

We must look for signs of the times in the past year - events that connect us with the wider world. One hundred people of twelve nationalities took part in a naturalization ceremony; a man who had taught some of them English stressed the importance of their trying to learn the language they must livewith. The number of child-minding centres increases (one issue of the 'Moorabbin News' carried nine advertisements). This must mean that more mothers are going to work. At Moorabbin Technical School part-time students outnumber full-time; more people are interested in learning something to better qualify themselves for their jobs, or as a leisure occupation. There is a strong interest in collecting coins. The travel bug bites in Moorabbin as elsewhere - Youth Club and school teams and parties visit other states, older people fly northwards in winter, a boy from the Gordon Boys' Home represented the local Air Training Corps at a conference in Malaya, and Sergeant Mewett will be one of the Anzacs who visit Gallipoli next year. A drawing together of the churches reflects what is going on beyond Moorabbin - the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence assisted at the St. John of God fete; girls from non-Roman Catholic schools were invited to 'Kilbreda' to discuss religion; the Highett Presbyterian Church assisted St. Stephen's of the same suburb in an accommodation difficulty.

At the State elections in June Mr. R.H. Suggett was re-elected as M.L.A. for Moorabbin, Mr. M. Porter was re-elected for Sandringham, and Mr. Ian Cathie was elected to the Legislative Council.

Moorabbin is filling up; a council officer reports a slight drop in building permits; the City Engineer expects that all streets will be made in two years; more trees come to beautify those streets. And the mention of trees reminds us of one or two odd incidents. Four residents of a Bentleigh Street objected to trees being planted on their nature strips. Well, it takes all sorts but it seemed hard on the rest of the street that the Council decided that it must be all or none. And the dog officers have a problem - how to banish dogs from schools (Mary's lamb, we suppose started it). Someone has grown bananas - small ones - in Holmby Road. And if you don't like the ageing look of your house, cheer up! you may now have the roof 'demossed'.

And the future? Two seeds blown from the Council will, we hope, take root - suggestions for a City Arts Festival and Botanical Gardens for Moorabbin. The municipal rate is to be uniform - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £1. The city will continue to swallow the country. Heather-ton residents favour subdivision into Class A residential and light industrial zones. It looks as if Myers will establish a shopping