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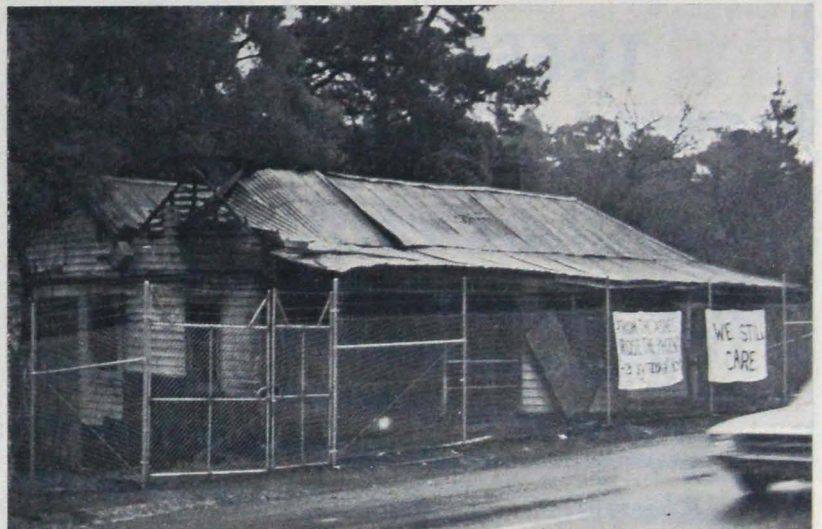
The charred remains of the front verandah section following the tragic fire.

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"We still care" said the sign hung outside the old Post Office in Yarra Street.

The old Warrandyte Post Office can still be saved.

This is the assessment of an independent structural engineering expert who inspected the historic building recently.

Post Office Preservation Group president, Rob Trenberth, told the Diary that "the restoration will proceed as planned.

"Mr. Trevor Huggard has confirmed that apart from the collapsed section, the remaining structure is sound".

Mr. Huggard is expert in assessing the structural integrity of fire damaged buildings.

He told the Post Office Group that thanks to the Fire Brigade's quick action the fire was contained and that the general structure is still sound.

"Council will of course be informed of this fact", Mr. Trenberth said, "and urged to permit restoration to proceed as soon as possible. We hope that this near tragedy persuades the Council to cut the red tape and act promptly".

Mr. Lou Hill, MLA for Warrandyte, has said that he was outraged that anyone could damage the last historic building in Warrandyte.

"We are now more determined than ever to restore the Post Office on its original site", Mr. Hill said.

Mr. Trenberth said that the Preservation Group is delighted that Lou Hill has offered to help solve some of their problems.

"The major one at the moment is to persuade the C.R.B. to alter a road widening reservation which

passes through the front of the building".

Mr. Hill said that he would request the Minister for Transport to examine this road reservation so that work on the site could commence as soon as possible.

"I will also request the Minister for Lands to transfer management of the site to the Doncaster / Templestowe Council", said Mr. Hill.

Doncaster / Templestowe Mayor, Cr. Ted Ajani, has said that the matter of the restoration would be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

Whilst the Arson Squad are still investigating the fire, a reward of \$1000 has been privately offered for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Lou Hill summed up the strengthened community resolve by stating "if the State Government, the local Council, and the Preservation Group work together we will restore this important part of Warrandyte's history".

CLASS NEWS

Grade 4N at Warrandyte Primary School have decided to have a class newspaper, and included are some items of interest which captured their attention and which they felt were worth recording.

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OLD WARRANDYTE POST OFFICE

It is said that there was an old miners' cottage underneath the old post office. For most of the time that the old post office was in use the postman delivered the mail on horseback.

The original part of the old post office was over one hundred years old and it is very sad to think that part of Warrandyte's early history is now lost.

I hope we can save the old cyprus tree which is nearly as old as the post office itself. The old post office office was burnt down at 10 p.m. on June 10, 1982.

Kylie Crockett.

