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NEWSLETTER.

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The Society meets at the State School, Charman Road, Cheltenham on the 3rd. Thursday of each month.

PROGRESS TOWARDS ARTS FESTIVAL.

A strong committee, representing all the cultural groups within the city of Moorabbin is working to arrange the program for the Moorabbin Arts Festival. The Festival will be held from 28th April to 15th May, 1966. This is something new in Moorabbin and something well worth while. It will be an expression of the cultural life of the city, of its interest in the arts and the things of the mind. The program will include plays, operas, concerts, a band recital, a dancing demonstration, and exhibitions of painting, historical material and photography. The Council has generously approved of a grant of £500 towards the expenses of the Festival; this will include the cost of two display cases for the use of the Society.

MEMORIES OF OLD CHELTENHAM.

Most people who live in Cheltenham have waited in a car or a bus at the Park Road crossing while a train passes. They must have noticed the buff-coloured old-fashioned house where the gatekeeper lives. It has stood there for at least sixty years. In the early 1900's a family called McCarthy moved into the house. Jack, one of the boys has given the Society some interesting information about life in Cheltenham at that time. He and his brothers went to the Charman Road school where the Head teacher was then Maurice J. Power. Pupils had to stay at school till they were fourteen or gained the Standard Certificate.

Jack passed the Certificate at eleven, left school and went to work in the Cheltenham Post Office. His wages were £2 a month, his hours were from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. but he had a ~~handsome~~ uniform with a red

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