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MEETINGS: Wednesday, 12th August, 1970

Mr Neil Smith of Camberwell, will speak on:

'THE VOYAGES OF CAPTAIN COOK', with appropriate slides.

Wednesday, 9th September

Rev. D. Oakley will speak on:

'THE HISTORY OF TALLY-HO BOYS' VILLAGE'.

Both meetings: 8 p.m., Coffee Room, Civic Centre, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

14th October: ANNUAL MEETING

JULY MEETING:

More than 200 students, members and visitors heard Professor A. G. L. Shaw deliver an address on 'Convict Transportation' in Wesley Hall, Blackburn. This meeting was considered very successful.

Two members attended the SEMINAR on 'CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS', arranged by the RHSV at Camberwell on 25/7/70.

SUPPLEMENT of the Historical Treasure Hunt is enclosed. The small number of entries was disappointing, however, great interest was shown by those students who brought along historic objects. The Society extends its thanks to Mr Wright of Forest Hills Shopping Centre for his support and prize-money. Each entrant received a prize.

The 1970 Biennial Convention of Historical Societies is being arranged for the week-end 2nd to 4th October by Geelong H.S. Cost \$7, exclusive of accommodation.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN BLACKBURN: this supplements information in July 1969 Newsletter.

Mabel Last had a Kindergarten school at the Chalet, Blackburn Road, Blackburn in 1906, with four pupils. This was transferred to the Recreation Hall, Blackburn Road, Blackburn in August, 1907. The ownership was transferred to Mildred Jeffrey 12/10/08.

The newspapers forwarded to the Nunawading Gazette by Mr Armstrong of Queensland, former Councillor and the first Mayor of Nunawading, have been presented to our society and extracts from these will be published in the Newsletter.

The following is from the *Blackburn & Mitcham Reporter*, the official organ of the City of Box Hill, Shires of Blackburn & Mitcham and Doncaster, and circulating in the City of Camberwell, City of Hawthorn, and Shires of Blackburn & Mitcham.
Friday Feb. 3, 1928:

MONSTER CARNIVAL

Attendance of 6000

Blackburn in holiday mood

"The holiday spirit pervaded Blackburn during the A.N.A. weekend to an extent it has never enjoyed before, when probably one of the biggest carnivals Melbourne has ever seen was held in Morton Park. That the carnival would be an outstanding success was a fore-gone conclusion, but even the most optimistic enthusiasts must have been surprised at the huge crowds of people who gathered from far and near in Moreton Park on both days. Attendance on Saturday was in the region of 2500, but on Monday it had swelled to nearly 6000, and the park was gay with brightly-dressed women and beflannelled men, with picturesque stalls, and festoons of flags, while over all the genial sun added its crowning touch to the success of the whole. Attractions were many and varied, and included a number which had never before been witnessed in the suburbs. The carnival was the most practical demonstration possible of the wonderful thought and work which Mr Alex. A. Jamieson, the honorary general secretary, has devoted to it for many months past . . . "

Several Scout troops gave interesting exhibitions of signalling and rope spinning, the St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage Band rendered selections, and side-shows included ocean wave, merry-go-round, dips, orange tree, slide for life and others . . . "The Blackburn Hall became a palais de danse on each evening and was packed with dancers who could not resist the attractions of the panatrophe selections. This instrument was kindly lent by Messrs Wills and Paton of Collins Street. A confetti battle on Monday night ended the programme in true carnival style."

The programme also included Highland Dancing, under the auspices of the Victorian Scottish Union, and a Baby Show with 70 entries of 'bonny babies'.

Novelty events included an amusing race between draught horses for the BLACKBURN CUP. "The horses appeared to be in very good condition, and 'know-alls' of good horse-flesh had some trouble in arriving at a fancy. The horses did their preliminary pace to the grand-stand and were lined up and started by a flag. The winner, 'Bobs', won by two lengths in 27 seconds."

Also there were children's races, whippet racing, motor gymkhana, tennis tournament and athletic exhibitions. Affiliated clubs of the V.A.A.A. competed in the one-mile medley relay handicap race for the trophy, a handsome cup valued at £14/14/-, the gift of the Blackburn Traders' Association.

From *the 'Blackburn & Mitcham Reporter'*, Feb. 10, 1928.

AUSTRALIAN TESSELATED TILE CO. PTY. LTD.

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EMPLOYEES' ANNUAL EXCURSION

will be held on

Monday, Feb. 13th, 1928

Going to Queenscliff by the P.S.Hygeia, which leaves Port Melbourne Pier at 10 a.m.

Fares: Boat ticket 3/- Adults; 1/6 Children

Hot water and milk provided for all the excursionists at the Park.

Special train will convey the patrons to Port Melbourne.