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NOTHING LASTS FOR EVER

Lots of people want to save the Warrandyte Post Office. Lots of people want to remove it to build a road. Someone burnt down the Warrandyte Post Office at 10 p.m.

Who cares about the Post Office?

ME!!
Matthew Vincent.

For some the fire at the old Post Office was like a death in the family.

Watching the blaze was like witnessing the annihilation of someone deeply loved and cherished.

For others it resembled an assassination attempt on a prominent, respected entity.

Whatever your reaction, however deeply affected, you must agree that this despicable action is an indictment on our local community.

It is more important than even for Warrandyte citizens to unite in supporting the restoration of this historic landmark — an integral part of our heritage.

Name and address supplied.

Ghostly Postie

To Whom it May Concern

If you didn't like our old Post Office you could have moved elsewhere. You may have destroyed part of our history but never our memories.

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Suppose it has been a bit confusing lately, particularly if you had to attend a meeting at the 'Getsons site'.

Smokey is happy to report, however, that the WAC and Doncaster/Templestowe Council have decided to straighten out what we call a couple of our local landmarks.

Henceforth you should all call Getsons the "Warrandyte Community Centre", and that's official.

And wait for it, to avoid any possible

confusion, the Whitehouse will now officially be the "Warrandyte Whitehouse"!

This is obviously to ensure that President Reagan doesn't bunk down in the wrong spot one dark night, thinking that it's his Washington Whitehouse.

Smokey would respectfully like to suggest that a sign on the ex-Getsons building might speed up the name change to "Warrandyte Community Centre".

I think we can safely stop worrying about the unscheduled arrival of Airforce One though.

IN RED & WHITE



It was one of those rare winter days with the sun shining on the good folk of Warrandyte at the Primary School Fair.

Smokey wandered through the crowd unmolested and otherwise incognito.

Some of the children were overheard . . . "wonder if old Smokey Joe is inside that frog-suit?"

"Yea, or maybe it's him in that striped cat costume"

Such innocent little angels with enquiring minds.

I nearly (almost) took off my Pierre Cardin sunglasses.

Smokey's blood pressure goes up a few points whenever he thinks about the mentality of the arsonist who set fire to our old Post Office.

If this lousy firebug is tempted to laugh at the fuss that has been caused then perhaps he should

worry about all the people who'd like to see him in a different kind of hot-seat.

Perhaps the \$1000 reward might tempt some of his 'friends' who may suspect him.

— Smokey Joe

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These were just some of the gruesome topics Dr. John Harry introduced to the Little Buggas at their June meeting.

The Park Rangers will be hosts to the Club yet again next month with a "Ring-pull Round-up" at Pound Bend National Park, 2.30 p.m. Sunday July 4.

This time the LBC will help the Rangers collect cans, litter and weeds—with prizes for the most rings pulled from beercans collected!

In August, exploration geologist Bill Howell will lead the LBC on an intrepid 'Rock around Warrandyte' intro. to local geol-

ogy. With gold and other goodies in them tha' hills—who knows what they'll find?

Needless to say, children should be well rugged up for these activities.

There will be films at the Community Centre if it rains.

In addition to regular meetings, Gordon Sansen will take small groups of children spotlighting early in the evening. Times, dates and place to be arranged. Please phone Gordon on 844-2829 to book a place; first come, first served; limited numbers on each trip.

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PRIMARY FAIR A BIG SUCCESS



Fancy hats and frogs added plenty of colour to the Fair.

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On Saturday, June 19 a fine sunny day and the expectations of bargains, competitions and fine foods drew a large crowd to the Warrandyte Primary School fair.

The only sad faces were the clown faces painted on the children by some budding young artists.

To the delight and relief of the organizers of the Fair, the weather was kind and the crowds enthusiastic. All the stalls were besieged by bargain hunters.

Headmaster, Mr. Geoff Voce, who has been storing goods in his office for several months, will now have room to "swing a cat" again.

