill giving details of the Moorabbin Show in 1916 with the city today. But those days had their excitement too and young people loved competition and speed as they do today - and their speed was much less dangerous to other people. One document contains a full account of a Cheltenham Walking race of ten miles; there were twenty-nine competitors and the winner was William Adams a lad of nineteen of Mentone. And here are his times for the ten miles - eight minutes, seventeen, twenty-eight, thirty-eight, forty-six, fifty-five, sixty-five, seventy-five, eighty-five, ninety-three - total eight hours and thirty minutes. And his prize? £2 ($4). There was 15/- ($1.50) for the second and 10/- ($1) for the third. One feels that they earned it.

NO CHANGE IN NAME OF MENTONE PARK SCHOOL

Early this year the Society requested the Committee of the new Mentone Park School in Broome Avenue, Mentone to consider changing the name of the school to "Hawker" in memory of Harry Hawker, the pioneer airman who was born in Moorabbin and lived here for some years. In their reply the Committee said that they wish to retain the school's present name but will consider the names of "Hawker" and "Truscott" for the two houses which will be formed early next year at the school. (Keith Truscott, known as "Bluey" because of his red hair, was an airman who had a distuinguished career in World War II).