A pleasant and enjoyable outing for all who attend. Just the sort of trip you're waiting for.

Secure your tickets at once, so as not to be disappointed.

(Time table for special trains then followed.)

Return fares to Port Melbourne:-

From Ringwood – adults 1/11; children 1/-

Mitcham – adults, 1/8½; children 11d.

Tunstall 1/7½; Blackburn 1/7; Box Hill – adults 1/3; children 8d.

Surrey Hills – 1/2½; Camberwell – 1/1½

Our many friends and patrons are asked to note the advertisement in this issue of the Tesselated Tile Co. employees' excursion on Monday next. Intending excursionists are advised to reserve the date, and secure tickets at once as the supply is limited, and are now selling rapidly. Music, the committee have advised us, will be provided on board and in the park, by the world-famous 'Vagabonds Band'. Hot water and milk will be provided at the park. Races will be held for the children, Dad and Mum, with Aunt and Grandma, will be able to paddle about with cockles and muscles (sic) and jelly fish, interspersed with screams of laughter, and the old 'salts' can have some deep-sea fishing, as long as they provide the line and grub, while the lads and lassies will be able to sport with the mermaids and mermen to their hearts content, so there will be fun and amusement for all.

'Reporter' 5/8/1927

Proposed New Shire Offices

Lively Meeting at Mitcham

A large number of ratepayers attended the Memorial Hall on Thursday evening, 28th. ult. to hear the views of Crs. Lawson & Halliday regarding the new Shire premises. About thirty motor-cars conveyed residents from Blackburn, who made their presence heard during the course of the meeting. There were also a number of ratepayers from Tunstall, many of whom it is feared, were anything but dumb . . .

Cr. Lawson then exhibited a plan of the proposed buildings as they will appear upon the completion of the scheme, although it was intended to now build only shire offices. The plan would allow of additions to be made without violating the original plan . . . The plan set out a lawn at the front entrance to the hall, with curved driveway. Provision is suggested for cloak-rooms on either side of the main foyer; the main hall is shown to be 96' by 52' to seat 800 people, also stage and dressing rooms, kitchen and supper room, and, attached, a baby health centre building. Over the main entrance door a gallery to accommodate 200 people is provided for. On the left side of the building, the plan sets out an entrance hall of 24' by 12' to the shire offices. On the left of this entrance are the rate collector's office, shire secretary's office, inspector's office, and to the right of the entrance, the engineer's office and waiting room, and draughting room of 20' by 10'. This portion of the building would be of two stories, to provide for a

council chamber on the second storey, of 40' by 30', to seat 29 persons. The approximate cost of the whole of the buildings would be £ 4500 . . . Cr. Lawson proposed that swimming baths also be erected in the future, adjacent to the hall site, the water from which could be used for gardens adjoining both the baths and the municipal hall. If the ratepayers liked to organise properly, and give combined voluntary help, the baths could be built for £ 500.

Also from the *Blackburn & Mitcham Reporter* 3/2/1928

New Water Main

The new water main through Mitcham, through Waverley and Notting Hill was completed last month. The work consisted of the laying of 4 miles 18 chains of 46-inch main from the Mitcham reservoir to provide for increased supply of O'Shannassy water to the extent of 32,000 gallons a day more than could have been delivered from Mitcham reservoir last summer. The 30-inch branch to Notting Hill reservoir, consisting of 2 miles 34 chains in length, is also finished and will place the supply to that reservoir in an entirely satisfactory condition. In view of the great development of population in the south-eastern suburbs there was some difficulty in keeping up the supply in this reservoir during the extremely heavy demand of last summer. A 30-inch branch from the 46-inch main is now being laid to Mt. Waverley reservoir.

Boys' High School

Mr E. W. Greenwood, M.L.A., advised the Box Hill Council at its meeting on Thursday, that he had obtained a promise from the Minister to the effect that he would do all in his power to have the Boys' High School at Box Hill erected, and the whole position now rested on whether the necessary loan money could be made available. In that event, the boys' high school will be proceeded with within the next six months and the girls' school at Camberwell within the next eighteen months.

Motor Cycle Nuisance

The motor-cycle nuisance in Central Road was the subject of a complaint by a resident of Central Road, Tunstall, to the Blackburn-Mitcham Shire Council at its meeting on Monday evening. It is stated that almost every evening, from about 7 p.m. until midnight, Central Road becomes a racing track for youths on motor cycles, who go backwards and forwards at top speed, with exhausts open, and sometimes without lights. Residents are disturbed and kept awake until after midnight. Added to this nuisance is the wear and tear of the roads. On the resolution of Crs. Bayley and Husband, it was decided to refer the matter to the Blackburn and Mitcham police, and to provide a stop-watch to the Blackburn police for the purpose of checking speeds.

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