A member of the Fair Committee said that there were too many helpers to thank all individually.

The Committee would like to express their appreciation to all the parents, staff and children who were so totally involved, as well as all the Warrandyte residents who helped bring the total profit to well over \$8,000," she said.

This amount should be of great assistance in helping to build the multi-purpose music room extension, which, as mentioned in the last Diary, will be used by many of Warrandyte's residents.

The giant raffle, drawn by Terry Gill, was won by Mr. M. Foley, of Silvan South. Ironically he was sold his ticket by popular school music teacher, Mr. Gary Cousland, who was promised a share of the prize of a holiday to Vila if the ticket won. Second prize was won by Mrs. T. Pearson of Kangaroo Ground Road, and third prize went to Mrs. M. Richardson, of Yarra Street.

The delicious hamper was won by the school council's hard-working treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Rankin, much to everyone's delight. The big drawcard for the children, the free B.M.X. Bike competition, drawn by local M.P., Mr. Lou Hill, was won by a very happy Fiona Green of Webb Street.

A great day was had by all, and the result was a reminder of close community spirit, much of which was developed in many residents at this same Primary School.

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NORTH GOES WEST

The last Diary reported on the Local Government Advisory Board recommendations about restructuring the Shires of Eltham and Diamond Valley.

North Warrandyte was seen to be somewhat in limbo, but WAC chairman, Peter Harkin, has investigated the matter further.

"North Warrandyte would end up being part of the proposed new Green Wedge Shire and NOT part of Diamond Valley", said Mr. Harkin.

"This is if the Advisory Board's recommendations are accepted and adopted by the State Government," he said.

Mr. Harkin told the Diary that the WAC would very shortly be surveying the 3113 postcode area in order to gauge community views on these proposals and on the concept of "One Warrandyte", with North & South combined.

The future of North and South Warrandyte will be debated by guest speakers from each side of the Green Wedge argument at the WAC Annual General Meeting on August 4. (Mechanics Institute Hall at 8 p.m.).

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The smiles belong to Steve and Jenny Hobbs, who have come from Oakey, Queensland.

Steve has just retired from the Army after 20 years service and says they're looking forward to a warm Warrandyte welcome to help thaw the early morning frosts.

Neil and Di Chandler wish to thank their patrons for continued custom during the past three and a half years.

The Chandlers are taking over the Croydon newsagency but will maintain residence in Warrandyte.

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A bit late with the baby news, but then again so was Roly.

Well, not so much late as perverse.

After a couple of false alarms causing great concern to his anxious parents, little Roland Troedel arrived on the first of May.

Mayday, Mayday! He's been keeping Pris and Jamie on their toes ever since.

Congratulations to local artists Mrs. Pauline Cross and Mr. Walter Magilton.

Both were awarded significant prizes at the recent Kew Rotary Art Show.



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There is a new face on the scene at our local Yarra View Milk Bar. Sam Wallwork, who took over the business at the end of April, says he is thoroughly enjoying Warrandyte and its local identities, and finds working in his own business a great challenge from his former occupation of being a foreman of Fibremakers in Bayswater.

He lives with his wife Dawn, and three boys Scott, Sean and Matthew in Vermont, but with his enthusiasm for our town, I don't think that it will be long before he convinces them that Warrandyte is the place to live.

Still producing the same delicious rolls and sandwiches is Mary Townsend, who has been a stalwart in the shop for about 11 years, and their famous lamingtons were actually being produced by Sam as I was interviewing him, so I can vouch for their originality.

With his friendly outlook we are sure that Sam, and his family, will have a long and successful stay in Warrandyte.

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Some locals will go to any lengths to avoid a Warrandyte winter.

The Andersons of Bradleys Lane are spending seven months in England to prove it.

John will be working on photosynthesis with the Agricultural Research Council at Sheffield University.

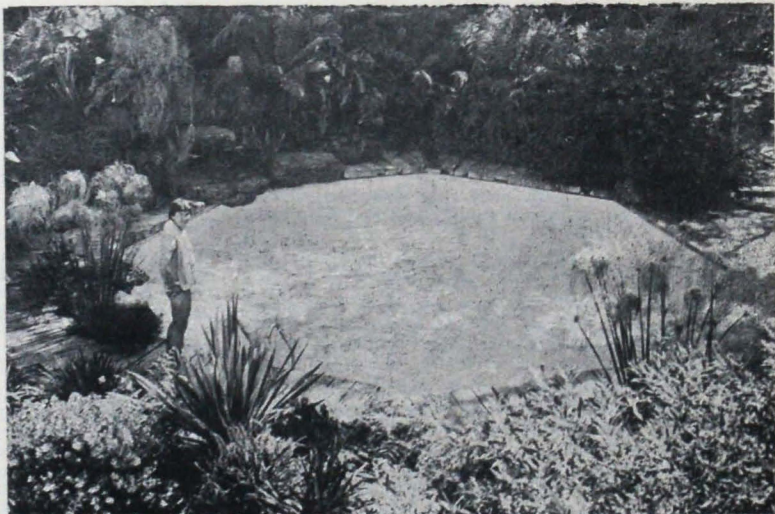
Pat is looking forward to seeing her family and renewing old friendships.

There could be some very proud grandparents around the year 2000.

Not that Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones of Yarra Street, aren't very proud right now.

It's just that their twin grandsons born in May might be a formidable ruck duo by then.

Little Stephen Benjamin and his brother Glen John will be learning football at an early age it seems.



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"We cater for people aged from eight years upwards and they learn every aspect of horse care, stabling, feeding and riding", Alan told the Diary.

Formal lessons by experienced and qualified riding instructors are held in an enclosed menage. These are sometimes interchanged with game days and trail riding.

Classes cover a two hour period and are \$12.00 per lesson.

"We teach 200 students

every week", said Alan. "but we currently have only eight boys. I think it must be some kind of maternal instinct which makes the girls love horses so much".

Anne Caulfield has been involved in some challenging new sessions with disabled students.

"I think we were the first equestrian centre to teach both physically and mentally disabled people", Anne said. "We've taken groups from Yooralla, Onemda and also the deaf school in St. Kilda".

The centre concentrates on the detailed aspects of horse care and students are encouraged to spend time before and after their riding lessons participating in care, feeding and stable routine.

There are no horses available, ranging from Shetlands to hunters.

Some students have been attending for five years as a substitute for owning their own horse, whilst others move onto pony club or show riding.

"We're happy to see ex-students proving the teaching methods correct with success in these events", said Alan.

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This proposal for the joint working party to report on the Loder and Bayly Traffic Study has now been accepted by Council.

The first meeting took place on June 24 and it is expected that the working party will report its recommendations to Council within three months.

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In winter I love walking in puddles of rain. At night, I hear it pounding on the window pane. It's so cold I nearly die, but I'll keep warm, at least I'll try.

Juliette Arnott.

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Winter is here with lots of cold weather and rain, with great big puddles to wet the dew on the grass and trees. With all the little children playing in the muddy puddles, you see everybody nice and warm. But soon it will be Spring and we'll see all the flowers.

Linda Stammers

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It was Sunday, I was outside playing football. I went up for a mark, then it suddenly caught my eye. Those big mean black clouds meant it was going to rain. After ten minutes time it was pouring and the wind was blowing really strong. Mum told me I had to stay inside all afternoon. I was disappointed because we

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couldn't finish our football match.

Michelle Mullens.

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In the cold months of winter when winds blow long and cold icicles hang from everywhere and a chill is in the air.

Rain water and puddles are all around.

I get dressed up in a bundle of coats, scarves, hats, gumboots and woolly earmuffs.

Joanna Adcock

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My impressions of winter are that it is good for growing things in the garden because it moistens the ground.

But on cold days it half freezes you if you aren't wearing warm clothes.

Stuart Taylor.

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Winter in Warrandyte is icy and cold but it never snows.

I like winter when the wind blows through your hair and there is a cool breeze all around.

Michelle Manson.

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Winter time is special to me, very special indeed. I wouldn't go to Melbourne or Sydney because I like where I am. The leaves blow around when the rain comes down.

It's like a little heaven.

Amanda Herd.

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As the wind blows hard the fresh air goes in my nose and the cold wind goes through my clothes.

It gently tips my warm body and all bumps form all over me.

As I look look at the lovely bush in Warrandyte the cold winter air blows between the trees.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE: For all enquiries regarding the Community Education Office please ring Rosemary Tovey 844-2985.

ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE: Meets first Thursday of each month. All members welcome. Contact Pam Kurth, Secretary, for venue 844 2851.

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

Meets the last Sunday of each month in a section of the Park. July working bee is at the Common—Johansons Road, for a rubbish pick up at 12 till 3 p.m. August will be at Black Flat for a weed removal and BBQ lunch. Everyone welcome. For further information ring Paul Trotter 844 1050 or Geoff Osler 844 3758.

GIRL GUIDES

Brownies, guides and ranger groups meet weekly. Enquiries: Merle Foote 844 3722. Parents meetings each third Wednesday of the month at the Canteen of the Warrandyte Primary School at 8.00 p.m.

GOSPEL CHAPEL: Family church service, Sunday's 10.00 a.m., with coffee afterwards. Young and old welcome.

LIONS CLUB: Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Coffee Bean Restaurant. Enquiries: Ron Cuthbert 876 1182 or Don McDonald 844 2195. Bookings for Lions Club Tennis Courts at the Warrandyte Newsagent.

LITTLE BUGGA'S CLUB

Meets every second Sunday between 2.30 and 4.00 p.m., usually at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Next meetings on Sundays July 11 and 25. Enquiries to Dick Davies on 844 3508.

NORTH WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE: Meets on first Monday of the month at 8.00 p.m. Visitors are welcome at training sessions every Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries: 437 1844, 844 3528, 844 2769. C.F.A. recorded message on Restriction advice — 11540.

NURSING MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

Meets fourth Tuesday of every alternate month. Tuesday, July 6 at 8.00 p.m. Topic: Breast feeding under special circumstances. Two speakers will talk about breastfeeding the premature baby and breastfeeding after a caesarean delivery. Venue: The home of Jill McKimm, 25 Bradley's Lane, phone 844 1194.

Wednesday, July 21 at 10 a.m., a Morning Coffee will be held at the home of Lilly Gamblin, Lot 1, Kangaroo Ground Road, phone 842 5475.

Tuesday, August 3 at 8.00 p.m., the topic will be "How can I tell my baby is getting enough?" at the home of Elaine George, 7 Valias Street, phone 844.2615. All welcome. Enquiries to Jan Fisher on 844 3240.

SCOUTS: Cubs and scouts meet weekly. Enquiries: Marion Renn 844 3691.

SOUTH WARRANDYTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE: Meets second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Enquiries: Ken Reid 844 2131, Les Dixon 844 3673.

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: G.F.A. meets each Wednesday, 6.45 p.m. C.E.B.S. meets Tuesday, 6.45 p.m.

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Girls' Friendly Society meets 6.45 p.m. Wednesday at St. Stephen's Hall and Emmanuel Hall, information from Karen Berger 844 3473 and Jenny Wright 876 1869 "Friends" of St. Stephen's meet first Wednesday each month 10.45 a.m., St. Stephen's Hall, information from Joy Hook 844 2015.

Emmanuel Ladies Group meets first Wednesday each month 12 noon, information from Joan Gordon 876 1135.

Prayer Group and Bible Study meets second and fourth Thursday each month, information from Em Blackie 844 3465.

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On Tuesday, July 20, at 8.00 p.m., there will be a meeting of the Festival Committee at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

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Meets third Sunday of each month, 11.00 a.m. at the Fire Station. "Fireman's Ball" on Saturday, July 31 at the Fire Station. Enquiries: Jim Bucknall 870 1179 or Ray Bellinger 844 1020.

WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meets first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is a General Meeting on Tuesday, August 24 at 8.00 p.m. at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

WARRANDYTE FILM SOCIETY

Friday, July 30 "Elephant Man" at 8.15 p.m. (If members wish to bring their children, please contact Terry or Annette beforehand to ascertain if there is room).

Saturday, July 31 at 2.00 p.m. "Flash Gordon". Enquiries Terry Gill on 844 3865 or Annette Haworth on 844 3160.

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WARRANDYTE STATE PARK: Enquiries regarding facilities available in Warrandyte, contact National Parks Service, Warrandyte State Park, P.O. Box 61, Warrandyte, 3113. Phone 844 2659.

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WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meets fourth Wednesday of the month. Next meeting Wednesday, July 28, at 8.00 p.m. at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

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Programme co-ordinator, Dick Davies, said that regular meetings would now be held monthly on the Sunday after the community market, (generally the first Sunday of the month).

"The Club is open to children aged six or more", he said.

"There will be an annual membership charge to cover costs, and we hope all parents and other well wishers will become adult subscribers."

The annual subscription is \$5.00 for the first child in a family and \$4.00 for each subsequent child. The initial \$5.00 also includes

one or two parents or guardians as adult subscribers to the club.

Adults with no child members who wish to support the club may become adult subscribers at 50c each. Adult support is essential to ensure the viability of the club.

The new Committee is:

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Cheers for Play Park

Two hundred high spirited dancers cheered for encores as a unique Bush Dance in aid of the Warrandyte Adventure Play Park drew to a close.

South Warrandyte Hall reverberated throughout the night of June 5 to the sounds of a band of sixteen accomplished musicians and their inspired dance caller, Geoff Cole.

The local Warrandyte musicians and orchestral players generated a party mood as the capacity crowd of dancers whirled and spun their way through the night.

Barry McKimm of Bradley's Lane was not only responsible for undertaking the enormous task of scoring all of the music, but also for leading the band during the evening.

The enthusiastic young mothers involved in the establishment of the play Park provided an excellent supper for all.

Organizers were particularly gratified by the degree of community support for the Warrandyte Adventure Play Park as evidenced by the sell-out attendance which raised over \$600 towards the project.

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Aplomb in the mouth

The Diary is happy to provide some potted glimpses of life in the South of England.

These glimpses are seen with Warrandyte in mind, and are therefore more relevant than they would otherwise be in a local paper.

The Kibells, as you will appreciate from reading their latest letter, also have a fine eye for detail whether it be in humans or Mother Nature.

One could not have failed to be affected by the Falklands crisis living near Portsmouth. The politics, the air raids, the casualties no doubt have been discussed at length on the media in Victoria, but living here we have been able to observe some families and some of the sights connected with many of the events at first hand. By the time you read this, hopefully the situation will be in the hands of the United Nations despite the current bleak outlook.

Southampton — a scene of excitement, pathos, humour and sadness. As with all such occasions the Brits, stage-managed this farewell with usual aplomb. First the Welsh Guards, dressed in battle dress marched aboard to their red-coated Regimental band playing the tune "The Rising of the Lark", typical of the droll humour — it was 5.30 a.m.! Then came the Scots Guards to (of course) "Scotland the Brave", played bravely, if falteringly, by a lone piper. The Ghurkas, by tradition had two pipers and their Ghurka Chaplain to send them off.

The Ghurkas, apparently poor sailors, are quartered in the most stable section of that erstwhile glamorous liner and to accommodate the language of this famous and well loved regiment, the films, T.V. programmes, etc., are dubbed in Ghurkhal, a language described as a mixture of Hindu, English and Nepalese.

The Chief of Staff, Defence Secretary and Prince of Wales delivered appropriate messages of goodwill full of patriotism, nationalist fervour or jingoism depending on your point of view. The soldiers gave their "Can't wait to get at them" comments full of bravado or genuine nationalistic sentiment, one wonders especially since the sinking of the "Sheffield" — a Portsmouth based ship.

With miles of cardboard over the thick red carpets and a 40lb. farewell sponge cake ceremoniously piped aboard to replace the "Cunard Cup" all was set to leave after this record 2-week refit.

Ken, the ageing Bourne-mouth football cheerleader, resplendent in red top hat and tails waved his cane. Sandra, a singing telegram stripper clad in black corset and garters tripped up the gangway for a singing farewell to her sailor brother to the rousing cheers of the troops. A bra swung aloft from a crane, delivered as a parting gesture from Dawn to her departing husband. As the reporter commented, "Southampton has not seen anything like it for years. It has been a most extraordinary day".

Of course, the scenes of tear stained faces Union Jack waving wives, mothers, sweethearts (and children and fathers to spoil the cliché) have been common-

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place in coastal naval ports for some weeks, especially Portsmouth and Southampton. The entrance to Portsmouth harbour is narrow and overlooked by the walls of the Medieval Round Tower, a fortification first constructed to repel Norman advances. Many famous fleets have left from this point. Commemorative plaques tell, amongst others, of the departure of Nelson for the battle of Trafalgar and, of interest to us, the departure of Captain Arthur Phillip and the first fleet for Australia.

Spring

This emotional time for Portsmouth (and U.K.) has taken place during one of the most glorious Springs this country has seen for a long time. This is amazing in itself, as we are here and as many friends know, the Kibells and good weather when away from home, are rarely in harmony. Quite near us is a small wood — a wood just as an English wood should be. The tall beeches are vivid in their pale green new leaf, the oaks, elms, sycamores just bursting into leaf leaving sufficient bare wood to let the sun stream to the ground beneath. For acres and acres, the ground is carpeted with the jacaranda blue of the bluebells, flecked with the white of cow parsley, stichwert, the creamy yellow of primroses, the pink pea of the vetch and the vivid yellow of dandelions, buttercups and celandines. Its beauty is overwhelming. To walk through, with the faint perfume drifting on the breeze is an experience defying command of adjectives. A bitter contrast to the battle scenes on the T.V.

Dollies

Recently, I talked with a most interesting Hampshire craftswoman who has been in the forefront of the revival of the making of corn dollies — a traditional craft. Whilst I had seen them in Australia I had not seen the infinite variety of shapes pattern and skill as I have seen recently in various parts of Britain. The making of corn dollies here is about 200 years old, a craft brought here from the Middle East particularly Turkey. The "dollies" are in fact not dolls but "idols", the origin being that of a symbol usually made at harvest time (naturally of corn straw and ears) to give thanks.

Traditional shapes include shepherds crooks, bows

and arrows, horseshoe, fans, plaits and baskets, each an intricate 3, 4, 5 and up to 7 plait with twists and turns as in Macramé. The patterns are common to particular parts of the country. The craft was revived for the 1965 Exhibition (held as a Centenary exhibition to the Great Exhibition) where a Norfolk thatcher constructed a 7ft. unicorn in plaits and twists. Such interest was aroused that the patterns and shapes have been collected, many from quite elderly people. This lady told me that had the Centenary exhibition not been held it is doubtful that this interesting craft would have survived.

'Vegies'

With the arrival of Spring, the vegetable and fruit scene has improved. As yet, we still have to peel and cut away most of the potato still black marked from the snow and frost. However, the salad vegies are at least a little crisper and fresher if still extremely expensive. Tomatoes, for example, are still about twice the price of the dearest ever at "Joes". It is interesting to look from whence the family vitamins and minerals came. The expensive tomatoes are from the Channel Is., more expensive still from the Canaries and hot house English at Harrods prices. Oranges are from Israel, bananas from British Colombia. Lettuces are from Holland and are strange limp things. Granny Smith apples are from Chile or the Cape, new potatoes from Cyprus. One interesting addition to the menu is watercress. Not the cress as in mustard but cress as in water with a leaf like a radish but no root. It has a faintly hot flavour and decorates everything as we would use parsley. It is also nice chopped into chicken consomme with noodles apart from its use in salads! A large proportion of the English crop is grown in Hampshire. It must have continuously flowing water so grows on stream banks and on gently tiered fields with an automatic flow of water. The gently moving green fields at first resembled green sewage ponds till we ignorant fools were enlightened!

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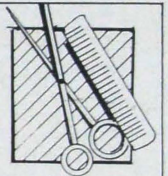
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IT RAINS GOALS FOR THE BLOODS

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte continue to kick huge scores as they set the pace in the Eastern Districts Football League's third division.

The Bloods kicked 26.16 to South Wantirna's 9.10 in their latest outing to narrowly maintain division leadership.

Warrandyte have lost only one of their 10 games in their best season for many years.

"We are consistently kicking big scores because we have learnt at last not to feel sorry for other sides," Warrandyte Football Club president, Ken McKenzie, told the Diary.

"Over the years we have learnt all about losing by big margins; now coach Kevin McLean has taught us how to win by similar margins."

"To succeed against top sides, you must condition yourself to be merciless" he said.

The game at South Wantirna was marred by a strong wind.

Warrandyte were never going to lose and wrapped it up with a devastating third quarter in which they kicked 10.10 to one point.

The Bloods had many good players, and none better than ruck-rover, Mark Brenchley.

Brenchley has fully vindicated the judgment of the Warrandyte talent scouts who recruited him last sum-

'We've learnt not to feel sorry'

mer and he was judged best afield.

Mick Day turned in an outstanding game at full-back despite an injured ankle and Robin Golding, another ruck-rover, was in everything.

Rod Bromley, a recently-recruited rover, showed his value, as did John McCartin and Mick Hassall.

The Bloods were also delighted with the form of ruckman Steve Harper, who had played two games in the reserves after work had interrupted his training.

The reserves got into the high scoring spirit of things by kicking a record 44.37 (301) to South Wantirna's 2.3 (15).

Best of a very good team were captain Bob Howard, Geoff Pullin and Ken Ford.

Other scores:

Under 18: Warrandyte 2.4 (16) lost to Forest Hill 35.17 (227).

Under 16: Warrandyte 15.11 (101) d. Mt. Evelyn 3.8 (26).

Under 14: Warrandyte

3.9 (27) lost to North Ringwood 6.10 (46).

Mr. McKenzie reminded supporters that their participation in fund-raising functions was urgently needed.

"There have been several improvements in amenities at the recreation reserve — new showers, toilets, floodlights — and we ask supporters to do their bit by attending the functions that are arranged," he said.

REPLY

I would like to reply to Mr. Sloan's letter in your Diary. Firstly Mr. Sloan, get your facts straight; and to the under 18's and their parents please forgive Mr. ex-president, ex-resident of Warrandyte as he knows not what rubbish he writes.

S. McCartin,
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The secret of Warrandyte's success in senior football this season is out: DISCO MUSIC!

Warrandyte Football Club president Ken McKenzie, revealed that senior coach Kevin McLean had taken to playing disco music in the rooms before games.

"The idea is to get the boys in the right frame of mind to go straight out on to the field and play football," Mr. McKenzie said.

"It has certainly worked so far."

Mr. McKenzie said the coach and the committee had been concerned by the senior side's tendency to

Shall we dance?

start sluggishly in their matches.

"We had been finishing on well, but you cannot afford to give the top sides a start," he said.

"Since Kevin introduced disco music a few games ago, the improvement in our early play had been most noticeable."

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